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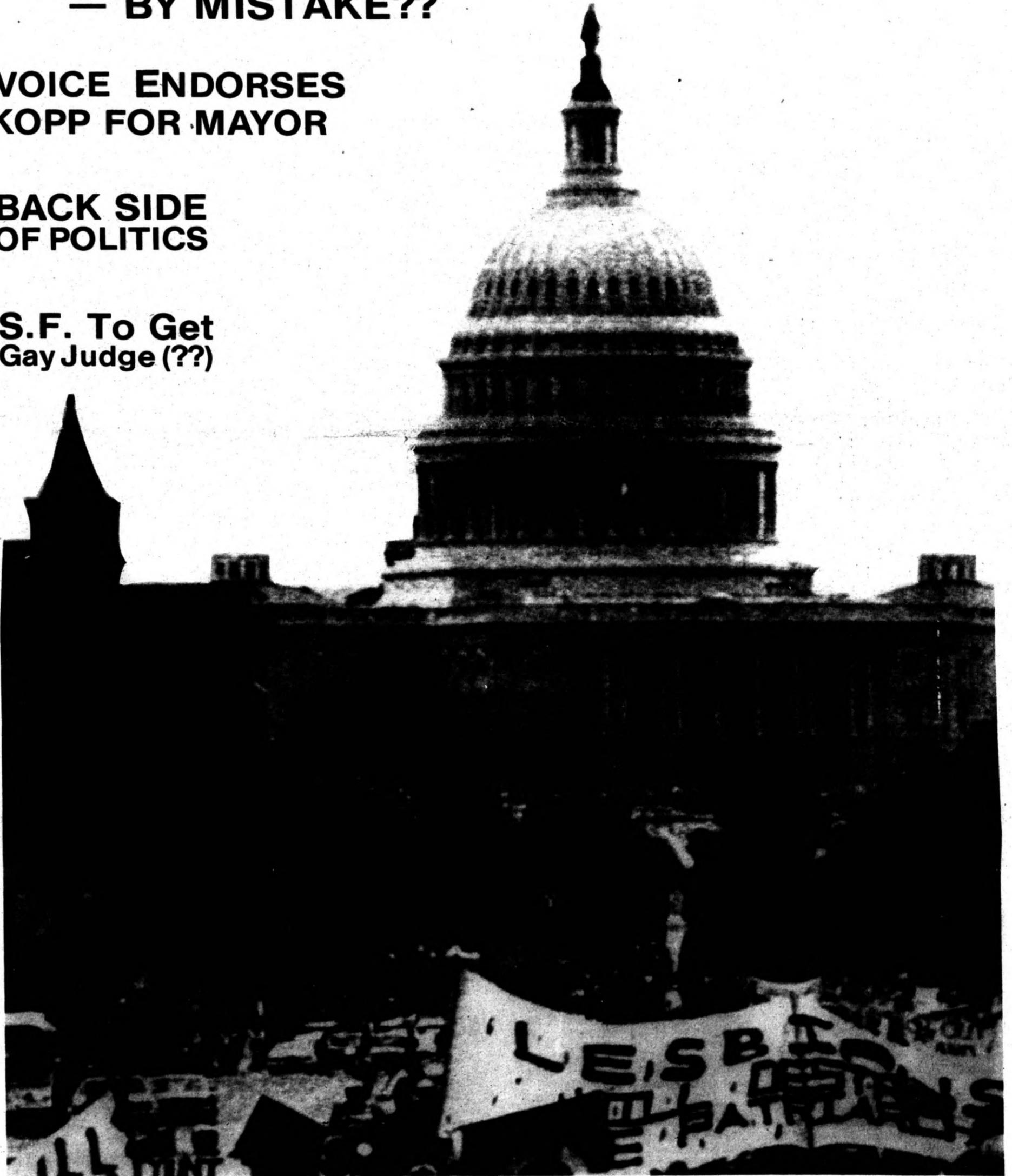
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# CHRONICLE REJECTS AD The Ad That Dare Not Show Its Face

BY STEVE PROKASKY

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is enmeshed in a controversy with the San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle which raises some very serious questions of censorship and discrimination.

On Friday, October 5th, a member of the chorus placed an ad containing the illustration on this page with the paper to be run in the Sunday, October 14th pink section. It was accepted by the ad salesman, accompanied with a check for the total cost of the ad.

On Tuesday, October 9th, we were informed that "our publisher has deemed the illustration unacceptable." The San Francisco Newspaper Agency, the in-house organization which handles all the ads for the Examiner and Chronicle, was immediately contacted. Mr. Fenstermacher, the art director, was asked why the illustration was censored, and he replied, "the ad was not censored, it was found to be unacceptable." When asked why it was unacceptable no reason was given.

At this point we called the editor of the Examiner, Mr. Reg Murphy. He was out of town. His office spoke with the Examiner's general manager who in turn referred us to the director of the San Francisco Newspaper Agency, Mr. Robert La Fontaine.

La Fontaine was reached by phone. Early in the conversation Mr. La Fontaine admitted that he had not seen the ad, but believed it had something to do with two men kissing. The illustration was described to him and he was asked why, therefore, is the ad unacceptable. He replied, "we have seen the ad and it is unacceptable." When reminded that he had not seen the ad he repeated, "we have seen the ad and it is unacceptable." Again LaFontaine was questioned as to the reasons why the ad was unacceptable. Again he merely answered, "we have seen the ad and it is unacceptable."

This was a frustrating conversation. Some other comments that he made in the course of the phone call are also very interesting. La Fontaine stated at one time or another, "optimistically, the gay community is a small portion of our readership," "boycott if you wish" (no action on our part was mentioned or implied. He initiated this comment.) and "if your group is around for eight years or so you can take this to court, I'll give you our legal office."

## Presidential Candidate

# Brown Supports Rights of Gays

In a telegram made public in Washington, D.C. on October 12, 1979, Governor Edmond G. Brown, Jr. pledged his support for gay rights. Offering his "Wholehearted support," Brown stated in his public message that his support "is entirely consistent with the executive order signed this year by me as governor of California."

Brown's position on gay rights is the strongest ever made by a Presidential candidate, in referring to his executive order. Brown was referring to Executive Order No. B 54 79, signed April 4, 1979.

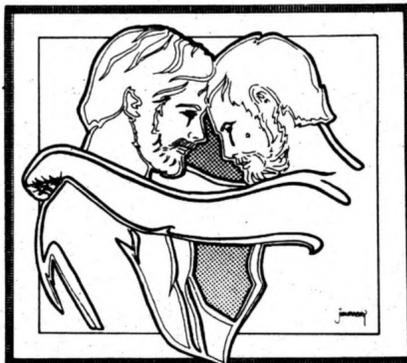
The efforts to get such an order signed were begun by The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties in 1975. Documents show that after the NCSCSL was successful in Pennsylvania through its member Tony Sylvestre and through the leadership of Marc Siegel, Publisher of Gay Community News in Philadelphia, and Governor Shapp signed an Executive Order to protect gay citizens from discrimination, attention was turned to California.

Thomas F. Coleman, Co-Chairperson of the NCSCSL requested Governor Milton J. Shapp to write a letter to Brown. On February 17, 1976 a "Dear Gerry" letter, single spaced, was sent to Governor Brown. That letter

## THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DICK KRAMER

### P R E S E N T S



**LOVERS TOO**  
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All of this took place on Tuesday, October 9th. During that day the gay press was also contacted, city ordinances that may pertain were obtained from city hall and an exploratory phone call was made to the district attorney's office.

The gay pavine began to hum. Everyone spoke n to expressed great concern over the Examiner-Chronicle decision and their refusal to offer an explanation. It appeared to those of us involved that arbitrary censorship was taking place and being denied any reason for cancellation of the ad we could only proceed under the assumption our organization was being discriminated against.

Another call was made to the editor of the Examiner. The situation was once more thoroughly explained and late Wednesday afternoon Reg Murphy returned our call. He stated that the pink section comes under the auspices of the San Francisco Chronicle and that the person who should be contacted was that paper's editor. Corporate jerry-mandering at its best.

The editor-publisher of the Chronicle is Mr. Richard Thieriot. A meeting with him was requested, along with another long synopsis of the series of events leading up to our contacting his office. At 9 am on Thursday, October 11th, his secretary informed us that Mr. Thieriot could not see us,

## Employment Practices Commission.

When the NCSCSL learned that the FEPC was rejecting gay housing complaints, Paul D. Hardman and Coleman went to the Governor's office in Sacramento. That was in mid-August. With the direct assistance of the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary and the close cooperation of Alice A. Lytle, who has cabinet level oversight of the FEPC, a change was effected.

By September 25, 1979 a new Directive Transmittal No. 044 was signed by the Chief of the Division, Joane A. Lewis. That directive specifically includes "gay persons" among those entitled to housing protection.

To implement his order, and to carry out the mandate of the California Supreme Court, which recently handed down a ruling which prohibits discrimination by state government and by public utilities like the Pacific Telephone Co. The case was that of *S.F. Gay Law Student v. Pacific Tel & Tel*; Thomas F. Coleman Esq. filed an amicus brief in that case on behalf of the NCSCSL.

Brown is committed to work for the passage of an amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act to make it unlawful to discriminate against persons

however, he would like to see a copy of the illustration. It was delivered to his office that morning.

Late Thursday afternoon this phase of the saga came to an end. Not the editor nor his secretary, but the ad salesman with whom we had originally placed the ad contacted the chorus. He informed us that the ad could now be run if we were willing to have the illustration cropped below the arm of the figure on the right. Again no explanation as to why this would suddenly make the ad acceptable, or what was objectionable to the lower portion of the illustration.

The chorus met on Thursday night and completely reviewed the situation and the most recent decision of the Chronicle. Given the tone and posturing of adult movie ads in the paper; given the fact nude male upper torsos have, on numerous occasions, been published by the Chronicle; and given that very day a movie ad with two male heads touching appeared on the same page with two nude from the waist up male figures, we still felt that our ad fell well within whatever standards the Chronicle chose to use. It was our decision to protest in the form of a "sing-in" at the newspaper on Friday afternoon.

At 5 PM on Friday the chorus gathered on the corner of 5th and Mission Sts. The local television stations and community newspapers had been notified. Placards reading, "the ad that dare not show its face" were hoisted and the illustration was handed out to passers-by. Our singing was met with applause and our peaceful protest of the Chronicle's actions was fully supported.

People reacted with comments such as, "how silly of them," "what could they possibly find wrong with this," and "you're kidding. There's worse sex stuff in the paper every day."

On Saturday and Sunday we continued our singing and efforts to let the community know about the Chronicle's arbitrary decision. The illustration in no way panders to prurient interests. It was designed to be tender and non-threatening. The chorus simply wanted to advertise a concert whose programming and theme is joy and love. The Chronicle, by refusing to publish, has interjected an unpleasant note into our preparations and has reminded us all, once again, that discrimination and homophobia can raise their ugly heads at any moment.

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus feels the community should be aware of what we perceive to be a discriminatory decision by the San Francisco Chronicle. The legal and social implications of that decision are significant. If you would like to join in our protest it is suggested that the Chronicle be contacted directly to register your complaint.

# S.F. to Get Gay Judge?

According to the Governor's Legal Secretary J. Anthony Kline, at least three highly qualified persons, who are gay are being seriously considered for judicial appointments in San Francisco. The commitment to include gay candidates was made to Paul D. Hardman and Thomas F. Coleman, Esq. who as representatives of The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties have been pressing for gay appointments in government for some time now.

