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Seattle Times

November 18, 1997

Cammermeyer challenges Metcalf

by Stephen Clutter

Seattle Times Snohomish County bureau

It was a textbook fighting maneuver, one taught at West Point and deployed

by battlefield commanders since Bunker Hill: Take the high ground and hold it.

That's essentially what Margarethe "Grethe" Cammermeyer did yesterday in staking out her claim to challenge U.S. Rep. Jack Metcalf, R-Langley, in next year's congressional elections.

Cammermeyer, the retired Army National Guard colonel who successfully challenged U.S. policy toward lesbians and gays in the military, announced

yesterday that she will run as a Democrat in the 2nd Congressional District,

which extends from Everett to Bellingham.

She said she mailed her filing papers to the secretary of state's office in Olympia and opened a campaign headquarters in Langley, where she lives about a mile from Metcalf.

In announcing her candidacy so early, Cammermeyer is warning off other potential Democratic candidates from entering the race, party activists say.

It also gives her time to raise cash and drum up support in a race bound to receive national attention.

"We've got the 'L' word in this race, and we're not talking about liberal," said Paul Fournier, the Island County Democratic activist who helped persuade Cammermeyer to run.

Decorated for service in Vietnam, Cammermeyer recently retired as chief nurse of the Washington Army National Guard. She was fired in 1992, three years after telling an investigator she was a lesbian.

A federal judge ordered her reinstated in 1994, and the government dropped its appeal of that ruling.

She campaigned for Initiative 677, the gay-rights measure that failed voter muster earlier this month.

Cammermeyer, a divorced mother of four and grandmother of five, was recently in Washington, D.C., participating in a candidates' workshop sponsored by Emily's List, a national organization that works to elect Democratic women.

"She's certainly an exciting prospect for us," said Karin Johanson,

spokeswoman for Emily's List.

Metcalf could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his spokesman,
Chris Strow, said he is planning to run for a third term next year.

"He has a lot of respect for Grethe Cammermeyer, but is ideologically
opposed," Strow said.

Fournier, who has spent years working against Metcalf in political
races,
said he expects an issue-oriented campaign next year.

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You made a promise and gave an executive order in support of
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to carry through on your promise to our military to lift the
ban! Most of these people asked to leave the military on the

foundation of homosexual activity when they are not even homo
sexual...in other word(s) some of your most qualified, intelligent
people such as army and navy officer(s) have been asked to step
down some without receiving just honor(s) deserving of their
position. Even if they are homosexual it does not interfere
with their work anymore than it would for a het. Be Brave and
give an Executive Order to the General of the Armies to Lift the
the Ban on Homosexual(s) in the military and I bet he would do it
without even blinking his eye. He know(s) what we are talking
about...if it does not work out you can reinstate it back to the
former policy. Good Luck! Al Bill Hillary and Tipper! You
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Sincerely, J. Nelson

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1. ELECTRONIC TELEGRAPH (London) Australian Right sees red over 'pink'

Olympics

2. ELECTRONIC TELEGRAPH Gay-row parish tries to sack bishop

3. NEW YORK TIMES Gay comedians speak out

4. THE AUSTRALIAN Tasmanian candidate attacked by gay group

5. (NH) UNION LEADER Richard Lessner editorializes that the Love Makes A
Family photo exhibit "glamorizes homosexuality"

The Electronic Telegraph, November 23, 1997

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Right sees red over 'pink' Olympics

By Mark Chipperfield in Sydney

SYDNEY has seen off Long Beach, Montreal, Toronto and Dallas to stage

the

2002 Gay Games, but the city has yet to convince some of its residents of

the

merits of its victory.

Apart from ridiculing a sporting event which includes ballroom dancing, billiards and aerobics on its competition list, and which emphasises non-competitive participation, Right-wing critics claim that playing host to 10,000 gay athletes and 30,000 spectators poses a health risk.

The Rev Fred Nile, a prominent Right-wing MP in New South Wales, said: "Sydney has enough social and moral problems without thousands of homosexuals descending on the city." He said all foreign athletes wanting to attend the games should have mandatory HIV tests before being allowed into the country.

