Civil Service Panel Won't Back Gay Cop
Police Department has Anti-Gay Bias — But Not in Cady Case

by Michael Benary

A subcommittee of the Civil Service Commission last week heard arguments that Thomas Cady should be reinstated in the police department with back pay. Their conclusion was that there is an anti-Gay bias in the police department, specifically in the academy and at Northern Station. But, they felt there was not enough evidence to show that Cady was given lower grades and encouraged to resign solely because of his sexual orientation. The hearing was the longest (two four-hour sessions) the subcommittee had ever heard, and had the most witnesses.

There was no discrimination. The Civil Service evidence was not contradicted.

Commissioner Anderson specifically found the department was in violation of Civil Service Rule 1.03 in that the department was maintaining a work environment prejudicial against Gay people. It didn’t use the correct grading system, didn’t include good things on his evaluation. The department’s answer to this was that it didn’t matter because he didn’t do a good job anyway.

Coles argued that if one shows there is anti-Gay bias, then the subjective written-exam grade system is invalid. The panel felt yes there is bias, but you must still show an anti-Gay bias and conspiracy in this case. Once you’ve shown the bias and you’ve shown objective evidence of irregular treatment, then you completely impeach the validity of a subjective evaluation system, and the burden shifts to the department, said Coles. The panel said it was not enough to show it is a bigoted workplace and not enough to show a particular member of a minority group was treated strangely. You have to have direct evidence that the strange treatment was the result of the bigotry. In Coles’ opinion, “It’s impossible to prove that those evaluations were low because they’re anti-Gay.”

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Locals Form Gay Union Caucus

by Margaret Frost

Better relations between the Lesbian/Gay and labor communities is sought by a new coalition of Gay union members. At a result, they have formed a new group.

The fledgling organization, as yet nameless this week, asked veteran labor and Gay activist Howie Evans to serve as interim chair. Wallace, a member of Theatre and Amusement Janitors Local 9 in San Francisco, is speaking before unions and Gay organizations on both labor and Gay issues for a number of years, and I’ve seen the need for this kind of organization. There is a lot of mutual interest, and there is a need to get involved in labor and Gay issues.

Members of unions representing sign painters, life telephone workers, civil servants, hospital employees, painters, factory workers, and salespeople met last week to set some basic goals for the organization. A major focus will be to act as a clearinghouse of information concerning Gay and union issues and the particular needs of Gay workers. One of the first projects will be to collect contracts with clauses pertaining to Gay needs, such as discrimination according to sexual orientation, spousal benefits, and bereavement leave. This information will be available for use as models for other contracts.

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Justice in Bakersfield:

Gays Murdered, Protestor Fired, Case Dismissed

by George Mendonhall

"Hook If You Love Jesus" is one of the most popular car stickers in Bakersfield, a community of 100,000 east of Santa Barbara. The local population voted for the Briggs initiative in 1978 to bar Gay teachers and supported the death penalty the same year. In 1981 a local businessman, Bill Tyack, admittedly killed two upfront Gay men outside of town. Later, local businessman "Skip" Witham fired employee Tony Moore after Moore organized a protest over the light jail sentence given to Tyack.

"I killed the two Gay guys who lived next door," Tyack telephoned to the police after the 1981 killings. What happened on the country road outside of Bakersfield is unclear, but Tyack claimed he shot in "self defense." One of the victims was shot twice in the back. A neighbor testified at the trial that Tyack had said, "I don't like those guys, if they give me any reason, I'll kill them."

Moore organized "Citizens for Justice: when Tyack got a 4-year sentence, Innocent of killing Jack Blakenship, 30, who died from a single shot to his chest. Guilty of "involuntary manslaughter" for killing Sidney Wooster, 26, who was shot four times and crawled 50 feet before dying. The sentence was four years, which is being appealed while Tyack is out on bail.

Moore's group, many formerly closeted Gay people, became so outraged at the sentence they they demonstrated publicly at the courthouse. Moore himself appeared on television to express his anger. He was dismissed from his job the next day. He had worked three years with Witham TV/Appliance without complaints about his job performance.

"I guess the average person might have just packed their bags after all of this," Moore reflects, "and moved to the big city." Instead, he contacted a local attorney, Marshall Jacobson, and filed suit against Witham under state Labor Code 1102, which states that a person can not be dismissed for political activity.

Witham is not just a nobody in Bakersfield. He has been in business for 30 years, is the former president of the business association -- and a close friend of politician and Kern County Redevelopment Director, San Francisco's Hamilton, San Francisco's Redevelopment Agency Gap

Marks Authors New Gay Bill

Legislation clarifying that redevelopment agencies can not discriminate against Gay people has been introduced by Senator Milton Marks (D-San Francisco and Marin). Marks said that Wilbur Hamilton, San Francisco's Redevelopment Director, supports his bill after meeting with Marks earlier this month.

"Will agrees that redevelopment agencies shouldn't discriminate based on sexual orientation. Senate Bill 184 will make that the Legislature's firm policy, too," Marks said.

Gays come out in the closet to protest brutal slaying of two Gay men.

Metropolitan Community Church, a late-hour Gay disco, and the semi-Gay Padre Hotel bar. One Gay male reportedly can always drive 100 miles to a Gay steam bath in Hollywood.

Gay political activity is extremely limited by the ultra-conservative political atmosphere. Described as a "redneck" stronghold, the Kern County Congressman is Rep. William Thomas. He has 94% favorable rating from the ultra-Right American Conservative Union. (Gay rights advocate Moore knows the atmosphere. He is from a small town in Georgia.)

Moore is encouraged that there is an increasing tendency for the courts to rule for fired employees even where a union contract does not exist. Attorney Paul Grossman, who represents Los Angeles business firms, recently stated: "Employers must now be extremely careful as to how and in what circumstances they terminate employees to avoid court risks."

However, Moore realizes that Bakersfield is not Los Angeles.

"I have no faith anymore in Kern County justice," Moore complains. However, he and Attty. Jacobson believe they have a good chance for justice once they are heard in the higher court.

Moore believes that no matter what happens, this is now more mutual support in Bakersfield among Gay people. Citizens for Justice has dissolved because the cause is no longer in the headlines, but Moore says he is encouraged by the experience. "People were able to be public about being Gay because they believed so strongly in the injustice that had been done. We are still here and Bakersfield knows it now."
Dignity Celebrates Anniversary Mass

Gay Catholics join the Eucharist at Dignity’s 10th anniversary celebration. (Photo: Rink)

Dignity/San Francisco, the organization of Catholic Gay men and Lesbian women, celebrated its tenth anniversary with a service attended by over 350 last Sunday night. The Eucharist was held in the John of God Hall in the Sunset District, Dignity’s home in San Francisco.

Principal celebrant was Father Daniel O’Connor, from the San Francisco Archdiocese on special assignment “to those who have difficulty with structures.” “That should include just about everybody,” O’Connor noted.

In his homily, O’Connor observed that Dignity is a kind of monastery, and that Dignity members are monks, but not the silent, contemplative kind. Borrowing the late Thomas Merton’s definition of monasticism, he called Dignity members “true monks.”

New College Offers Gay Lit

Local writer Aaron Shurin will be teaching a special Spring class in 20th Century Gay and Lesbian literature in association with New College of California. The course will examine the role other writers have had in defining the homosexual experience as it has grown from Gay Doom to Gay Vision — in the process finding courage to speak of our actual lives.

From the jungles of guilt, shame, and memory to the open field of political and social reality as work-to-be-done, 20th Century Gay and Lesbian literature as a whole recapitulates the process each Gay man and woman goes through in his/her struggle for self-definition, sense of community, and a sexual life.

The course begins Thursday, February 3, and runs through April 14 at New College of California, 777 Valencia Street, San Francisco, 94110. The fee is $85, and college credit is available. For more information call 552-0991, or leave a message at 621-7598.

Media Alliance 3rd Annual Fair

An opportunity for freelancers to meet informally with editors of Bay Area publications. During the first part of the evening, 6:30-7:45, editors will be available to talk with freelancers about the various aspects of their publications such as content and style. The second part of the evening, 8:00-9:30, will feature a panel of Bay Area editors who will discuss experiences and expectations of freelancers. February 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m. $5, Fort Mason, Building D.

are unable to stand outside of a rigid society and to be critics of it.”

Six other priests joined O’Connor on the dais for the Mass. Music during the service was plentiful and moving, and many eyes welled up for the choir’s rendition of “You’ll Never Walk Alone” from the musical Carousel. The Dignity choir also sang “Family.” from the Broadway hit Dreamgirls. Adding to the festive mood were trumpeter Sid Smith and drummer Doug Wood of Pure Trash.

A high point of the service was the ordination procession, when two dozen celebrants placed some twelve loaves of bread and a case of wine on the altar table. The assembly then administered holy communion to each other.

Dignity/S.F. first met in January 1973, with 60 in attendance. Membership now approaches 400, according to chapter secretary Tom McLoughlin. “We have something good happening here, and we’re proud and pleased that so many new folks are joining us,” McLoughlin said.

“We are family, growing stronger every day,” announced chapter co-chair Tom Murray at the start of the service. “We look over our past with gratitude to God, and into the future ready to meet challenges. And we’ll always care for each other and those around us.”

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CRIR Takes a Pass on Recall; Kopp Addresses Club

By Margaret Frost

By a narrow margin, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights Monday night declined the opportunity to be the first Gay/Lesbian political organization to take a position on the recall of Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

The Political Action Committee, recommended 4-1 that CRIR, the most active local Gay Republican club in the city, oppose the recall. PAC Chair Chris Bowman explained that the major reasons offered by the committee were the expense incurred in the election (and subsequent special election if the measure passes) and strong opposition to the aims of the White Panther Party, who initiated the recall. Bowman pointed out that being the first Gay club to take a public stand would give some political leverage with the mayor. Some members disagreed with this reasoning. "We owe the mayor nothing," pointed out Past President Duke Armstrong. "Why should we be out Past President Duke Armstrong requested that the question be on the agenda next month, with pro and con statements in the newsletter.

Guest speaker Quentin Kopp also declined an opportunity, this one to be the first new Republican in the club's voter registration effort. "As a Democrat," said Kopp, "I welcome the dialogue and competitive ideas fostered by the Republican Party in San Francisco. I also feel a special bond with this club, which was one of the few which endorsed me for mayor four years ago."

Kopp also declined to reveal his plans for the November election, saying that he hadn't made up his mind. "One of my colleagues has predicted a poll taken six months ago in which I received 42 percent support for mayor. Dianne Feinstein, 28 percent. However, I cannot in good conscience support a recall which, I believe, would serve no useful purpose in the city and would cost us dearly," Kopp explained.

