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An election will be held in March to fill two trustee vacancies. Plath now serves as Vice President and Rev. Sandmire has assumed the ministry of Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles.

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AN OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER VISITED THE BISHOPS COFFEE HOUSE AND AUTHOR NOVICK WRITES ABOUT HIS VISIT.

THE AUTHOR REFLECTS ON HIS EARLY FRIENDSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA'S NEW GOVERNOR AND WHAT GAY LIBERATION MAY EXPECT FROM HIM IN 1975.

IN THIS EXCLUSIVE VECTOR INTERVIEW, DR. RUBEN DISCUSSES WHY HE WRITES WHAT HE DOES ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY.

TALented DONALD McLEAN REVIEWS THE HISTORY OF GAY THEATRE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND EXPLAINS WHY IT IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES.

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By GEORGE MENDENHALL

What is the "Tavern Guild of San Francisco" and can the culinary unions organize its employees? The author discusses the behind-the-scenes facts that have baffled the gay community.
Mardi Gras!

Night falls, the carnival begins with lights, with lives. The night arises a thousand eyes on the corner on the street on the move. Ferris wheels and carousels above ground on the ground underground Mardi Gras of costumes of night people painted boys queens. Funny House unpainted girls masked faces. Electric fairyland in dark of night boys and girls girls and girls boys and boys. Hall of Mirrors in every window straight being gay gays being straight on the straight and narrow. Day downs the carnival ends the husband goes gaily home. The ringmaster lurks beneath the tent of night to begin the circus again.

—Wally Sherwood

WELL HOWDY

You are the most wonderful people in all the world.

I wrote a note to you saying I had not received some back copies of VECTOR and before I got my hand out of the mail box I had received three back copies. That is the greatest.

Since I just got back from the mail box I have only had time to flip through the copies but they are better than ever, if that is possible, and the new poster calendar is delightful. The enclosed check is for the coffee fund or whatever.

Some day I will have to come out to old San Francisco and meet all of you, but I don't want to scare you either. Love and best wishes.

Joseph K. Hoyes (In a small town in Texas)

KEEP ON!

I've been working here at S.I.R. for a week and I am happy to say that I really like it here.

I really like being around people a lot and I feel happy to work here, and around people like Rick Hansen, and Bill Plath, and the other staff here at S.I.R.

Thank you one and all for the opportunity to do volunteer work at S.I.R.

A Volunteer

THE LAW

A major piece of civil rights legislation was introduced by Assemblyman John F. Foran, AB-633 would provide that it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer, labor organization, or any person to discriminate in employment because of sexual orientation.

"Civil rights should include all people," Foran said, "and my bill provides for a large segment of our population which has never been included."

Assemblyman Foran in introducing his bill called upon the gay leadership throughout the State to aid him in the successful passage of this bill. "Chances for passage would be slight without anything less than a broad and intensive effort on the part of the gay community and others interested in civil rights being extended to all,

—Wally Sherwood

ALRIGHT! BALL ANYONE?

Does anyone know the real meaning of love, then please write. I'm 22 years old, 6 feet even, 201 lbs., considered very handsome, brown eyes, black hair, my hobbies are body building and writing poetry. Future NFL star, expect to be released late this year. Will answer all.

James Melton 837187
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

CONGRATULATIONS, to all of the newly elected officers. I wish you all the luck in the world, and sincerely hope you will continue to improve S.I.R.

Norman Armentrout

DR HOWARD BROWN

In October, 1973, a professor at New York University announced to the world that he was a homosexual. The Associated Press carried the story across the nation and headlines were typeset for the morning edition. He was not only a professor but the first head of the New York City Health Services Administration. Following his announcement, Dr. Howard Brown, M.D., became directly active in the homosexual rights movement. Soon he became chairman of the newly formed National Gay Task Force.

During the 1974 national Christopher Street celebrations he spoke and conducted
seminars at Stanford University, under the auspices of the Gay Peoples Union. He traveled across the country—a professional person stating that it feels good to be "out" at last. He wrote a book, "Homosexual Lives," which will be published in April of this year.

Dr. Howard Brown died on Saturday, February 1, at the age of 50 from a heart attack. Before his death he had expressed many times that he hoped his "coming out" would encourage younger people to do the same, to avoid the pain of being "closet gay" for most of their lives.

In an Advocate tribute to Dr. Brown, his friend George Whitmore comments: "Howard drank too much and ate too much. He got too little rest. He must have known what it was doing to him. In some ways, his old life continued unchanged in spite of the new..."

"Howard enjoyed himself. Watching him in a crowd, his eyes glittering with excitement, with his arms around his new friends, you were intensely aware that he was having the time of his life. He loved to arrange people and things, parties, meetings, dinners... He loved beautiful things. His mid-Victorian house was furnished in the period, exquisitely but informally. He loved to introduce people; he was a kind of movement matchmaker... Howard loved to talk about frivolous things, too, and sex, of course. He made sex sound unheard-of aspect of it... He liked to use new slang terms and was always asking the definition of this one or that. It was typical of him—a mixture of naivete and typicity of him—a mixture of naivete and old-fashioned wickedness."

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Capricorns can be very uncommunicative after the influence of Mercury passes on the 12th. Aquarians are another matter altogether. Aquarians love to go on and get verbose and, above all, profound. Use of them discreetly. Moon goes into its new phase in the middle of the week, on a Wednesday, so not "Malefices", that is negative planets, New Moon makes aspect to two of the two very negative planets of Saturn and Neptune with one's natal Sun seems to dissipate any chance of positive fun or productive recreation. The Full Moon occurs on Thursday, March 27, so the chances of an exciting weekend on either side are slim. Taking advantage of the pleasures of hearth and home might be a better pursuit. The implications are not too good for stepping ahead, one's time is taken up with creative and profound mental pursuits. Of the Aquarians you are the most practical and down to earth. Your liking for the simple life could become an obsession. Glamour, mysticism, and frills of any kind simply escape you, and if the partner has nothing but these to offer, you won't consider the relationship with any seriousness. To reach you, the (Continued on page 10)

better title for this informal article might be, "WHAT'S OLD IN PAPERBACKS". The majority of the quality gay books appearing in the cheaper format originally appeared in hardcover. Only a handful have started life as paperback originals. The following books reflect my own personal bias and are considered a classic. Don't be put off by appearances. This will be considered a classic.

Churchill, Wainwright HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR AMONG MALES: A CROSS CULTURAL & CROSS SPECIES INVESTIGATION Prentice-Hall, $2.45. The late Dr. Churchill was grounded in psychoanalytic theory but his broad background allowed him to study homosexual emotions that ranged across diverse cultures and differing periods of history. Animal studies are also analyzed. All psychiatrists who uphold the sickness theory should be chained to the bedpost and forced to read this one!

Fredman, Mark, HOMOSEXUALITY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING, Brooks-Cole, 1971, $3.25. Fredman is a gay psychologist who takes a hard look at a number of psychological studies and offers some research of his own. He even discusses the disadvantages of heterosexuality. (They always told us there were none!)

Garassi, John, BOYS OF BOISE, Maemillan, 1968, $1.25. A mad tale if ever there was one. We are carried back to uptight Idaho of 1955 where a scandal developed regarding teenage prostitution. The residents became so paranoid about males gathering together, that poker games were cancelled. Reads like fiction, which it is not.

Hoffman, Martin, THE GAY WORLD: MALE HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE SOCIAL CREATION OF EVIL. Bantam, $1.95. Hoffman was one of the first psychiatrists to charge out of his office and into the gay bars and other worldly hangouts to find out what "queers" were like. The results add up to a book that has been reprinted many times.