Piers Ackerman, a Sydney newspaper columnist, said that any income generated by the games would be insignificant compared with the potential health bill. He said: "At the end of 1996 it was estimated that there were 11,080 people living with HIV infection in Australia - about half of whom were receiving combination drug therapy at a cost of more than A\$50,000 a year. That's a cost of more than A\$250 million a year." There would be a new wave of patients, costing the taxpayer more, he claimed.

Like Mr Ackerman, some may wonder why in an age of increasing acceptance of homosexuals in sport, gay and lesbian athletes should want a separate Olympics. Such reactions ignore the fact that Sydney already hosts the biggest homosexual parade in the world. Now in its twentieth year, the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is an accepted part of the Australian calendar, attracting more than 500,000 spectators and generating tourist income.

Australian athletes are now being urged to come out after the announcement of the venue. Dawn Fraser, the winner of four gold and four silver Olympic medals for swimming in the Fifties and Sixties, has agreed to act as an ambassador for the games. She is the only well-known sporting figure to have done so, but organisers are confident that others will soon follow.

Bronte Morris, a spokesperson for the Sydney 2002 Gay Games organisation, said: "I'm hoping it [winning the games] will encourage gay and lesbian athletes."

Lisa-Marie Vizaniari, 23, a discus thrower and member of the Australian Olympic squad, is the only athlete so far to agree to take part. She claims to be the only lesbian Olympian to have come out. She said: "I have always been out, I have never hidden it from my family or friends or training partners, but to the public I have hidden it."

Ian Roberts, a leading rugby league professional, recently surprised his fellow players by posing for the cover of a gay magazine, prompting speculation that there may be more gay sportsmen and women too shy to declare their sexual preferences.

Founded in 1982 by American doctor Tom Waddell, a former Olympic athlete, the Gay Games have been staged in San Francisco twice, and in Vancouver and New York. More than 12,000 athletes are expected to participate at the next games, to be held in Amsterdam, next August.

This was Sydney's third bid for the games. The judges were apparently impressed by the city's Olympic facilities, large cultural programme and its

access to the burgeoning Asian gay scene.

News of Sydney's success was greeted with enthusiasm by many in the city's gay population, the New South Wales government, which helped to finance the bid, and government tourist authorities, which predict that the games could inject up to A\$160 million into the Australian economy.

ELECTRONIC TELEGRAPH, November 23, 1997

Gay-row parish tries to sack bishop

By Jacqui Thornton

THE Church of England was further fragmented last week as a second parish refused to accept the authority of its diocesan bishop because of his views on homosexuality.

The parochial church council of St Margaret's, in Tylers Green, Bucks, has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, saying that it can no longer accept the oversight of the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, on "pastoral, moral and doctrinal grounds".

Its move follows comments by the Rt Rev Richard Harries two weeks ago that the age of homosexual consent should be lowered from 18 to 16, and that Clause 28, a rule designed to prevent local authorities promoting

homosexuality, was "disastrous" and should be abolished.

Earlier this month, the vicar of Jesmond, Northumberland, the Rev David Holloway, said that his parish was unable to accept the episcopal oversight of the Bishop-elect of Newcastle, the Rt Rev Martin Wharton, because he had

said homosexuality within a loving permanent relationship was not a sin.

Last night, the Rev Michael Hall, the vicar of St Margaret's, said that Bishop Harries's comments were "absolutely unacceptable". The vicar said that

his views were shared by the parochial church council and the congregation.

Simon Neal, a 27-year-old financial adviser who is the secretary of the church council, claimed that there was a groundswell of opinion against liberal teaching on homosexuality. He said: "We feel that we and other churches have not moved away from God - it is the bishops that have."

Opposition at St Margaret's to the ordination of women has already led to the appointment of a "flying", or substitute, bishop.

Bishop Harries's spokesman, the Rev Richard Thomas, said that the bishop still believed that homosexual sex under the age of 18 should not be criminalised.

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Gay Comedians Speak Out

If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work. Hello, can't work today. Still queer."