Coleman is the Co-chairperson of the NCSCSL and Hardman is Regional Director. Working closely as a team, Hardman and Coleman have been attending regular meetings with the Governor's staff.

They also act as liaison for the Gay State Employees Advocates which is an active state employee organization operating on a state level. The officers and members of the employee group prefer to keep a low profile, therefore their names are not published without prior approval.

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# Gay Judge (??)



THOMAS F. COLEMAN, Esq. Co-chairperson NCSCSL: "Governor promised to appoint gay judge for San Francisco."

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Among those who are being considered for judicial appointments are John Vaisey, David Clayton and Mary C. Dunlap.

The fact that one must be chosen over the others always creates speculation; therefore the public is reminded that only the best are ever considered and it is only one from among the best that can be appointed at a time.

Simply as a matter of speculation, the front running choice at this time would appear to be Mary Cynthia Dunlap.

Born May 25, 1948, she is a young woman. She took her Masters degree at the University of California; and took her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at Boalt Hall at UC Berkeley in June 1971.

Her activities since, have included wide academic experience teaching the law, as well as active participation in the area of civil and human rights.

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# PRESIDENT BROWN?

Anthony Kline when interviewed by THE VOICE about the situation. Kline simply stated that the actions speak louder than words.

Kline is not connected with Brown's political campaign. He is a close personal friend of the Governor and a principal aide. It was Kline who worked with the Governor on the actual wording of the Executive Order. It is he who has been behind the scenes guiding the administration in its handling of gay rights. It is he who has helped in the screening of candidates for judicial appointments. He was instrumental in the selection of Steve Lachs as an up-front gay judge in Los Angeles. It is Kline who has cuts through the bureaucratic maze on behalf of gay rights.

Behind it all however, it is Brown

## ZONING AND SINGLE PERSONS

A recent ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court held unconstitutional a zoning ordinance restricting the number of unrelated persons entitled to share a single housing unit. The 5-2 decision rested on due-process and privacy grounds under the New Jersey constitution. The case involved the Rev. Dennis Baker and the municipality of Plainfield, and it upheld a lower court decision in favor of Baker. It contrasts with the 1974 U.S. Supreme Court *Belle Terre* decision sustaining such ordinances against Federal constitutional attack. The New Jersey court found the *Belle Terre* reasoning "unpersuasive." Afterwards, opinion author Justice Morris Pashman said he had had many inquiries from all over the U.S. about the decision and that the first request for its text came from the California Supreme Court.

himself who sets the policy and who sees to it that the pro-gay moves on his part are carried out.

Brown's supporters are quick to point out that when Jimmy Carter was seeking gay support for his 1976 presidential candidacy, Carter made many promises and declared that he was opposed to discrimination against gay citizens, but he has not signed the executive order gay people wanted and hoped for. Carter has not even supported the amendment to the Civil Rights Act to benefit homosexuals.

Reportedly, Brown has raised over \$260,000 but has not yet qualified for federal campaign funds. Qualifying contributions to earn matching funds must not include single contributions of more than \$250.

Brown has made a strong commitment to the gay community. He is frankly looking for monetary support from the gay voters.

Anyone interested in helping Governor Brown may write to THE VOICE at 1782 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, CA 94109 to obtain more information.

## SAME-SEX DANCING

An Austin (TX) disco violated the Driskill Hotel's disco violated the city's gay rights ordinance when it forbade same-sex dancing, but the hotel says it will appeal in this first test of the ordinance, asserting that the ordinance is preempted by State trespassing law. In a similar case several years ago, a Bloomington (Ind.) gay rights ordinance was held by the administrative agency not to apply to a same-sex dancing ban (the winning argument being that the ban applied to both heterosexuals and homosexuals and that the sex of one's dancing partner is no indication of one's sexual orientation). In the Austin case, the city prosecutor successfully argued that the impact of the ban was to affect gay people almost exclusively. The case is reported in the August 23 *Advocate*, but *Newsletter* editors have no further information.

## GAY RELATIONSHIP LAWSUIT

NCSCSL member Leonard Graff is representing defendant David Elwing in the suit brought by Elwing's former lover, Don Cox, seeking \$100,000 for breach of contract and in compensation for housekeeping duties. Thomas Gaye, of Washington (D.C.), represents the plaintiff. In the suit - *Cox v. Elwing*, No. 81-29-79, D.C. Sup. Ct., filed June 26 - plaintiff relies on *Marvin v. Marvin* principles, but, according to the July 16 *National Law Journal*, a conflicts issue as to whether Illinois or District of Columbia law should apply may be involved. The parties were united in a Metropolitan Community Church ceremony in Chicago two years ago; Illinois has no sodomy law, but the District does, and the latter fact might affect the validity of the alleged oral contract. The case received major publicity in the Washington press and nationally as well; Elwing is a Government employee, heretofore not publicly gay, but, according to Graff, he has not yet experienced notable repercussions at work.

## LESBIAN CUSTODY

A lesbian mother was awarded custody of her two adolescent daughters against the claim of their father in a decision by the Appellate Division of Superior Court in Trenton (NJ). By a 2-1 vote, the court decided that, while the girls probably would face "community disapproval" of their mother's sexuality, "this does not necessarily portend that their moral welfare or safety will be jeopardized," and the father has a "troubled and deviant" personality while the mother was dutiful. The appellate decision automatically qualifies for review by the New Jersey Supreme Court. The parties were identified only by initials. Judge Melvin P. Antell, author of the majority opinion, compared the case to a 1973 Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling that overturned a lower court decision that children should be taken from a mother who entered an interracial marriage.

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Editorial

TO BEGIN WITH

THE VOICE did not just happen. It began with an interest in writing and pleasures of reading which provide an extra dimension to life itself. The deeds of others both past and present augment our own lives and expand our memories back into the furthest recesses of time. The news as it develops and is reported offers participation in the great deeds of great men and gives all a vantage point from which to judge the actions of politicians, statesmen and fools.

Like an actor the publisher must have enough vanity to strut upon the public stage and play a self assigned role, hopefully to an appreciative audience. At the same time, those who do presume to write and vie for public attention, must acknowledge their responsibility to that public and to the individuals about whom things are written and published.

Each of us has preferences in politics and regarding the conduct of people and we all develop attitudes about them. All of us tend to judge what we hear, see and read. We will select the best about our friends and things we approve of, and we may look more harshly on the actions of those with whom we differ or with whom we disagree.

This publication will reflect the opinions and the attitudes of the publisher, but not at the expense of distortion. Every effort will be made to avoid negative characterization of individuals and the deliberate denigrations of institutions.

This does not mean that gross misconduct or criminality will be ignored.

Wherever, and whenever it seems pertinent, this will be discussed, if it felt the public may be interested.

The columnists have been encouraged to express their attitudes and make their own judgements regarding issues, candidates or whatever they are writing about. They are, however, asked to refrain from causing hurt just for the sake of it, and they are required to be honest and as accurate as possible when reporting anything.

THE VOICE will attempt to cover a great variety of subject matter and wherever possible in greater depth. It will contain subject matter that will hopefully evoke thought. The public is encouraged to respond to anything we publish, either pro or con. Articles may be submitted and if they are thought to be things which others might like to read they will be published if possible.

Also as a matter of policy, nothing will be returned and lest postage is sent and a request is made along with a self addressed envelope.

THE VOICE has started its own archives of prints and photographs. The public is requested to help with the project by sending in photographs and prints which should be collected. Public figures are important to all of us; their pictures are of interest: black and white glossies, of course.

THE VOICE which is a small business venture will limit photo coverage of public officials because of the expense, unless the official provides a picture, at least until THE VOICE has built up its own photographic department.

On the other hand no expense will be spared to provide good graphic and

photographic materials when it is important to do so. The center fold of this issue is a case in point. The picture was the best available and had to be wired to the offices of THE VOICE and it had to be purchased for use from United Press International. It says in one picture what many columns of print cannot say.

THE VOICE will reflect in interest in history and philosophy. It will attempt to find an interested audience concerned with the human condition; creativity; the struggle for human dignity and understanding.

There was not room to publish the expressions of good wishes received by us. We were flattered to hear from the Office of the Governor; members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; the Metropolitan Community Church; the Noe Valley Merchants and various candidates including David Scott; Lee Dolsen, Kevin Wadsworth, Carol Ruth Silver; Bart Lee of the Libertarian Party and Quentin Kopp who is running for Mayor. We thank them all.

We are especially grateful to the advertisers who had faith in us and help make our first issue a success.

No one could hope to publish without some experience. For that I wish to personally acknowledge the help received while writing a regular column for William Beardemphl, when he owned the Sentinel; and to Bob Ross who gave me the same opportunity to write for the B.A.R. Also I should like to acknowledge the lessons taught by Paul Lorch of the B.A.R. when he had to edit my written material when I wrote for them.

PAUL D. HARDMAN, Publisher

*Paul D. Hardman*

Marina The Backside of Politics



ANYBODY BUT DIANNE

Hello again . . . for better or worse. All things considered, it's been a good time to take a vacation . . . a time to stand back and gain perspective . . . a time for self-examination . . . a time to ask if all the things we thought important enough to do battle for really were that important or just a matter of ego involvement.

"Let us conduct ourselves with dignity and self-examination," pleaded a grief stricken Board President Feinstein that shocking Monday. Regrettably, these words were for public consumption only. Those who were closest to the tragedy and part of the catext in which it occurred were too busy grabbing for anything they could lay their hands on to do any kind of examination, self or otherwise.

There were many pretty words, "rebuilding the bricks of govern-

ment," "bringing people together." Many were ready to give the newly-sworn in Mayor Feinstein the benefit of the doubt. Enough of tin angels marching in front of phantom armies, which is all San Francisco politics has been since 1975.

Common decency required it, but common decency cannot continue to sanction a record of duplicity and remain common decency.

THE RECORD OF DUPLICITY

Well, there was the Yes on Gain - No on Gain see-saw and the Mary Vail - Dr. Smallwood about face, and no need to rehash either. We will, instead, confine our remarks to the Mayor's public statements that she had no way of anticipating the events of the White-Night riots, which is allowed to be a patent falsehood.

David Scott has publicly alleged that the Mayor knew 72 hours in advance what might happen, and been criticized for ignoring it. Actually it may have been more like 96 hours. On Thursday afternoon at approximately 3:30 p.m. I personally called the Mayor's office and told Peter Nardoza that the groups and individuals who had previously been responsible for organizing successful "keep-the-lid-on" efforts, when riot potential ran high, would not be there this time around.

Specifically, and in detail, the Gay Community Center had a brand new director who was too green to know what to do in this kind of crisis. With its President out of town, the Pride Foundation's Board of Directors had no contingency plans. Sentinel Editor Charles Morris was a post-operative convalescent. Recognizing the vacuum, other groups of people, who had worked on the No on 6 campaign, discussed the possibility of organizing some sort of ad hoc effort. The idea was rejected. "Let the radicals hang themselves," they said.

"Well, it's yours and Charlie Gain's baby," I told Nardoza.

"Charlie Gain is in the office right now," he replied.

Del Dawson, one of the Pride's Board of Directors spoke to the Mayor directly early Friday evening transmitting much the same information. According to Dawson, Feinstein acknowledged the strong possibility of a manslaughter verdict on the basis of the courtroom maxim that the longer the jury stays out the lighter the verdict will be.

There is more involved than pleading ignorance, putting the blame squarely on Charlie Gain and thereby absolving oneself of any errors of judgement. You don't decrease polarization or bring people together by throwing a bone first to one side (Harry Britt for the radicals) and then to the other (Charlie Gain's head to the conservatives). As soon as folks get the idea that goodies will be meted out in proportion to their ability to stomp their feet and point their finger at the other guy, the foot stomping grows louder, the name calling shriller and polarization escalates.