Humphrey, Laud, OUT OF THE CLOSETS: VOICES OF GAY LIBERATION, Prentice-Hall, 1972, $2.45. Humphrey travels the country and interviewed gay leaders and observed the move ment. His report is refreshing and optimistic.

Jay, Karla, and Young, Allen (editors) OUT OF THE CLOSETS: VOICES OF GAY LIBERATION, Da Capo, 1972, $2.95. A well rounded saddlebag of writings from radical gay lib newspapers from coast to coast.
Miller, Merle. ON BEING DIFFERENT: OPIRATRD SEXUAL, Popular Library, 1972, $3.50. Miller, a respected professional writer, that is fully reproduced here with a few comments about public reactions.


CRUSADERS, Paperback Library, 1972, $1.95. Written in a popular style, this one is set in Paris and concerns two men and their troubled love affair. The repression of the 1950's can certainly be felt here.

Petronius, THE SATYRICON, New American Library, 1960, $1.25. Housing, carefree sags of aging days when sexuality of all kinds ran riot. The campy style may have been invented here.

Bantam, 1974, $1.75. Pick up most any fiction by Renault and you will certainly be felt here.

Dell, 1970, $1.25. One of the finest novels written by Baldwin and certainly the most complex. Bisexuality is the predominant theme. The setting is modern New York City.

Dear Martin,

"Why are so many dudes into fist-fucking?" Curious, but Cautious

Dear C.,

"Fist-fucking is on the increase. A higher percentage of males who talk with me report experiences, either as the penetrator and the penetrator. My medical colleague, Dr. William Garrard, confirms these findings also in his practice. From the physical standpoint there is a great deal of difference between fucking and getting fucked — no one ever perforated a fist — but from the psychological standpoint, the difference between who's fist and who's rectum is of secondary importance. Just as in all variations of sado-masochism, there are really only masochists, the sadists are just vicarious masochists who, for one reason or another, are too up-tight to play the masochist's role.

As in the case of all other sexual behavior, fist-fucking is motivated by different needs, primarily the twin emotions of aggression and affection. Strangely enough, the aggressively motivated "punching out", which may result in torn tissue, is just pure hostility motivated. The hostility of the "puncher" derives from the frustration of not being the penetrator. The "punchee" is simply the object that has been assaulted, who feels the same as if he had been socked in the eye. In order for fist-fucking to be satisfying to both parties, it must express both pain and affection, the elements of sado-masochism.

Sado-masochism may be viewed as the expression and experience of affection in an environment of pain. Why is sex in this form particularly attractive to some males? Marion Brando, in Last Tango in Paris, would have preferred being fist-fucked by a male. The use of a female underscored his ultimate impotence. Males enjoy penetration as much as females, but under special circumstances. Male affection, to be safe, has to be expressed in such a way as to differentiate it from female affection. Since the primary gender behavioral difference between males and females is aggressiveness, males feel safer with affection expressed in an aggressive way. The kind of affection we know is penetration by a female nipple followed by a long period of the penetration of female prepared food. In addition, we are touched much more by our mothers than our fathers. When it comes to the time that we want to be touched and penetrated by another male we are conditioned into seeing this as female related. All males, heterosexual or homosexual, at one time or another, fantasize about getting fucked by another male. Some males just put it into fact, and not all of them are primarily of homosexual orientation.

One way of assuring that a particular affection is masculine is in enduring pain in order to achieve it. This is but another form of the standard male aggressive com-petitiveness. The most affectionate bunch of guys I know are members of the butch Levi and leather crowd. Under all that hardware they act like cream-puffs towards each other. Hospitality is reserved for those outside the crowd. It matters not what male appendage is inserted into the mouth or anus as an extension and reception of affection: the
the penis, as in kathoglotisma or anololithus; the penis, as in immaturation or paedicatio; or, the fist, as in anapignathelio. As we go to press I am informed that the latest craze is stump-fucking, if one can locate or, the fist, as in

One last word: enjoy. But carry along a pair of nail clippers; a perforated colon requiring a temporary colostomy is really too butch.

The National Sex Forum is presenting its in-depth look at human sexuality in two April sessions in San Francisco:

April 4-5; Friday evening and all day Saturday
April 5-6; Saturday evening and all day Sunday

The course is not an encounter or sensibility session and no overt sexuality is involved. Films, slides, music and lecture are used in the learning process. Although geared for professional persons, the course is open to all. In an open, informal and relaxed atmosphere human sexuality is discussed and presented in a non-judgmental situation. Homosexuality is included in the presentation.

Full time participation is required. Advance registration, accompanied by check, is required at least one week before the course date. If reservation is cancelled in writing at least one week in advance the entire amount will be refunded. If cancelled less than a full week before the course all but $5.00 will be refunded. (Group rates are available).

The cost is $50 per person or $85 per couple. All courses are held in the SAR Art, 540 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA, 94108. Telephone 415-889-6176. ...

This is a recognized course with the School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco: Human Sexuality 101.

Parents of gay persons have organized a rap group in San Francisco to discuss mutual concerns. It has been organized by Ms. Phyllis Lyon and Rev. Bill Johnson. Call 415-853-4231, Ext. 2681 for more information. This is the Pacific Medical Center, Out-Patient Psychiatry Department which also has free counseling from gay counselors.

The focus of attention in the East Bay seems, in fact, to have turned away from the police, who have adopted a low profile in relation to the gay community. Oakland's mayor, John Reading, has been making an increasingly notorious name for himself as an outspoken opponent of gays. Two years ago, in his re-election campaign, he refused to even make a public statement on gay rights. More recently, in response to an inquiry from Rev. Wilson of East Bay M.C.C., he referred to gay people as "queers". A gay political response will probably be developing to this.

The Community

The gay night activities at Bishops on Tuesdays are a continuation of a program begun by the Lambert Gay Community Center, which was located at Bishops but is now dormant. Other events scheduled are BeBe K-Roache, a popular band, and open poetry readings. Dr. William Garrard presented a program on gay sexuality and health at a February meeting. To find out the program for March, call Bishops at 415-444-9806 and get on the mailing list.

The Economy

As inflation and recession continue to grip the economy, the economic question is becoming an increasingly important one for East Bay gays. A workshop for gay workers and welfare recipients was held at Lamy College by the Oakland Gay Men's Political Action Group on March 1st, as part of the Hard Times conference. This was an action oriented community conference on the economy focused on disclosing the forces responsible for the current situation, like super-profiting monopoly corporations; and on how we can organize ourselves to deal with it. The Gay Men's Political Action Group is looking forward to expanding its activities as a result of the conference, and possibly to the forming of an ongoing gay workers group. If you're interested, call Michael at 654-1578, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8 is International Women's Day (and that this year has been declared International Women's Year by the U.N.). Look out for the events that will be happening all over the Bay Area to commemorate the occasion. The cause of all gay people, certainly of lesbians but also of gay men, is inextricably connected to the liberation of women.
The Aquarian profoundity is over emphasized in you. Fierce pessimism is your practical general attitude. 1975 will place you in a deeper depressive cycle than even you are accustomed to. You might go around imitating the famous late pessimist, Oscar Levant. It is rumored that he had inscribed on his tombstone, "See...I told you I was sick!" Nobody has to take life that seriously. Fun can be productive, you know.