-- Robin Tyler

My Aunt Lorraine said, "Bob, you're gay. Are you seeing a psychiatrist?"

I said, "No. I'm seeing a lieutenant in the Navy."

-- Bob Smith

I don't even consider myself bisexual. Frankly, I just think of myself as a "people person."

Labels can also be misleading. I saw a news report about a lesbian protest march, and the reporter said, "Coming up next, a lesbian demonstration." My first thought was, "Cool. I always wondered how those things work."

I know that some lesbians are getting pregnant by going to sperm banks. I couldn't do that. I'm exactly like my grandmother. "What? Everything's frozen?! Nothing's fresh?!"

-- Michael Dane

I came out to a straight friend and told her that I'm a lesbian. The first thing she said to me was: "Really? Do you know Jill McGee? She's a lesbian in Philadelphia!" Pardon me for laughing, but straight people are so funny! They think we all know each other! Actually, I do know her. But, hey, it's just a coincidence!

-- Karen Ripley

I do not care whether they allow gays in the military or not, because the whole idea of the military strikes me as completely absurd. I do not understand the desire to pick up a gun and go off and shoot strangers when there are so many loved ones I'd like to take a shot at first. I'd have to reload several times to get every one on my particular hit list of love.

-- E.L. Gregory

Yes, I was a teenage lesbian. And while that may sound like a horror movie to some of you, for me I could subtitle that period of my life, "Adventures in Paradise," because there was one thing that we gay teenagers could do that our straight friends couldn't. I could say, "Hey, Mom, Michelle's comin' over to spend the night Friday night, OK?" "OK, Honey!"

-- Marilyn Pittman

I do a lot of traveling as a comic. I've traveled through the Bible Belt. "Belt" is too narrow a word, I think. It should be "Bible cummerbund."
Or maybe "Bible Body Cast."

Billy Graham has described heaven as a family reunion that never ends. What must hell possibly be like? Home videos of the same reunion?

-- Sabrina Matthews

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Libs slammed for Barnett endorsement

By MATTHEW ROGERS: The Mercury newspaper, 24th Nov 97

THE Liberal Party has been attacked for endorsing prominent Hobart lawyer

Guy Barnett for pre-selection on its Senate ticket.

The Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group said Mr Barnett was a strong opponent of gay law reform and accused him of perpetuating myths and misinformation about homosexuality.

But last night Mr Barnett hit back describing the group's comments as a publicity stunt to divert attention from the key issues facing Tasmanians.

The gay and lesbian movement's stinging attack came after the Liberals announced their team to contest the next half-Senate election in Launceston yesterday.

Senator Eric Abetz will head the Liberal ticket, followed by Senator Brian

Gibson, Mr Barnett and Devonport building consultant Richard Colbeck.

Gay and Lesbian Rights Group activist Rodney Croome said that by putting Mr

Barnett in the winnable No3 position on its Senate ticket, the Liberal Party

had effectively endorsed his role in the gay law reform debate.

"Guy Barnett's politics are closer to the Christian Coalition in the United States than to mainstream conservatism in Australia," Mr Croome said.

"If elected to the Senate, Barnett will be an enemy of disadvantaged

minority groups."

Mr Croome said Mr Barnett's public profile was based on his strong opposition to gay law reform. Mr Barnett described the claims as nonsense.

"Anyone who disagrees or expresses concern regarding anything Mr Croome says is labelled by him as vitriolic and full of hatred," Mr Barnett said.

"This is patently unfair and makes it difficult to discuss these matters in a reasonable way."

He said he looked forward to addressing the priority issues facing Tasmania.

These included the need for job-creating opportunities, caring for people with special needs and maintaining a secure environment for all Tasmanians.

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Liberal Lunacy at UNH

Photo Exhibit Glamorizes Homosexuality

From our "Your Tax Dollars at Work" files, we see that the University of

New Hampshire recently was host to and sponsored a photo exhibition glamorizing homosexual and lesbian "families."

The exhibit, sponsored by the UNH Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, was titled "Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families"

and featured photos of people living in, well, unconventional arrangements described as "families." The photo display was produced by an outfit called Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, Mass., an organization the university newspaper reports is devoted to educating students, educators and the public about "family diversity, sexism, racism and homophobia."