In this administration, the tin gods are still marching. Their clanging is louder than ever before and any muted voices, that might be raised on behalf of the public interest, have been drowned in the din.

THE ALTERNATIVE

So what's the alternative? Conservative Quentin Kopp!!

To clarify the record Kopp's reputation as a conservative stems from two things - his opposition to busing in 1971 and his political alliance with John Barbagelata. As for the former, Kopp represented another minority who felt busing was inimical to its special needs - the Chinese. As to Barbagelata, that alliance existed primarily on matters of money (par-

ticularly money for municipal employees) and that has pretty well been shattered by Kopp's choice of Clint Reilly as his campaign manager.

Yes, even his staunchest supporters will admit Kopp's unfortunate tendency to intertemporarily shoot off his mouth, more often than not on matters of nitpicking inconsequence. But in a 5-year association, we have never known Kopp to do anything other than state unequivocally just how far he was prepared to go and then proceed to deliver what he had promised.

This includes going to bat for 24 gay transients living in a halfway house who were arbitrarily cut off welfare early in 1976. There are some who say he uses a cannon when a fly-swatter will do, but one department head (Sarsfield of Social Services) preferred to put 24 people back on the welfare rolls rather than comply with Kopp's request to produce a detailed account of the criteria he'd used to drop them.

There are some who call him a naysayer. But that ability to say no is also the ability to draw a line and stick to it - a quality Clint Reilly has artfully captured in his slogan "Strong Enough to Say No . . . Independent Enough to Say Yes." In an era of an ever increasing number of voices clamoring for a bigger share of a diminishing pie, that ability becomes most significant.

Which brings us to the most enigmatic candidate in this strange election, usually referred to as "the dark-horse gay reator" . . . but in our book . . .

THE MAYOR'S NEMESIS

. . . Mayoral candidate David Scott is as much a creature of Dianne Feinstein's political shenanigans as killer

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National Briefs

WASHINGTON (D.C.) TRANSIT ADVERTISING

NCSC member Leonard Graff was counsel in the successful suit of *Gay Activists Alliance v. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority* (U.S.D.C., D.C.). An injunction was issued forbidding the Authority from refusing advertising space to plaintiff. The court held that, while all political advertising might have been refused, once it was accepted from some advertisers it must be accepted from plaintiff. The decision also held that a District of Columbia ordinance forbidding discrimination because of sexual orientation is not applicable to the Transit Authority because it is the result of a multijurisdictional compact and enforcement of the ordinance against it (at least in connection with the instant advertising-related issues) had not been contemplated. Graff considers the court's reasoning on this point weak. The question of damages, costs, and fees remains open.

OHIO SOLICITATION CASES

Two cases involving Ohio's statute forbidding solicitation for homosexual (but not heterosexual) activity were disappointing. In *State v. Phipps*, the Ohio Supreme Court on June 6 reversed a lower appellate court that had declared the statute unconstitutional on vagueness and First Amendment grounds. By a 6-1 vote, the Supreme Court construed the statute as being a form of constitutional "fighting words" statute and remanded the case to the trial court. It is unclear from the Supreme Court's decision what is required for conviction, but the traditional "fighting words" standards would not govern, says NCSCCL co-chairman Tom Coleman. Coleman and NCSCCL member John Quigley were counsel for the NCSCCL and the Columbus chapter of the National Lawyers Guild as joint amici curiae.

In *State v. Faulk*, the same statute had been held by the same lower appellate court (but with two different judges sitting) to be violative of equal protection but not void for vagueness or First Amendment reasons. In a move that Coleman calls "ridiculous," the Supreme Court failed to act on a *Faulk* petition for hearing until the day *Phipps* was decided, when the petition was granted, the lower court was summarily reversed, and the case was remanded for trial on the "authority" of *Phipps* (which had not decided the equal protection issue).

(In 1974, the Ohio Supreme Court had upheld the Secretary of State's denial of incorporation to a Cincinnati gay group, holding - against the views of the State's own attorneys - that, despite decriminalization of homosexual activity, the "promotion of homosexuality as a valid life style" still violated public policy even though no previous Ohio Supreme Court decision had even used the word "homosexual," much less discussed its policy implications.)

NYC NUDE SUNBATHING

The New York City Council is likely to pass a bill unanimously recommended by a committee that would provide for some "optional swimsuit" sunbathing areas in the nation's largest city. Committee action came July 30 on the bill, which in its original form was intended to prohibit nude sunbathing at any waterfront location. As amended, it gives the Park Commissioner the right to designate "a properly enclosed area" for suitlessness; elsewhere, nude sunbathing would be subject to a \$25 fine and up to 10 days in jail.

INCESTUOUS MARRIAGE

A Salem (Mass.) Superior Court judge sentenced a brother and sister, David Goddu and Victoria Pittorino, to a one-year suspended sentence and two years' probation because of their incestuous marriage May 25. They had been separated 20 years ago by adoption and, after successfully searching for each other through birth records, met, fell in love, and were married.

NEW YORK CONSENSUAL SODOMY STATUTES TESTED

In a New York case, *People v. Onofre*, NCSCCL consultant William Gardner, of Buffalo, is preparing the Committee's brief as amicus to the New York Supreme Court's Appellate Division. Defendant was originally charged with three counts of forcible sodomy with one of consensual sodomy with a 17-year-old male; however, the forcible counts were dismissed after the "victim" admitted that no force was involved. Defendant was then convicted of consensual sodomy, a comparatively rare judicial event, yielding the opportunity of testing New York's statute as applied to consensual activity. Appellant's counsel is Bonnie Strunk of Syracuse.

The local district attorney is representing the People after the New York Attorney General declined to participate in the appeal. An excerpt from Attorney General Robert Abrams' March 10 speech attacking the New York statute's constitutionality is to be included in the NCSCCL amicus brief. The speech was delivered to a conference on gay rights and the law at New York University.

And in Pennsylvania, NCSCCL co-chairman Arthur Warner and member Tony Silvestre have been investigating possible involvement in another (heterosexual) consensual sodomy case. Warner reports that he has already procured a law professor's services as amicus counsel and that Philadelphia's Eromin Center plans also to be amicus, with Donald Martin of Norristown as counsel. The NCSCCL amicus brief would probably concentrate on privacy arguments.

The case, which was reported in the August 4 issue of Boston's *Gay Community News*, involves staff and patrons of Pittsburgh's Penthouse Theater, where patrons allegedly were permitted to participate in stage in various sexual acts with dancers. Four employees were held to trial on charges of voluntary deviate sexual intercourse and criminal conspiracy. The Allegheny County Criminal Court's judge George Ross ruled the statute on voluntary deviate sexual intercourse unconstitutional, citing case law in other jurisdictions holding sexual activity not involving force, corruption of minors, or public offense to be outside the criminal law's proper ambit. He also held the statute to be violative of equal protection because it exempts married couples.

The case is complicated by inept drafting of the Pennsylvania law: If the county prosecutor appeals and the trial court is upheld, the statutory section involved so intertwines the definition of both voluntary and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse that the prohibition of involuntary activity would be stricken as well, thus possibly motivating the legislature to enact a replacement statute that would be more objectionable than the present one (the legislature might prohibit only same-sex activity, a prohibition more difficult to challenge judicially than the present prohibition of both heterosexual and homosexual unmarried "deviate" activity). However, even without the section under attack, another statutory section defines rape to include involuntary sexual activity per os or per anum.

KALAMAZOO TOILET SPYING CASE

Kalamazoo's William Schma is counsel in a Michigan prosecution for consenting homosexual activity through a public restroom "glory hole" behind closed doors but observed by a ceiling camera. So far, the warrant for the filmed observation has been attacked on privacy grounds, but the "gross indecency between males" statute has not yet been called into question. If it is challenged for vagueness and overbreadth, NCSCCL Co-Chairman Coleman (originally from Michigan) feels that at least three (Michigan Supreme Court Justices would be likely to view the challenge sympathetically.

Bathhouse Raid

BATH HOUSE CONNUNDRUM

After off again on again "raids" to inspect permits at the new Bull Dog Bath House, the premises are being kept locked by the owners until the permit questions are settled.

There has been a bath house at 132 Turk Street, San Francisco for a quarter of a century. In recent years it has been operated by William Hickok, who now wishes to sell his business and retire.

William McNeely, who has a major interest in the Club Bath House on Rich Street, San Francisco, and part ownership in one in New York and in Hawaii, opened negotiations with Hickok.

A special corporation was created to facilitate the transfer of the business in an orderly way, that corporation included the seller Hickok, and the ultimate purchasers. The corporation was recorded in January 1979. The new corporation was not intended to be the operator of the bath house, that was still left to Hickok, according to the testimony given at the police hearings held on October 9th and October 16th, 1979.

In March of 1979 the ultimate owners formed an organization which would take over the business once the transfer was affected. Reportedly it included William McNeely; George Roth; Robert Mober; Glen Gerber and Richard Delise.

While the transfer of the business was in progress, building permits were obtained to make changes and improvements; including a sprinkler system and outside flood lights and the planting of trees.

Having applied for the necessary permits, and upon advice of their attorney, Thomas Horn, Esq.; the police and the public were put on notice of the pending sale. As expected, and as required, public hearings were scheduled to complete the transfer of the business.

On Tuesday October 9, 1979 a formal hearing was in progress at the Hall of Justice when a telephone call interrupted the proceedings to inform attorney Thomas Horn that his clients' premises had been "raided" and eight employees had been arrested and taken into custody, because of questions regarding the permits; at the same time the hearing officer was declaring that the existing permit to operate was still valid.

This naturally caused some confusion. The group then went into the offices of the Captain of the Bureau of Special Services (Vice Squad) George Eimel. Captain Eimel, reviewed the situation and discussed various problem areas, including accusations that bath houses are often "Mafia owned" in other cities.

Captain Eimel held a fair and frank discussion with the applicants and indicated that his investigation did not produce any evidence that any of them was in any way a part of the Mafia. In fact, information developed that many of those in the bath house purchase were related to policemen and firemen in New York and other cities and had very solid backgrounds.

The relationship with Jack Cambell, who had previously owned the bath house on Rich Street became an issue since Cambell had been arrested for operating what amounted to an alleged call boy service in Mayor Dianne Feinstein's neighborhood, last year.

McNeely had bought out the interest of Cambell in the Rich Street bath house, which was approved by the police at the time. Cambell reportedly owns a bath house in Hawaii in which McNeely has a minor stock interest, but no important connection could be made of the limited business relationships. Cpt. Eimel seemed satisfied. Over and over again it was repeated that the old permit was valid and that it was O.K. to operate.

Late that night, or early in the following morning, police officers once again visited the premises at 132 Turk Street. Upon advice of attorney, the place was still closed and not open for business. A frantic call to Deputy Chief D'Arcy averted another mis-

understanding. Attorney Horn made the call and believed all would be quiet from then on.

While he was in court the next morning October 10th, Sgt. West from Central Station had ordered the premises padlocked; they had been "raided" again.

A call to Cpt. Eimel that morning by THE VOICE found the Captain mystified. A visit to the office of the District Attorney found them mystified. The Chief's office had no details, a string of Deputy Chiefs did not know the details either. Even St. West who was a party to all the proceedings, including the public hearings, seem confused about his instructions: first to "close them" then "let them operate" and then "close them."

It appears that Deputy Chief Mullen, after consultation with the police departments legal officer, decided that there was still confusion over the permits; he ordered the place locked up.