March 12 to March 15
Your Sun is in the final degrees of the constellation of Aquarius. Here is where all that Aquarian mystique comes in. Attunement, self sacrifice, service to and the love of humanity, etc. You are socially conscious in the extreme, and might even carry a political placard into the bedroom with you. Latter degree Aquarians have trouble distinguishing between lovers and acquaintances. So much good dealing spreads from you to so many people that you have difficulty differentiating between love and just strokes. You could easily gain a reputation for being promiscuous. Such a label could be luring, however. You are just expressing your natural inclination to general acceptance of all human beings. Ultimately you must develop enlightened discrimination to be successful in human relationships. You don't care about others' faults. Your generosity and enthusiasm are boundless, especially in love. You are experimental and enjoy the unusual thrill, in physical relationships. Like other Aquarians you don't believe in the pompous posturing of other human beings. You tolerate self importance in others as just another human fault to be ignored. Since the middle of February 1974 you have enjoyed the transit to your Sun of the optimistic and bountiful planet of Jupiter. Things must have gone very well for you in 1974. This generous transit is over now, Jupiter left the constellation of Aquarius on February 24, 1975. This year can be a time of enjoying the harvest you should have reaped in 1974. But you must realize that Jupiter is not around to help you now. Your usual optimism, heightened in 1974, will go back to normal in 1975. Your usual resiliency and buoyancy of spirit will have to be enough this year. Practical self interest will be good for you in 1975.

March 16 to March 24
Your Sun is in the early degrees of the constellation of Pisces. The elements of joy and an overwhelming enthusiasm and gusto for life are chief characteristics of all Pisceans. Born in this period, you are known for your constant seeking after happiness and love of humanity, etc. You are socially conscious in the extreme, and might even carry a political placard into the bedroom with you. Latter degree Aquarians have trouble distinguishing between lovers and acquaintances. So much good dealing spreads from you to so many people that you have difficulty differentiating between love and just strokes. You could easily gain a reputation for being promiscuous. Such a label could be luring, however. You are just expressing your natural inclination to general acceptance of all human beings. Ultimately you must develop enlightened discrimination to be successful in human relationships. You don't care about others' faults. Your generosity and enthusiasm are boundless, especially in love. You are experimental and enjoy the unusual thrill, in physical relationships. Like other Aquarians you don't believe in the pompous posturing of other human beings. You tolerate self importance in others as just another human fault to be ignored. Since the middle of February 1974 you have enjoyed the transit to your Sun of the optimistic and bountiful planet of Jupiter. Things must have gone very well for you in 1974. This generous transit is over now, Jupiter left the constellation of Aquarius on February 24, 1975. This year can be a time of enjoying the harvest you should have reaped in 1974. But you must realize that Jupiter is not around to help you now. Your usual optimism, heightened in 1974, will go back to normal in 1975. Your usual resiliency and buoyancy of spirit will have to be enough this year. Practical self interest will be good for you in 1975.

by NORI NUGENT

The parallels between the women's movements and movement for gay liberation are many, but the space where they cross is narrow. As proof, most politically motivated feminist lesbians work within an autonomous, separatist women's movement.

Rather than experience rejection or attempt to subtly coerce feminist input, gay men should analyze the reasons women find strength in their separate communities. Gay liberation will be actualized only upon the liberation of all people; to support their own liberation, gay men must encourage the strengthening of other oppressed groups, learn from their growth and apply the process to their own needs and goals.

A complete feminist analysis identifies capitalism, racism and imperialism as well as the dominance of men in society as the enemies of women. If women—of all races, class backgrounds and nations—are to be free to develop their human potential, an entire restructuring of American society is necessary.

Presently, America values individuation and competition. We are told that the Strong and the Good will make it to the top. But the lie is obvious: an entire structure exists to prevent women, people of color, anyone from "the wrong side of the tracks", older and younger people, and gay people from doing much more with their lives than struggling for day-to-day survival. An incredibly small number of incredibly rich people are the only ones who benefit from the perpetuation of the American myth.

Although few of us profit from the capitalist structure, varying amounts of privilege are meted out to different groups. Men are given much more power and privilege than women. The arbitrariness of this rationing system is based on an assumption of heterosexuality, the assumption that everyone lives in nuclear families supported by a father/husband. Although gay reality denies that myth, it is through this method that capitalism can maintain several people's work (including the work of maintenance of the home) by paying only one member, and then still retain a reserve labor force of women to use—at a lower pay rate—when needed. The existence of this system necessitates the oppression of gay people. We do not fit into the neat and necessary mold.

But the immediate needs and goals of lesbians and gay men in resisting oppression are different. Although homosexuality is considered cause for dismissal from jobs, the option of staying in the closet and early positive conditioning allow for a better economic standard for men, and even if a lesbian is supporting a household, sexism limits the amount of her pay, her working conditions and her career choices.

Gay culture reflects this distance in economic strata: Gay male fashion is often flamboyant, bedecked with turquoise, jewels and rhinestones, while most lesbians dress practically in traditional "mannish" (i.e., utilitarian) clothing. Gay men's media includes slick magazines and a nationwide newspaper, but lesbian economics can support only volunteer-staffed alternative publications. Gay men have always had a footnote of... (Continued on page 20)
Stars come in your home and relaxed enough to have a really good time. On the negative side, you can be easily taken advantage of, for your rosy picture of life and the pleasures of the flesh constantly lure you into overindulgence. Anything dangerous attraction to you. If you are not careful you can eat too much, smoke too much, drink too much, and (heaven help us!) trick too much. Such imposition seems hardest on you early Pisceans, for you are subject to disillusionment and keen disappointment when your dreams are not realized. You make the ideal partner for anyone who requires a passive, yet generous lover. You truly give your all to a loved one. You are an emotional masochist. Metro Goldwyn Mayer has filmed your love story a thousand times. If it doesn’t have glamour, intrigue, subtle excitement and that certain “glow” then forget it for you early Pisceans. 1975 begins with Jupiter conjunct your Sun. This is the beginning of a period of unusual luck and good fortune for you. With your accustomed joy and optimism you should do exceptionally well in the next several months. This will find it hard to say no this year. Since Jupiter will tend to make you even more generous, be careful. March 25 to April 6 Your Sun is in the middle of the constellation of Pisces. Male or female, you are the Romeo. Sexual adventure is your forte. All of your activities are characterized by a fierce determination and a passionate abandon. No one would ever think of you as aggressive (no Pisces really is) but your bluff is good. You spend a great deal of time panting, or depending on circumstances, panning. Your problem is how to slow down. You can’t stay high all the time and still function in the real world. Believe it or not other organists await you later. You don’t have to have them all this week. Relax! It isn’t all going to end tomorrow. 1975 offers you the opportunities outlined for early Pisces above. You too are cautioned to watch your pennies. You could be penny wise and pound foolish this year. Better to you.

In Street Scene, 1928 Pulitzer Prize winning play by Elmer Rice, these people are indeed doing it in the road. The action, speaking loosely, takes place on the steps and sidewalk of a dirty brownstone tenement house in 1927 New York. The inmates of this multi-ethnic Noah’s Ark take turns spilling their guts and vitriol all over the streets, each other, and the audience. One's credibility is hard pressed to accept this manageress of Jews, Irish, Puerto Ricans, Italians and Germans, etc., all living together in one house — much less talking to each other. But talk they do — interminably. The main dramatic line, if one is to be gleaned from the numerous open-ended subplots, concerns this Irish girl's mother and her clandestine relationship with a black man. This causes no end of talk, and hubbub, large and insensitive, is sure to hear. Since we are gratuitously informed in the program that there is a murder, we are left to wonder only when, and how. (Later, with a gun!) ACT should not have dusted off this musty old play,—Let it retire a winner. The excellent company did a valiant job of carrying the play on its capable acting shoulders, but since this is not a very weighty play, their efforts seemed somehow excessive, like using a thoroughly edged knife to pull a bow. Stringing issues which gave this play its Pulitzer Prize winning bite have since been muddied by usage and overexposure. Not being overwhelmingly entertained by an hour of hearing a Spade called a Spade and a Yid a Kike, I began looking elsewhere for this play's raison d'etre, it is a period piece, I determined, I will enjoy it. To be effective, however, period pieces accurately or by broad caricature introduce us to the manners, dress, and thought processes of an earlier period. The failure of Street Scene on this score must necessarily fall to either the costume designer or the director, probably the former. Maybe both. 