The chances are that in questioning this lionization of homosexuality we will be smeared as "homophobic," but we'll take the risk. Such exhibitions as this have nothing to do with advancing tolerance for all. Of course everyone is entitled to basic civil rights and all should be respectful and tolerant of the tiny percentage of homosexuals in our midst.

But such propagandistic displays as this are intended not so much to foster a civilized tolerance as acceptance of homosexuality as the moral equal of heterosexual relationships and marriage. But a humane tolerance is not the same thing accepting the moral equivalency of homosexuality.

Moreover, by defining "family" to encompass almost any group of unrelated people living together, such propaganda as this UNH exhibition also aims at undermining traditional notions of the family and Judeo-Christian morality. It was for just such a purpose that Al Gore praised the TV sitcom "Ellen" for "forcing" Americans to confront homosexuality and the homosexual lifestyle, that is, to accept suchlike as the equal of heterosexual marriage.

One more thing: The gala opening reception of UNH's celebration of
homosexuality was held in the Board of Trustees Conference Room. Let
others
make what they will of this.

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2. SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE San Francisco Won't Say Thanks to Colin

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Gays-in-military issue divides board

3. THE SARATOGIAN Letter: There's no room for discrimination, by

Articles

reader Richard Kinz

4. ABC (Australia) New South Wales MP claims a gay group is trying to

blackmail her

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S.F. Nonprofits Could Be Held to Open Meeting Laws

Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

Nonprofit organizations receiving city funding may be forced to open their books, meetings, and decisions to more public scrutiny under a proposal by Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who said he wants them to be more accountable under the city's open meetings laws. The proposal could potentially affect hundreds of nonprofits funded by the city of San Francisco, said Ammiano, who also wants to explore whether nonprofits receiving city funding should be forced to democratically elect their boards of directors.

“If you get city money, you need to play by the same rules,” said Ammiano, who held a City Hall press conference and was joined by Supervisor Leslie Katz in demanding a hearing on the matter at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors. “We have to provide for due process of clients of nonprofits.”

The city's open meeting law, also known as the Sunshine Ordinance, requires public access to all meetings of any policy group, committee, or advisory group of city government, and also requires that all documentation and information regarding the group be accessible to the public. Presently, those rules do not apply to nonprofits that receive city funds -- but Ammiano suggested that it may be time to change that.

The proposal was prompted by allegations that some AIDS patients have been turned away by nonprofit AIDS health organizations without proper explanation -- and sometimes due to political motivations, according to Jeff Sheehy of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club.

“Nonprofits that provide health care on behalf of the city are wearing the city hat, and provide essential services that people need to live,” said

Sheehy, who accused the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti and the San Francisco AIDS health clinic of unfairly terminating clients from AIDS treatment. “They ought to have to follow the same process of the city.”

But the accusations were swiftly and vehemently denied by representatives of nonprofits, who said Ammiano's proposal would divert both crucial funding and attention away from their first mission -- saving lives.

“The purpose of the foundation is very clear and sweeping -- to end the HIV epidemic and human suffering,” said Pat Christen, executive director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. “I do not believe lengthy discussions around the sunshine ordinance will further that mission.”

While public and private institutions must work in partnership, forcing nonprofit groups “to mimic the government” would reduce their ability to respond swiftly to events, Christen said.

She also said the proposal would force the agencies to take fewer risks in dealing with the public health crisis, and require them to divert funding to deal with bureaucratic responses instead of care. “That would be

literally deadly," she said.

But Ammiano said his proposal would not entail spending more money on bureaucracy. "It doesn't mean an increase in bureaucracy. It means an increase in accountability." Bob Rybicki, executive director of Shanti, said

his organization is already taking steps to be responsive to public needs.

"Our board meetings are open, and we love to have public participation," said Rybicki. Shanti held a town hall meeting last night in the Castro district -- one of three recent forums in city neighborhoods designed to increase public input into Shanti's policies and procedures, he said.