On October 16, 1979 at a regularly scheduled public hearing on the matter, all the problems were ironed out and a recommendation was made to advise the Chief to issue a license on a conditional basis: until the Vice Squad can complete all of its inquiries. Cpt. Eimel had expressed satisfaction, to this point, and recommended the issuance of a temporary permit; however, he was being cautious until all the data was actually in.

Behind the scenes, and raising questions regarding "mob" connections was Raymond Broshears. He notified THE VOICE that he knew that the FBI was interested and that "they" had taken tapes of the proceedings at the public hearings. He also stated that he had recorded the public hearing to preserve the testimony of those who spoke in favor of the permit issuance.

At the public hearings, which are a matter of record, Broshears took a strong position against the issuance of a permit to the new bath house owners stating as his reasons: that he objected because of the fact that women were not permitted in a men's bath house. He also wanted them to be required to have blue lights outside the premises, and he declared that the building was poorly lighted. Broshears declared that he was not in opposition to the bath, but did want his complaint on behalf of women and lighting to be heeded.

McNeely, in response to the question of lighting, pointed out that they had, in fact, just installed automatic flood lights on the outside of the building which provided a 1000 watts of light power from dusk to dawn. He went on to point out that they had even planted trees and cleaned up the streets in the area to enhance the appearance of the neighborhood.

McNeely could not comprehend what role Broshears was trying to play during the hearings and was concerned that too much credibility would be given to the man which would then cost about 150 young men their much needed jobs at the bath house.

Broshears insists that his motives are for the benefit of the Tenderloin and the people who live there, which he contends would not include the 150 men who would lose their employment.

There have also been accusations by Broshears that he has been threatened by unknown persons who have telephoned him regarding his role in the bath house permit situation. The suggestion seems to be that the new owners are calling him, but there is no confirmation of the allegations. Broshears informed THE VOICE that he has taped the calls and turned the matter over to the "authorities."

McNeely denies any knowledge of calls to anyone as complained about by Broshears, but wonders why the charges are being made by Broshears, or why he is involved at all.

As it stands now, a temporary permit, which will become permanent when the police inquiries are completed, should be issued and the bath house is expected to reopen under its new management.

When THE VOICE decided to endorse Quentin Kopp for Mayor, the conclusion was reached after much serious consideration of some very basic facts. However, the endorsement in no way intended to put down a candidate like David Scott, who is highly respected in the community.

San Francisco, like the country at large is heading into a very complex future. The fundamental structure of our economy is being challenged by inflation and energy problems. As a city problems of social services and public employee wages will have to be dealt with at a highly skilled level. Old time politics as usual should not have to be a part in the affairs of the city.

Management skills are what will be required. Limited tax funds are available especially since the passage of Pro. 13. The neighborhoods and those in need of social services must look to a manager who can do the best with limited resources and assure that the City will enjoy financial stability.

The City Controller John Farrell predicted a \$117,000,000.00 deficit for San Francisco in 1980; and the only way a city can pay its debts is through taxes, or through cut backs in services and city employees.

Vital services like police protection and fire protection cannot be reduced safely. The papers are full of crime reports and the attacks on the muni riders has become serious. Fire Chief Casper has declared that the fire department is already understaffed.

The City Library system cannot be neglected, muni needs financial support, and the buildings and equipment of the city must be maintained.

Quentin Kopp has spent the past nine years mastering the machinery of City Government. He has authored many laws which have produced better services for the city at lower costs.

It was Kopp who wrote the law requiring competitive bidding on all city contracts; he wrote the law requiring city meetings to be open; he wrote the

law requiring City Commissioners to disclose business relationships; he wrote the law to make the voters handbook easier to use; he wrote the law to limit the power of the Mayor to call a State of Emergency without the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors; he authored the law which requires all revenue bonds and lease financing agreements to be approved by the Board of Supervisors; he wrote the law limiting campaign contributions to \$500.00; and he wrote the law which consolidated the office of Treasurer and Tax Collector.

He has resisted excessive fringe and retirement benefits while supporting incentives for employees who work hard. He has opposed costly outside consultants and has been open to creative suggestions. He has consistently supported the needs of people in opposition to the DOWNTOWN FIRST policy of the City Government.

Lest we forget: Kopp was the only elected Democratic official to publicly protest the attack on Harvey Milk by the Mayor when Harvey was removed from the Board of Permit Appeals. He supported Milk when he ran for Supervisor and when Milk ran for the Assembly in the 1976 race.

He recently declared "I have always believed and stated that discrimination has no place in Civil Service. If we are to provide fairness and equity, then all persons, regardless of their sexual preference, should be accorded the right to compete equally to become police officers." That statement tends to sum up his fair-minded opinions on the role of gay citizens in the community.

Kopp has been a Supervisor since 1971. He is the father of three children. Kopp was born in Syracuse, New York on August 11, 1928. His father was a small town druggist, and it was

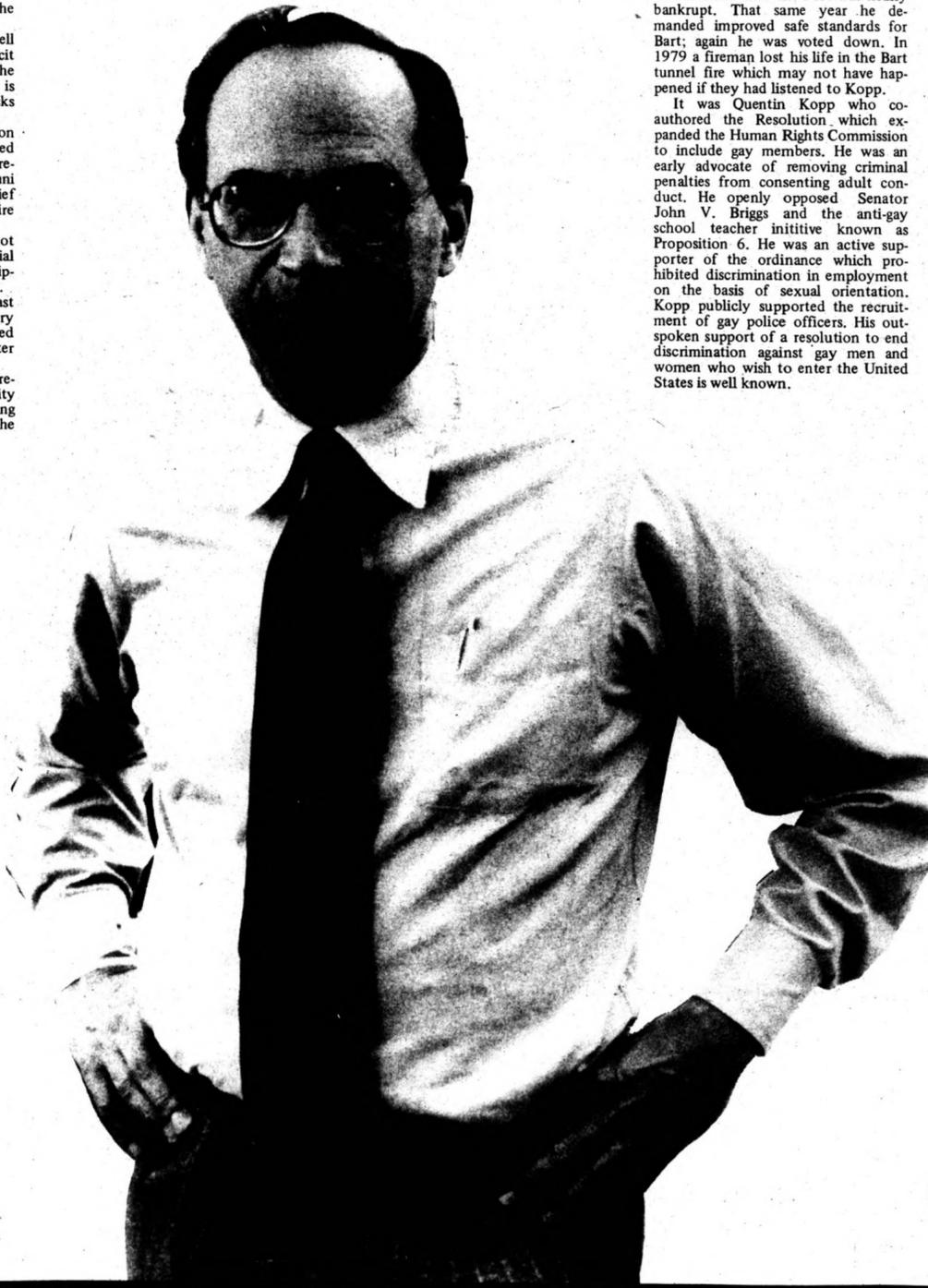
in the family shop that young Quentin got his early experience with economics. Kopp has been in San Francisco since 1955. He opened his law practice here in 1959 on Post Street. His record of service to community organizations is extensive.

In the opinion of THE VOICE San Franciscans have the opportunity to elect a capable Mayor, if they elect Quentin Kopp.

He has an impressive record. In 1973 he was alarmed at the mounting state surplus and called upon the then Governor Ronald Reagan to halt a ½ cent sales tax. The surplus was at nearly \$1,000,000,000.00 and growing at the rate of \$1,000,000,000.00 per day. Still\*Reagan refused. It took Proposition 13 in 1978 to end the problem.

In 1974 Kopp demanded an audit of the Port of San Francisco. He was voted down; yet two years later it was revealed that the Port was nearly bankrupt. That same year he demanded improved safe standards for Bart; again he was voted down. In 1979 a fireman lost his life in the Bart tunnel fire which may not have happened if they had listened to Kopp.

It was Quentin Kopp who co-authored the Resolution which expanded the Human Rights Commission to include gay members. He was an early advocate of removing criminal penalties from consenting adult conduct. He openly opposed Senator John V. Briggs and the anti-gay school teacher initiative known as Proposition 6. He was an active supporter of the ordinance which prohibited discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation. Kopp publicly supported the recruitment of gay police officers. His outspoken support of a resolution to end discrimination against gay men and women who wish to enter the United States is well known.



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The Co-author of Prop. Q.

As the under-dog in the race for the office of District Attorney, Bart Lee has made an important impact on the voters by being the co-author of the Vice Squad Abolition Initiative which will be on the ballot as Proposition Q.

**YES ON Q - ABOLISH THE VICE SQUAD - BY ERIC GARRIS**

This November's election in San Francisco there will be on the ballot an issue as important to gay people as last year's Proposition 6 campaign. Proposition Q, the initiative to abolish the Vice Squad here in the City is an offensive, rather than defensive move against government interference in the private lives of everyone, gay and straight.

Proposition Q makes it illegal to maintain a special police squad dealing with "vice" crimes - essentially, prostitution, gambling, pornography, and "lewd" acts between consenting adults. It also repeals all of the local laws and regulations dealing with these activities.

The Vice Squad is used traditionally to harass and arrest gay people and other minorities who are engaged in voluntary, peaceful activities. Not just in San Francisco, but all across the nation Vice Squads are used, especially around election time, to go after groups who the political forces in power want to repress or eliminate.

In San Francisco, we've seen a tremendous increase in Vice Squad activity since the Feinstein administration came into office. Earlier this year the Vice Squad tried to close down a number of gay clubs until the election got to close and the political pressure got too great and a temporary truce was called. Since then some of the more notable actions the Vice Squad has performed have included:

- Busting a Disco Club in Hunter's Point; over 100 people were arrested for "being in a place where gambling was occurring."

- Entrapping and arresting a call boy for the benefit of KPIX Television viewers to demonstrate the necessity of a Vice Squad and present the No on Q position.

