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Memorial Mass for Frank Bartley

By FR. John Michael McGurk

What is being cried out in these days of turmoil and unrest? Among the many issues that one sees and hears about on the radio and TV I think the most important is that of equality. People are shouting, "Give us the equality that we deserve." This equality might be given because a person is Black, or Mexican-American, or because of a disability. These are the issues that we hear most about. But, there are many more groups of people whom society has chosen to condemn for one reason or the other. Among these groups there stands one group who have been persecuted as long as we have had the constitution. This is the group that ALL men are free. Of course, the group I am referring to is the Homosexual.

There are as many myths about homosexuality as there are days in the year. There are many people who believe that this is a sin and that it is not right for one member of a couple to be homosexual. They are told that there are many homosexuals who are not happy and that they are not able to get married. However, this is not true. There are many homosexuals who are happy and who have chosen to live their lives as they wish.

Campus Study To Be Made

The rights of homosexual students are now becoming an issue on college campuses. In recent years, 4. entrance of homosexuals on campuses by college or city police, 5. breach of confidentiality by students, teachers, and staff, 6. denial of services, especially in the east. Student couples have gone to regular campus "dance-ins" at Columbia (i.e. male couples have gone to regular campus "dance-ins") and picketed the Naval ROTC. The American Association of University Professors, Eward Junior College in California for May in the East for a "dance-in" at Columbia. The AAUP, American Association of University Professors, has established the National Institute of Education to collect as many facts as possible about how homosexuals are treated at colleges and to foster research projects, and other problems related to university life.

For this Dr. Crompton needs information about: 1. students who have been denied admission to colleges, law schools, etc., because of undesirable behaviors or financial reasons, 2. colleges and school districts that have policies that discriminate against homosexuals, 3. students who have been expelled or kicked out of school, 4. students who have been killed or injured, 5. students who have been arrested, 6. students who have been denied admission to graduate school.

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Kinsey Institute 'Gay' Bay Area Study

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He will compile the results and work on an analysis, which will take an additional year. Bell stated that the study will then appear in a hard-bound volume that will be distributed widely among psychiatrists, educators, legislators and professionals. It will be sold nationally.

Those who met Tom Maucer after his SIR address agreed that he was warm, empathetic, and know-how to gather the necessary material. His office and residence has not been established and he is busy hiring a staff and working with consultants. The office secretaries will have day hours and a 24-hour telephone is now in operation.

While the actual interviews will not begin until October, VECTOR readers and their friends are urged to call Tom's number now. There is a need to contact potential interviewees early. The SIR office phone number is 711-0466.

The "Kinsey man's" phone number is being placed on match book covers and posters. Getting this number circulated in the gay community is essential to the project.

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The big event of the year thus far has been the defeat of Councilman Paul Lamport in the 13th District. It was widely held that Mr. Lamport, a Hollywood business man, was the person most responsible for the harassment in his district, which he represented for eight years. This district stretches west from the Silverlake area through Hollywood to La Brea. Over the years he made many statements in the local press about cleaning up Hollywood and driving deviates out of town, so his record was known.

The vice squad operating in this part of Los Angeles set new lows for police behavior against homosexuals during the past eight years. The most notorious case was that of the New Year's Eve raid on the Black Cat Bar on Sunset Boulevard in 1967. One of the bartenders was seriously injured and several people were roughed up in this now infamous bar.

Apart from this there were hundreds of arrests made more quietly at the more popular bars about town. Even private parties were not exempt from illegal police infiltration. I was present at one natty where twenty, or half of those present, were arrested after the police gained forcible entry when purportedly looking for narcotics which, of course, they never found — and all this without a warrant.

Therefore it was no surprise to anyone but Mr. Lamport when the aroused homosexual community began to act — and about time, when Lamport announced that he would run for office again. The Advocate, the now well known local newspaper, together with some of the more gutsy bar owners, came out in full force against him. Lamport was forced into a run-off race with one of his opponents, an ex-side and fellow Red publican named Robert Stevenson, who is regarded as being more liberal and realistic on sex matters. Too late, Lamport began making conciliatory mutterings that convinced no one. On election night he, of course, conceded to TV that Stevenson's three thousand vote majority was due to the campaign The Advocate and the homosexuals directed against him. Thus, for the first time, the homosexual vote made itself felt in a Los Angeles election.