Both organizations said they rarely deny care and only terminate clients in the rarest of circumstances, and that there are well-organized grievance procedures in place to deal with those measures when they occur.

Several AIDS activists joined Ammiano yesterday in calling for the move, saying they hope to start with the estimated 85 nonprofit agencies that deal with AIDS and HIV services.

"I want them to be accountable," said Peggy Taylor Campbell, a single mother with AIDS who said she unsuccessfully tried to get care at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "I want to know exactly what I can expect."

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, November 25, 1997

S.F. Won't Say Thanks to Colin Powell

Gays-in-military issue divides board

by Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a simple thank you to General Colin Powell, a hero to most Americans -- but it created a Desert Storm in San Francisco politics yesterday.

The resolution by Supervisor Gavin Newsom -- one of hundreds that usually pass without comment through the Board of Supervisors -- thanked the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for making a special trip to San Francisco last week to raise money for children's educational and mentoring programs.

``He's raised \$1.4 million for youth programs," said Newsom of Powell's mission with the President's Summit for America's Future. ``How can I not say thank you?"

But Supervisor Tom Ammiano said thanks were definitely not in order and took umbrage at the idea, condemning Powell's stance on gays in the military.

Although he expressed support of President Clinton's attempt to negotiate a compromise on the issue, Powell as chairman of the Joint Chiefs had opposed lifting the ban on gays in the military. He and other military

leaders had contended that doing so would threaten discipline, combat morale and the privacy of heterosexual soldiers.

“You have to realize the name of Colin Powell, for better or for worse, is a red flag,” Ammiano told Newsom at the supervisors' meeting yesterday. “At most, it's insensitive. . . . There are many gay and lesbians who thought . . . Colin Powell's remarks about the inappropriateness of gays in the military shames those people.”

The showdown pitted a popular veteran gay supervisor against a popular new supervisor, who is also the youngest member of the board and whose slot was dubbed the “straight white male” seat.

“It just reeks of hypocrisy,” said Newsom, after a contentious hearing that turned into a shouting match, in which Supervisor Susan Leal tried to have board President Barbara Kaufman declare Newsom out of order.

“The president was in a position to really do something about gays in the military, and didn't,” Newsom said. “But I see many members of the board going to meet him on the tarmac and meet with his wife.”

The dispute underscored the argument that political correctness -- or political sensitivity -- still holds considerable weight in San Francisco politics.

Ammiano strongly held that, while the youth program is valuable, it would be wrong to deny gay and lesbian concerns about Powell's influential role in millions of lives. Ammiano successfully moved to send the matter to committee -- where it most likely will die -- and said he should have been consulted before it became a major public issue.

Newsom expressed frustration, asking whether every political action in San Francisco could be hamstrung by such ``a litmus test."

``I disagree with Colin Powell on gays in the military -- he was wrong," Newsom said later. ``But the point of this resolution was to talk about his efforts with youth and to support the efforts for mentoring.

``Does this mean that I shouldn't meet with Vice President Gore on environmental issues, if I disagree with him on other issues?"

Newsom called the controversy ``a slap in the face of the mayor."
Mayor

Willie Brown strongly supported Powell's visit and the delegation of community leaders -- the Rev. Cecil Williams and Omega Boys Club Executive Director Joseph Marshall, among them -- who welcomed the retired general, Newsom said. He added that many members of the gay and lesbian community were in favor of the visit, too.

Newsom also said he had received the support of 10 other members of the board on the resolution -- at least, until yesterday.

But Newsom appeared particularly aggrieved that he was accused of attacking gays and lesbians.

``Tom and I disagree on a lot of things. But I would never suggest he's insensitive," Newsom said. ``I care deeply about these issues, as he does. Tom, with all due respect, doesn't have a corner on issues related to gays and lesbians."

But other supervisors suggested that Newsom had not recognized the delicate nature of the situation.

Newsom was ``well-intentioned, but I don't know if he was naive," Supervisor Jose Medina said later. ``If Anita Bryant raised \$500,000 for children, it would still not make it more palatable," he said. ``He was wrong in recognizing an individual like Colin Powell because of his position (on gays in the military)."