"As far as the Southern Pacific property is concerned, that should be used for housing. We set a goal in 1980 of 20,000 new units by 1985; we have made a very poor start toward that goal. Rent control is a deterrent to construction; however, without it, some renters, such as the elderly, would be helpless against the minority of unscrupulous landlords.

Kopp told the membership about a couple of new proposals he had brought to the Board of Supervisors. One had just been signed by Mayor Feinstein, giving up to $5,000 to low-wage city workers of Japanese descent who had been forced to leave their jobs and go to internment camps during World War II. A second, which he had just introduced, would force county prisoners who are financially able to pay to be housed in state institutions, as well as low and moderate income working people. Kopp said he could not get the necessary votes to pass either proposal.

Kopp wanted to see a different administration in the District Attorney's office, and he was interested in the possibility of serving there himself. He had been opposed to needing ten hours per week to be a member, but had changed his mind. "One of my colleagues has stated that no member should be seduced by those results; I know there are other considerations. I also would like to see a different administration in the District Attorney's office as well."
HRC Endorses AB 1

The Human Rights Commission of San Francisco, at its January meeting, unanimously reaffirmed its endorsement of Assemblyman Art Agnos' legislation, Assembly Bill 1. AB 1 is a bills to outlaw employment discrimination based on sexual orientation in the State of California.

State law currently protects people in employment on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, mental status, sex, and age. AB 1 simply adds sexual orientation as one of the protected classes. Affirmative action is not involved, but a simple request for nondiscrimination has been made. Employers with less than five employees and religious institutions are excluded from coverage.

AB 1 was reintroduced by Agnos in the State Assembly on December 6, 1982, and is currently before the Labor and Employment Committee of the Assembly.

The Commission's decision is consistent with past HRC policy. As Chairperson Phyllis Lyon stated, "This action follows the long tradition of the Human Rights Commission in upholding Lesbian and Gay rights."

In 1972, Chapters 12A and 12B of the San Francisco Administrative Code were changed to include sexual orientation as a protected class. Section 12B relates to cases involving City contractors and authorizes HRC to investigate, mediate, and enforce the code. In 1978, the Board of Supervisors passed Article 53 of the Municipal (Police) Code, commonly referred to as the Gay Rights Ordinance, which mandates HRC as the agency empowered to investigate and mediate complaints of sexual orientation discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations throughout the City.

Senate Fellowship Applicants Sought

Applications for the California Senate Fellowship Program currently are being accepted. The Senate Fellowship Committee, according to Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), "is an ideal opportunity for individuals to contribute to the leadership of California organizations." Senate Fellows assigned to the personal or committee staff of a Senator, receive $1,250 a month and are eligible for all Senate staff benefits available to regular Senators. They are awarded for a decision regarding the disposition of '83 sales not later than the March '83 meeting, dates for further applications and a subsequent committee after an initial screening of applications and a subsequent interview. Preference will be given to California residents.

Applications should have completed college by the commencement of the Fellowship term. They are selected from a variety of academic fields, including education, journalism, and natural sciences. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career also are encouraged to apply.

Placing Starts for '83 Parade Beer Sales

Members of the 1983 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee held a preliminary beer subcommittee meeting on January 19. In accordance with last year's post-parade beer report which called for a decision regarding the disposition of '83 sales not later than the March '83 meeting, dates for further planning have been set for Tuesdays, February 1 and 15 at 8p.m.

At the June '82 parade thousands of dollars were lost due to poor planning, lack of supervision, and dishonest beer sellers. The S.F. District Attorney investigated the situation but brought no charges against any person.

Designation of meeting locations has been suspended and the event in the event a Parade Committee office is available by those dates. Interested persons may request copies of last summer's report or obtain information regarding the meeting by calling the Parade Committee's number, 861-5404.

Radio Debate on Recall

A Lesbian/Gay debate over the prospective recall election of Mayor Dianne Feinstein highlights the Saturday night edition of The David Landau Talk Show on KGO-AM (FM 104). Saturday night from 8:05 to 10p.m. Leslie Manning, Treasurer of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, will argue in favor of the recall, while the anti-position will be defended by B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross. This is the first of several programs that will be devoted to the decadel inside and outside of the Gay community about the possible recall of the mayor. Also, from 7:05 to 8p.m. Saturday night David will have a special mystery guest.

Sunday night the controversy will continue as two representatives from the North American Gay Love Association (NAMBLA) discuss the goals of the group and review what they feel is a pattern of police and media harassment of NAMBLA and its East Coast members. The NAMBLA segment of the program will air from 7:05 to 9p.m.

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Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up
That Old Gang of Mine

By now it is no secret that this paper — and thousands of Gays in this city — are not happy with the core piece of Harry Britt's Gay Couples Bill. Revised Version II has been broken into four separate parts (two pieces of legislation and two resolutions).

Three sections deal with city employee fringe benefits, re-employment leave, and hospital visitation. Nobody seems to have any problems with these issues, and all seem to agree — including the mayor — that they will be addressed. The reason: there exist inequities which cry for redress.

Not so for the registration of domestic partners (also referred to as live-in lovers, spousal rights, Gay marriage licensing). The bill provides for filing in a statement of domestic partnership. Both parties must swear that they are not married nor related by marriage. Both must swear how long they have been domestic partners. Both must swear they have not had a signed-up domestic partner in the past six months. Both must swear they are over 18 years of age.

These items are sworn to under penalty of perjury. In addition, any false statement will allow the defrauded party to sue for damages.

A domestic partnership is defined, then, by the ingredients that qualify one to enter into the arrangement. We are told by the bill's author, "The new proposals never mention marriage; there is no equivalency language." Despite the disclaimer, the words marriage and monogamy are used in the first qualifying entry. To quote both terms must be warranted or emphasized. What else can one surmise but that the parties are going from a single, unrelated state to a connubial state? What else is one to surmise... that we're discussing tax reform?

Word this week out of City Hall corridors is that Version II's first hearing before the Civil Service and General Administration Committee has been canceled and postponed indefinitely. Two reasons... one — we were too busy — have realized. Harry Britt knows he has no longer the votes on the Board to even come in and try the legislation first before trying to tear down any more!

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank those many people who have helped me through this crisis.

Thank you to my teacher and fellow students who nurtured my mind; the Soviets and Iaurus who nurtured my spirit; the many friends who nurtured my emotions; and, of course, the doctors and nurses who nurtured my physical body.

As my birthday present to you, I'd like to share with you "Bobbette's Three Laws," or "How to Survive the Mayor's Year Three," or "How to Survive and Thrive."

1. Take care of yourself first, or no one else will.
2. Believe in, and work for, some issue larger than yourself, so that the world will be meaningful and not stupid.
3. Life is short, honey. Go for it. Do it now.

Bobbi Campbell
San Francisco

ON GAY TEACHERS

I have read the article "Gay Substitute Teachers Taking a Chin in the S.F. Schools" by Mike Hippler. It is an extremely interesting article. There are, however, a number of issues raised by Mr. Hippler with which I take issue.

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The word “homophobe” is being overused. Examples:

Diemne Darnise Ferrante isn’t a homophobe. She’s a 1/3 A.P.A. who probably never had one.

Wendy Neider isn’t a homophobe. She’s an ambro- gious two-Gay, three-woman, that it is a way to be polit- ically correct and doesn’t have the vaguest notion what her intentions and objectives of the Gay com- munity is. If she finds out, her reaction should be inter- esting.

The Arch Bishop of San Francisco isn’t a homo- phobe. He has been instructed by the Church of Italy, acting as a mouthpiece for God, Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the Virgin Mary, to “Love thy neighbor as thy self.” This exclusionary stance. One can’t love any “Lesbian” it wouldn’t be Christian.

Jerry Falwell, who doesn’t understand the basis the faith he is profaning, in a recent column said:

As one of my homos wrote: “Let us never fall into the vulger mistake of demonizing or we will be per- secuted wherever we are contrarian.”

Tom Youngblood
San Francisco

SAND IN ONE’S SHOES

Your issue of Dec. 30th carries an ad for Coral Sands Hotel in Hollywood. I’d like to tell you of a situation I had with that place.

I stayed there in March. 1982. Our room had a key deposit, and we were told by the desk people and the card we were referred to the final room, which of course was empty, so that I never received the call, I called the hotel to the desk

We were on a leisure, we discovered that we were missing some audio tapes, which we finally learned had been left at the front desk, and there was some confusion getting that key and returning to pick them up. The result was that I left without having collected my key deposit money. I wrote to the hotel and returned the receipt, but have never received a reply or the key deposit money.

The attitude was neither friendly nor helpful.

Jack Bagdade
San Francisco

GAY POWER IN THE RECALL

The proposed special election to recall Mayor Dianne Feinstein is an excellent example of grass-roots democracy. Regardless of what one believes of Feinstein’s performance as mayor, any attempt by Supervisor Britt’s and the State Legislature to invalidate this recall is an attack on the citizen’s right to exercise their control over government. To pro- ceed with special elections of this type would only help make the officials even less accountable to the citizens than they are already.

Naturally, many elected officials are upset by the possible recall, because theoretically, they too could be subject to such actions. All of them, whatever their political philosophy, have a vested interest in protecting the almost inviolate immunity of their incumbency. This recall is an opportunity for all San Francisco cit- izens, especially gay people, to exercise power over the powerful.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein has, over the last seven years, demonstrated a profound consciousness to the actions of her political philosophy and our needs.

Against the earnest entreaties of gay individuals, groups and organizations she has oppose to F.D.A.

We need a leader that can face and deal with the issues head on, and this is exactly what the recall is for. She refuted the address that gay people, because of our sexual orientation, are subjected to in the street. Her veto of the Domestic Partner legisla- tion is her latest message to us. She refused to sign the parole and the police but not the gay. Let’s face it, our choice between Mayor Feinstein have never been so good for us, in that they forced us to stand up in pride of that for our rights.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who promise us “I believe in you” in order to get our votes and then, having gotten them, proceed to ignore or veto our just and essential needs and aspirations.

If we are instrumental in removing her from office, we will command much greater respect and our needs will receive greater attention by her successor.

Robert Betancourt
San Francisco

NOT WILD ABOUT HARRY

“...there is only one issue — power — who has it and we are going to take it.” — Harry Britt

You would probably like to know the United States Socialist Republic may not be our biggest threat. If Harry Britt gets his way, he’ll blather them to the accom- plishment of making us the United States Socialist Republic.

He has done well for an unrepentant minister since getting into politics and seems to be enamored with his new found taste of power. Power to do what he wants, not necessarily what you want. You would not know what he is doing if you have him, a hare says on the political philosophy, have a vested interest in protect... We are here to serve and not to be served. We are a community of gay people, who believes in the equal rights of all people. We are here to serve and not to be served. We are a community of gay people, who believes in the equal rights of all people.