And so, the night scene has become more relaxed; there has not been a bar raid in months but in Los Angeles one never knows. In April, the Arena, a new liquor bar for the bike set, opened on Melrose near Paramount Studios at just 85c. Also on Melrose is The Tradesman, that is a pity.

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And if you are driving down the coast this summer, there are some interesting new places to visit between San Francisco and Los Angeles. In Monterey there is now a second bar, besides the Gilded Cage — as much fun as ever but with less handbags on the walls; the new bar is called The Second Story and is located on Alvarado Street. Those from out of state may find Nepenthe worth an hour's stopover — it is about an hour's drive south of Carmel on Highway One; there is a splendid view in clear weather of the Big Sur coast from this tourist complex and it is possible to meet a summer affair there.

Further down the coast in Santa Barbara there are now two beer bars with distinct and different atmospheres. One is located on Alvarado Street and the other is also the address; the other is The Pub, on Helena Street and the owner is a former San Franciscan called Ray. Both places welcome guys and gals, something which the city bars do not do — which is a pity.

See you all on the CMC run where I'll be for my health. I would welcome fair comment on all this but no punches on the nose, please.
The appointment of Warren Earl Burger as Chief Justice of the United States has occasioned considerable rejoicing among conservatives, Southerners, the censorious, "law and order" slogans, and those in general who feel uncomfortable about the Bill of Rights. Their exultation would be even greater were Judge Burger's judicial views on homosexuality more generally publicized.

However, to those in the homosexual movement who have advocated non-militancy and the securing of individual rights through peaceful persuasion in the Courts, Judge Burger's appointment is a disappointment.

Attorneys for homophile groups have generally based their legal arguments on the premise that homosexuals—a harassed and persecuted minority group—are entitled to equal protection of the laws as much the same as Negroes, Jews, or any other minority. Judge Burger unfortunately, appears to believe that the Government may properly discriminate against homosexuals, and rejects the concept that homosexuals as a class come within the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution.

These benighted views were put on record in 1966 in a dissenting opinion in Scott v. Mayg, 349 F.2d 182, written when he was a judge on the federal Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

The plaintiff, a Mr. Scott, had been denied federal civil service employment on the ground that he had engaged in homosexuality, conduct which is considered contrary to generally-recognized and accepted standards of morality.

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A recent column in the San Francisco Examiner [May 23] once more labors the point that homosexuals are not suitable for employment by the State Department. Written by Henry J. Taylor, it lists the three classifications of security risk as, or possibly ascribed, in an Executive Order dated May 28, 1953. They are (1) Loyalty Risks, (2) Security Risks, (3) Unsuitability Risks.

As anyone in classification (1) obviously falls automatically into classification (2) I would assume one of these is superfluous. However, perhaps there are subleties in the actual Executive Order which justify the division. If so they appeared during a period when subleties was rare at both the Legislative and Executive levels. In 1953 the depredations of McCarthyism were reaching a climax, and the hysteria of the time was doubtless echoed in the Executive Order referred to above.

Mr. Taylor elaborated upon the third classification at some length, his interpretation being a "person who drinks too much, talks too much, or is emotionally unstable" is an unsuitability risk. Homosexuality is in this classification. Loyalty is not involved.

Surely amongst the membership of S.I.R., amongst the large homosexual population of the Bay Area or the vast homosexual population in the Great State of California there is at least one who is emotionally stable, abstemious and discreet. Furthermore we are to accept without question that amongst the stolidly heterosexual members of the State Department there is none who is neurotic, drinks to excess or has a big fat mouth.

If, as Mr. Taylor contends, loyalty is not involved, and that only personal indiscretions or human failings, by no means exclusive to homosexuals, constitute an unsuitability risk, he destroys his own case against relaxing the discrimination in the State Department against homosexuals.