Supervisor Leslie Katz agreed that although supervisors supported the youth program, it was Powell who became the issue. ``It's difficult when someone has hurt so many people," she said.

But Newsom didn't buy that argument and said the supervisors should now rule out any move to commend Clinton on issues ranging from education to adoption.

``If you're going to be consistent," he said, ``let's be consistent."

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Letter: There's no room for discrimination

My sincere thanks to The Saratogian and to Julie Hill-Williams for the Speaking Out piece, "Remain open minded about homosexuals" in the Nov. 11 edition.

I think Hill-William's feelings and opinions about gays are really felt

and expressed by the far majority of straight folks.

It's just that, for whatever reason, the ignorance and hatred and intolerance of the few -- who claim to be super-Christians -- comes through more loudly. That won't be the case for long.

Those who truly do accept diversity among others are beginning, like Hill-Williams, to speak up. They are more and more showing the world that there is no room for discrimination and hate in this world.

-- Richard Kinz, Realito Avenue, Atascadero, Calif.

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Mrs Arena says the group wants her to abandon her campaign against

paedophilia.

She says she received the letter today and has passed it to police.

The Independent says she has been given until December 5 to make the statements, but will not be threatened.

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S.F. Won't Say Thanks to Colin Powell

Gays-in-military issue divides board

by Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a simple thank you to General Colin Powell, a hero to most Americans -- but it created a Desert Storm in San Francisco politics yesterday.

The resolution by Supervisor Gavin Newsom -- one of hundreds that usually pass without comment through the Board of Supervisors -- thanked the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for making a special trip to San Francisco last week to raise money for children's educational and

mentoring programs.

``He's raised \$1.4 million for youth programs," said Newsom of Powell's mission with the President's Summit for America's Future. ``How can I not say thank you?"

But Supervisor Tom Ammiano said thanks were definitely not in order and took umbrage at the idea, condemning Powell's stance on gays in the military.

Although he expressed support of President Clinton's attempt to negotiate a compromise on the issue, Powell as chairman of the Joint Chiefs had opposed lifting the ban on gays in the military. He and other military leaders had contended that doing so would threaten discipline, combat morale and the privacy of heterosexual soldiers.

``You have to realize the name of Colin Powell, for better or for worse, is a red flag," Ammiano told Newsom at the supervisors' meeting yesterday. ``At most, it's insensitive. . . . There are many gay and lesbians who thought . . . Colin Powell's remarks about the inappropriateness of gays in the military shames those people."

The showdown pitted a popular veteran gay supervisor against a popular new supervisor, who is also the youngest member of the board and whose slot was dubbed the ``straight white male" seat.

``It just reeks of hypocrisy," said Newsom, after a contentious

hearing that turned into a shouting match, in which Supervisor Susan Leal tried to have board President Barbara Kaufman declare Newsom out of order.

“The president was in a position to really do something about gays in the military, and didn’t,” Newsom said. “But I see many members of the board going to meet him on the tarmac and meet with his wife.”

The dispute underscored the argument that political correctness -- or political sensitivity -- still holds considerable weight in San Francisco politics.

Ammiano strongly held that, while the youth program is valuable, it would be wrong to deny gay and lesbian concerns about Powell's influential role in millions of lives. Ammiano successfully moved to send the matter to committee -- where it most likely will die -- and said he should have been consulted before it became a major public issue.

Newsom expressed frustration, asking whether every political action in San Francisco could be hamstrung by such “a litmus test.”

“I disagree with Colin Powell on gays in the military -- he was wrong,” Newsom said later. “But the point of this resolution was to talk about his efforts with youth and to support the efforts for mentoring.

“Does this mean that I shouldn't meet with Vice President Gore on environmental issues, if I disagree with him on other issues?”

Newsom called the controversy ``a slap in the face of the mayor."

Mayor Willie Brown strongly supported Powell's visit and the delegation of community leaders -- the Rev. Cecil Williams and Omega Boys Club Executive Director Joseph Marshall, among them -- who welcomed the retired general, Newsom said. He added that many members of the gay and lesbian community were in favor of the visit, too.