Vote for Harry Britt for a Communist. ours. I make a Socialist’s USA today

A Friend, or Just Another Gay Man

SICK AND TIRED OF HARRY BRITT

Harry says power is best: that is the only issue, to validate this recall is an attack on the citizen’s right to exercise their control over government.

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SUPPORTS CERTIFICATE

The following is my response to your survey in re- quest that you featured in your editorial on December 30, 1982.

1. Yes, I am in favor of requiring at City Hall to certify a Gay relationship for a lie of $23.

2. Yes, I would be more than glad to register for such legislation.

3. In regards to Supervisor Britt’s Gay marriage ordinance. I feel that Mr. Britt’s marriage should be a legal marriage, but not a legal marriage. The City Council should see and inform it.

Comment: Gay in general have improperly ev- en that they are a segment of the population who are creative, do local productive activity, have monogamous relationships, and contribute more to our society economically and social main stream of the nation. Gay are responsible citizens, although they may have their faults (Gay have been told, excluding such legislation) which in my opinion if passed would only support a law that is in recognizing the great potential of the City communities and what is a term that the community can be used to fight every thing and the rest of the world.

Rick Stich
Producer, Castro Street Fair
San Francisco

ED Doffik
San Francisco

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This funny bear has lost his hair... with disagreements

In the past, not too many years ago, the San Francisco Flag Corps was the first nongay team to appear in a gay competing circuit. They were very well received by the crowd ...

And then what about the sequoizing Marching Band? The R.A.F. seems to have a particular aversion to this group historically, even though they've provided many an hour of pride and activity for our community. They also have an open color guard taking all brothers and sisters who want to join as well as musicians.

All of these groups are so visual and entertaining. Men and women perform and play together. What about a regular color? and pictures? The community has been more than enough attention to the tasteless performances and fancy drill, dazzling the judges in their first appearance in a nongay competitive circuit. They were very well received by the crowd ...

The other group born of the Olympic Flag Corps also numbers about 20 men (more forwards) and is called the San Francisco Flag Corps. While they aren't spending upwards of 12 to 15 hours a week in practice as the above group, they've put on some very entertaining performances and have a ball doing it...

Let's hope and see more from your reporters. and thank you for your attention!

Ted Krupke, LCSW
San Francisco

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BLINDS ON MARCHING UNITS

THANKS for your attention! and tacky Sisters of Perpetual Inappropriateness. has been more than enough attention to the tasteless performances and fancy drill, dazzling the judges in their first appearance in a nongay competitive circuit. They were very well received by the crowd ...

One aspect of this event angers me more than the ‘threat’ of the domestic partnership agreement to those of our community are more important than coddling up to the mayor in hopes of being on the ‘winning’ side or the politics of the recall petition’s original sponsors, Feinstein will be given a free ride into her next term and will continue to turn towards the right as she shores up her conservative support in anticipation of a future bid for higher office. If I believe in a significant interest in that of the major political parties. The B. Tokija Memorial Democratic Club has consistently taken the lead in challenging the mayor. These homophobic provosts are closely duplicated in the awards the leaders of these organizations have taken vis-a-vis the recall opera...

Still, it should be pointed out that Stonewall, of all the clubs, has been in the forefront on this particular issue. The Stonewall spokesmen at an interview from the Bay Area Reporter reporter recently mentioned—Leslie Manning, Paul Boulanger, Barry Gardner, and Gerry Parker—have remained true to their philosophical and political principles and deserve the support of all those of our community who are committed to a progressive future. For us, they meet both our gratitude and our encouragement.

Dear Mayor Feinstein:

I am writing (although not surprised to read of the trial of three of your officers on the Jaguar Book-store: a private membership club: The Castro. 2767, Wed., December 29, 1982.)

After your stab in the back vote of the domino partner ordinance, and the press (you hanged on the disgrace of a police department in this city, what do we expect? I believe that these officers thought that they could lose their way into a private club at any point and voice their concerns — for no particular reason other than homophobia and hexed.

If on constant tricking your life has been based. Your head's too long been placed.

Perhaps between your legs.

Your head not too long placed.

Each thing has its season. A time to be plucked. And

A time to be advised.

Lorin Gillette's letter states. "The Catholic Church. This is tolerance?"

If Archbishop Quinn had really acted out of love, why isn't the Church doing it in the bushes. Private clubs like the Jaguar provide an alternative, an alternative where we can feel safe and private — having rules by major bias.

There is a long history of the Catholic Mission Station being neither willing not able to control the abuses performed by members of the after midnight shift. Captain Taylor conveniently ignored comment on this outrage due to the BLM complaint filed by Jaguar employees. He did not apply the sanctions of these three officers, he could have made a general statement without accusing any official BLM pro-

cess. If he had not been possessed of well documented homo-hedonism he could have been effective. The complaint is valid. I will not stand for such action on the part of the police in the future.

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To hold these shams up as "fundamental values and institutions" and "moral foundations of civilized society" is absurd. The Catholic Church, at least in San Francisco, is currently showing a tolerance for differences in lifestyle hardly to be believed. I hope the irony of the timing is not lost on Mr. Gillette.

I agree that the Catholic Church is more tolerant of gays than it used to be; it no longer has the power to put us to death. However, I am amazed that Gillette's essay isn't exactly what I thought. If the Church's posture of the Catholic Church towards us. The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus was banned by the Archbishop last year from singing in a Catholic Church. This is tolerance?

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ing the fight for gay rights, rather than branding it? If the Church is indeed based on love, why does it keep throwing up roadblocks to even our most basic rights?

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CUAV Sponsors Lesbian Self-Defense Course

The CUAV Lesbian Task Force was created in the Spring of 1982 in response to the increasing problem of violence against Lesbians. The goals of the project are to document cases of violence against Lesbians, provide assistance to Lesbians and others who have been assaulted, and develop strategies for self-defense.

Towards these goals the CUAV Lesbian Task Force is co-sponsoring with the Women's Protection Program a ten-week self-defense class. Women will learn basic self-defense skills, street defense techniques, verbal and non-verbal assertiveness training, personal and commercial weapons recognition, and home, street, and workplace safety.

The class will run from February 5 through April 9, meeting Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia Street (between 18th and 19th Streets), San Francisco. The cost is $40. Register early, as enrollment is limited to the first 25. Call Community United Against Violence, 864-3112 or 864-7233 for more information.

Fraternity of Professionals Forms

Professionals Over 30, a noncommercial, strictly social and fraternal group, is presently organizing in San Francisco. Gay men interested in developing worthwhile interpersonal relationships should send their name, address, and telephone number to Tom James, Box 421161, San Francisco, 94142. Discretion assured.

Female First at Sha'ar Zahav

On Friday, February 11, the evening service of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will be led entirely by female members.

As part of the service, both Torah and Haftorah portions will be read by the women of Sha'ar Zahav. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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New Heads for Milk Club

Recall Dominates Discussion

The Milk club has a unique election procedure. At the November meeting it was announced that any prospective candidate that wished to be nominated for office might have an article about themselves in the January GAY-VOTEF. If they met the newsletter deadline Migden met the deadline by a few days. The other Gay political clubs hold nominations one month before club elections. The Milk club does it all, nominations and election, in one night. Huberman indicated that the club “might consider changing that process.”

Two hundred people packed the Women’s Center meeting, but only 104 voted, indicating that there were many spectators. Who were Milk members and who were not was confusing, but there was considerable booing, catcalls, and cheers around the possible recall of Mayor Feinstein. Late in the evening, club members who were left voted 60-3 to withdraw from participation in the mayor’s monthly meetings with Gay community leaders. Milk usually sent one or two representatives.

A last minute “slate” emerged in the election comprised of people vigorously for the recall. Three well-known active participants in the club’s meetings — Hank Wilson, Claude Wynne and Evans — threw their hats into the ring. . . almost. Migden won over Evans, 72-32 Ron Huberman became Political Affairs VP by defeating Wynne, 79-22, while Russ Fields won over Wilson, 64-22, to become Internal Affairs VP. The club also elected Stan Criollos, Corresponding Secretary; David Mathieson, Recording Secretary; and Frank Epstein, Treasurer.

MAYOR ATTACKED

Flames were stired against Feinstein by attorney Mark Coles, who explained the new version of the domestic partners legislation which he wrote and wrote. He said, “The mayor wants constant changes in the proposed ordinance. This is just a smoke screen. The truth is that she does not believe in alternative lifestyles. She has said she will not condone ‘meaningless’ relationships.”

Members wanted to know where the new 4-part version of the legislation is going. Supervisor Harry Britt, who sponsored the legislation, was not present, but his aide, Dana Van Gorder, responded that the scheduled Board committee hearings on it have now been postponed until March. He said there are four “yes” votes for it — Supervisors Dick Hongisto, Carol Rush Silver, and John Molinar. At press time three those three votes have neither been confirmed nor denied. Van Gorder indicated that Supervisor Nancy Walker was a “maybe,” but an audience member insisted that Walker was a “No” vote.

Coles partly joked that his legislation was “tastefully written and poorly considered.” He said the mayor had always been informed about it and that her denial that she was uninformed was a blatant lie. Asked why he just did not wait for a “more appropriate time” later to introduce domestic partners legislation, Coles responded, “I am from the school of thought that you keep coming forward. You get knocked back. Then you try again.”

Britt’s aide Van Gorder said, “The mayor is up to her old bad tricks again,” as he acknowledged that her maneuvering has confused and delayed the implementation of a Civil Rights Commission Office in the police department. Van Gorder also chided the SF Police Commission for allegedly scheduling confusing dates and places for public hearings on the new office. And the result, he said, is that the commission is also delaying action on the new office which was approved by the voters last November.

The club’s decision not to take part in the mayor’s monthly Gay advisory committee meetings follows a similar action by the Bawwall Democratic Club executive. Speakers indicated that the sessions had agenda set by the mayor herself. She was attacked from the floor for not appointing progressively to city positions, refusing to recognize Gay/police problems and rejecting the domestic partners legislation. Congressman Phil Burton’s aide and former Brit aide Bill Kraus said, “These meetings have been a pile of $hit. They are not going to do anything for us.” There has never been any agenda of any of the meetings, which have gone on for over a year.)

CLUB BUSINESS

Milk members will discuss the recall at its February 15 meeting. The treasurer an

announced that the club has $2,200 in the bank. The annual Milk Club dinner is set for May. Newly-appointed Supervisor Stone will become the chair of the Gay/ Lesbian Caucus, Congregation Sha’ar Zahav, and the controversial new Lesbian/Gay Caucus. Her name went across the city in 1982 when she ran unsuccessfully for a position on the Comm unity College Board. Her other involvements include the Chinese American Democratic Caucus, the state Democratic Party of which last week she became the chair of the Gay/ Lesbian Caucus, Congregation Sha’ar Zahav, and the National Women’s Political Caucus.