Mr. Taylor goes on to state that "the underlying reason why a homosexual is classified as an unsuitability risk is, of course, because homosexuality involves potential blackmail by the enemy, leading to unauthorized disclosures that betray the security of the United States."

A. Mr. Taylor may be aware, for some years now, leading jurists, and some law enforcement authorities have strongly recommended the legalization of all sexual practices between consenting adults as being an ideal and desirable way to end the prevalence of this type of blackmail. Would not Mr. Taylor be better employing his writing abilities, however limited, were he to impress on his readers that much potential talent is being denied the State Department, and other government agencies, because of present discrimination. There are several European countries where U.S. embassies and consulates could be actually unstable and brilliantly administered by qualified homosexuals, who would not be subjected to even the possibility of blackmail, because the governments of those countries have removed the possibility by enlightened legislation.

Mr. Taylor also describes "the famous tendency of homosexuals to support and shield other homosexuals. There are explanations for this, but the phenomenon is indisputable." He must be very sure of his readers to feel he can ignore those explanations. However, he should realize this is no phenomenon. Complicity exists amongst any persecuted minority, whether Jews, Blacks, or homosexuals. When persecution and discrimination are no more, then the phenomenon will vanish.

Mr. Taylor concludes his column with a final unsubstantiated flourish: "Any idea that the homosexuals are their 'own business' that dismissing them is 'discrimination,' etc., is known throughout the world to be utterly ruinous to the security of any nation."

Known by whom, and throughout which world, Mr. Taylor? Which nation's security was utterly ruined by regarding homosexuals' private lives as their own business? Please tell us more.

Aquarius Puts Finger on Flaws in Columnist Henry J. Taylor's Argument.
Happy Birthday to WHO?
Most homosexuals in the Bay Area know little about SIR, except perhaps that there is some kind of gay organization with that name. In other areas of California probably only a small number of homosexuals have even heard the name SIR. When our Social Committee Chairman was in Los Angeles recently he was asked a gay bar owner if she would put up a poster advertising the SIR Memorial Day Weekend Dances. She responded by asking why she should put up advertising for another gay bar! For those readers who do not know much about SIR following is for your information. Active members of SIR could also read further and then ask themselves: When someone asks me what SIR is all about why will I say?

What is SIR? SIR is a democratic, membership participation organization. All officers and one-half of the other members of the Board of Directors are elected annually. There are once a month membership participation meetings. The membership is the ultimate authority on all policy and activities of SIR. SIR membership is open to all persons (21 and over) who sign the membership application and pay the ten dollars dues. (This is a solicitation for your membership and financial support for SIR). Sometimes we all become very complacent and feel that we are secure in our own little safe worlds. We really don't need gay organizations. And if we live in the Bay Area we can easily let ourselves believe that the liberal, tolerant social attitude here is the only protection we need. A look at just some of the files and correspondences on my desk at this very moment should be enough to shake anyone's complacency. There are two civil service employment cases. One is a San Francisco man with 16 years in a high level Federal job. Fired after an extensive personal investigation following a poison pen letter to his superiors. The other is an East Bay man with 24 years as a blue collar worker at the same Federal installation. Fired after disturbing the peace conviction involving homosexual overtones. There are two letters from servicemen—a soldier in Vietnam and a soldier in Topeka, Kansas. Both are on their way to undesirable discharges. There is a proposed ordinance from the S.F. Police Commission to the Board of Supervisors which would automatically bar any person convicted of any sex offense from—Continued on Page 30

Happy Birthday to WHO?
Some participants in June 6 FRIDAY FORUM -
from left to right, Tim Finley, reporter for S.F.
Chronicle; S.I.R.'s Larry Littlejohn; Elliott
Blackstone of Police Community Relations

FRIDAY FORUM

A lineup of speakers that tops any public forum in the Bay Area now makes the S.I.R. Center the
heads of city agencies, famous Kennedy, and narcotics authority
Dr. Joel Fort.