Newsom also said he had received the support of 10 other members of the board on the resolution -- at least, until yesterday.

But Newsom appeared particularly aggrieved that he was accused of attacking gays and lesbians.

``Tom and I disagree on a lot of things. But I would never suggest he's insensitive," Newsom said. ``I care deeply about these issues, as he does. Tom, with all due respect, doesn't have a corner on issues related to gays and lesbians."

But other supervisors suggested that Newsom had not recognized the delicate nature of the situation.

Newsom was ``well-intentioned, but I don't know if he was naive," Supervisor Jose Medina said later. ``If Anita Bryant raised \$500,000 for children, it would still not make it more palatable," he said. ``He was wrong in recognizing an individual like Colin Powell because of his position (on gays in the military)."

Supervisor Leslie Katz agreed that although supervisors supported the youth program, it was Powell who became the issue. ``It's difficult when someone has hurt so many people," she said.

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Not counting the latest attempt, the people's veto has been used 22 times since the procedure became available in 1910. It was successful in preventing legislation from taking effect in 10 of those instances.

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Rachel Gordon

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What started as a rather innocuous resolution to honor retired Gen.

Colin

Powell for his work in boosting volunteerism has turned into another political tempest at City Hall.

Supervisor Gavin Newsom's attempt to put the feel-good legislation on the fast track was rebuffed when a colleague, Supervisor Tom Ammiano, refused to go along with the plan. His beef: Powell's dogged opposition to allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military.

"The name Colin Powell, for better or worse, is a red flag," Ammiano said.

Honoring Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a retired four-star general, shames gays serving in the military and gay veterans, Ammiano said.

Newsom said he didn't like Powell's stance on gays in the military either, saying, "I disagree with it vehemently. But the resolution is not about Colin Powell and everything he's stood for."

The legislation, he said, commends Powell and his work with the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and the local delegation formed to

aid in the effort. Among the others commended in the resolution are Mayor Brown, S.F. State President Robert Corrigan and Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the San Francisco Foundation.

Newsom said Powell had been instrumental in raising funds for disadvantaged youth in San Francisco - an estimated \$1.4 million in private donations already has been committed - and in drumming up volunteers for the program, which would help roughly 10,500 local youngsters.

"We're not talking about the antichrist here," he said of Powell, chairman of the summit.

Powell said in public remarks two years ago in San Francisco that openly gay members of the military would be detrimental to discipline. In another speech, he said, "Skin color is a benign, non-behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics."

At one point, he threatened to quit if President Clinton was successful in his early attempts to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Ammiano's objection doesn't kill Newsom's proposal outright, but forces it into committee for a public hearing and debate.

"I don't want to be acrimonious," Ammiano said, "but I do want to be heard."

Newsom was hoping to have the resolution heard and voted on Monday. The delay, he said, is a slap in the face to everyone who has worked hard on the

presidents' summit.

After the meeting, Supervisor Leslie Katz said she didn't blame Ammiano for speaking out.

"If Anita Bryant raised \$500,000, would we commend her? No," Katz said.

"Everyone supports the (volunteer) program," she said. "I think it's difficult to support this resolution when somebody has hurt so many people."

Powell, she said, has done that with his opposition to gays serving openly in the armed services.

Longtime City Hall observers say they can't remember the last time a commendatory resolution has been targeted like this one.

Newsom said he now wondered whether a background check should be conducted on all people who received commendations from the Board of Supervisors.

"If there's a litmus test," he said, "we ought to be consistent."

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Ammiano: Open books, meetings of nonprofits

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Nonprofit agencies that do business with City Hall would have to comply with the same open government laws that city agencies do, under a proposal by

Supervisor Tom Ammiano that is sure to set off fireworks in the private sector. Ammiano, who unveiled the plan Monday, said he wants agencies that provide such city-funded programs as health care and social services to

open

their meetings and their financial books, including staff salaries and fund-raising efforts, to public scrutiny.

The law would mirror San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance, which requires public access to meetings and documents of city boards, commissions and committees.