George Mendenhall
Ex Cop, Tom Cady Loses Out

(Continued from Page 1) Cady was the object of de¬
precation from his co-workers, which he
littl in the men's room of the Northern Station. The Cap¬
tain of the Northern Station, Garry, broughb paint himself to re¬
moving the graffiti, but the job was not done for six months. Coles
appeared in two days. Cady was given control of the Northern Station
only 69% of the time (and in some areas only 18% of the time). Cady said his Daily Ob¬
servation Reports omitted good points and emphasized the negative. He had 15 Field Training
Officers rather than the usual 3 to 5. Lt. Garry, head of the training program, said it was not unusual to
have so many FTO's, though he offered no statistical evi¬
dence. Cady was told it would be better for him to ex¬
amine, rather than be terminating. If he were termin¬
ated, he could not apply for jobs in the District Attorney's Office nor with the Sheriff's Of¬

ice. This is not true. Later it was denied that he was told this.

THE PROCESS

Before a hearing is given, an investigator is given the names of all the people both sides would like to be inter¬
viewed, and a list of docu¬
ments to review. The investi¬
gator, in this case Sylvia Jacobson, has eleven years of experience.
The investigator interviews, but cannot cross examine, makes a report, draws a conclusion and
makes a recommendation. (In this case no recommenda¬
tion was made, but Jacobson felt the findings agree with the panel's conclusion.) The sub¬
committee reviews the report and documents, listens to wit¬
esses, and makes a finding. The sub-committee is made up of a member each from the Civil Service Commission (Joanne Auerbach, Chair of this hearing), the Human Rights Group (Frank Anderson), and the Mayor's Office (Lynne Guimaraes). In the report, Jacobson found an atmos¬
phere of discrimination against women, minorities, and Gays which related to the city's rule to have a discrimi¬
ination-free work place. The Chair said "a discriminatory atmosphere is not the way to have a department run," reported Jacobson.

"An anti-Gay feeling doesn't imply I'll drop grade you," she said. Jacobson inter¬
terviewed ten Field Training Officers suggested by the po¬
lice department and all said that it wasn't a problem with them if someone was Gay. The issue was if they did their job. The ten were consistent in their opinion that Cady had trouble in stressful situations, the use of common sense and good judgement.

"The panel really worked hard to come up with their findings. They didn't have to address the issue of a dis¬
crimination-free atmosphere. They were permitted only to ask what they had to do it." Jacobson said to show what the committee had to have shown that others had received similar treat¬
ment. It would be necessary to look at everyone's reports and compare the reports for Gay recruits to those for straight recruits. The daily re¬
ports are very detailed. The evaluator would have to plain a lot away if he was lying.

Frank Anderson of the panel said the finding of the panel was that there was insuf¬
sufficient evidence to show that Cady was graded unfairly because of his sexual orienta¬
tion. The panel felt there was a very homophile atmosphere at the North Station before Cady got there, while he was there, and that it has remained. Anderson differed in his opin¬
ion from the other two panel members. First, he felt there was a condition of homopho¬
ia at the academy and at Northern Station and that contributed to the negative work conditions of Cady. Secondly, he felt that Cady, resigned, was given inaccurate information, and this was a violation of due process.

Anderson said there was no special significance to this case, other than that it was the first case of this nature to come before the panel under the new rule. Those must be taken into

consideration. Anderson noted that the

cases brought in a number of witnesses who complained about their treatment in the academy and the training program, but none of them had ever filed a complaint. If this were one of a series of complaints, then there would be a track record to compare with.

In regards to the evidence, Anderson went through the reports with "a fine tooth comb" and found no indica¬
tion of down-grading on the basis of sexual orientation. The Field Training Officer Cady said was most sup¬
portive gave Cady only average marks. There was no indication of down-grading because of sexual orientation, and it was hard to see if officers were working in a conspiracy. As there was no such indica¬
tion, the issue was not pur¬

sued.

Anderson noted that the department did not terminate Cady; he resigned. It would have looked differently had he not resigned. That weak¬
ed his over-all case. Had the department terminated him, it would have been a little dif¬
f erent.

"When you make allega¬
tions, you must be able to support them. They needed more specific points; there was not enough evidence, just indications. "Cady can't go with your heart but only your head in matters in this deci¬

dion." He suggested Cady and Coles might do it dif¬
f erently the next time, doing more research.

Anderson does believe there are flaws in training pro¬
gram. "The department pur¬
purs that the program is very objective and scientifically controlled. In fact, it is not. I think it's subjective. The offi¬
cers are quizzed about this admit to it being subjective. A lot of individual ideas enter in. Different officers have dif¬
f erent styles of doing things. That pose must be taken into consideration." For example when Garry was asked how he evaluated someone over¬
all, he said that he looks at all the reports, talks to the officers and relies on his years of experience as an officer.

CADDYS REACTION

Cady's reaction to the deci¬
sion was, "The police depart¬
ment was disappointed; I was also." Cady said he would definitely take the case the next step, to the Civil Service Commissioners. He could appeal on two issues: he said on sexual discrimination or on the way he was graded. Again, Cady and Coles agreed these two issues as inter¬

locked. At the hearing it was

charged that his test grade scores were changed, that he took twenty extra tests, unlike any of his fellow recruits. Other recruits were not permitted to remove the tests for per¬
munial help, but not extra tests. Cady felt there was no way they could have gotten a true picture of his performance. At the hearing, the police Department just ignored the challenge. They didn't even deny them.

Cady offered an example of how he was graded on stress situations. While off duty, Cady came to the aid of a Gay man who was being beaten by three assailants. A felony was going on in his presence. He went to the aid of the victim. Lt. Garry said this was an example of bad judgement. Cady should have tried not to help without a radio, and without back-up. Cady said he had been told by other officers that if he hadn't helped, he would have been dismissed.

Three other Gay officers testified about the harassment they had received. Anderson asked Cady why the other offi¬
cers got the...; regardless of the discrimination, Cady said, because he had prior

step in the enforcement process, he was a threat. The men

warned that he may be their next boss.

What can be done? "No thing can be done until the Major steps in and tells the men to knock it off or out you go." Could this case be for¬
gotten or pushed aside? There's no way I'm going to let it," explained Cady.
The San Francisco Foundation Funds Gay Rights Group

An organization of Catholic Gay Men, Lesbians, and their friends join us every Sunday at 6 p.m. for pastoral worship in the Parish of the Exaltation of St. John of God, Fifth Avenue and Irving Street, San Francisco.

We Are Writing or Phone About Dignity's Educational, Religious, Social, and recreational programs.

The San Francisco Foundation has granted $10,000 to the Human Rights Foundation (HRF) for expansion of the Demystifying Homosexuality Project.

Through this project, HRF has trained and scheduled Gay speakers in several Bay Area high schools and colleges during the last four years. The San Francisco Foundation grant will enable HRF not only to reach more students in additional schools, but also to establish the project in places outside the schools, such as businesses, churches, and service-providing agencies.

The grant purposes, as spelled out in the agreement between HRF and the San Francisco Foundation, are:

1. To create greater understanding through dialogue between the Gay and non-Gay communities.
2. To eliminate myths and stereotypes about Lesbians and Gay men.
3. To eliminate myths and stereotypes which the Gay community holds about the non-Gay community, especially about ethnic and racial minorities.
4. To decrease or eliminate discrimination and violence against Lesbians and Gay men, much of which stems from fear or ignorance.

Specific objectives enumerated in the agreement are:

To increase the number of high school students who are given the opportunity to hear Lesbian and Gay male speakers.

The national Gay rights bill has been reintroduced into the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Ted Weiss of New York, together with the bill's co-sponsors, Congressman Philip Burton of San Francisco, Harold Waxman of Los Angeles, and Mike Lowry of Seattle, introduced the legislation.

The law would prohibit discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations.

Congressman Burton commented, "I intend to work to get this again in session with the Gay Rights National Lobby to make more of my colleagues co-sponsor the Gay rights bill.

"The prospects for Gay rights are significantly better in the Congress than they have been in the past. The New Right no longer has the influence it once did, particularly with the Democratic margin increasing by 26 seats in the House.

Burton added that he hoped to see hearings around the country on the Gay rights bill during the two-year congressional session.

"We are moving toward a situation in which we may be able to get majority support for the Gay rights bill in the Judiciary Committee, which would be a major step forward," Burton said.

The Right to Privacy Foundation Gets Tax-Deductible Status

"Careful, thoughtful research is desperately needed on the bills and amendments under consideration by Congress which would have a profound impact on the lives of Gay and Lesbian people," said Davis. "Professional-quality analysis should be better available to demonstrate the need of the Right to Privacy Foundation has the tax-deductible status."
CUAV

CUAV Throws Funder

Randy Schell

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In 1981 there were 19,000 reported violent assaults. There were 40,000 estimated assaults that went unreported. Needless to say, violence in 1982 remained intolerable.

CUAV was formed in 1979 to provide services to victims of anti-Gay violence and community assault prevention services. Such services include: the maintenance of a 24-hour attack report hotline — UNI-SAFE: 664-7232; short-term counseling for victims; public education workshops on safety; and organization of projects for commu-

nity self-defense.

In 1981 the City and County of San Francisco began to fund these vital services. Funding, however, is limited, and in order to maintain and develop services to combat this severe problem, CUAV must seek additional support from the private sector. We need your help!

Please join us at a cocktail party at the home of Jim Gilman — 2335 Turk Street (at Masonic) — Sunday, January 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. Your tax-deductible donation of $10-$25 will help ensure our voice on work of victims of violent assault. (If you are able to give more, it would be greatly appreciated.)

If you are unable to attend but would like to support our work, or if you would like to make an advance reservation for the party, please send your check to CUAV, P.O. Box 14017, San Francisco, CA 94114.

QUICK HITS

CASTRO/18TH ST.

Two men were crossing the street in front of Hibernia Beach. A group of four males in their early twenties began yelling, "Fags, I hate fags." Then, one of the suspects screamed "Someone saw me." The witness, a survivor, saw the attack. He was walking on 20th Street, the suspect got out of the vehicle, ran into the bar again. When the witness asked the bus driver to stop, the suspect did not strike the witness. The assailants began walking away and continued to harass the passerby on the street. The witness followed them for awhile and, sensing further problems, ran into the Men's Room bar and called the police. The witness then went back into the street and one of the suspects saw him and ran toward him in a threatening way. The witness ran into the bar again. When he went back into the street the suspects were gone. The witness complained that the Police Department took 25 minutes to respond to the call.

Haight/ Fillmore. This victim was walking on Haight at Fillmore. Suddenly he was attacked by a group of six to eight teenagers. They were carrying lead pipes and bats. They assaulted the victim, beating him on the head and anywhere else they could. The victim lost consciousnes.