- Arresting over 50 customers at the Mitchell Brothers O'Farrell Theater during a slapstick-style raid.

- Preventing the opening of the new Century Theater on Larkin Street.

- Raiding Mah Jong gambling parlors in Chinatown.

- Cruising Dolores Park for pickups while violent attacks occur against gay people under their very noses.

Proposition Q was proposed and put on the ballot by the San Francisco Libertarian Party. The Libertarians collected over 15,000 signatures of registered voters to qualify the initiative for the November ballot.

Bart Lee, the co-author of the initiative, is also a candidate for District Attorney in this year's election. District Attorney Freitas has come out against it and Lee is the only candidate running for that seat who has come out to support the initiative. Lee is also the only candidate who has

called for amnesty for the May 21st defendants and total non-enforcement of all victimless crime laws.

In addition to the Libertarian Party, Prop. Q is supported by a wide-ranging list of community leaders and organizations. Groups endorsing include the Democratic County Central Committee, the Barristers Club, Citizens for Justice, the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, District 8 Democratic Club, and the American Civil Liberties Union - Gay Rights Chapter.

Individual endorsers of Prop. Q include Supervisor John Molinari, School Board members Rosario Anaya, Ben Tom, and Bill Maher, Community College Board member Lillian Sing, Rev. Cecil Williams, Arnold Townsend, Paul Hardman, Charles McCabe, Bob Ross, David Scott, Mike Hennessy, Jim Lewis, Dennis Peron, Mark Pickens, Leonard Matlovich, Howard Wallace, and Gordon Brownell.

Opponents of the initiative aren't lining up as quickly as supporters, but the list is respectable. They include the San Francisco Examiner, Mayor Feinstein, the Police Officers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and Freitas. Ballot arguments and early literature by opponents shows that they intend a smear campaign against "sexual deviates that prey on our youth," and other statements reminiscent of the Briggs campaign.

They intend to hit hard on the child prostitution aspect, a subject having nothing to do with this campaign since "consenting adults" is defined and singled out by the initiative. Child prostitution and pornography is now and still will be handled by the Youth Services Division. However, it makes sensational ad and news copy so the opponents are playing it up for all that it's worth, which is not much.

Polls show that the Vice Squad is not popular in San Francisco. A recent poll showed that two out of three people surveyed in the City think that police protection would increase if the Vice Squad was abolished. San Francisco is an open and tolerant city where people don't want to see five million dollars per year of their tax money spent harassing innocent people.

The passage of Prop. Q will make it clear to the officials of San Francisco that its citizens won't tolerate this harassment. I urge you all to go out and work for the passage of this measure. For more information or to send contributions, contact the Yes on Q Committee, c/o Libertarian Party, 1620 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94111 or call 397-1336.

Power Struggle

A chain of events which began with the emergence of the gay community as a viable force in politics has seen the murder of a mayor and a gay supervisor. The aftermath of those tragic events has produced struggle within the gay community among those contending for leadership, power or recognition.

Although the contests should bring about a more diversified group of leaders, it may weaken the community politically since there are few who can muster the charisma mastered by the late Harvey Milk.

In large measure the problem which could have been expected, was made worse by the vacillation and indecision of Mayor Dianne Feinstein after her appointment. She wasted little time in replacing herself in District 2.

Whatever her motives may have been for the cruel delay, the effect has been to proliferate factionalism in the gay community and especially in District 5.

Right from the beginning there were rumors and rumors of rumors. Ann Kroenberg was an obvious choice in the early stages; she did not live in the district, but that was easily remedied; just let her move and wait a month.

Next in the rumor mill was the name of David Scott. He was solid, more conservative perhaps, than Kroenberg in the perception of the public, and President of the Board of Permit Appeals, a job Milk had held until fired by Mayor George Moscone. Scott too had a residency problem, a month wait would be required.

As time passed, the jockeying for power increased, and the inept handling by Feinstein got worse. Or was it deliberate on the part of Feinstein? Did she set out to create a problem in order to weaken the gay vote by splintering it?

Supervisor Carl Ruth Silver apparently could not keep out of the mess, either it was her own idea, or more probably the idea of one of her "advisors," nevertheless she started touting a teacher from San Francisco State as an alternative to Ann Kroenberg!

Naturally enough, that indicated slipping support for Kroenberg. Then there were all those well meaning "workers" groups who organized demand demonstrations for her. Gay support was there even though mixed, yet one local gay paper began to refer to her as "the widow Milk" and criticized her for living in Milk's apartment after the murders.

From behind the scenes, a person who was part of a group being consulted by Feinstein contends that although Kroenberg was an "emotionally based" candidate being considered; others were being given more real consideration. Among those mentioned as possible choices included Frank Robinson, David Scott and Del Dawson, and it was known that Bob Ross was interested. Yet despite the availability of capable candidates, the Mayor ignored those asked to be consultants on the subject. She selected Harry Britt! Up until the time of the announcement it was just Harry who??

To contend that Britt was named because he was a friend of Milk's and was mentioned on the famous secret tapes, of Harvey Milk, is hardly believable. Both Jo Daly and Jim Foster were mentioned on the tapes, and reportedly not in any favorable light. Not that that should be the basis of any judgement regarding the merits of either Daly or Foster as human beings or as local gay personalities, but only to judge the sincerity of those who would use the tape one way one time and one way another time to suit political motives.

As a side note here it was interesting to learn that according to Harvey Milk's personal attorney, John Eshelman Wahl, Milk did not want the contents of the tape made public, they were meant for specific persons to hear. It was a clerk working for Supervisor Silver who reportedly made

the contents known. Even then, according to those who heard the tapes, they contended that the report given out by the unauthorized revelation was distorted and slanted.

The whole nasty business around the secret tapes is symptomatic of the poor judgement exercised by some people. Frankly, Milk's opinions regarding Daly, Foster or Kroenberg and Britt should never have been used for or against anyone. What was needed then as now is some semblance of unity of purpose even if the paths to the goals may differ.

The gross mishandling of the Kroenberg situation and of the political aspirations of David Scott suggest total indifference by Feinstein or an almost diabolic cleverness designed to hurt the gay community.

Scott has become a serious block to Feinstein's ambition. His strong candidacy, which seems to be drawing votes away from Feinstein in the Mayoral race may force the run-off which could see Feinstein defeated.

Kroenberg appears to have moved out of the mainstream of gay politics and into a more feminist position. Instead of the traditional liaison between gay men and lesbians we are witnessing a shift by lesbians to abandon their gay brothers along strictly sexist lines.

"Divide and conquer!" wittingly or otherwise, that is what Feinstein has done and if she proves to be the closet homophobe she is considered to be, then more oppression may be expected.

Take notice, both men and women, it was under Feinstein that Peg's Place was the scene of the police abuse of lesbians; it has been under Feinstein that bars and bath houses have been harassed; it was under Feinstein that the popular Chief of Police Charles Gain has been forced out of power; it has been under Feinstein that the non-resident police have been able to dictate city policy.

The off again on again; hot and cold policies of Feinstein have created serious problems. The Dan White verdict, and its frightful aftermath, should have been anticipated and guarded against.

San Francisco voters will have a choice in November. Among the choices available to gay voters is of course David Scott, who may well capture 10% of the vote or at least enough to give Quentin Kopp a chance to unseat Feinstein. Kopp then is cast in the interesting role of potential savior of the gay community interests.

He has attempted to understand the aspirations of local artists, he has sided with school teachers in their strike and he has tried to work in the gay community interest. Kopp points to his record of understanding and hopes to win on his record and on his proven ability.

The race for District Attorney is also symptomatic of problems in the community. Joe Freitas is being depicted as insensitive to gay rights. Whether that is true or not is subjective, what matters is that many people have that opinion, especially as a result of the Dan White trial.

Carol Ruth Silver has entered the DA race and she brings into it her own unique set of problems. Her office employees have engaged in factional politics in the gay community which have nothing to do with Silver, but which may cost her considerable support. The discord between Walter Caplan, a clerk in her office, and individuals and officials connected with the Gay Freedom Day Parade was well covered in the gay press.

Arlo Smith as an experienced professional with years of experience in the Attorney General's office has put him into a good position to challenge Freitas; if Silver fails to muster enough strength.

Joe Russenello, a former Assistant D.A. may suffer from having been too good at his job when the laws were harder on gay people. They may just not forgive or forget.

IT'S NO FUN IF THEY CHOP YOUR HEAD OFF - Paul D. Hardman

The son of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini made a rare public pronouncement against the execution of prostitutes by Iran's Islamic revolutionary courts. Those same courts have also condemned homosexuals to death.

The men were fined and punished with sentences ranging from four months in prison to 100 lashes.

"If the use of force were effective, the shah would still be in power." Hojatolislam Khomeini reminded the religious zealots while urging the country to fight against social problems rather than their effects.

The same subject was the basis of an article written by William Bradford, Esq. in 1745, which may be interesting to note since we seem to make such slow progress in the area of human understanding.

In a work entitled "An Enquiry how far the Punishment of Death is Necessary in Pennsylvania," Bradford made the following observations:

"OF THE CRIME AGAINST NATURE: This crime, to which there is of little temptation, that philosophers have affected to doubt its existence, is, in America, as rare as it is detestable. In a country where marriages take place so early, and the intercourse between the sexes is not difficult, there can be no reason for severe penalties to restrain this abuse. The wretch, who perpetrates it, must be in a state of

mind which may occasion us to doubt whether he be *sui juri* at the time; or whether he reflects on the punishment at all. The infamy of detection would, of itself, be sufficient punishment to restrain any one who was not certain of being discovered: and what terror has any punishment to him who believes that his crime will never be known? The experiment that has been made, proves that the mildness of the punishment has not increased (sic) the offence.

"In the six years preceeding the act, and while the crime was capital, there are on record two instances of it: in the same period since, there is but one.

"It was impossible this last offender could be seduced by the mildness of the punishment, because at the time, and long after his arrest, he believed it to be a capital crime.

"These facts prove, that to punish this crime with death would be an useless severity. They may teach us, like the capital punishments formerly inflicted on adultery and witchcraft, how dangerous it is rashly to adopt Mosaic institutions . . .

"Laws might have been proper for a tribe of ardent barbarians wandering through the sands of Arabia, which are wholly unfit for an enlightened people of civilized and gentle manners."

Hojatolislam Khomeini might say "amen" to that.

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E-DAY is just two weeks away. I'm talking about Election Day of course on November 6 and I do hope all you registered Gay voters head for the polls in droves and vote the Gay Ticket. You might want to get some of your relatives or straight friends to the polls and get them to vote the Gay Ticket also. Now you are probably asking yourself what the Gay Ticket is all about, so I'll tell you.

It isn't about District Attorney, Joseph Freitas because he's straight, not in the head though, his head is a little crooked and so are a few of his ideas. I mean he was once a friend and admirer of Jim Jones, the communist murderer of all those people in Jonestown and he once accused our great decaathlon champion Bruce Jenner of not eating Wheaties, the breakfast of Champions and he is absolutely paranoid about kiddie undie ads. He also believes in justice, or so he says, but this doesn't include Gays on juries. No, that's a no no in his book, why if he put Gays on juries, they might win a few cases and receive justice in San Francisco. He doesn't believe in Gays on juries where ex-cops are concerned either, after all, he has to work with cops, day after day in the court rooms. I guess he thinks those cops will vote for him come election time. What's that figure again, 25 percent actually live in the city. Oh yes, remember that famous list of Gay people he had Don Dissler and one of his other stooges make up, you know the list I'm referring to. It's the one that had many prominent Gay leaders on it followed by derogatory remarks that even Data-Boy wouldn't print. And then there is that private club affair and the Peg's Place incident and his closing down of all the Male Modeling Agencies so that Gay Closeted visitors to San Francisco can wind up being murdered, after all we do have to have victims otherwise prostitution would be a victimless crime. It's too bad they can't tell that to Howard O. Phillips. Which brings up another point. If witnesses are granted immunity from the crimes they committed so they can lie for the D.A.'s office so the

D.A. can hang someone, guess who winds up being the victim. No the Gay Ticket doesn't have Joe's name on it.