Future speakers will include the lineup of speakers that tops
with Attorneys Herbert Donaldson
Joseph Kemiedy, and Police Officer
and Ephraim Margolin, Judge
dent Bill Beardemphl; Bill Plath of
zations," with former S.I.R. presi-
Rodney Williams.

Binkley, former S.I.R. office man-
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would be glad to do that also.

Jesus Christ's love JS manifested there
(as well as other churches), in spite of the
hurt and misunderstanding you have
received from the Church.

I want to thank the nearly 100 people
who attended the memorial service mass
for Frank Bartley, held at St. Mark's.
I also, want to thank the other clergy
for participating. It was a wonderful
example of Godly (human?) interest
and concern on your part.

Any one, homosexual or straight, want-
ing counsel or Catholic Church, may call
and leave their number phone number with
my answering service (861-1141) or write
me care of SIR. If any one desires
me to write regarding specific questions
in Vector, I would be glad to do that
as well.

One final remark. The Council on Rel-
ligion and the Homosexual has a number
of clerics on different faiths, who are
ready and willing to talk to you about your
questions on faith and morals as well as any social or psychological
problems you may have. Just get in touch with
Phyllis Lyons at Gilead Memorial Church.
God be with all of us.

Father Robert J. Richards, B.A.B.D.
Member: (Roman Catholic)
National Assn, for Pastoral Renewal

LETTRES

TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Having read the June issue of Vector
I want to make something very clear:
regarding the President of Catholic Fed-
eration of Women. First, the President
came for speaking for her self and
not official CATHOLIC DOCTRINE. We are
all painfully aware of how the Church has failed to understand
the homosexual, his life and religious needs.
But things are changing, if you are
weak in faith or have lost faith com-
pletely because of the attitude of the Church, hold on to hope, things are
changing.

It might interest homosexuals to know
that in the entire New Testament there are
only 3 or 4 verses pertaining to homosexuality, while there are over 40
verses pertaining to LOVE and UNDER-
STANDING, think about that. Ask your
strangers to think about that also.
If you are a Christian of the Catholic
tradition, and you have left the sacramental life of the Church because you are
a homosexual, please come back.

Venereal disease, Vietnam, prostitution, hepatitis, marijuana,
sex, legal problems and homo-
prostitution, hepatitis, marijuana,
night topics.

One of the most popular and worth-
while entertainment forms to be found in
gay bars is with us again. As far as we
know, the benefit auction format, raising funds for worthy causes is not
used by bars outside of our community.

The reason for the success of the bene-
fit auctions is of course the desire of
individual homosexuals to do something constructive as a group. In the past
month this desire to show the world
that gay people can work in unison has
raised, literally, thousands of dollars:
the auction of raising money for
Bob Miller, who recently had a leg am-
pulated, took place in June. Both auc-
tions had the support of all the gay
bars in town. Prominent entertainers
volunteered their services. Bars donated
auction merchandise. The results were
fantastic. The House of Harmony raised
over $1,000., while Uncle Billy's Score-
board raised over $1,300. The Bob Miller
Fund was further enriched by a gener-
ous contribution from the crowd at
Linda's Tower on Pine Street.

Simultaneously, V's Club Drake over
in Fairfax was busily raising many hun-
dreds of dollars in a benefit auction of
its own. Madame Aida Soto-Voce and
Ed Miller the handsome new pianist at
the Club Drake, helped V with the
auction benefiting SIR because of the
thoughtfulness of V and the Marin County
crowd some of the SIR projects that had
been languishing due to a lack of funds
will now become a reality.

Our talented auctioneers will be getting
more action in the months to come as the
Tavern Guild embarks on a series of
auctions to raise money to help fur-
nish the new City Clinic on fourth street.

For further information on how you
can participate in these auctions check
with your favorite Tavern Guild Bar.