Castro/20th. This survivor was walking on 20th Street as a car pulled up and the assailant got out of the vehicle. Suspect was carrying a baseball bat and began to taunt the survivor calling him a "faggot." The suspect then approached the survivor with the baseball bat. As the survivor attempted to get away, he slipped on a grating in the road and fell. The suspect caught up to him and continued beating the survivor with the baseball bat.

The survivor began yelling, and the suspect backed off and got into the car. A crowd began to form and someone called the Police Department. Police responded in two minutes. The survivor gave his story to the police. Ten minutes later, another man approached the crowd and told them that he had just been attacked by someone waving a baseball bat. The first survivor sustained deep bruises on the chest, arms, and legs and had to have stitches. Victim is filing with Victim/Witness Assistance.

Webster/Fulton. The survivor of this robbery was attacked by five persons and hit on the head by a hard object. His jacket and wallet were stolen. The survivor stated that the assailants were very professional in this robbery. The survivor was treated at Central Emergency and received 12 sitches to the right eye. The case is still being followed up and new leads will probably result in the arrest of at least one suspect using the survivor's credit cards.

CASTRO/18TH

Witness observed 5 suspects screaming anti-Gay epithets in the Castro area. The oldest of the suspects jumped the witness and pushed him backwards and said, "Get to the front of us, mother-fucker faggot." The suspect did not strike the witness. The assailants began walking away and continued to harass the person on the street. The witness followed them for awhile and, sensing further problems, ran into the Men's Room bar and called the police. The witness then went back into the street and one of the suspects saw him and ran toward him in a threatening way. The witness ran into the bar again. When he went back into the street the suspects were gone. The witness complained to the Police Department took 25 minutes to respond to the call.

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Castro/20th. When he came to he pleaded with someone in a car to take him to the hospital. He was transported to Ralph K. Davies for skull fracture and ripped hinges to the hand and multiple lacerations to other parts of his body.

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POLITICS AND PEOPLE

NOW leader Ginny Foat's troubles on everyone but her self (with Costanza claiming the usual "political harassment") might be producing a massive case of foot-in-mouth disease. It now seems that some other than another NOW board member was the one who blew the whistle on Foat's questionable past and the national NOW president held a press conference last week to claim that there is no proof that the charges against Foat were indeed mere political harassment. Residential phone rates in San Francisco will at least double if Pacific Telephone gets its requested $819.3 million rate increase, but you can be sure that no one on the Public Utilities Commission has the guts to say no to Ms. Bell. For what ever it is worth, a reunion was held this past Sunday at the Trax bar in the Height of the all Gay labor union group Bay Area Gay Lib approach (BAGL). And in Virginia, hard times have forced multi millionaire Governor Jay Rockefeller to give up the shrimp at receptions and get by with three fewer servants. Sharon Rockefeller, the governor's wife, said the moves are "extremely unfortunate, but it simply has to be done;" the mansion is left with only four servants to pamper the gubernatorial family (and how was their day)?

Most political observers are predicting that Milton Marks' challenge of the poweful Phil Burton in last November's election would put Marks in the political dog house for good, but Milton Marks must have some friends in PAC funds, while Burton, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor Management Relations of the Education and Labor Committee, and running as an incumbent, received $385,000 (or 67% of his total campaign costs), mostly from labor PAC's.

The only two supervisors not appearing on the invitation as co-chairs for Mayor Feinstein's $3000-a-plate Vel-mintme's Day fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency are Harry Britt and Quentin Kopp. Helen Gurley Brown, the 60 year old editor-in-chief of Cosmo-politan magazine and the au thor of several sex related books (and the Single Girl) gave an interview last week to USA Today, and when asked what she views on homosexuality, gave the sex ist reply that "I just regret the loss of so many wonderful men because women need people to love and to go to with and relate to and I regret the loss of those men for our sex" (female chauvin ist pag?). Nevada's first blind state Senator, Bob Ryan, 35, was sworn in last week—he is only the second Republican to represent Las Vegas this century. The smouldering feud between the California Demo cratic Council (IDC) and Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy (CED) resolved last week in IDC's southern vice president, Marlene Kagen, defeating CED-backed John Means of Bakersfield for the post as southern treasurer of the state Democratic Party. You can bet this internal CED bickering will continue to, as some Demo party regulars are compl aining aloud that CED is try ing to take over the state party. Incidentally, Milton Marks for co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus held during the convention is still having its fallout with proponents of both sides calling me to com plain of the "heavy-handed, dirty politics" used by the other side and some on the losing end even threatening to challenge the outcome at the next state-wide California Democratic Party executive meeting. Incidentally, the Democratic convention cred entials committee stripped Fortune Vice Mayor Bill Reeder of his credentials and refused to seat him at the con vention because of his membership in the ultraconservative John Birch Society.

This and week's change in command of the liberal Harvey Milk Gay Demo Club, with Bill Robinson resigned and Harvey sued to step aside, was f i nalized during the Demo conven tion in Sacramento; most of those I spoke with are happy with stairs for mayor. San Francisco Supervisor Mine dge as the new club presi dent.

Next month's Chicago primary election getting dirty with the three major can didates for mayor—Jane Byrne, former Cook County President Daley, Jr., son of the former mayor, and Black Con gressman Harold Washington—all going all out for the Gay and Lesbian vote. Colorado became the 17th state (plus the District of Columbia) this week to institute a state lottery to help offset drops in sales and income taxes—are you reading this, Speaker Brown? Taking care of their own under new Social Security rules. 27 members of Congress and 70 older and can now earn unlimited income starting with salaries up to $639,000 without giving up full Social Security benefits.

S ome politicians sicknessing at what they suspect Art Agnos plan to have the legislature pass some kind of emergency measure canceling the recall vote—one well-known Demo activist privately accused Agnos of "shoehoisting" and comment ing, "Talk about closing the barn door after the horses are gone! Even Agnos shouldn't have needed a state lawyer to tell him this one wouldn't work. L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley becoming a Born Again? Bradley was guest star on Dr. Robert Schuller's Sunday Hour of Power religious program: Schuller, one of the worst of the Right Wing TV evangel ists, is openly homophobic.

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NOW leader Ginny Foat's troubles on everyone but her self (with Costanza claiming the usual "political harassment") might be producing a massive case of foot-in-mouth disease. It now seems that some other than another NOW board member was the one who blew the whistle on Foat's questionable past and the national NOW president held a press conference last week to claim that there is no proof that the charges against Foat were indeed mere political harassment. Residential phone rates in San Francisco will at least double if Pacific Telephone gets its requested $819.3 million rate increase, but you can be sure that no one on the Public Utilities Commission has the guts to say no to Ms. Bell. For whatever it is worth, a reunion was held this past Sunday at the Trax bar in the Height of the all Gay labor union group Bay Area Gay Lib approach (BAGL). And in Virginia, hard times have forced multi millionaire Governor Jay Rockefeller to give up the shrimp at receptions and get by with three fewer servants. Sharon Rockefeller, the governor's wife, said the moves are "extremely unfortunate, but it simply has to be done;" the mansion is left with only four servants to pamper the gubernatorial family (and how was their day)?

Most political observers are predicting that Milton Marks' challenge of the powerful Phil Burton in last November's election would put Marks in the political dog house for good, but Milton Marks must have some friends in PAC funds, while Burton, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor Management Relations of the Education and Labor Committee, and running as an incumbent, received $385,000 (or 67% of his total campaign costs), mostly from labor PAC's.

The only two supervisors not appearing on the invitation as co-chairs for Mayor Feinstein's $3000-a-plate Vel-mintme's Day fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency are Harry Britt and Quentin Kopp. Helen Gurley Brown, the 60 year old editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine and the author of several sex related books (and the Single Girl) gave an interview last week to USA Today, and when asked what she views on homosexuality, gave the sexist reply that "I just regret the loss of so many wonderful men because women need people to love and to go to with and relate to and I regret the loss of those men for our sex" (female chauvinist pag?). Nevada's first blind state Senator, Bob Ryan, 35, was sworn in last week—he is only the second Republican to represent Las Vegas this century. The smouldering feud between the California Democratic Council (IDC) and Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy (CED) resolved last week in IDC's southern vice president, Marlene Kagen, defeating CED-backed John Means of Bakersfield for the post as southern treasurer of the state Democratic Party. You can bet this internal CED bickering will continue to, as some Demo party regulars are complaining aloud that CED is trying to take over the state party. Incidentally, Milton Marks for co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus held during the convention is still having its fallout with proponents of both sides calling me to complain of the "heavy-handed, dirty politics" used by the other side and some on the losing end even threatening to challenge the outcome at the next state-wide California Democratic Party executive meeting. Incidentally, the Democratic convention credentials committee stripped Fortune Vice Mayor Bill Reeder of his credentials and refused to seat him at the convention because of his membership in the ultraconservative John Birch Society.

This and week's change in command of the liberal Harvey Milk Gay Demo Club, with Bill Robinson resigned and Harvey sued to step aside, was finalized during the Demo convention in Sacramento; most of those I spoke with are happy with stairs for mayor. San Francisco Supervisor Migden as the new club president.

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**GUEST COLUMN**

**The Criminal Justice Report**

By William Paul, Ed.D.

In your article on the Mayor's Criminal Justice Task Force Victim Survey (November 18, page 2), I was misquoted in my critical remarks concerning the limitations of the study.

I did not describe the survey as an "opinion poll." Rather, I pointed out that some aspects of the study attempted to assess people's perceptions.

Since I respect George Mendelsohn as an accurate reporter, I assume that the error was on my part, due perhaps to miscommunication. However, there was also an overall impression from the statements I did make that requires some clarification.

As a member of the victim survey task force, I feel a responsibility to make the limitations of the study quite clear. But I would be incorrect to conclude from my criticisms that I think the survey is useless. I have prepared a critical assessment of the survey which I offer for future publication. For now, I would like to make the following points:

1. The survey did not meet certain tests of scientific validity, but many useful and informative studies do not satisfy these rigorous criteria.

2. A major shortcoming was its sampling from police reports. This is an especially serious threat to validity when attempting to sample Gay populations. Other studies indicate Gay victims as less likely to make police reports.

3. The survey therefore wisely developed a smaller companion group through a community outreach effort designed as a cross-check on the police report data. In this companion group, a subsample of victims of anti-Gay attacks allowed us to generate some very informative data: 82% of these victims of homophobic attacks stated that they had not made a police report.

4. Therefore, it is clear that on the major point of controversy, the relative victimization of Gay people by violent attacks, the survey findings have not been accurately or completely released to the media. The press release from the Mayor's Office, the Mayor's cover letter, and the 10-page summary of the survey all failed to mention this important finding. These summaries likewise did not contain a sense of anti-Gay violence as a serious problem, but rather a clear impression that a "myth" had been "dispelled."