The Gay Ticket doesn't have Dianne Feinstein's name on it either, after all, as Mayor, she heads the city and can turn the faucet on or off so to speak. Dianne works closely with the Chief of Police and the District Attorney and remember, Dianne supports the re-election of Joseph Freitas so if people are known by the company they keep, she is in shady company. Madame Feinstein thinks it's alright for the POA which has about 25 percent of its members living in the city, to come into town from Novato and elsewhere, and harass Gay people and other minorities. The POA might think they are in the military but the civilians of San Francisco do not approve of their para-military tactics. Most of us have already spent our time in the military and we are sick and tired of their Gestapo attitude. Mayor Feinstein gave the green light to close our adult theatres even though the California and United States Supreme Courts have ruled time and time again that these operations are LEGAL. So in reality Ms. Feinstein gave the order to harass these places of business and in order to do that, she needed the help of District Attorney Freitas. It was recently discovered in Los Angeles that the police department in that city had arrest quotas and now I'm wondering if the same situation exists in this city. Do our public servants, most of whom live out of town, come into town, make a few arrests and then hurry back to the safety of their own towns without putting in their eight hours? What I don't understand is Madame Dianne's firing of Chief Gain. She was standing by his side the night of May 21 at City Hall during the riot and knew damn well the situation which existed there at the time. Mayor Feinstein lit the fire against the Gay people of San Francisco which in turn allowed the DA to start his harassment of Gay people. Yes, the Madame likes the POA, and the Vice Squad without whom she wouldn't be able to suppress Gay people and other minorities like those poor old Chinese the Vice Squad busted the other evening for playing checkers in China Town. And what about the Bull Dog Baths and the Century Theatre La Feinstein? Yes indeed, birds of a feather do flock together and Feinstein and Freitas are two of a kind who pay more attention to some demented letter writer than they do in running the city. What I'd like to know is who runs City Hall and the SFPD? The demented letter writer or our elected officials. I guess it's easier and safer for the Vice Squad to arrest harmless old Chinese than it is to hunt down murderers, muggers, purse snatchers, rapists, etc., etc., etc.

What proposition "Q" says in effect is quite simply, stop telling us what we can SEE, what we can READ, and what we can, or cannot do with our bodies. If you enjoy having the Vice Squad breathing down your necks vote No on "Q" - but if you are as fed up as I am, VOTE YES ON "Q." We are no longer children, we are adults and we know what's best for us.

GAY SYNAGOGUE

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco is one of the few cities in the world to have a Jewish synagogue specifically for gays.

Every Friday night both gay men and women gather at Sha'ar Zahav - the Congregation of the Golden Gate. Members read traditional responses in Hebrew and English, sing together, and end with the Kaddish, the prayer for the dead. Then they socialize at the Oneg Habbat, a reception with tea, coffee, and sweets, just as other Jews do all over America.

An example of a prayer written expressly for Sha'ar Zahav is the following:

"O God, remember today our gay sisters and brothers who were martyred in years past: those who were burned at the stake in the Middle Ages, as well as those who perished in the Holocaust. Remember also those who, driven to despair at living in a

world that hated them because of their love for one another, took their own lives..."

Some of the traditional prayers have also been altered somewhat to eliminate what lesbian members had complained were sexist references. Such changes have been important in unifying the small congregation (some 100 members) and keeping it from losing all of its women.

Several months ago, some of the women members quit over the issue of sexism. But a small group remained. Splits in synagogues over ideology are not unknown and the problems of Sha'ar Zahav are otherwise little different from more traditional congregations everywhere - leadership, finances, and maintaining membership.

The rabbi of the gay synagogue is Rabbi Allen Bennett, the first ordained rabbi in the nation to head a gay synagogue, and one of the few

WHAT'S GOING ON HALLOWEEN 1979

BLUE & GOLD: Halloween Contest, Prizes, Champagne, Best Costumes, Singles, Couples, Groups, 136 Turk Street, 776-8435.

PINES & COMPANY: Special Halloween Show featuring The Fantasy Fazes, Pine & Jones, Nob Hill, 885-9871.

TROCADERO TRANSFER: Annual Black Party, 11 PM, 520 4th St., 495-6620.

FICKLE FOX: Halloween Dinner Served, 842 Valencia St., 826-3373.

FRISCO ROYAL: Halloween Contest, Prizes for best costumes, Singles, Couples, Groups, Champagne, 60 6th Street, 863-5314.

NEW BELL SALOON: Halloween Contest, Prizes, Surprises, 1203 Polk Street, 775-6905.

RED EYE SALOON: Halloween Contest, Prizes, Surprises, 335 Jones St., 441-3585.

N'TOUCH: Halloween Contest, check it out, 1538 Polk Street, 441-8413.

LE DISQUE: Halloween party in the Haight, 1840 Haight St., 221-2022.

ALFIE'S: Haunted House Halloween Party, 2140 Market St., 626-2543.

GALLEON: Halloween Dinner Served, 718 14th Street, 431-0253.

THE MINT: Halloween Dinner Served, 1942 Market Street, 626-4726.

OIL CAN HARRY'S: Annual Halloween Party, Prizes, 709 Larkin St., 928-9660.

\*P.S. RESTAURANT: Costume Party, (theme) Sound of Music, Halloween Dinner Served, 1121 Polk Street, 441-7798.

527 CLUB: Halloween Dinner Served, party atmosphere, 527 Bryant, 495-4527.

LE DOMINO: Halloween Dinner Served, 17th & Florida, 626-3095.

GORDONS: Halloween Dinner Served, 118 Jones Street, 771-7575.

STUDIO WEST: Halloween Party, mostly straights, 100 Vallejo off Embarcadero.

JACKSON'S: Halloween Dinner Served, party atmosphere, 2237 Powell at Bay, 397-9797.

NINES: Halloween Dinner Served, 1416 Powell at Broadway, 771-9800.

WARFIELD THEATRE: Special performance Halloween night of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Live performance by "Double Feature" and Costume Contest. All seats \$4.00.

TROCADERO TRANSFER: Castro Street Construction Co. presents, Celebration III "ERECTIONS" Friday, October 19, 1979, 9 PM Till Dawn, Very Special Guest Stars, No Host Bars. Advance Tickets \$15.00.

ZEPHYR OAKLAND: Big Halloween blast, Amanda Hughes, Club Car Show Lounge, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 480 3rd Street, Oakland, 835-3060.

PLEASE NOTE: Polk Street will not be closed this Halloween and a few Gay bars will be CLOSED, notably The Giraffe. Castro Village should be the center of attraction this Halloween so be cool and have a grand time!

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- Daniel Curzon / IGNA Author of *Among the Carnivores*

openly gay ones. Rabbi Bennett acknowledges that homosexuality is disavowed by Judaism, but he believes the establishment of his congregation, now two years old, will open doors. He said, "Instead of pushing people away from their religion, we are welcoming them."

Local Jewish leaders appear to have adopted an attitude of acceptance of Bennett's work, while declining to express approval or disapproval of the gay synagogue itself.

Rabbi Joseph Asher, leader of one of San Francisco's largest congregations, said that "each rabbi is autonomous - it's not for me to approve or disapprove." He went on to say, "Rabbi Bennett is a very fine man. If he feels he can serve a portion of the Jewish community that might not otherwise be served, that's fine."

- Daniel Curzon / IGNA

ALL MALE "HELLO DOLLY" OPENS AT JAPAN CENTER Perry A. George

The town is abuzz with anxious anticipation; the sewing machines are awhir getting costumes ready. The steady whacking of hammers is creating the sets. On October 20th, the miracle of theater will happen. San Francisco's foremost resident male actress "Michelle" will be in the title role, celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary in show business.

"Hello Dolly," the musical that has featured so many big stars from Carol Channing to Bibi Osterwald, now has a male performer in the title role.

Michelle is not a stranger to this role having done it in May of 1971 for S.I.R., and in September of the same year for the Yonkers Production Company. Both of these productions have faded away, however, "Hello Dolly" and Michelle are alive and well and ready to play to even bigger houses than they did in 1971.

The new group, Robert Michaels Productions, will run this popular show from October 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, and November 1, 2, 3, 4. All show time is at 8:30 p.m. with special matinee performance November 4th at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are at \$8.00 and \$10.00 and they are available at Downtown Center Box Office, Macy's, Emporium and Capwells, and Gramophone Record Shop; or you may call 553-0280.

Although I was myself a coproducer of the two 1971 productions of the show, I have refrained from attending any of the current rehearsals, so that when I go see the new "Dolly" it will be a fresh and new experience for me.

I know the show and I know Michelle's ability to be a perfect Dolly. I can hardly wait and I hope our readers don't!

Cold Hands

COLD HANDS by Joseph Pentaura, Simon and Schuster. \$10.95

God, I wanted this novel to be as wonderful throughout as it is for much of its first 275 pages. To be taken seriously the gay literary movement must have as much splendid novels as it can get, and *Cold Hands* has so much going for it - stunningly beautiful writing, a luminous seriousness that marks it as quality literature (not the commercial pap the major publishers are turning to more and more because they want to make profits - my real question is why they don't just turn to drug dealing if all they care about is Big Money and forget art altogether!) So I was crushed when the last quarter of this book turned out to have several colossal aesthetic blunders.

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# IN AND ABOUT OUR TOWN

The Beaux Arts ball is Sat. Oct. 27th at the civic auditorium. There will be \$5000 in prizes; it should be a fun nite. — Have you seen what Bill & Dusty have done to the Railway Express? If you liked it before, you'll love it now! The place is alive with plants, and the walls are echoing the great tones of Sharon McNight. If you have not seen this lady give yourself a treat, do! I cannot have enough about her styling and the way she puts over a song. As I said, before, you may have heard a song many times, but when Sharon sings it is like you are hearing it for the first time. Don't forget to put her on your must see list. Sharon McNight a real \*\*\*\* four-star hit!