The Ann Weldon Fan Club from Leo-
arda's and the old 524 Club were very
much in evidence at the two Ann Weldon
shows at Act last month. The much loved
and much missed Ann brought her fan
clubs to their feet, cheering, at the con-
clusion of both shows. Even though Art
does not operate on the star system there
is little doubt that Ann is their brightest
star.

Popular Maxine Weldon (Ann's talent-
ed sister escorta crowed in the back
room of the Paper Doll on Union Street,
while Dick "Sweetlips" Wakers pre-
sides at the front bar.

In the busy month of July VECTOR
readers should check up on the following
goodies. The campy movies at Jackson's
Penthouse on weekends . . . the 99c
special dinners at Gordon's . . . Bill Gid-
dings new dining room at Bradley's
Corner . . . the Rock group at the Speak-
ersway on Wednesday and Sunday even-
ings . . . the New Honeybucket (formerly
The I-Do-No Club) on 18th street near
Castro . . . Miss Voo Doo's Sunday spec-
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Dear Mme. Soto-Voce,

My problem is more social than romantic but then again I suppose most things romantic grow out of things social. It seems the more I try to do or to please the harder I fall on my face. If I try to fix something for someone I break it worse than it was broken before. If I try to help someone cook then the top of the salt shaker will come unscrewed as I hold it over the pan or something will burn or boil over on the stove. I tried to help someone start their car the other day and burned up all the wiring. Unlike King Midas, everything I touch turns to lead... and I sink with it.

Madame, should I face the fact that I am just an oaf and live with it, or is there some hope for me?

Please Help.
Getting Morose

Dear Getting,

My problem is more social than romantic but then again I suppose most things romantic grow out of things social. It seems the more I try to do or to please the harder I fall on my face. If I try to fix something for someone I break it worse than it was broken before. If I try to help someone cook then the top of the salt shaker will come unscrewed as I hold it over the pan or something will burn or boil over on the stove. I tried to help someone start their car the other day and burned up all the wiring. Unlike King Midas, everything I touch turns to lead... and I sink with it.

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Please Help.
Whenever I hear a man say, “Well, regardless of whether or not you’re gay, you are still a lady and I’ll always treat you as one,” I cringe inside. While such a statement may be well-intended and chivalrous, to me it indicates that the man either does not, or does not want to understand what I really am and feel.

The word “lady” to me implies a rather genteel, hot-house specimen. We must be carefully condescended to by the male, lest she fade, or worn out, go to seed!

It is a constant amazement how many men can think of the Lesbian in only one of two ways: either as a “dyke” — an object coveted, or as a “lady” — a delicate vestal virgin whose sexual leanings are a vague, not-to-be-though-of mystery.

Either attitude compels me to play a pre-conceived role in which you’ve stereotyped me in order to play a pre-conceived role in which you can gain your acceptance. And your acceptance of me, not because you’re a man, but rather because you are another human being, is important to me.

Take me out of your mind’s ties which we have. Am I worth the effort? I think so! Respect and understanding for one’s personhood is one of the greatest freedoms and responsibilities which we have.

Don’t treat me as some special animal because I am a female and a Lesbian; and above all, don’t call me a lady, for as the song goes: “‘Cause I’m a woman, W-O-M-A-N!”

—Cenus Richmond

A lively group of “swingers” have taken over the local Daughters of Billits chapter. For one thing, they are redecorating the D.O.B. office at 1005 Market Street on July 12, beginning at 9 a.m. So come out and pitch in!

The same group urges all to be at the Cow Palace “Flea Market” on Sunday, July 20 to buy goodies at their booth. On July 19 there will be a collection day at the booth. Bring clothes, iron, games, baskets, etc. and if you want them picked up call Connie at 237-6003 or Rita at 931-1876.

NOVA, a new and busy bunch, have set July 19-20 for a camping trip and July 27 for a beach party. There is softfoot, softball and bowling. August 9 and 10 will there be a backpacking. Write NOVA immediately if you are interested — Box 6184, Albany, California.

Newsletters are available from both NOVA and D.O.B.

Women take part in most S.I.R. events and are encouraged to do so.