Robert Morgan, the costume designer, must have come across old issues of Vogue and Gentleman's Quarterly in his search for proper attire for these tenement dwellers. If you find believable a poor south ern immigrant dressed in a Seville Row suit, by all means see this play for you are easily entertained. And girls with marcelled hair did not wear little Saturday Evening Post d-d-dresses with starched bibs. Since the dramatic denouement comes about two-thirds through the play, Rose Maurant is left to guide us to the end. Her mother and her lover lie dead, her father has been led bloody to his just reward, she and her brother are orphaned, and the apartment is just a mess. This wisp of a lass, however, has the essence of mind to regale us with pace and soothe the ruffled ego of the academic little Jewish boy who wants to play house with her. All the dramatic tension of a used rubber, I only wish she would cry. If you are awake at the end, don't miss the sailor who does a walk-on,...
out on campus

OVER A PITCHER
by JACK ANDERSON

"What would you consider to be your first really 'liberated' action since you came here?" That was our question of the moment, as one of our numbers strutted off to get another pitcher in a local student dive.

"It was probably telling my first roommate that I was gay," began Keith. "It seems pretty funny in retrospect, although it scared the shit out of me at the time. I had been going to the Gay People's Union meetings pretty regularly for a couple months, although I was still putting my hat over my eyes as I entered the building so that nobody would recognize me. I had finally started to make it with a guy who lived in a much cooler household, and as a result I wasn't very available except for the sports program. We all need solid interaction with others of our sex. He describes how some of this resistance is broken down in group meetings.

Nevertheless, the reader can find several gems in this assortment of articles. Don Clark (who writes a column for the New York Times Sports Department graphically demonstrates how scores of boys are actually injured rather than helped by high powered coaches intent on proving their masculinity at the expense of someone else's flesh and blood. All myths that surround the jock empire, especially football, are exposed as sham, Athletics, as we know it in this day and age, have doubtless developed more characters than character. As Ralabovksy points out, however, a small revolution is underway. Some coaches may even let their hair grow longer and refuse to swish about in drag. Leather jackets do more than protect many males from the cold. They also serve as a symbolic protection against genuine human contact. Thus, it seems that many homosexual males can indeed break the shackles that prevent warm, loving vibrations between man and man. This renewed freedom can in turn de-ice the cold psychic armour males from the cold. They also serve as a symbolic protection against genuine human contact. Thus, it seems that many homosexual males can indeed break the shackles that prevent warm, loving vibrations between man and man. This renewed freedom can in turn de-ice the cold.

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Thousands of young men—many of them gay—have moved to San Francisco to find a new life for themselves. Maybe this story is not unusual but it is refreshingly honest. At 22 years of age, how does David look "back" upon his teenage years in a small hamlet in Massachusetts and upon his new life in the big city?

Photographer John David Hough has also captured David's moods for Vector.

by DAVID MICHAELS

I believe I always knew I was gay. When I was a teenager, I stayed pretty much to myself. Boston was near but I was too young to go there. I wandered along the beach and collected bottles and I masturbated. I was seduced at twelve by a guy, 17.

Later, when I was 19, I told a bunch of friends at a party that I was gay. Their reactions were great. It seems that they loved me even more—it brought them closer to me. I later toured my straight friends to the gay bars—showing them what fun people were having, how people were playing games with their eyes and the whole bit. In a gay bar, you can really feel loose and be yourself. It makes you just feel so comfortable...My friends stuck with me.

I can remember playing dolls with neighborhood girls. One taught me the word 'fuck' when I was only five. Later, I had a real affair with an older married woman. She had two kids and she was falling in love with me. She said, "I know that you're gay. Let me teach you some other things." She preferred me as a bedmate, which was exciting. She was very attractive and seductive but I knew I liked guys better.

I had some early spontaneous, exiting gay experiences. Once I met a guy and he said bluntly, "Do you want to have sex?" I was willing and we went into an alley and 'got it on' atop a pile of cardboard boxes. It was marvelous and when then he left and I was still laying there—in a daze...Another time I was strolling along the wharf when I was 18. I spotted a person I thought was gay (it was 2 am) and I started up a conversation with him, I invited him to see the old buildings down by the water. We were walking and having a good time, ending up in a nearby park. We watched the water and then suddenly his hands were down in my pants and we were rolling around. It was beautiful—sex at 2 am in a park at the waterfront. After we had sex, however, I stood up (Continued on page 57)
THE ARGUMENT FROM EROS

Part 2

(The following short story is the second part of a four part story. It is complete within itself. The first part, reason appeared in February Vector. Compassion and the concluding part, Force, will follow in subsequent installments.)

"I'll take away my tan," Hank protested, not vigorously, as I lifted the avocado skin cream up to his bare back. He pressed his crotch up against one of the sinks in the deserted latrine behind my little house.

"It won't steal your tan," I soothed. "It'll take away my tan," Hank told me, expecting me to remember who Kalten was.

"Your mental rocks off?" I prompted. He liked to reminisce about his football days—one season—at Tennessee Tech, before he flunked out and joined the Air Force.

"I, I wasn't so much. Second string most of the time." His back did a ripply dance of some sort, perhaps from self-disgust.

"Well, you certainly are a virile, manly man," I said, in all truthfulness. "You should be proud of your body." I knelled the top of his tailbone, massaging just below the waistband.

"You're exceeding your reach," I massaged higher.

"Sorry!" I knelled the top of his tailbone, massaging just below the waistband.

"You sound like Kalten," Hank told me, expecting me to remember who Kalten was.

"What does that mean?"

"Kalten told me that he wanted to get his rocks off on me." Hank stuck his thumbs under the waistband of his swimming trunks, throwing a disapproving look at me and Kalten both.

"So you scolded him severely for saying that, right?"

"Naw, I never scold people. People can be themselves. It's just that I don't want them to use me.

"Don't you use me, Hank?" I resounded, fighting the erection that was un-leashing itself in the confinement of my jock strap beneath my trunks. "I mean, you use your brain. You pick it, trying to learn things. I talked to you for four hours about Shakespeare's sonnets the other night, didn't I? I'm not that getting your mental rocks off?"

The argument did not seem to convince him. "I want to finish college when I get out of the Air Force." He pressed his crotch up against one of the sinks in the deserted latrine behind my little house.

"Nobody will come in." Suddenly I changed the subject.

"Where was that?" I asked all solicitately, rubbing my fingers over the hard-ened pectorals, daring a second swirl with my forefinger around his right nipple.

"Tennessee Tech." Hank put both big fists around the porcelain sink and leaned forward so that I could do more of his back; his eyes grew a little sleepy or languorous.

"I bet you were good, weren't you?"

I prompted. He liked to reminisce about his football days—one season—at Tennessee Tech, before he flunked out and joined the Air Force.

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"I have wet dreams!" he said, out of nowhere. "Just about every week."

I ground my teeth into a smile. "Wet dreams? Isn't that sort of messy? Wouldn't your hoohach boy like you better if he didn't have to wash those semen-filled sheets? Why don't you leave some of your dreams with me? Like now, for instance?"

