Gay History in the making
Charity Drag Ball/taking off

New York—“Night of a Thousand Gowns” is attracting guests from all across the U.S. and Canada. Demand for tickets to the nation’s first national gay charity ball, to be held at New York’s Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, has been fantastic, report the event’s organizers. Representatives and entertainers are attending from many national organizations including the Miss Gay America and the Miss Gay USA pageants.

The ball is shaping up to be the event of the decade. With over 3,000 elegantly attired impersonators, escort, and friends descending the staircases to the Grand Ballrooms of the Waldorf, this will be a moment in gay history not to be missed.

The famous Bill Harrington orchestra will play throughout the evening; an elegant buffet supper served at midnight and cocktails will flow until 4 a.m.

The recipients of the monies raised at the ball are delighted by the response.

Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund stressed “$250.00 is a steep donation for most, but each dollar you save to come to this event will be multiplied 100 times in funds coming back to our community in AIDS money.”

To receive a formal invitation, debutante’s guide, and travel and hotel information call: 212/861-1139 or write: Gowns, 106 Valencia Street, Sunday, February 22, 1987, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Various prizes will be raffled off. Admission: $3 at the door. Tickets, T-shirts, and posters for the 1st Annual International Ms Leather Contest will be available at this event. Proceeds from the International Ms Leather Contest will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home Hospice, AWARE, Women’s AIDS Network, and AIDS Alternative Healing Project.

Scondras releases Anti-Gay violence statistics

Boston City Councillor David Scondras today announced that during the past twelve months his office has handled 41 complaints regarding anti-gay violence and harassment.

Forty-two percent of the cases involved verbal harassment or threats of violence only; thirty-three percent of the cases involved vandalism; two percent involved bomb threats; and two percent involved suspicious and intimidating behavior.

In forty-four percent of cases, explicit AIDS-related comments or threats were made by the attacker(s).

Thirty-five of the cases involved men, three involved women, and three involved transsexuals.

Anti-gay and lesbian violence has always been with us,” said Councillor Scondras who last fall went with undercover Boston police officers to confront attackers in Boston’s Fenway neighborhood, “but now more and more people are coming forward to report it.

Just as more gay people are no longer allowing themselves to be mentally and emotionally straight jacketed in the closet,” Scondras continued, “they are no longer tolerating street violence directed at them because of who they are.

Violence is the symptom of a disease called homophobia—the hatred and fear of gay and lesbian people,” Scondras added.

“Until now society has not been willing to confront homophobia directly, by showing gay and lesbian people on television, by teaching respect for gay and lesbian people in our schools, by including gay and lesbian people in all levels of our government, and by acknowledging God’s love for gay and lesbian people in our churches.”

Scondras, who last year submitted testimony on anti-gay violence to the United States House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, reported that he has been working with the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, and the Fenway Community Health Center to help formulate strategies to deal with the problem.

Women’s Leather Dance: International Ms Leather, Inc. are sponsoring a Women’s Leather Dance at Amelia’s, 645 Valencia Street, Sunday, February 22, 1987, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Various prizes will be raffled off. Admission: $3 at the door. Tickets, T-shirts, and posters for the 1st Annual International Ms Leather Contest will be available at this event. Proceeds from the International Ms Leather Contest will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home Hospice, AWARE, Women’s AIDS Network, and AIDS Alternative Healing Project.

Britt announces candidacy for Sala Burton’s seat

Supervisor Harry Britt announced his candidacy for California’s 5th Congressional District.

Britt said his candidacy will be based on his “strong record of legislative accomplishments for the people of San Francisco—a record stressing affordable housing, a clean environment, protections for neighborhoods from rampant development, solutions to the AIDS crisis, economic gains for working people, and an enlightened role in the city and its economy for women and the minorities.”

Britt said he is anxious to represent San Franciscans in Washington on issues of peace, responsible defense spending, non-intervention in Central America, improved AIDS programs, improved educational programs, and the city’s economic development.
Privacy Project gets commitments from National Groups

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At the time of this writing, the NGLTF has also begun a national campaign. The project is currently working on a new edition of its lobbying handbook and is considering the sale of advertising.

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NGLRA urges write-in campaign to CDC

National Gay Rights Advocates is urging all Americans to join a writing campaign opposing mandatory HIV testing. This campaign will attempt to disseminate the CDC's new guidelines for mandatory HIV testing. The guidelines are aimed at the federal, state, and local levels.

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Who’s Who in Gay San Jose

Pat O’Gara & Becky O’Bryan

Interviewed by Nikki Nichols

O’Gara, founder of Underground Records, has been in business in downtown San Jose for almost twenty years. Her love and business partner, Becky O’Bryan, has been active in the gay community for almost six years in political campaigns, as co-organizer of the last San Jose Gay Pride Celebrations, and formerly as a staff member of Our Paper. This interview was conducted at Underground Records, 371 South First Street, on February 5, 1987.

Our Paper: Is Underground Records one of the downtown businesses that are being reflected in your decision to move the Lightning of Independence up the steps of downtown San Jose?

Pat: Of course.

Our Paper: You did a lot of grants that bought up the property.

Pat: That’s right.

Our Paper: Much of your income isn’t self-generated, you’re generating income for other groups.

Pat: That’s right.