I Am No Lady

Sister George

Views DOB
"MIDNIGHT COWBOY" RIDES FROM TEXAS TO 42ND ST

The words "great," "Fantastic," "Superb" are flung about so often when a film is released that when one like the "MIDNIGHT COWBOY" comes along, it's hard to find an adjective to do it justice. This film will undoubtedly be one of the most discussed and seen films of the entire year and should it's hard to find an object to do it justice. "MIDNIGHT COWBOY" comes along, a film is released that when one like the "Darling", John Schlesinger now turns his talents to the exposing of the world of the male hustler in New York.

"MIDNIGHT COWBOY" is the story of a 'stud' from Texas, Joe Buck, who decides that since all he is good for is going is a little more difficult than the myths have made it out to be. He goes out "Ratso" Rizzo. Ratso takes him for $20.00 but later offers to share his conquest meets a diseased and down and a 42nd St. movie house) and in the pro­ cess meets a diseased and down and...}

The sexual encounters in the film have given it an X rating in the new code system, and in this film, rightly so. Those who are easily shocked had better forget it right now. The scenes between Joe and his "tricks" (both male and female) are handled very realistically and sometimes are very humorous (to the audience if not to Joe Buck). Some may complain that the homosexual shown in the film are the 'rare' sick ones, but then those are the ones that Joe Buck persues. It's not a pretty picture of either the hetero or homosexual world of pickups.

The picture does have a few flaws and I think the Andy-Warholish party was thrown in more for effect than anything else (even though I know such parties do take place). The constant flashbacks to the gang-bang of Joe and his Texas girlfriend are a bit vague in the fact that one is not certain how much is Joe's fantasy and how much is memory.

The proof of the film is set to open later this month at the Northpoint Theatre and should be a definite "must see" for those who are interested in this idea. Proof of the success of the whole affair was in watching and listening to the packed bar of 300 cheering and throwing rice.

The 60-minute ceremony was a perfect "bending of camp and seriousness. Jose was a bridesmaid (?) and sang "O Promise Me" as only he can. Another bride who sobbed during the ceremony, "My baby, my little baby." No one, including the two hands-off and for­ wed knew what the minister would say or how the whole cere­ mony would go over. I believe this reporter would say or how the whole cere­ mony would go over. I believe this reporter.
BOOK REVIEW

LITERATURE.


The Arco Publishing Company has recently launched a sequence of books advertised as the Know Your Law Series. The present volume comprises a portion of this effort.

Such a title arrives at a unique time in legal history. Never has a background jurisprudence commanded more compelling need in the homophile community. With the police nosing around private post office boxes and chronic bar raids in certain cities continuing, it might do well to examine Mitchell’s researches.

Unfortunately, no handy tips on what to do when arrested will be found here. The material will probably find a wider audience among lawyers and serious students of urban conflict, although some information is basic and obvious.

In a mere ninety pages the reader will discover a hodge-podge of superficial and hurried analysis of pertinent issues such as blackmail, the police, the armed forces, and the courts. Some chapters are much too brief, especially the one presenting historical background.

In spite of the rather shallow coverage, a number of provocative morsels do manage to turn up.

We are reminded that some problems faced by the homosexual are more perilous than at first glance. In certain states, “deviant” acts are considered several shades more reprehensible than at first glance. In certain cities continuing, it might do well to examine Mitchell’s researches.

In a surprising number of court cases, homosexuals were arrested because they were gay and not because a specific crime was committed. Judges frequently felt such individuals required psychiatric attention as a matter of principle.

Cases and laws based on California experience are often cited by Mitchell. The State Department of Education provides a painful example of discrimination by “Mad Max Fairfax.” Whenever a teacher is arrested for sexual activities, his name is instantly reported to the board of education and his credential is revoked. But this event occurs even when the verdict of not guilty is rendered, according to Mitchell.