I hope you all read the article on page 16 of the last B.A.R. about the I-Beam and if you live in District 5 you really should read it! The article will show you where Hallinon & Pachtner heads are at and be sure and take a good look at Harry Britt and better yet get out and help him if you still want a voice in City Hall. Drop by his headquarters at 542-A Castro St. and see what you can do. — If you're a Carol Ruth Silver fan you may have attended her \$50 a plate dinner at Sabella's, if not, be sure and hear what she has to say as she is running for District Attorney and has been a friend to our community. — The race for mayor will be (or is) a hot one. Look over the candidates carefully! Let's hope our vote is not split and the wrong one gets in. Kopp seems to be picking up speed and made a great speech to the Tavern Guild but then so did Feinstein who walked out to a cheering crowd. Mr. Kopp seems to be a nice man but then actions speak louder than words. I really did not expect the man to come to a gay function and say he did not like gays. Equal rights for everyone is great but that's just what our constitution states and so do all the other candidates, so that's new? Be sure and guard your vote well as the wrong person could set gay rights back a good 10 years. — The gay march on Washington DC will be over by the time you read this but from the looks of things as of this writing it should really be something else! Seems half of S.F. went and was glad to see Harry Britt was one of the speakers. While you're looking over candidates give a good look at Mike Hennessey. He is running for sheriff and has the full support of our former beloved sheriff Hongisto, one hell of a great guy. If you own a business in District 5 you had better watch out for Wallace as he is very pro-union which is just what the gay businesses do not need! — It seems the straight small business did not do so well under the union that's why there are so many gay owned businesses now. What makes him think the union will not do the same thing to our small gay businessmen? Have you been to a union bar or club and seen the price of drinks? I don't believe the gay men & women of S.F. want to pay those kind of prices for a drink (or whatever) just so they can fill the pockets of the now fading unions of S.F. The hairdressers voted out the barbers' union years ago. What makes Mr. Wallace think the barbers would not do the same thing. There may be a problem getting a job in S.F. but then a lot of gays want to live here and the man & woman power outways the demand. I'm afraid the unions would only close a lot of small businesses and our unemployment would go up. — Do you have any idea how many straight men are going to the gay owners for jobs? Watch it! It could happen to us! Let's all ask our candidates why it seems a lot of gay owned businesses are being hit by this inspector and that inspector? One tells the other and all of a sudden you have thousands of dollars in repairs or no license at all. When the straight guy owned it before you it was OK not to be up to code or a fire trap for years,

now it has to be fixed at once, or you are out of business. Equal rights, my foot. If it's good for one it's good for all. Even the inspectors themselves don't believe in what is happening, at least most of them don't. Some get off on it! Now who's sick? And I've yet to see a gay inspector. I hope there are some. Times have changed, I would hope the city would change as fast as the times. So far, no such luck. — San Francisco will miss one of its bright faces! I'm sorry to report Tony 1, as he called himself as did his many friends, is no longer with us. Tony was the first Miss Gay San Francisco, and worked hard, until his untimely parting, to keep the Mr. Miss Gay S.F. contest a working and respected title. He not only did his share of campaigning but even performed in the shows at the contest. He was a small man in stature but he must have been all heart as he never said no, when asked to help. Farewell Tony. You will always hold a big spot in my heart. Love ya! — Gems & Jewels is really a very interesting shop with tons of goodies both for you and your home. You can buy jewelry from them or they have the supplies so you can make your own. You can spend hours and not see everything. They are located at 2330 Market St. next to Chaps. — Down the street at 2324 Market is Designers Optics and a very nice shop where you can get any kind of glasses for your eyes or contact lenses if you wish. A one stop eye care center and it's run by George Scott. I'm sure you will enjoy George and tell him I sent you. — Further down Market St. is a very nice bar the Fog Horn. Across the street is the 3 Coins. This is a restaurant, great for lunch, a plant store, and a men's shoe shop all under one roof, so give a look. — Are you aware that T.W. Productions are holding "San Francisco's Queen Ball" at Bimbo's 365 Club? This will be Fri. Nov. 9th at 9 PM. The entertainment will be by Messiah. — The Branding Iron is one of our newest places to have brunch on Sat. & Sunday. The restaurant is housed in The Red Eye Saloon. Another new tenderloin restaurant is The Landmark which Earnie has taken over and is doing dinners as well as brunch on the weekends. If you are in our financial district be sure and see Sutters Mill! They have done a wonderful job on the bar and it has three floors. They are on Kearny just off Market. Another must is Alvin's at 83 First St. & if you make it at 5 PM you'll be able to catch Dennis at their Piano Organ bar. He is really lots of fun and you can even sing along. — My spies tell me Mr. B's ballroom on 6th St. has closed. If your business takes you to the Federal or State building be sure to see Orontes. They are located at 510 Larkin St. The decor is great, the food heaven for lunch or dinner and the help is very friendly. If you just want a drink I'm sure you will enjoy the bar and Chris (who is the bartender). Be sure to meet Bill their happy host. — Well, the Bull Dog Baths, on Turk St., opened with a bang and Pete, the big hunk they use in their ads is even bigger in person and a real nice guy. The place is four stories high and has everything you would want in a bath, plus they even have their own graffiti in the bathrooms and you won't believe some of the art work on the hall walls. You'll love the truck fronts (complete with headlights yet) and the Cell Block is not to believe. You don't even have to go out to eat as they have a restaurant right in the building. — Halloween will be a big night in S.F. Check with your favorite bar for parties. I know the New Bell Saloon is having one, as is the Red Eye Saloon, the Blue & Gold will have judges. The Carnival Club and the Landmark are both planning a big evening so the Tenderloin should be full of merry makers as will the Polk bars and the Castro area also. — Happy Witches' Xmas and have a safe and sane Halloween!

BY RANDY JOHNSON

### I'M RANTING 'BOUT:

... When some people say they're going to do something, and don't... (you'll guess 'em.)... What they did to the people who "tease" during the day around 17th and Castro in the Hibernia Bank's small court yard by putting rod iron posts in the cement so they can't sit 'n' sun no more, and why the hell did they take that clock away — oh, well — I don't bank there no how! (It's really funny) ... People who crack their chewing gum; or sit on the aisle when the window seat is vacant on the bus — Grrrrripes me. ... Why Melvina no longer writes her letters?! ... Why it's taking the Rafters Inn so long to open their kitchen? Could it be the same reason the 'N' Touch and the White Swallow issued a complaint to the S.F. Health Dept.? ... All the shit being stirred concerning the Spoon Awards! ... A certain party(s) or, whoever was responsible for having the beautiful Bulldog Baths raided — already. Will you please raid your place, and leave "our" places alone, and I'm talking about the Century Theatre (it also is beautiful) too! You want us off the streets — then leave well enough alone.

### I'M RAVING 'BOUT:

... The way Bob Cramer is handling his chairman responsibilities of the Beaux Arts Ball... How exciting the Empress race will be. Rumor hazzit it'll be 1. Pushy Phyllis, 2. Tenderloin Tessie, 3. Connie, 4. Lee Raymond, 5. How's About You? ... How entertaining the S.F.G.D.I. clubs "Date At Minsky's" is gonna be. Go! Go! ... Carrie Snow's new K.R.O.N. show coming up real soon. Questions? Write to the station. ... The Casualty Capers. Watta good time. Congratulations Inter-Club, ya' did it again! ... Having Mavis back as a bartender from 6 AM Wednesday thru Sunday at Church St. Station ... Working for Connie IF she decides to run for Empress — Good idea Connie ... The new look at Loyd's Locks Hair Palace on Castro. 'Tween Elizabeth and 25th Sts. ... How Harry and Sister Bruce are carrying on as Cowboy and Cowgirl ... How Kelly and Peter, our Grand Duke and Grand Duchess held their heads up very high at their Investiture — two wonderful friends in our community ... How the Rafters Inn Kitchen is gonna be!

## On Target

PERRY A. GEORGE

### A FRIEND IN NEED DEPARTMENT

In 1973 Supervisor H. Britt was the friend and roommate of Richard Elmon, the well known owner of the Richard Elmon Escort Service. Time passes and fortunes change: Britt is appointed to be a supervisor and "Holy Joe" Freitas prosecutes Richard Elmon for pimping and pandering, man to man. Desperate and hoping to be able to call upon an old friend who would testify as a character witness, Elmon called Britt several times, and asked him to speak before the court on his behalf.

Political expediency must have won out: Harry was "unavailable" for the duration of the trial which lasted one week and was held in a court room in City Hall just two flights above Britt's office. Elmon lost!

### POLITICS (ALMOST) MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS DEPARTMENT

In late August, Paul Hardman, publisher and editor of THE VOICE gave a reception at his lavish Victorian home to introduce Mayoral Candidate Quentin Kopp to gay business people and artists as a viable recipient of their political support. Hardman's roommate and business partner is A. Warren Kopp who obviously spells his name the same as candidate Kopp. When realtor, Darren Mac Gavin entered the house he had a stunned and wide eyed look as he pointed to the elegant gold and black name plate over the door bell which read: "Hardman & Kopp."

Is that Quentin Kopp? Is he Hardman's roommate? The assembly got a good laugh. The most amused was Quentin Kopp himself.

### AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

I attended the "black tie optional" band concert at the Everett Middle school. What a rare and wonderful occasion. I don't think that many in the audience realized what a truly rare treat they were experiencing. This was a performance by a concert band, not an orchestra or marching band. Concert band music seems to be an almost extinct art form.

It reminded me of my youth and the playing of the Vessaluis Italian Band: Arthur Pryor and the family records of Souza's Band playing on the old wind-up Victrola. I hope that the less-than-full house will not deter Jon Sims or the members of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps from doing more concert band kind of music.

### FOX IN CHARGE OF THE CHICKEN COOP DEPARTMENT

If Carol Ruth Silver gets elected District Attorney can you imagine her right hand man, Walter Caplan, of the Gay Freedom Day Parade fame, or infamy depending on how you view his involvement and the lawsuit regarding his and two other defendants' refusal to allow a full accounting of the 1978 parade funds, or the continually questioned associated Harvey Milk memorial and bill paying funds that have arisen with Walter Caplan involvements therein, etc., ad nauseum. I ask, can you imagine this man staying on with her as perhaps an Assistant District Attorney???

### IT'S FUN TO BE FIRST

Special thanks to Robert Michael Productions (Hello Dolly) for having the first check in on paid advertisement for our first issue of THE VOICE. It is especially nice to see one of the community's oldest and most vocal member's signature on the check — none other than Henri I. Lelou.

### GETTING SCREWED WITHOUT BEING KISSED DEPARTMENT

That's how Dr. Sanford Kellman, owner of the popular disco, the I Beam, felt when he was razzle-dazzled out of an after hours permit by the City Board of Permit Appeals when chairperson Doug Engman had (according to Dr. Kellman) one of his own employees appear as the speaker for H.A.N.C. (Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council) against the granting of the permit. In spite of the I Beam's lawyers' protests against Mr. Engman's participation he not only voted but spoke vehemently against the granting of the permit. But wait, it gets better yet, Dr. Kellman, justifiably enraged at this and many other facts that came to light about the questionable legality of how he was handled was going to stage a demonstration at City Hall over this whole mess. Now appears Hadley Roth, close buddy of the appointed Mayor, Dianne Feinstein, who advises him not to make waves (as close to election) and he assured him of the mayor's intercession. That's right, you guessed it, nothing ever happened and Dr. Kellman remains "unkissed."

## Charles McCabe Himself

### Anybody But Freitas

IT IS MIGHTY seldom that I get so exhaustingly worked up about the inequities of local politicians as to try to persuade others to share my views.

That time has come. Next month's election gives us an opportunity profitably to remove from public life the man I call Holy Joe Freitas, our incumbent District Attorney, intent on succeeding himself. His incumbency has not only been a disaster, and not only because he presided over one of the most noted miscarriages of justice in this century — the wrist-slapping of Dan White for cold-blooded double murder.



Had Holy Joe a trace of class, he would have offered his resignation after that verdict, on the grounds that he had found himself not up to the job. As I have said before, I think Freitas threw the case. He threw it a mile farther than he had planned.

San Francisco Chronicle

### SILVER CITES SHENANIGANS

Responding to the Attorney General's reported request to the Grand Jury for the indictment of District Attorney Joseph Freitas, candidate Carol Ruth Silver gave the following statement to THE VOICE:

"Political shenanigans in the office of the Attorney General have delayed this request for indictment until the very eve of the election — an election in which a member of the Attorney General's staff is running against Freitas and myself. Absolutely all of the evidence has been well known for months, and the facts speak for themselves.