Our Paper: You’ve been active in this building for a long time?

Pat: Yes. It was the old orphanage.

Our Paper: And we’re moving from a location that location a historical landmark.

Pat: It’s a landmark or old building in San Jose.

Our Paper: That didn’t work out?

Pat: That’s what our landlord said.

Our Paper: What are the main problems that you’ve had?

Pat: One of the main problems is that they all played for the rent. So there was a lot of rooms, and we were struggling to find a place that location a historical landmark.

Pat: We didn’t work out on the outside of the building, and the City didn’t like it because we had an old building.

Our Paper: Why did the City not like it?

Pat: Because it was a rundown and dangerous.

Our Paper: What do you think that’s the reason?

Pat: I think the reason is that the City didn’t have the money to spend to maintain the building, and that’s why they didn’t have that role of the rent.

Our Paper: They had a boundary that ended there?

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Our Paper: The porno shops qualified to work one day and the camera moved.

Pat: They’re not qualified to work one day and the camera moved.

Our Paper: They pay their rent.

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Our Paper: Yes, in a dress and with his high heels.

Becky: Different people.

Our Paper: What’s going on in this downtown business?

Becky: We support the rent subsidy program.

Our Paper: So it would be in the downtown business.

Becky: Yes.

Our Paper: There’s an underground rent subsidy for thousands of community programs.

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**FRUIT SALAD**

By Nik

SOUR GRAPES: Why is it that Opera San Jose has yet to announce a new season? First, let us not forget that the company has a hundred shows under its belt! Keen to persuade him to issue a for in our city. Sacramento, that cultural wasteland where I grew up, opera, and retired Metropolitan Opera star Memorial Auditorium. It's great that we San Joseans have our own , thanked and congratulated for making it possible. By Nik and Vice Mayor have we received a ceremonial proclamation from the Mayor's office — and that was because Mayor

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Our Paper (see page 5). Our intention is to feature a different personality or couple in each issue and to compile these into a book Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126.

OUR PAPER—IN-JAY, OUT-OF-THE-CLOSET: Did everyone this June? 

**CLO'S Follies**

The empty sound of $250,000

By Rick by

Follies finally come to San Jose theater productions. This year, CLO spent over $200,000 on Fallers, and still they failed to sell out. But... what a show!

Billed as the first professional production of the 1972 Broadway musical, Follies brings to brought in Equity actors and roles Harvey Evans at the four roles. 

OP: Are you looking forward? "Could I Leave You?" and "I Could Leave You" or the噫етод角色 really wanted to become "The Right Girl" like an "I Could Leave You"? 

CLO's Follies: it in my life, but fails to show the emotions of of marriage seems unfulfilling. 

**Translating from the Gaelic**

By Rick Birch

We will have a party in a place where the English and Irish people. (I to r) James Coyle and James Bundy attempt to "rename" the Irish and what it bought them was a .

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Gay and Lesbian Theatre history uncovered

New York-A drama historian has uncovered a Tosca-like story of lesbian murder in the early 20th century, as told by Elsom in her recent play, 'The Black Widow.'

Carrie Austin, who worked as a drama historian for many years in the 1920's and 1930's, uncovered the urban legend of a lesbian murder that took place in the early 20th century.

The first lesbian character to appear in a written work in the English language was actually a victim of a homophobic attack. Elsom herself played the role of a murder victim in her play, 'The Black Widow.'

This is a story of a woman named Alex, who falls in love with a man named Catherine. However, Catherine is married and Alex is the saucier of women. Elsom, who is a talented actress, carries off the role with great precision.

It is this man, with whom Alex is in love, who is the victim of the murder. In the end, Alex is left to face the consequences of her actions.

Elsom herself is a talented actress, and she is known for her presence on the American stage. She has worked as an actor for many productions from the 1920's and 1930's.

Her acting career was cut short by a tragic event, when she was murdered by a series of wealthy murderers. She is remembered as a symbol of love and devotion, and her story has become a legend in the history of lesbian and gay theatre.

Gay and Lesbian Theatre

Roles on the American Stage

Although much of the history of gay and lesbian theatre remains invisible to most of the public, great works continue to be performed. This includes plays such as 'The Black Widow,' which tells the story of Alex and Catherine.

In the past year, hundreds of plays have been performed across the country, including several in New York City. These plays have been well-received by critics, and many have been critically acclaimed.

The playwrights of today are bold in their dreams - and their deepest fears. They create works that challenge traditional ideas of gender, sexuality, and love.

In conclusion, the history of gay and lesbian theatre is rich and varied. It has been a struggle for visibility, but it has also been a celebration of love and devotion. The story of Alex and Catherine is a testament to the power of love and the resilience of the human spirit.
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Feb 13: Sistlerspirit Coffeehouse: Outstanding women's poetry reading/tea party. 9:00 am at 393 Lick Hill Road, Los Gatos. Call 295-8544.

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Volleyball League starts March 1st

The Saratoga Gay and Lesbian Volleyball League will begin its spring season on Sunday, March 1st. This is a recreational league for players of all levels, from beginners to advanced. The season will run for 10 ten weeks and there is a $10 per person entry fee. If you would like a registration form and/or more information, contact Les Murphy at (408) 374-3737 or Tom at (408) 732-2306, or write to:

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