The communist lavendar scare of the 1950’s is re-created in the image of Congressman A. L. Miller (from Nebraska). Miller proposed “to strip the fetid, stinking flesh off of the skokln of homosexuality and tell my colleagues of the House some of the facts of nature.” The legislator from Nebraska informed Congress that, “It is found that the cycle of these individuals’ homosexual desires follows closely the cycle of the menstrual period of women.” We can only wish Mr. Miller had cited his source for such an amazing statement!

In surveying the future scene Mitchell suggests that hope might well be placed in a major U.S. Supreme Court decision that finds all state laws condemning sexual relations between consenting adults to be violation of constitutional rights. With one major nation after another declaring sexual freedom for the majority of adults, one can heartily agree.

The bibliography and notes found in the back of this latest Arco publication includes a useful listing of significant court cases that gay attorneys may find useful in some future circumstance.

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350 COWBOYS— can you imagine!

Three hundred and fifty “cowboys” filled Seamen’s Hall Saturday, June 7, to elect a “Mr. Cowboy of San Francisco.” The benefit for Guide Dogs for the Blind was hosted by one of San Francisco’s newest clubs, The Kaspers. As so many titles, such as “empress,” “countess,” etc., are given in our city, The Kaspers decided on the idea of a “Mr. Cowboy.”

Most of the bars and establishments of the community sponsored choices for the title. Voting was by audience applause, and the winner was Lee Burnside, sponsored by Febe’s.

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D A V E ’ S — R E N O

Dave’s Westside Motel in Reno has undergone extensive remodeling, and a large new pool complete with a Jacuzzi Whirlpool sitting area has been installed.

The motel, long popular with both the Reno crowd and visitors from Northern and Southern California, is taking on the appearance of a resort.

The V.I.P. Club, behind the motel, now has four money-hungry but at times, generous — slot machines.

Jimmy, the bartender at V.I.P., is one of the best in the West. He can make Dave’s Westside sound like Paradise, with what pool, slots, sun, good-looking bartenders, etc., to make things even better, make sure you meet the “maid.”
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Non-Members may attend most S.I.R. events and committee meetings. Unless stated, events are at 63 Sixth Street, San Francisco. For information call 781-1570, 3 to 11 p.m.

**2 JULY / WEDNESDAY**
7 pm Public Relations Committee
8 pm Special Monthly Business Meeting — Members Only

**3 JULY / THURSDAY**
11 am Public Reminder of Federal Civil Service Discrimination. Homosexuals will attempt to enlist in Marines - spectators welcome. Meet at S.I.R. Center,
12 n Council on Religion and the Homosexual Board Meeting - Gide Methodist
8 pm Social Committee

**4 JULY / FRIDAY**
Enjoy the Fourth! S.I.R. Center Closed

**5 JULY / SATURDAY**
9 pm DANCE night, S.I.R. Night Club. Lights! Drawing! Groovy crowd! Members $1.00, Guests $1.50

**7 JULY / MONDAY**
7 pm Membership Committee
8 pm Community Services Committee
8 pm Publications Committee Planning August VECTOR
8 pm S.I.R. Bowling League, Park Bowl

**8 JULY / TUESDAY**
8 pm S.I.R. Board Meeting - Members may attend.

**9 JULY / WEDNESDAY**
8 pm Poetry Workshop, call 621-7972
8 pm Citizens Alert Board Meeting, C.A. members urged to attend, Gide Methodist.

**10 JULY / THURSDAY**
8 pm Political Committee

**11 JULY / FRIDAY**
7:30 pm Discussion Group: "Justice for the Poor" — noted speakers, refreshments
8 pm Productions Committee
8 pm Political Committee
8 pm Poetry Workshop, call Paul, 621-7972
8 pm Chess Club, call Rodger, 282-9534
8 pm Legal Committee

**12 JULY / SATURDAY**
9 am Daughters of Bilitis remodel 1005 Market head­quarters, Join in.
8 pm D.O.B. meeting, 1005 Market

**14 JULY / MONDAY**
8 pm Legal Committee
8 pm S.I.R. Bowling League, Park Bowl

**15 JULY / TUESDAY**
7 pm Ways and Means Committee - submit proposed budgets
8 pm Funding Committee
8 pm Religious Committee, 1256 Page, No. 1