"What does C. C. stand for?"

He changed the subject.

"I dared a thigh against his left buttock. "Cubic centimeters. Want to see them?"

I pressed my growing flesh against him to give him a sample.

"Oh, it doesn't stand for that," he said, moving aside.

"I've got nine inches," I lied, hoping to persuade him into finding out, I figured that by the time he had measured it (Continued on page 53)
wear "women's clothing", yet women now must be"grrl's clothes" or for not being competitive in such a hostile culture is a revolutionary, forcing all persons to examine the rigid roles imposed upon us by our culture.

Many gay men were taken to psychiatrists when they were children for playing with dolls or for wearing "grrl's clothes" or for not being competitive with dolls or for wearing "grrl's clothes" or for not being competitive with girls. We were the faggots who took pride in artistic achievement, and who didn't think that flowers were only for girls. For this we received the scorn of both our parents and peers. But there was really something revolutionary in every faggot who refused to be programmed into insensitivity and in every tomboy who saw through the narrow roles imposed upon her.

In nearly every area where women suffer discrimination, gay men suffer equally. We share a common second class citizen status. Gay men are considered "no better than women", a phrase which reveals the discrimination against them. Gay men suffer a similar fate. If we are the token gay at a party, we are constantly talked about with no sexuality. The label "no better than women" is more closely aligned than can be imagined. Take these examples:

BRUTALITY: The same men who enjoy beating up fags are the same ones who take pleasure in raping women. And not only do they rape women, but they rape men when there are no women to be their victims. Prison rapes are perpetrated by straight men against gay victims.

Women are afraid to walk the city streets for fear of heterosexual male violence. But it is no different for gay men who are regularly called 'queer' or 'fag', and are commonly beaten and sometimes murdered. The sooner that society realizes that homophobia (the hatred and fear of homosexuality) is a sickness, the safer we'll all be.

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION: Many women have been denied home mortgages because they didn't have a husband. Gays find it all but impossible to live many places in this country if they admit their sexual preference.

CHURCH OPPOSITION: The recent fight for equality by Episcopal women is indicative of the anti-female doctrines in all western religions. The rule is that only those with penises can become a church bigwig. Gays, of course, have had to start their own churches because the good Christians and Jews would rather be dead than allow such scum to pray to THEIR God in THEIR church. Again, women and gays share a common struggle.

JOB DISCRIMINATION: Gay males have become florists, and women, housewives because few options have been open to either group. Not that either of these careers is unworthy, but our options should be wide open rather than culturally imposed.

Women, of course, are aware of the discrimination against them in the professions and a variety of other jobs. They are excluded by university acceptance committees, intimidated by the professors, and blocked at every turn. The gay experience is similar, but even worse. If you are openly gay, you had better forget about eating too often. Recently I applied to practice dentistry, and I was told by the Director of the Utah Dental Board that I could not be licensed because they must show good moral character'. All those years of study down the drain.

LEGAL DISCRIMINATION: It is unfortunate that the U.S. Constitution was made only for bourgeois white men. Blacks, women, and gays have fought and died to earn those same basic rights.

Equality Rights. Amendment would give immense value to women when it is passed, but gays still have no legal protection. Bella Abzug recently introduced gay rights legislation on the national level, but if the men in power have difficulty in giving 'their' women equal rights, you can be sure that gay rights are a long way off. In the meantime, gay men have two choices: lead a double life or become a has-been.

PSYCHIATRIC OPPRESSION: Most theories of mental illness have been formulated by white heterosexual men (the same group which runs the churches and government. How interesting). These people arbitrarily set up the rules, and study who don't play the game right, get electrocuted on their genitals or worse.

All of these instances make it clear that women and gay men must work together. Our oppression is a common one. If we are divided, the changes will take much longer to occur. We must get to know each other so that the old fears will vanish. The divisiveness must be healed.

What are some of the things that gays and women can do together to bring about the self-actualization of all human beings? Gay men must support legalized abortion for any woman wanting one, and women should lend their support to the repeal of sodomy laws. All persons must have the right to govern their own bodies. Gay men should involve themselves in rape-prevention and give support to sisters like free Garcia who are courageously fighting the male power structure.

We must end the economic enslavement of women and gays, demanding equal pay for equal work, and allowing each person to choose an occupation regardless of sex or sexual preference. We must demand freedom of sexual expression for all people. Why does a woman "prostitute" go to jail while the male customer goes free? Why is our choice of lovers dictated by law? Why is 1984 coming so soon? We need the right to choose both whom we love and how we love.

And most important, we must give our children the freedom to choose their own clothing, friends, hobbies, colors, and sexual orientation. The beauty and knowledge of the gay life style must be made available to all children instead of being locked away on a special library shelf. It is time for all oppressed groups to work together. None of us is free until all of us are free.
Contrary to the popular conception that we have gained sexual freedom, there is evidence that we have become more sexually polarized. Especially in the homosexual community, where we, to the extent that we define ourselves in terms of sexual orientation, are threatened by the absence of a sexual structure. And, in the community at large, the sexual factor is an important consideration, as reflected in our advertising, entertainment, and other forms of social communication. This sexual factor requires us, whether homosexually or heterosexually oriented, to be definitive about sexuality. We are not yet sexually free. No one really accepts bisexuality. It exists as a behavioral function only. Most bisexuals are either sociopaths or culturally conditioned persons who depersonalize the sexual object to a state of sexlessness. Bisexuality causes too much anxiety, hence the effectiveness of “gender fuck” as a statement of social hostility. We want to see people as either heterosexual or homosexual, the same way we want to see them as either male or female. The only thing that bothers us more than bisexuality, or the indecision of sexual orientation, is asexuality, which may be viewed as indifference to sexuality. To remove the sexual factor from our identity forces us to define ourselves in other ways, and for some people this is a discomforting and disagreeable prospect.

The former Governor Ronald Reagan made a statement to the effect that the people of California would feel cheated if the present Governor deprived them of a First Lady in the Governor’s mansion in Sacramento. This says a lot about how Ronald Reagan, the romantic darling of the Rossmore retirement set, defines himself. The people of California elected the present Governor well knowing that at the age of thirty-six he did not have a wife. A few
“date” with starteds sufficed to provide his sexual credibility. When the new Governor-elect was interviewed by homosexual politicians they reported that he indicated to them that because of his single status it would be inappropriate for him to associate himself too closely with gay groups and causes. This seemed to provide an acceptable rationale and the subsequent gay political line is that we are not interested in the sexual orientation of the new Governor, only his sexual objectivity. This line, however, has not stopped gay politicians from hoping that “our new Governor will come to our Community for qualified appointee”.

As we are all aware, we are addicted in our society to societal labels. Once you have a “jacket”, as it is referred to in the criminal society, it is difficult to change your identifying attire. Exchanging a clerical for a button-down collar is a formidable task. When Jerry Brown decided to convert from the sacred to the secular way of life he was faced with substantial obstacles, the least of which was not society’s explanation of why young men forsake the cloistered seminary for the wicked world. The explanation is usually some variation of a sexual theme, usually heterosexually oriented, which has the former novice soon transferred from secluded celibacy to marital bliss. And, indeed, this is exactly what happened to two of Jerry’s closest friends who left the religious orders with him. But, Jerry did not enter the state of marriage, he went on to become the Governor of the State of California.