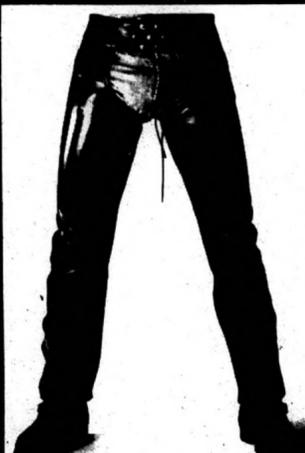
"The saddest part is that the individual involved in cash payments to Freitas, George Evankovich, was identified by me in the 1975 election as being one of many people who had knowingly voted in San Francisco while living elsewhere. But Freitas never prosecuted him — or any other of the important people who were engaging wholesales in this practice — or even the People's Temple.

"Joe Freitas will be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, under the judicial system which he has served, sometimes well and sometimes badly. I am afraid, however, that voters have little choice but to convict, sentence, and punish him in the court of public opinion.

"It is truly ironic that Freitas may be toppled from elective office by an indictment involving campaign contributions, when he has consistently refused to pursue substantial allegations of campaign irregularities against major politicians while prosecuting Hugh Griffith for failing to report his total campaign receipts of \$56."

After reviewing the facts presented to it, the Grand Jury refused to indict Freitas. Arlo Smith, who is also running against Freitas for District Attorney, admits that he made written inquiry regarding the charges, but denies that he was in any way involved in the handling of the case as an Assistant Attorney General.

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"LIFE OF BRIAN" IRREVERENTLY FUNNY Paul D. Hardman

If you enjoy a good laugh and you are not too sensitive about religious beliefs being spoofed, Monty Python's *Life of Brian* is an entertainment must.

Produced by John Goldstone for Phthon (Monty) Pictures, Limited it is billed as a Warner Bros. & Orion Pictures Company release presented by Handmade Films.

It is an irreverent and outlandish takeoff about a child, Brian Cohen, who just happened to be born down the alley from the manger where Jesus Christ was born. Starting with the mistaken identity problem created for the Three Wise Men, the story traces the later life of Brian during crazy mixed up times in Judea.

Once you get used to the realization that Brian's mother Mandy is Terry Jones in drag you can expect anything.

The film is the Monty Python players at their outrageous best. Written by and starring Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin, it is all you would expect and more.

Each of the players takes a number of parts. For example, John Cleese who appears first as one of the misguided Wise Men; is later seen as Reg the leader of Judean People's Front; and as the Jewish official at a stoning; but his greatest impact is as the Centurion. Chapman, who plays the false messiah Brian, also plays the hunky boy friend of Pontius Pilot Biggus Dickus!

Among the very very British humorists is the American-British hybrid Terry Gilliam who creates the uniquely Monty Python animated graphics. While John Cleese and the other players speak freely in publicity sessions about their blatantly homosexual humor, Gilliam seems to be the straight man.

Actually, *Life of Brian* is more than a spoof on religion, it satirizes other sacred cows like militant feminists, radical leaders and movement dynamics.

The language is suitably crude, but never vulgar in the obscene sense of the word, despite anglo saxon four letter vocabulary used for shock value.

Some parts of the film are rough and frankly a bit silly even for the Monty Python crew, especially the

animated farce which takes place in a space ship which just happens to be flying too low over Judea at the time of Christ, but it really does not matter. What matters is that the film is good entertainment, worth price and should not be missed. It should provide bar room and cocktail-party conversation for years to come. If you fail to see it, you will just have to be out of it.

Currently being shown at the Clay Theater, as the S.F. *Chronicle* puts it, "The bad taste is rampant but well worth it."

TEN SCORES ZERO

The advertising promo reads: A film for the man who can count. If he counts backward, he will find that Blake Edward's 10 is a good decade behind the times. This mindless story of a successful composer coming to terms with the sexual revolution does nothing for the genre. It is a poor excuse for Julie Andrews (so desperate to change her screen image that she would even consider hubbie Edward's potboiler); a trite reason to have long, tedious shots of bikini beauties; and a lame look at how (allegedly) the jet set lives. Even the gay character is stereotyped and dismal. Appearing as perhaps the only emotionally adjusted character in the film's beginning, by its conclusion Edwards had reduced him to a jilted, alcoholic bore. Drek, pure drek.

TOWARD TRUTHFULNESS

Mark Chase, from the San Francisco International Film Festival, claims there is a move away from escapism and toward cinema reflective of the human condition. If the Festival is any indication, it's the whole truth. *Magnificent Movie Men, Spirit of the Wind, Handmaidens of God, The Man You Love to Hate, Moliere, The Roads of Exile, Best Boy, Man of Marble, and The Bronte Sisters* are all either documentaries, biographies, or based on true incidents.

But look for *The Man You Love to Hate* (about Erich von Stroheim) to be the big hit of the Festival.

— John W. Rowberry

SOFTBALL GAME CANCELLED BECAUSE OF PROTESTS

LOS ANGELES — A softball game between a team from the California Highway Patrol and a gay team was called off when a CHP commander learned that the profits from the game would go to the Gay Community Services Center.

According to *The Los Angeles Times*, Captain Ray Johnson said that he had not taken part in any arrangements for the game between his Central Area team and the L.A. Gay All-Stars at Hollywood High School, but that "it was my understanding that it was to raise money for kids."

Johnson said that CHP members play in games for charity only when the CHP can designate where the money goes. Usually such institutions as Children's Hospital or the Orthopaedic Hospital are the beneficiaries.

CHP Lt. Clyde Lockley said that many citizens had called up to protest after they saw flyers announcing that the gay center would benefit.

Captain Johnson said he had no objection to playing a gay team, but we "are a government organization and we work for the State of California, and we got people jumping all over us when they saw where the money was going."

GAY SPORTS TEAMS

BOULDER, CO — A gay liberation organization at the University of Colorado said that it would field all-gay football and volleyball teams in intramural competition this fall.

According to a story in the *Sacramento Union*, team members said they feel that by taking part in "typi-

ally mainstream" activity they can show other gays that all activities are open to them. Christ Travell, co-captain of the Boulder Gay Liberation football team, said, "We've got a gung-ho squad of 15 guys who have trained football, ate football, and slept football, and we're ready for all comers."

Tom Curley, captain of the volleyball team, added: "There are definite advantages with sports in being gay and working on a gay team, including a greater ability to emotionally support each other and achieve a closeness of spirit that heterosexuals don't allow themselves."

BAD SPORTS

FREE METHODISTS OPPOSE GAY RIGHTS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Delegates to the Free Methodist World Convocation held in the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center overwhelmingly adopted a resolution opposing any legislation that "makes homosexual conduct or lifestyle legitimate."

Bishop Clyde Van Valin of Winona Lake drafted the resolution, citing Biblical back-up for the opposition. He said that "Homosexual behavior as with all sexual deviation is a perversion of God's created orders (Genesis 1:3). The sanctity of marriage and family is to be preserved against all manner of immoral conditions."

According to the *Indianapolis Star*, the Free Methodists adopted an anti-abortion resolution at the same time, without debate.

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Dan White was of George Moscone's and Harvey Milk's shenanigans. Oh, Davey boy isn't crazy and won't go out and pick up a gun. Endowed with considerably higher I.Q. than Danny Boy he has opted for the symbolic guns built into the legal and political processes.

To begin at the beginning, ... the District 5 appointment was opened up to include non-residents, not for Ann Kroenberg, but for David Scott who at the time of Milk's death lived 20 feet over the district line. Every public statement made by the Mayor on the subject of what type of person she would appoint was virtually a profile of Scott.

She went so far as to tell another applicant that Scott was the person she wanted to appoint and allowed members of her District 2 screening committee to interview possible replacements for Scott's Board of Permit Appeals seat. For reasons nobody has yet been able to fathom she apparently pulled the rug out from under him during the last 48 hours.

Simultaneously, Scott's performance on the Board of Permit Appeals was of a quality rarely seen on any level of municipal government. His election to its presidency was not titular; it was an acknowledgement of the leadership he exercised. Under his firm gavel, there was no rhetoric, or grandstanding by any commissioner which enabled that Board to cover, in one 7-hour session, an agenda which would have taken the Board of Supes three full weeks to go through. Its record, of being sustained by the courts, showed significant improvement during Scott's tenure.

One would think any Mayor would be delighted to have someone like this in their administration... Quentin Kopp expressed such sentiments as early as April, 1978. But Feinstein acted as though Scott simply didn't exist, even though massive rent control legislation was coming out of her office along with a \$23,000 appropriation for a study on simplifying the permit process. Both problems were right up Scott's alley. It is hardly surprising that Scott believed his days on the Board were numbered.

His speedy dismissal and replacement by Jo Daly precluded the search for "input" and screening. It also

avoided the vacillation that has usually characterized the Mayor's appointments. At least one other person far more qualified for this seat than Jo Daly made tentative inquiries and wasn't given the right time of day.

Despite vehement denials from sources close to the Mayor, all of this looks suspiciously like David Scott's seat was dealt out from under him before he'd had the opportunity to make any decision on his future political moves. His incredibly impressively record was about as relevant as whether his eyes were blue or brown.

In this context, it becomes perfectly understandable why he should move to take away from Mayor Feinstein that which she wanted, at all costs — reelection. Having enough political savvy to realize the void was on the Left, Scott merely donned a coat of other colors, and voila — a left-oriented gay activist mayoral candidate.

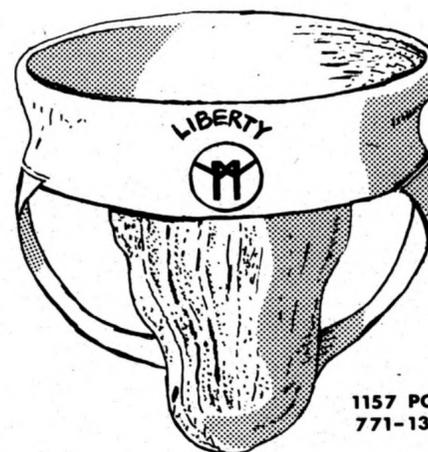
From that point on it was rather like watching a charade. Scott's current troops are the very same people who most vociferously protested his supervisory appointment. This protest prone crowd seems to be enjoying the rare opportunity to conduct their protest on the \$40,000 Scott has reportedly pumped into his campaign, and no one seems particularly bothered by the fact that the money comes from the Cardinal Sin of a Capitalist Society — Real Estate.

In addition to the \$40,000, most of which he'll probably never see again, Scott's shift to the left has forced him to take positions contrary to the best interests of the real estate industry and business in general, which won't exactly enhance his professional reputation.

Yet, implicit, even in a penchant for martyrdom, is the notion that there is something worth martyrizing oneself for. In order for someone of Scott's proven ability to put his neck on the block so neatly, he's got to be absolutely and totally convinced that a Mayor Feinstein, reelected for a full four-year term, would be a walking disaster for San Francisco... to which we will say Amen.

P.S. And wouldn't it indeed be ironic if his presence in the race turned out to be the key factor in denying the Mayor reelection?

YES. SIR.



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**Gays Killed  
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ISTHMUS OF PANAMA. On September 20, 1513, or there about, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, a Spanish Conquistador, used a

pack of vicious dogs to attack and kill forty homosexual men.

Balboa had trained the fierce hounds to attack and devour Indians as if they were beasts, in the time it took to say a Credo.

These dogs caused a great destruction and slaughter. When an Indian killed a Spaniard, even for just cause, the Spaniards would kill one hundred Indians.

On some occasions the Spaniards would seize Indian babies from their bereaved mothers and use the infants to feed the hungry dogs.

Since Balboa had a great hatred for homosexuals, it was not surprising that he should use dogs against those he suspected of being gay.

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