**16 JULY / WEDNESDAY**
GRAND CELEBRATION, FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF S.I.R.
Members & Guests
7 pm Free Spaghetti Feed
8 pm Entertainment, Dancing, Refreshments, Drawings

**17 JULY / THURSDAY**
8 pm Social Committee

**18 JULY / FRIDAY**
7:30 pm Discussion Group: "Homosexual Organizations" noted speakers, refreshments

**19 JULY / SATURDAY**
NOVA 2-day Camping trip.
9 pm DANCE, S.I.R. Night Club. Drawing! Lights! Mem­bers $1, Guests $1.50

**20 JULY / SUNDAY**
7:30 pm Sonoma Art League — Daughters of Bilitis booth at Cow Palace "Fire Market"

**21 JULY / MONDAY**
8 pm S.I.R. Bowling League, Park Bowl
9 pm Community Services Committee

**22 JULY / TUESDAY**
8 pm S.I.R. Board Meeting
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**23 JULY / WEDNESDAY**
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**24 JULY / THURSDAY**
8 pm Political Committee
8 pm Productions Committee

**25 JULY / FRIDAY**
7:30 pm Discussion Group: "Censorship and Pornography" noted speakers, refreshments.
C.A. — Drawing for Citizens Alert Trip - Continental Lodge - details, 781-6300

**26 JULY / SATURDAY**
9 pm DANCE, S.I.R. Night Club. Drawing! Lights! Mem­bers $1, Guests $1.50

**27 JULY / SUNDAY**
NOVA Beach Party

**28 JULY / MONDAY**
8 pm Legal Committee
9 pm S.I.R. Bowling League, Park Bowl

**1 AUGUST / FRIDAY**
7:30 pm Discussion Group: "The Move to the Right" - Ter­rence Hallinan, Dr. Carlton Goodlett - Refreshments
LEATHER

long as you both shall live?”

Another passage that had the crowd engrossed was, “Man reflects the creative power of nature, not only in the procreation of children, but in anything he does that causes something to exist where before there was non-existence. As man creates thusly in his everyday duties he necessarily puts the seal of his individuality on the finished product, much as children bear the resemblance of their parents. From this viewpoint then, the elements of the universe offer to Bob and Ron the privilege and responsibility of being creative men.”

To get over 300 people in San Francisco up on a Sunday morning to see a “wedding” is an accomplishment in itself, but truly, congratulations are in order to the management of Febe’s for putting on an event that could have been ridiculous and turning it into a ceremony filled with laughs and serious thoughts.

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In accepting the award of $100, Lee donated the money to Guide Dogs and made the point that if the gay community can put on worthy benefits such as this, we can be a little more proud of ourselves and each other.

Many door prizes were given between the appearances of the Nashville Rejects, one of the best rock groups in the city. Congratulations to The Kaspers for the second successful benefit.

POETRY

Is Captain Beauty up against it? Captain Beauty half-explains the seismographic wedding rings. Oceans of starfish dot his nave. A chemical accompanies his reasons for the rosary that hangs down halfway to his knees. The air is full of mechanical angels. In some kind of sperm-smog he reaches his great hand and grabs your ear. Further down: the groves of the Licentium sparkle. Stiff as an oak tree the good captain sings “Don’t Need No Doctor” and his long hair is a cloudy tent. Even though he’s gonna readjust the headset there ain’t no cure for the summertime blues. Oh sweet daddy captain with your long blonde hair this Shazam-seraglio evades my tongue toke-tip in the tulips.

Nothing is quieter than a man who’s hung.

BLUE CHEER

Hands drop to the side. Shake loose. The air carries them to the keyboard where your eyes balance to prepare for music. Before you played for me I thought you were Percy Shelley or Arthur Rimbaud, and held your glass hands like poems, they are molten and musical. Beethoven walks around inside you like the rain.

William Barber

the Paradox

The back room is still something else

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