In the field of psychology there is a handy One-Third Rule which is often used when more exact measurements are unobtainable. For instance, if you really don’t know how effective a certain therapeutic procedure is, you hypothesize that one-third of those treated get better, one-third get worse, and one-third stay the same. When asked to comment upon the sexual inclinations and proclivities of the celibate religious I have applied this rule: one-third are heterosexually inclined, associated with them are the myths of hanky-panky between priests and nuns or anonymous female parishioners; one-third are homosexually inclined, here the tales of seduction of young choir-boys and acolytes or wild goings-on within the monastery walls; and, one-third are not concerned with sexual inclinations at all. In this latter instance most of the stories are those of disbelief derived of discomfort with the idea. Most people are sexually motivated, at least two-thirds, and so the minority third should be driven as well, unless they are old so that they can’t get it up, and off, either in fantasy or fact. The new Governor is young and he certainly is acting impotently.

Are there really potent people who do not have to acquiesce to strong sexual drives, of whatever direction? Psychological data has required a theory to explain this condition: Sublimation: “an unconscious process by which a sexual impulse, or its energy, is deflected, as to express itself in some non-sexual, and socially acceptable, activity”. The only thing more “socially acceptable” than Governor of California is President of the United States. If this theory appears unreasonable then you have the responsibility of providing an acceptable alternative. For me, sublimation explains in good part the behavior of our new Governor. This means that the Governor needs to transcend both religiosity and sexuality, two attributes which might appear to be so much in evidence. What does this personality mean to the homosexually-oriented population of California?

First, we need to recognize that there is the personal Governor and the public Governor, the personally factual and the publicly rational. Jerry Brown was reared in a strong family and educated in liberal institutions. He was imbued with what we might call the traditional San Francisco philosophy of “live and let live.” But, in order to be elected to State political office, he had to appeal to the electorate of Southern California whose Los Angeles philosophy was perfectly exemplified by the former Governor — a philosophy that still creates the special problems for homosexuals who reside there. The Governor is beginning to show the way in which this conflict in philosophies can be resolved in a way acceptable to both the Governor’s public and private self.

The Governor is politically trading economic conservatism for social liberalism. Economically, the Governor is conservative, which makes him popular with those who demand “monetary responsibility” (the majority who supported Reagan); the Governor is socially, a liberal, which brings him the support of the minorities and the intelligentsia. Fortunately, he will not have to worry about the State paying for liberal programs because many of those programs are, or will be, financed federally.

Homosexuals can expect to obtain gubernatorial approval of a constitutional equal and equal opportunities legislation, but not any funding for special “gay” projects. Gay politicians might as well look for other work; I would suggest something in the field of public education.
It is doubtful that the world’s most “social” hours are celebrated to any more magnitude in other cities in the world than San Francisco deserves unlimited accolades for their Brunch. Some restaurants put out as many as 500 plates during an average brunch period which is usually from 11 a.m. to no later than 4:00 P.M. The whip of electric blenders in the bars is no less deafening than the rattle of pans, dishes and plates in the kitchens where harrassed waiters run through the entire spectrum of hungry morgers, eager to please and pouring endless cups of coffee to help hung-over customers get back on the straight and narrow.

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the feminine identification. That doesn't mean that they who are sexually confused in drag. Some do, however, particularly among the many that are between coming 'out' or not coming out. Many homosexuals use makeup in their adolescence, so you should not possibly only for an hour or two in the privacy of their home. This is part of being a homosexual.

VECTOR: You tell millions of readers that they are not used to wear women's clothes. You say this in answer to your first question, "What is homosexual psychology?" This draws immediate attention to a gross distortion. Please continue.

RUBEN: The people who were not homosexuals didn't react to that statement. It just went past them. The person who is involved with homosexual orientation would think that this looks like it is printed on the cover of the book for them. I am disturbed that I have offended anyone because my goal is to make people feel better.

VECTOR: There has been broad criticism from professional people, as well as homosexuals, of your observations about homosexuality, Are they unfair? RUBEN: Well, people have criticized me in the homosexual press but this is the first time that a homosexual reporter has ever taken the time to talk to me.

I am not running for office. This is not a popularity contest. So many objective, scientific positions are accepted. For example, if it is not convenient for the most state legislators you could not make them worry about "perverts" and demand that they be locked up in jail. Probably 95% of the population is hetero-sexual and newspapers that tell them you will have to know about homosexuality.

VECTOR: What kind of response did you get from homosexuals after your first book was published?

RUBEN: I think the enormous reaction involved two ways. Both the homosexual and general press seemed to be. There were the reactions from thousands of letters. Most of the letters from homosexuals said, 'Well, I understand your position but I speak a truer and I am going to write my own book.' Words were like their lives, they can't do with your problems and here are some things that don't you have to be apprehensive about. Here are some things that you should worry about. 'That' is a faker and more homosexuals.

VECTOR: Aren't you saying that homosexual sex for certain people is a semantic problem. If you are a homosexual or a person who is a member of an oppressed minority, be

cause you engender anger, and you have all kinds of negative emotions. - Homosexuals are people who are going through the same problems, and the inference they draw is that this is true when the word 'homosexuality' is not a problem to them, do I not say that homosexuality is a sickness or a mental illness. However, because the word 'homosexual' is feeling, if he doesn't admit that his homosexuality is a problem because of society's attitudes.

VECTOR: Then are you saying that homosexuals are either men or women and have a valid sexual experience if it were acceptable by society?

RUBEN: It is difficult to proceed to that conclusion. We are talking about a hypothetical situation. If homosexuality was accepted? Yes, no society that I have been able to study accepts homosexuality. There are powerful feelings by heterosexuals against accepting homosexuality. Certain segments have more acceptance, but what? It is not a sickness, it is the great deal of understanding. There are many other cities, however, that are much more conservative.

VECTOR: Are some of your observations from your experiences with your friends, who are not patients?

RUBEN: I will resist the temptation to say that I use the word 'homosexual' but it is true. As a practicing psychiatrist, I use the word 'homo-sexual' and it is not laboratory, I have never taken a group of homosexuals and put them in a lobotomizer and observed them there with movie cameras. I am interested in the present, not the mirror life. My experience and study of homosexuals have been at all levels, involving their education, medical, and social.

VECTOR: You are busy promoting books, lecturing, seeing people with mental illness. How do you spend your time in your books discussing the homosexual?

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VECTOR: Your latest book, "How to Get the Most Out of Sex", seems to re enforce what does it tell it does tell homosexuals how to get the most out of sex.

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I believe that heterosexuals should be allowed to do it privately then you must include homosexuals.

VECTOR: You write that 'women perform oral copulation' but wouldn't it have been more accurate to say that 'people perform this act as it is not an uncommon act among male homosexuals?'

RUBEN: Homosexual women, it is fair to say, perform oral copulation also. We try to include everyone but we aren't always able to accomplish that.

VECTOR: How many homosexual patients have you had?

RUBEN: You mean patients with homosexual problems? Probably 30%, when I include my residency in the Air Force. I do not have an inordinate number of homosexual clients. I believe that if a client does not have confidence in his psychiatrist he may not reveal his homosexual problems so they go unidentified.

VECTOR: Do you have more homosexual clients than heterosexuals?

RUBEN: It is time to state the usual disclaimer, 'I am not homosexual.' I have delivered a lot of babies but I have never had a baby. I prescribe drugs but I have not taken them. I have social acquaintances who are homosexual and I believe I have a personal understanding of how they relate to one another and how they relate to me.

All in all, the homosexual's lot is not a happy one.

Every homosexual who seriously wants to enhance his or her homosexuality should be given the chance — and at a reasonable cost. Those homosexuals who are satisfied with their roles still deserve an opportunity to be treated for the unavoidable mental disorders.