5. The survey itself does have some serious limitations that have not been clearly acknowledged. Some of these limitations appear to have made the study more vulnerable to the kinds of selective reporting and misinterpretation that created distortion.

6. These limitations require a larger analysis in order to give a fairly balanced account of the weaknesses and real contributions of the Victim Survey. It appears, however, that there has been insufficient care in the interpretation of the data, review of other pertinent studies, and the preparation of a summary of findings in the kind of cautious language that is appropriate to this kind of exploratory research project.

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Unfortunately, other professional obligations prevented me from attending some important meeting of the Victim Survey Task Force. Several other members also missed meetings. However, throughout the course of the project I made several suggestions and constructive criticisms in both verbal and written form that were directly relevant to the current problems confronting the report. In particular, I emphasized anti-Gay violence as a grave problem, in that Lesbians and Gay men are physically attacked because of social identity. We are targets because of who we are. I offered a review of independent research on the subject (including sampling problems), which was deleted toward the close of the project.

I requested that we go over some of the language of the report dealing with potentially controversial areas of concern for the Gay community in order to provide a further careful review. This request was voted down by the members present.

There appeared to be considerable time pressure exerted to complete the project by July, yet the findings were selectively released in November. To now assert that I did not express earlier concerns and criticisms is simply false. Other Task Force members are quite aware of my dissatisfaction with several aspects of the study concerning anti-Gay violence. Since the summaries released to the press do not accurately reflect the survey's findings or its limitations, it is appropriate for me to offer a critical assessment and clarification. Certain people at Gay Hall should understand that these are not personal or political attacks, but rather the kind of critical perspective and dissent that are expected of a social scientist.

Finally, it is truly unfortunate that the useful contributions of the project have been obscured by the controversy generated from what appears to have been a highly political interpretation of the findings and what is actually happening on the streets of this city.

ED. NOTE: The survey has been withdrawn for revision. We will be reviewing its findings at a later date.
New Life for East Bay MCC

The New Life Metropolitan Community Church will soon become the first outside group to make use of the facilities of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland since it was built in 1880. The Unitarian Church's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to allow the MCC use of their church. Said the Rev. Robert Isaacs, minister of First Unitarian, "The financial benefit was not enough of a reason for us to do this, but we felt we wanted to make this gesture of support to MCC and to the Lesbians and Gay community."

The use agreement provides New Life MCC with space for Sunday worship, Wednesday classes, and an office for their pastor, the Rev. Richard Weatherly. The agreement is for one year and begins on February 1.

The church is located in downtown Oakland at 14th and Castro streets. The building is an historic landmark possessing features such as stained glass windows, shipped around the Horn" for its construction. Jack London wrote several works in the room MCC will be using to its Wednesday night classes and the Unitarian Seminary. Star King House for the Ministry, held its first classes there.

CLETCH COJNTLY

(A Related Nose?)

OAKLAND

Wednesday, February 9, at the Lake Merritt Hotel, and it was re-freshing to witness a renewed interest in camaraderie. There seemed to be a sense of "will¬ningness to cooperate," and hopefully that will continue to grow until the culmination of the parade itself.

It was made clear that the float is from and for Oakland. It is not a bar or float, it is not an organization's float, it is not a Ciqeur's float!

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Super Bowl Bar

The Bar and Bench will hold Superbowl Sunday on January 30, complete with bleachers and hot dog seller in authentic Superbowl gear.

Gay Appointed to Portland, OR Commission

The Right to Privacy, PAC, announced the appointment of Keeston Lowery, current PAC treasurer, to the Port¬land, Oregon, Metropolitan Human Relations Commis¬sion. Lowery's appointment was made by Multnomah County Executive Don Clark, with the support of City Commissioner Margaret Streicher, and marks the first openly Gay member on the commission for several years.

Lowery has been active as a Gay community organizer for seven years, beginning with the formation of Oregon Gay Rights. He is a former board member of several Ore¬gon Gay-related organiza¬tions and is currently serving on the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties as well as the PAC treasurer.

A licensed Occupational Therapist, Lowery was ap¬pointed by former Gov. Strub in 1978 to a position on the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board and was later elected president of the Board during his two-year ten¬ure. Through his efforts the Board became the first in the state to adopt a policy of non-discrimination in the issuance of licenses that included sexual orientation as a cate¬gory.

Lowery said the appoint-
**SAN JOSE: FROM THE ROSEGARDEN**

**Political Action Committee Structured**

Rogers Lee stepped forward last year for the post of the South Bay Gay Political Action Committee chair and recently held a meeting of the South Bay Gay Political Action Committee to introduce them to San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, Councilperson Susan Handel and Santa Clara County Supervisor Arlene Lorch. He has been hard at work on the PAC to date and at the meeting. He met last week with the four people who volunteered to help him write out their qualifications and state their commitment to the Gay and Lesbian rights cause, and gathered them for 12 monthly meetings during their time of being on one of at least one of the PAC’s working committees, and (the zoning committee, and (the NCRC) to personally raise a minimum of $1,000 or $2,000.

There will additionally be a Board of Directors, working committees for local businesses, types and others whose history and active involvement in the Gay and Lesbian rights movement is somewhere between effective and successful, and an Advisory Board that will be composed of a minimum of five people, at least one of whom is a person who is willing to donate $25 and contribute their energy as input to the success of the PAC.

For office seekers to receive funds or an endorsement from the PAC, the following three points are proposed: 1) that the candidate must be positive on issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community, 2) that the candidate must have a working knowledge of the Gay and Lesbian community, and 3) that the candidate must have a viable, credible political action committee. (A political action committee, 4) that, when there are more than one candidate, must have a viable political action committee.)

The candidates all met the above criterion and have a higher than required commitment by having stood up for Gay and Lesbian rights and (5) for ballot initiative, to have a personal commitment to the rights of both Gay men and Lesbians.

There will be those who’ll play devil’s advocate on this proposed structure. However, (as is true of any agreement involving a combination of time, money and commitment from a large group of people), there’s little room for misinterpretation or misunderstanding.

The structure is designed as a sort of safety net for the Gay and Lesbian community, a way to help structure the PAC.

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**BOOK RACK**

**The Shadow of Censorship**

Banned Films: Movies, Censors, and the First Amendment
By Edward De Grazia and Roger K. Newman, H. R. Bowker, 115.59 paperback

by Frank Howell

"Would it not be good propaganda," a New York City deputy police commissioner wrote in the Czar’s view of the American censor during World War I, "when men’s souls are tied to their country, to make them feel the free soil and a great, free land to fight for! It is a mission worthy of the most noble and best... to print each night on the screen in every motion picture house: The Ten Commandments, one at a time, a reminder of the great commandments of the God of the universe."

A long list of taboo subjects were now listed for film censors to ponder as they were making features for the next forty years. The Motion Picture Code was set firmly in place and a rigid system of incredible truth control shaped the Hollywood world of the wood. Producers felt that anything was better than government control.

But after a few months in the theater, the new Gay Pogo theater had made a success. They were making progress and the club was a success. The club was on its way to being a success. The club was on its way to being a success.

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**Political**

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For any office this year, Kopp politically declined an invitation from the new GOP County Chair, Dolph Andrew, to become a Republican, saying that "we’ll pass for now." Kopp claimed that the skilled political doctrine will now be given to the Catholic Church, with the help of the County GOP (with a puny $2 to the fund) and 'the best of luck' while all the while affirming his loyalty to the Democratic Party. The able supervisor also said that one of the reasons the City of San Francisco has such a large number of people who are voting for the first time is that "San Francisco has the most progressive political system in any country in the state," and "we’ve got a great mayor. Quentin Kopp was at his best, and he’s good." Kopp showed CIRW that the skillful political doctrine will now be given to the Catholic Church, with the help of the County GOP (with a puny $2 to the fund) and 'the best of luck' while all the while affirming his loyalty to the Democratic Party. The able supervisor also said that one of the reasons the City of San Francisco has such a large number of people who are voting for the first time is that "San Francisco has the most progressive political system in any country in the state," and "we’ve got a great mayor. Quentin Kopp was at his best, and he’s good."

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ACT's Uncle Vanya
High-brow theatre lives in low-brow comedy
by Paul-Francis Hartmann

Every time I sat out to see a play by Chekhov, I have to remind myself—it’s a comedy, it’s a comedy. From most of the production I’ve attended, you’d never know it. Out of all Chekhov’s productions, the top of the performances was Dashiell Hammett’s interpretation of Uncle Vanya. It is the best thing he’s done in two years at ACT, and one wants to say the part was made for him, and he was made for the role.

And what is Uncle Vanya about? Much has changed this century from a rural late 19th century Russian farm/estate— but the life questions the play jiggles persist. The questions are those that nag on behind what to do about MX missiles, or nuclear disaster, or Gay marriage licenses. The questions are: what is the answer to this, to that, to everything? To me? What is the purpose, what is the point—in telling you I am only telling myself—in whom I have little faith. The strong have answers—tools with no questions. The weak have answers—tools with no solutions. And still others plod along and put in time.

Having laid down that heavy load... will anyone believe I’m still writing about a romantic comedy...

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Teasing with Augustus
by Scott Treml

Those spurred by the Mayor’s refusal to recognize Gay marriage can take heart at the arrival last week of Swiss playwright Friedrich Duerrenmatt’s The Play Strindberg at the San Francisco Repertory. It is a savage glimpse at the institution’s standard version, posing the worthy question that if marriage is so precisely the arrangement God had in mind, why is this the recurrent result? For Edgar and Alice marriage is an existential outrage, and they rip and snarl at each other with the intensity of a haywire threshing. What they enact is a matrimonial blitz, an acid disunity, a raw hatred that—wait, let me go back.

The play’s intention is slightly confused in the current production, for though it appeals exaggerated, even wild, you are unsure you are really expected to laugh. Not much laughter sounded Friday night; I believe ambiguous direction was the cause. The play deserves more physical comedy than the two directors allow it, and while the characters display a certain cartoonishness they need a dose of slapstick so we understand what they are. For the play to work it must engender a sense of absurdity in what is actually a nonsensical situation. We are not sure it is nonsensical enough. Mr. Duerrenmatt is partially at fault, for in what is actually a nonsensical previous to this play’s debut in 1969, he was characterized by high seriousness, and as his first inspiration for Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (with Warren Denovil as the male and Terry locus O’H in his husband and Beeny Christiansen as the inner, at the S.F. Rep.)

The story takes place on an island representing the isolated world every marriage becomes. There remains awed to certifying these, perhaps, as Play Strindberg, points, we ought to be thankful.

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STAGE

Rep Shows Off

The Show-Off

by John F. Karr

When George Kelly's The Show-Off was first performed in 1929, it was a marked departure from the theatrical norm. Kelly even considered it necessary to channel the expectations of theatre-goers with the subtitle, "A Transcript of Life In Three Acts." Compared to the melodrama of the day The Show-Off was unusually realistic one could confuse its characters for real people! By today's standards it's a period piece, but it hasn't lost its ability to charm with its comically human characters, impress with Kelly's seamless construction and smooth writing, and generally demonstrate why it's considered a classic.

The first thing that charmed me was a lively parakeet singing in its cage on the benches in the backstage dressing room. In short order I was charmed by the life which dripped out the parakeet song with a parade of daily problems. Then I was charmed by the entire cast, singing out one from thisovable group would be hard, although Barbara Oliver excelled in the largest role, that of quarelojome "Every-Mother." Best played in a New York revival by Helen Hayes. Even the cameos and bit-players excel. If the first act is played a little slow, thehumptuous, continually surprising turns of event in the subsequent acts take wing and more than compensate. Although it took an act to get there, once in place my sunny smile didn't slip till long after the show was over.

The titular show-off is one Aubrey Piper, a braggart and liar if ever there was one, yet not maliciously so. He marries into the Fisher clan, bringing wife to the adoring wife Army with his spindrift ways, and hilarious, continual rounds of verbal fisticuffs to Mother Fisher, who can't stand him. "Everybody'1 have trouble, if they live long enough," declares Mother Fisher, and the touching, comic, sad and happy troubles that beset Piper and the Fisher's make up the play. There's some sassy, tart lines along the way, some sweetly homespun philosophizing, and a family — the Fishers — the Fishers you'll come to adore.

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Sweet theme, sour treatment

A Sweet and Sour Romance
by Giovanni Vitacolonna
Gay Men's Press, paper, $6.50
by Scott Treimel

It is simpler to define oneself in relation to straight culture than in relation to Gay culture. Gay culture is too new, it is too inchoate, and to accept or reject it therefore means first defining what remains unformed. Where a fellow declares his sexuality for example, he is fully cognizant of the heritage, moves, fears, and expectations he is exploiting. Consideration, then, is now that he is, as they say, out. He has explained the central presumption of the role he has played. He has unfurled that has uplifted his identity. Suspended, he is at that uneasy juncture that lies before the new. Regardless who the fellow is, he can make but one move, and that is the move into the culture Gay has thus far managed to claim as their own: promptly; a playful regard for the tacit; the habit of stylization; self-deprecating humor; and a sensibility that ranges from civic high-mindedness to cynical fatigue. The fellow makes this move, chooses this culture for he must have, no matter what his temperament, a backdrop against to learn who he is. Whether it suits the fellow or not, Gay culture is thus the origin of the identity he develops as a sexually unhampered man.

The evolution of identity is the stuff of literature, and how a social identity is made the stuff of American literature. It is the heart of American literature. It is what the Scarer Letter is about, what Huckleberry Finn and the Sun Also Rises are about. (If you don't read, think of the movie Fame; that is what it is about, too.) The issue behind these stories, the individual versus society, illustrates the process by which a character does or does not come into his own, does or does not achieve an autonomous identity. No other theme is the stuff of promise for Gay literature. The story of a Gay person coming into his own is absolutely unique. It is not a traditional story with the gendres changed, it is that of a man trying to gage himself against an incomplete culture. That it has no heterosexual counterpart, and is the only story inseparably Gay.

The latest attempt to tell it is Giovanni Vitacolonna's A Sweet and Sour Romance. The novel is a series of diary entries dotted with news clips and occasional letters, intending to report the experience of Salvatore, an Italian-American, from 1971 to 1981. As it commences Sal has redefined himself. He is no longer "homosexual," he is "Gay," a transformation from an individual to a cultural manifestation of sexuality. The coming-out shift has Sal giddy and suddenly at home. "We are fighting for our identity--our survival!" "We want our place in history!" "We have arrived!" Gayness will now be the centerpiece for self-discovery, so he moves from Madison, Wisconsin to the hub of things in San Francisco. He takes his two lovers (who are themselves lovers) along. The three embark upon the hectic, Crisco/based adventure they find but Sal is disemboweled. The quest to create a Gay culture presupposes a conformity he cannot abide. He moves to Italy and here his sexuality is at last, fused with who he is. The name for that, he concludes, is homosexual.

"Being homosexual was the only consistent thing I'd done and turning it into 'Gay' was always such an embarrassment. I became responsible for too many things, I couldn't. Having queer feelings is enough without making into a pseudo-culture. Sexuality is the core of A Sweet and Sour Romance, how it clashes and clamps and props Sal's development. His sexuality first is an isolated expression and then something proudingly included, but it is, finally, the catalyst for reconstructing his identity.

Although this is fine stuff for a novel, Mr. Vitacolonna's fails. It falls to inspire, to illuminate, and to engage. The world he creates is flat, textless, a cut-paper construct. There is no metaphor to enrich the narration and the details are random and unrevealing. There is no resonance. Reading it is akin to staring out your window and down on the street scene below: you see people, you see movement; you do not see characters or their actions. The novel has no inner life. Things just happen. The novel does not, however, leave you neutral; it leaves you less besogn than that. The voice of Sal's diary is gauch, fatigued, and though full of quips, is a voice drained of fun. It is a familiar voice and it happens to gage himself against an inchoate, and to accept or reject. The world he creates is flat, textless, a cut-paper construct. There is no metaphor to enrich the narration and the details are random and unrevealing. There is no resonance. Reading it is akin to staring out your window and down on the street scene below: you see people, you see movement; you do not see characters or their actions. The novel has no inner life. Things just happen. The novel does not, however, leave you neutral; it leaves you less besogn than that. The voice of Sal's diary is gauch, fatigued, and though full of quips, is a voice drained of fun. It is a familiar voice and it happens to gage himself against an incomplete culture. That it has no heterosexual counterpart, and is the only story inseparably Gay.

Get Clogged While Dancing

Clogging classes for beginners will be offered starting Monday, January 31, by Janice Hanef in the Artistic Director of the Barbary Coast Cloggers will be held at the Nova Academy, 16th and Castro Street, in the Nova Studio E (downstairs) at 7 PM. Fee is $5 or 10 week course. For more information, contact Janice Hanef at 829-0846 in Dublin, California.

Latinos Dance

On Saturday, February 5, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., the Gay Latino Alliance (GALA) will commemorate Mexico's Constitution Day with a "Gran Fandango" at San Francisco's most "exotica" cantina, Noche de Ronda.

This discreet cantina is at 1354 Harrison Street, across from the Ambush.

Says GALA's press release, "A dollar donation admits you to an evening of inexpensive beer, wine, antojitos, and musica de ambiente."
Ballerina boys

“Keep On Toppin’” headlined the B.A.R. when the Ballets Trocadero de Monte Carlo played the Opera House last February. Keep on, they will, with what has become an annual return, scheduled for February 18-20. On this visit the famed all-male ballet troupe brings two San Francisco premieres, along with long-time favorites.

The troupe, which is on the road twenty weeks of the year, has just returned from a smash success in Japan. A South American tour may be cancelled when “The British beat us to the Falklands,” said Pirouet Choreographer Bettanee Terrell. Likewise, an Israeli tour was cancelled due to fluctuating war zones.

But there’s no war within the company, which merely continues to create the mad Capulets and mock dance conventions at the same time.

“Cliche? In our work?” asks Terrell with exaggerated innocence. “Styles make their own cliches. I approach my subject matter very seriously.”

Last year’s subject matter was Egyptian ballets, and the result was Pharaoh’s Daughter. Advised to stop, since there had never been a successful ballet on Egyptian themes, Terrell persevered. Her savvy in stylizing the ballet brought forth an exotic Petri Cat satire that was an audience pleaser—especially with the 6’2” “ballerina” Suzina La Fuzziovitch in the title role.

Two more styles come under scrutiny this year, the first featuring Madame Fuzziovitch in her debut dramatic role, It’s Pillar of Virtue, and deals with the life story of that Bible-quoting, hatchet-toting heroine in the field of righteousness, Carey Nation.

In the styles of Ruge Page, Agnes de Mille and Anthony Tudor, it brings a modern aspect to the company which most frequently surveys an older look. It sends up the ballets of American themes of the 1930s and 40s, in which people were clothes of the period instead of idealized tutus, and is fraught with psychological symbolism and drenched in blood. It also solves a partnering problem for its star, says Terrell. “She’s so big there’s no picking her up.” So this dramatic role was specifically created for the huge ballerina. It will be danced opening Night.

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Scarer than war

Playwright Stephen Regina-Thon bounded into the B.A.R. office and immediately proclaimed that the Berkeley Stage Company’s announcement of his play’s opening just wouldn’t do: “They were a little tepid on that material,” the energetic author bristled. “I think the play is controversial. I wanted an announcement aimed at the Gay community.”

The play is Starz, Stripes... Forever, subtitled "A theatrical epic exploring that psychotic Vietnam—the Vietnamese War". It spans several years in the lives of ten young men and women caught in the events of the war both at home and in East Asia, focusing more on personal emotions and conflicts than on warfare. The special appeal to Gays is that it has a program.

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because they didn’t face what they were feeling. So it’s not a Gay play, but it’s not a Gay play. Some of the issues are sexual, and some of the issues can be resolved by an alternative sexuality. An important theme

The third night brings a mixed program of classical and modern works, behind the Trocadero performs for two nights at Zellerbach Hall Berkeley.

With the company’s exploration of stylus continuation unabated, the B.A.R. asked Miss Terrell if her dancers might mount their version of a Twyla Tharp “Tharp?” she considered. “Well, we’d love to bring in a juggling specialist.”

The Trocadero Ballet will be juggling the Opera House February 16 through 20 Ticket and schedule information at the Opera Box Office: 431-1210.

The New York based author expressed surprise at the “seeming antithesis” he encountered in San Francisco bars. “I’m surprised the men are so inclusive about how to define masculinity, he said. “My play is about defining what being close to someone is, on all levels, political, social, sexual, Vietnam was a focus for issues that were and are intensely personal.”

I hope the Gay community will respond to the things I have to say, even if I’m not ‘party line.” His abundant energy surging up, Regina-Thon claimed, “They’re going to miss the boat if they miss this. It’s making it affect the way many Americans view Gays or the world.”

Without even blushing he concluded “Starz, Stripes... Forever has been called the War and Peace of Vietnam.”

Starz, Stripes... Forever plays at the Berkeley Stage Company (at the corner of Addison and San Pablo in Berkeley) from Jan 26 through Feb 19. Info: 548-4728.

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ed upon it the grateful sentiments of the entire Gay Games Committee. Mai, I know your bowling league shares in the immense pride and honor. I at this moment, it could not happen to a more deserving person.