The cases and letters that I cite are not, however, write a blank check and say that those cited experiences give a definitive reply to a given question.

The morbidity of homosexuality — both male and female — lead otherwise respectable and sedate lives. To persecute them for the way they are — or for the bizarre and disruptive behavior of a homosexual minority — doesn't seem to make sense.

At the same time, two hundred million heterosexuals have their rights too. Public homophobia, exclusion of children, and homosexual displays deliberately designed to offend others need to be discouraged and punished.

Dr. David Ruben

"How to Get More Out of Sex"

David McKay Company, 1974

After the first book, my homosexual friends said, 'Boy, you certainly were tough. You really came on strong—but I know there are people who need that kind of jolt,' if they are to give up their homosexuality.' Others said, 'You really offended a lot of people,' I told those people that while this may be true, that was not my goal.

VECTOR: Were homosexuals 'offended' by the truth of your writings or by gross inaccuracies? Wasn't much of what you wrote the jolt, if they are to give up their homosexuality.' Others said, 'You really offended a lot of people,' I told those people that while this may be true, that was not my goal.

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VECTOR: What do you think of your 'Everything' book you discuss the personal ads used by some homosexuals, for two pages, although this is a very minor thing in the gay community.

VECTOR: Isn't your writing popular fun rather than instructive? For example, in your 'Everything' book you discuss the personal ads used by some homosexuals, for two pages, although this is a very minor thing in the gay community.

RUBEN: You are talking about emphasis, I try to point out to people that there are homosexuals who use these ads. There are great numbers of people who use these ads and I attempt to say, indirectly, that they are not monsters, weirdos or lunatics. Heterosexuals use these ads also.

VECTOR: Do you also say that heterosexuals also use these ads and give two pages to that also?

RUBEN: Well, it is implied. I attempt to say that some of the ads are tender, realistic and correspond to the affect and deep emotional feeling that you see in heterosexual classifieds. I show this by example, without being polemic.

VECTOR: How do you feel about American Psychiatric Association taking 'homosexuality' off the list of mental disorders?

RUBEN: It is interesting. I think that some things could be more tastefully done. In other words, they added so-to-speak a phrase to the affect that homosexuality, however, isn't necessarily normal or desirable. It seems to me that what they might have done is to acknowledge the fact that they took away another. That is gratifying. It was trying to be liberal rather than to deal with the problem. It could have said, 'Homosexuals are mentally ill and they should be treated as sick people' and taken all the heat that came from that. Then they would have the courage of their convictions.

STACK: It is not going the way.

I believe that taking homosexuality out of the diagnostic manual will improve the life of homosexuals and give them a better chance. It should have been done a long time ago and without the controversy that went along with what they did.

VECTOR: Do you believe that there should be laws that permit private consensual homosexual sex among consenting adults?

RUBEN: I do not believe that homosexual conduct should be made a felony. That puts it in the same category as murder or burning down a building. Even in the most ardent heterosexual I believe, would think that it should not be in that category. If you are going to be 'liberal' then you have to be 100% liberal. If you

RUBEN: I can't agree to the argument that my material is a lie or inaccurate, although it may appear to be that way to homosexuals. Everything I report did happen to some homosexuals, under certain circumstances. It may not have been universally applicable to the vast body of homosexuals but it did relate to the homosexuals in treatment and to those who had that kind of life style.

VECTOR: Have you a writing style in which you ask a general question and then answer it by citing one specific case. Is this a literary way to inform the public?

RUBEN: The cases and letters that I cite try to be representative of the problem, rather than a lecture at length, I am attempting to say that the answer to the problem is, in a sense, exemplified in this one experience. This makes it a living experience rather than something static...I can not, however, write a blank check and say that those cited experiences give a definitive reply to a given question.

VECTOR: You mention your patients, friends and psychiatric studies as your source of research. What about the broad, extensive studies done by the Institute for Sex Research at Bloomington, Indiana and other researchers such as Dr. Evelyn Hooker and Masters and Johnson?

RUBEN: It seems to me that the most reliable and effective research in the area of sexuality and homosexuality is clinical research. A lot of people agree with me—Pirkle Jones, Chief, Miami, has endured with them for lo these many years — Jose, Michelle, J. J. Van Dyck, to name a few. Halloween was the one night a year that drag was socially acceptable (but beware of the many trains, paddy wagons pulled up). In 1965, these intrepid entertainers banded together for the Society for Individual Rights at Russian Hall to star in the first "SIRlebrity Capades" — and thus the first all-male production was launched in San Francisco.

It was fun. It raised money for S.I.R. and it had a huge audience that appreciated the change to discover new talent and chase established favorites. The Citys, an exclusive social gay organization, decided to give straight comedy a whirl and produced "The...
Women", the first book show. Another hit. Another SIRlebrity Capades the following year and the performers still going strong today and a parody of Patrick Dennis' hit book later on an original musical based on another Dennis novel was produced. "The Yucatan Girl" is seldom mentioned for the introduction to all-male theatre of the time. The value of "The Boy Friend" in '72. By now, just enthusiastic, with hearty cheers, "litte Mary Sunshine" in '68 introduced Joe Capades came home to perform in the year the show had a theme. In "Revolu-

5.1. R. Center on 6th Street, and the first shows always yielded a tidy return. That year, the seeds of discontent firmly established, a sort of resident company

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directed by John Deere and a newcomer from Chicago named Chuck Largent and reuniting Faye and Nancy in the leads, "Once Upon A Mattress", and then the roof fell in! The Moses of all-male theatre, Chuck Largent, lead his dissatisfied flock out of S.I.R. and into THE CITY PLAYERS. 25 concerned individuals each contributed $100 and formed their own theatre-company, to do book shows without any interference.

The CITY PLAYERS debuted in '72 with "Wonderful Town", budgeted at a loss (thus far) $10,000, starring Michael Loos, Faye and Don Cavollo under Largent's direction. While the initial budget sounded impressive, the security of the Center stage was too cramped to give it the production director Chuck Zinn wanted, it also was produced at the Village, "Once Upon A Mattress", and then S.I.R. (approximately $5000). The show was an enormous flop, but the three remaining performing members and the Board members expedi-
ted in a hasty chapter and a final dispute and the YONKERS PRODUCTION COMPANY was formed. "Dolly" returned for a second time without a new script, but it also did not fare as well the second time around without the S.I.R. banner. Suddenly S.I.R. was left with no theatre and few active members. Two new companies had formed, many new faces were introduced, and the competition between Yonkers and City Players became intense... but they both agreed they would no longer contribute their talents to any production they felt did not ap-

preciate them.

After a little more production of Mons Holm Garden City, "The Sky", which did alright financially, CITY PLAYERS dec-
ted to take the big plunge - "Mame!" The biggest, the best, the most lavish all-

male production to date, it virtually ruined the group at a cost of $37,000. While the show drew fantastic crowds and great acclaim, especially for leading "Tady" Faye. The audience was stagging (and has never been completely paid off to this day). All-male theatre had reached its peak, but at a costly price. Would the next show have to be even bigger, even more expensive? Was the ultimate purpose of all-male productions to make local mu-

sicans richer? Equity companies off-

Broadway mounted shows for less. After "Dolly" and "Mame", where was there to go? YONKERS wisely decided not to make the same mistake and continued to limit its shows to one they knew they could afford, and in 1973, revived "The Boy Friend" for a second time. It did well, and the "Dames" were male, the "Applause" was not except for its leading male actress. "Applause", with a mixed company, never made it to the "Town", but again, the cost far surpassed "Mame" and finished to good houses in a blaze of red ink.