Sara, having worked closely
BLACK AND WHITE NIGHTS

Shipboard Buddies. Too rocky sailors of the button D Ave. contemplate the sort of survival that's in San Francisco's murky clime. It was no mean comfort American single boys can't manage. When the ship drops the anchor, now that's a last thing that's even certain has every found in the S.F. Eagle however. (Photo: B. Prunty)

MY KNIGHTS IN LEATHER

South of the Market Shades

KARL STEWART

abstract ideas and mixed-media treats. His coffee portrait mask, in ceramic, mounted on canvas. His own hand reaches out from the blackness for a bite of sushi. In the rear are some very erotic (or perhaps pornographic) is more accurate) larger pieces. In “Blue Moons” and “Under Talking,” huge silhouettes hover over cavernous butt holes. They’re well executed and very distorting to a game of pool.

RED LETTER KNIGHTS

When a bike club was a bike club, the Border Riders are reinvigoring that tradition quietly in the Bay area. Bill Wood, Border Riders Road Princess, is ready putting out the word that this west coast MC will hold their 13th Anniversary countdown here in SF. And you’re invited. It's a day and a half celebration. Bill and his buddies are known for their weak-kneed mini-runs to the country. Now we can all go to know the quadria-city club members. Registration is Friday 2/18 at the Eagle and includes the BC’s Academy Awards and lots of fun all over town. $35 without the awards, $42.50 with. Applications are at the Eagle, or write to Border Riders MC, c/o Wood, 575 Frederick St. SF 94117.

On other MC fronts The Forum announced with sadness that Richard Rodrick will leave for a new life in the provinces (in this case Washington, D.C.) This clearing house for all SF and Northern California Bike Clubs will be headed by smooth talker Steve Forsberg. Praz of GMC Steve also tells me the Knights of Malta Fresno has been inducted as The Forums new member club. Congrats.

JCP is on the hunt again. This time for a new DJ. Quite a sound system to be in command of I’d say.

Paolo of all Lou Green, prior to the stars, added Nice Pix in judging the Annual Chili Cook off at Revol last Monday. They raised quite a bundle for the Special Olympics. As reign-Champ of the Chili Pot, Lou revealed that his secret is all fresh ingredients. It still makes ya fart though!

RED LETTER KNITS

Febre’s dynamic set of baskets, Skip and Sian, appear in Alternate magazine’s slick new incarnation this month. John Rowberry, Alternates own one-man think tank has worked his sweet burns off to make this mover. Much luck of buddy Okamogeggi! Sr Frieda

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KARL'S CALENDAR
Thursday 1/27—Scream Girls
Encore: Oasis, 8 PM, two
show, buffet, DJ Greg Silva, producer Paul Joseph.
Friday 1/28—A Musical Birth—
Celebration with David Gallego, 544 Noroma, 8-9 PM, featuring Donna Franklin with
guest Peter Hartman and
Sunshine.
Savage Moon Party: Savages, 9 PM, featuring Cockfights (wrestling).
Saturday 1/29—Midwinter
Madness: The Canton, 10 PM
6 AM, BYOBeer.
AGA Uniform Night: The Big, 9-11 PM, drink specials with
uniform, sponsored by Bay Area
Brigade.
FLU Roasts ’82 Run Season:
Feb’s, 9 PM.
Sunday 1/30—CUAV Fund
Raiser: Sponsored by Jim Gillman. $10 and $25 donation,
reservations call 864-3112.
Barbary Coaster Open Meeting: Feb’s, 8 PM.
Beer Bust: The Boot Camp, 4-8 PM, free to members (weekly
event).
Super Bowl Sunday: Feb’s, noon.
Thursday 2/3—KS Benefit: Theatre Rhino presents “The
Enclave,” sponsored by Grand
Duchess Kitty. 7:30 PM, tickets $10 call 931-616 or 564-1876.
Friday 2/4—Warlock’s Open
Meeting: Feb’s, 8 PM.
Happy Talk
a depressing evening of nasty,
negative, suicidal poetry will be
presented by Sam D’Alessandro
at 9 PM on Saturday, January 29
at the AAA, 2303 14th Street (between Mission and
Folsom). The poetry reading follows other such presentations
by the poet as Slippery Sixes
read at Studio Rhino, and The
Thrashing Wheel at Gumption
Theatre, which often utilized the
juxtaposition of various other
media as a presentation format.
"I'm not the Madam"

Seems as if Stanley of the Nothing Special on Castro Street disappeared for three days and everyone want to know if he went to Los Angeles to visit "you know who" and how much did it cost.

The next Tavern Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, at 1 PM at the Yacht Club on Polk Street. Remember your membership dues are due

Richard Riesenbeck came to San Francisco in 1977, when he was 17 years old. An attractive, fun-loving youth, he had a good time and made many friends. He loved parties and, according to his brother Jeff, "adored" sex. He advertised his sunny charms in the B.A.R., classified Massage section under the name "Rob," happily selling himself to a repeat trade.

Yet his brother says Richard was insecure in his looks. He couldn't keep his lovers due to his drunken incidents and dramatic announcements of impending suicide. "It's hard to be close to someone who acts like that," said Jeff. Richard, aged 23, hung himself with a rope looped to the metal frame of the Murphy bed in his Tenderloin apartment.

Richard's roommate ended the discussion by going out for a walk, Richard, who refused to buy him more wine. When the roommate returned, he was nervous. "He got a lot of mileage out of crazy behavior, obtaining attention," said Jeff. "He treated at the Haight-Ashbury drug clinic, but would not curb his drug use. He resisted treatment and therapy at Acceptance House, saying he was nervous. "He got a lot of mileage out of crazy behavior, obtaining attention," said Jeff. "He wouldn't make the investment to change."

Last Sunday, Richard Riesenbeck had a fight with his roommate, who refused to buy him more wine. When the roommate ended the discussion by going out for a walk, Richard, aged 23, hung himself with a rope looped to the metal frame of the Murphy bed in his Tenderloin apartment.

Life can be funny and wonderful, especially for the young. But drugs and drink will not answer or assuage insecurity and irresponsibility. How many other bright young men, based into San Francisco's gay Gay life, will repeat the story of Richard Riesenbeck?

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"There are a million faces in the big city," said Bette Midler recently, "but only a hundred stories." If this one sounds like yours, you might want to take steps to change the ending.

Due your membership dues are timed at the "Gates" for the KS Foun¬
dation, a most worthy organiza¬
tion so do come out and vote for
me. January 31st is the G.G.B.A.
dinner at the Frat Regency... for
tickets call 956-9660.

Did you see that Gloria Swan¬
son will be at the Golden Gate
Theatre this Friday backed up by
the Gay Men's Chorus... this
should be a fantastic show so
don't miss it.

How come Keith McLips has
been hanging out at the Gates lately... is it because of Joe the new hunky bartender? "We
know, don't we, Rene."

This Saturday the 29th the
A.C.I.E. will present the State of
Independence Ball at Dilles in
Oakland and will feature that
great entertainer, Bobbie
Callicoate... so make your plans
now to attend this fun evening.

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Madame T in the fifty odd years
that he has been around this
great city—get out and enjoy a
drink and his mirth and gift
right T.J. Buckley.

Everetta Village on 16th Street
is now serving a Sunday brunch
that is really delicious. Besides
they have Bill Ward on the piano
bar in the afternoons during
brunch and he usually has some
great live-musicians with him.

Men Move

Dancer Bob Murphy begins a
new series of Men's Move¬
ment classes on Monday,
January 31, at 7 PM in his
studio at 301 8th Street (at
Folsom). The 10 sessions
need not be attended consecutively. The cost $5 per class or $80 for the series.

The classes combine aspects of dance and gymnastics with an attitude of hard physical work. "I teach. Murphy
wants Gay men to know they
can approach physical move¬
mant without the feeling that
they are attending ballet school. Info: 626-6255.

Best Bette

The Best Look Alike will be
chosen at "A Salute to Bette
Davis Fans," the Monday
January 31 theme party at the
Hotel Atherton, beginning at 8
PM. First drink on the house.

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One prefers cock in porno to be lengthy, not the length of time it takes to watch them. Nothing's worse than too copious an amount of porno. A taste of it is enticing, a course or two arousing, but despite length of cock and lust of men, doesn't come through with as much impact as could be hoped. It's not Savages fault, however, but the generally reliable PM Productions, which produced and distributed the film had everyone.

I had been looking forward to it. PM Production has been improving with each film. They've brought us several features with untoppable appearances by Roy Garrett and Bob Shane. They specialize in a quiet, macho air, with mature and masculine specializations in leather, butch at the same time. It's $30 for a lifetime membership, $13.20/mo. Hurry! 563-3031

In The Name of Leather

The Megabelt

I was very pleased with the Megabelt. It's the ultimate leather equipment he's created. For that reason, most porno films run about an hour and a quarter. Much more that's left abandoned will or is diverted to handle matters. Unlike the stage, film or literature, where length should be organic, porno length can make one reject the film in favor of the organ, the projection for the projectile. On the other side of the pecker, though, the current feature at Savages, In The Name of Leather, proves that brevity is not necessarily a virtue either.

By any standards, forty-five minutes for a feature presentation (with $5 admission tag) is brief. It's even briefer if the film itself deserves a jumpy, also keeps our eyes on the performers instead of the novelty here is that PM Productions has assembled, led by young yet sexually mature Daniel Holt, and the most efficient story line scriptwriter and director Mac Larson has devised. The script has leatherweights.

In The Name of Leather looks well on Jeff Stone, but he's so attractive he could start fashion trends by tying neat old fish heads to his body. We do see some butch guys wearing the Megabelt and demonstrating its usefulness. It never becomes clear that the film means us to believe in these items outside of the movie. Yet if you write to PM Productions (215 W 49th Street, NY, NY 10019), they'll be glad to sell you to them.

In The Name of Leather doesn't work as a commercial. You want to know if it works as porno, to hell with the sales tactics.

The answer is yes and no. This is a hungry bunch of men looking for sex. Sex is obviously the name of the game. In three stories they work each other over with the savvy of seasoned professionals. They know where they're going and how to get there. Jeff Stone, with his shiny, bright-headed cock, and Tharon Davis jack-off for each other intensively before Davis chews on Stone's meaty cock, despite his reputation as a pineapple upside-down cake. It's one thing to get hard, another to solidify. For that reason, most porno films run about an hour and a quarter. Much more than that and attention either wilts or is diverted to handle matters. Unlike the stage, film or literature, where length should be organic, porno length can make one reject the film in favor of the organ, the projection for the projectile. On the other side of the pecker, though, the current feature at Savages, In The Name of Leather, proves that brevity is not necessarily a virtue either.

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BOB'S BAZAAR

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Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted
Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, the CDC stated: “Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices.”

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B
In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there’s a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications
For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe “flu-like” sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic
The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumpsike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101°F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In rare cases, fever over 102°F was reported. More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine
After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, not treatment, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is not effective as a treatment.

We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation, 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.