Next year? We've seen the steady rise, the pinnacle and the steady decline. If all-male theatre is to survive, it must find creative, imaginative directors who can work on a moderate budget and deve-

lop the show almost inexpensively. It is ridiculous to think audiences today will still accept the production standards of 1967, yet if all-male theatre had not progressed so far, it would not find itself with the financial woes it currently faces. Previous productions have proved repeatedly that there is an abundant supply of good musical di-

rectors, set designers, costumes, and both musical comedy and dramatic performers (and in some instances, it's proved just the opposite), but good directors are in short supply.

Joe, Michelle, Moris-they've endured and are still going strong, and for their particular talents, directors are unneces-
sary. Just give them an audience and let them go! But for many others, they are only as good as the man behind the desk shouting directions. On March 22nd, Joe Vigil (how that name does keep cropping up over the years) will direct his first all-male show, a musical history of show business facets entitled "That's Show Biz!" and in the cut will be almost every name associated with all-male theatre throughout the years - Faye, Melanie, Nancy, Jack Wall, Brenda, Andy Bar-

ton, Mike Lewis and on and on. Let us hope that Vigil's varieties finishes in a blaze of glory. YONKERS and make enough money to finance yet another book show in the fall. And let us further hope that some new shining directorial talent will emerge to take the slack. Or maybe it's time to take all-male theatre back to S.I.R. where it might be appreci-

ated after a four year absence and loss of respect. The world would solve a lot of problems for both sides... or has it come too far? Is Thomas Wolfe right? You can't go home again!!
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... A FEW GOOD MEN

Photography: John David Hough
When the bartender and restaurant workers union began organizing employees in the early days of the great depression, they did not notice what would happen in the early 1960's. It was then that a few bartenders began to meet socially and form an organization, The Tavern Guild of San Francisco.

Today the guild is widely respected in the gay community and frowned upon by those being organized by the unions. The TGFS has grown into a non-union association of over 90 gay businesses. The fracturing of the guild is feared by the unions who would like to organize the workers in these businesses and visualize collecting dues from several hundred new members.

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land. Their lives are not the least bit  
sensational but they are certainly  
worth knowing. FRANK HOWELL

Wooing

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would be too late to change his mind.

"Meredith told me he wanted to do a  
number on me with his ten inches."

"Who did?" My bathing suit was hurt­  
ing from the tension inside.

"Meredith—he was my roommate  
before Gerry."

"Did he?"

"Of course he didn't, I don't have sex  
like that."

He glanced at me as though he were  
jamming someone off rapidly.

"Have you ever had sex with anyone?"

"Hank, pouted his lips, considering.  
"Yeah, Two people."

"Who were they—your mother and  
your little brother?"

He waved aside that insult. "Now, I  
was in love with Kalten until he said that."

"What?" I rubbed a little of the  
avocado cream on my own chest, over­  
whelmed with voluptuousness.

"That he wanted to get his rocks on  
on me," He glanced at me with some

sort of petulance on his face.

I wanted to squeeze the narrow hips,  
the indented waistline. "I don't want  
merely to get my rocks off on you, Hank,"  
It was true. "I want you to enjoy your­

self as well. The two of us enjoying each

other's hot bodies. I want to stroke you  
and feed you luscious grapes, smash them  
on your purple palate, clipping the nectar  
from your Dionysian lips."

"You're just saying that!" Hank turned  
on a faucet and splashed some cold water  
on his face. There was no arguing with that!  
"Who else did you have sex with ex­  
cept Kalten?" I wanted to know, sticking  
some of the avocado cream down inside  
my trunks and massaging it into invisibil­  
ity.

"Gail. But I don't like to talk about  
her. That was before."

"Did you love Gail very much?" I  
asked softly.

"She married somebody else."

"Well, very few of us get what we  
want," I said, rolling down the elastic  
waistband on my swim suit, where the

white skin showed. Perhaps Hank would  
succumb to the sight of my navel.

I ran seven miles yesterday," he  
confirmed. He reached down and stroked  
one overdeveloped calf.

"I masturbated twice. Does that make  
me normal?"

"Normal people have sex!" I skewer­  
ed him.

"It's not nice!"

"Only vegetables don't have sex!"

"I just don't want to be used. You
said you've had sex with more than a thousand guys."

"I guess I shouldn't have—said it, that is. I thought it would turn you on."

"You'd sleep with anyone, hey?"

"That's not true!" I said, with a tinge of self-defense. "Why are you making me work so hard to seduce you?"

"Fucking up my life! That's the paradox! More, you're fucking up my life! By making me into claws. "Hank, Hank, Hank, you're fucking up my life! What's the significance of the word?" Frustrated! Do you know the meaning, "You'd sleep with anyone, hey?"

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"I'm a Christian."

"That's worse than a cock-teaser." I thought you wanted to know about sex, like sex. Sex likes me, I like you! You like me! But you won't give me a teeny-weeny taste of your behemoth and beautiful body! You're a disgrace to Venus, where it had landed. "This stuff feels like real cool, after the hot sun."

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VECTOR: You state that you use the latest scientific research. What has been your relationship with the highly respected Institute for Sex Research at Bloomington, Indiana?

RUBEN: Well, I have no academic relationship with it. The world of medicine and psychiatry is split into academic and clinical research. Academic laboratory is not my orientation.

VECTOR: You frequently refer to your second book and tend to play down your earlier comments on homosexuality. Why is this?

RUBEN: Among some homosexuals there is a condescending attitude toward women in general and toward the role women play—as also toward feminine identification in homosexuality. This is shown by the use of such terms as 'auntie' and 'queen'. Such terms are usually said in disrespect. In a sense there is the equivalent of male chauvinism in male homosexuality—a mirror of heterosexual male chauvinism.

VECTOR: Does the fact that two men sleep together and have sex together make them more masochistic? You seem to indicate this.

RUBEN: That is an inference. There is an important distinction between physical masochism (being beaten and such) and psychological masochism. That is a big problem in understanding homosexuality. Where does the sadism inflicted by society let off and the masochism of the individual take up? How much suffering is inflicted and how much is self-pity?

VECTOR: Is there anything 'wrong' about homosexuals enjoying recreational sex, as practiced by urban gays?

RUBEN: I am not a moralist and I try not to be. There is nothing wrong with it. Is it good for a particular individual is the question. It could be harmful for some.

VECTOR: You write that the male homosexual's sexual 'equipment' is inadequate so he has to be 'inventive' to compensate for this. Many homosexuals find that the mouth, anus, ears, back, chest, penis buttsacks—what have you—are adequate, is a vaginismus essential to sexual enjoyment.

RUBEN: You shouldn't take me so seriously. I like to think that I have a sense of humor.
I also like to walk a lot. That's how I keep and enjoy the running around and chasing my body trim. I play tennis all summer. It is great exercise. I also announced a jockey shorts contest. I just stood that much. I'd rather relate to people of some prize money later.

Although I enjoy bars, drinking is just while sober. I smoke grass occasionally, but I can take it or leave it. It can be used that's the way I use it. I have had some therapy but I think that the psychiatrists that's the way I use it. I have had some therapy but I think that the psychiatrists

Later, he took me out to dinner. Then we had a long argument. I told him, "You can't buy me - not me!" He wanted to buy my love and that is not for sale. I told him I did not want his money and after he finally understood that he was not buying me I went home with him. The next morning I had a sore throat and he said, "I'll take you to the doctor and I'll pay him." I really blew up and had to tell him again, "No money!"

Another guy I met, Bob, is very fond of me. He is a public relations man and he began talking with me. He had a 

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