"If you get city money, then I think you have to play by the same rules as The City does," Ammiano said. "I'm not trying to increase bureaucracy. I am trying to increase accountability."

While the proposal would target all nonprofits, it is the AIDS Foundation and a handful of other organizations working with HIV-infected and AIDS clients that sparked the demand by Ammiano, the Harvey Milk Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual Democratic Club and some members of ACT UP Golden Gate for a more open process. They say the community should be allowed greater input in prioritizing programming and funding.

The proposal also would require the Health Department to draft a policy for use by nonprofit agencies that outlines under what circumstances clients can be denied benefits. Some AIDS activists charge that there are people kept out of certain programs for arbitrary, or capricious, reasons.

Derek Gordon, spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said private nonprofit agencies should not have to be held to the same operating standards as local government to conduct business. Partly, he said, it's a matter of efficiency.

"Making us more like Muni, for instance, may not serve our clients well," Gordon said.

About 300 nonprofit agencies have contracts with The City.

AIDS activist Hank Wilson said the AIDS Foundation board is not responsive to the community's input and allows little public scrutiny.

"These people control tens of millions of dollars raised in my name, and I don't have even the most basic access regarding how the organizations are run," Wilson said of the AIDS-related agencies.

Gordon said the perception is inaccurate. The public is welcome to attend board meetings, he said, but added that a reservation to attend must be made 48 hours in advance.

The AIDS Foundation receives about 10 percent of its \$18 million operating budget from The City's General Fund.

Another agency that would be affected by the law, if adopted, is the AIDS Health Project - an arm of UC-San Francisco that provides mental health services for people with HIV.

Joanna Rinaldi said her board of directors is the UC Board of Regents, which holds open meetings, and that the same is true with the project's community advisory board. She said the request for public participation has

been minimal.

"I didn't know there was a real interest," she said, adding, "I have no real problem with the notion that information should be made public."

What she's not keen about is the idea of another layer of bureaucracy. Already, she said, her agency is subject to quarterly reports and regular monitoring by the Department of Public Health. The contract with The City also is a public document.

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The groups said the law, which King signed after the Legislature passed it last spring, would give special preferences to gays.

Not counting the latest attempt, the people's veto has been used 22 times since the procedure became available in 1910. It was successful in preventing legislation from taking effect in 10 of those instances.

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City's move to thank Powell hits buzz saw

Supervisor irate over retired general's opposition to gays in military

Rachel Gordon

OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

What started as a rather innocuous resolution to honor retired Gen. Colin Powell for his work in boosting volunteerism has turned into another political tempest at City Hall.

Supervisor Gavin Newsom's attempt to put the feel-good legislation on the fast track was rebuffed when a colleague, Supervisor Tom Ammiano, refused to go along with the plan. His beef: Powell's dogged opposition to allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military.

"The name Colin Powell, for better or worse, is a red flag," Ammiano said.

Honoring Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a retired four-star general, shames gays serving in the military and gay veterans, Ammiano said.

Newsom said he didn't like Powell's stance on gays in the military either, saying, "I disagree with it vehemently. But the resolution is not about Colin Powell and everything he's stood for."

The legislation, he said, commends Powell and his work with the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and the local delegation formed to aid in the effort. Among the others commended in the resolution are Mayor Brown, S.F. State President Robert Corrigan and Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the San Francisco Foundation.

Newsom said Powell had been instrumental in raising funds for disadvantaged youth in San Francisco - an estimated \$1.4 million in private donations already has been committed - and in drumming up volunteers for the program, which would help roughly 10,500 local

youngsters.

"We're not talking about the antichrist here," he said of Powell, chairman of the summit.

Powell said in public remarks two years ago in San Francisco that openly gay members of the military would be detrimental to discipline. In another speech, he said, "Skin color is a benign, non-behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics."

At one point, he threatened to quit if President Clinton was successful in his early attempts to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Ammiano's objection doesn't kill Newsom's proposal outright, but forces it into committee for a public hearing and debate.

"I don't want to be acrimonious," Ammiano said, "but I do want to be heard."

Newsom was hoping to have the resolution heard and voted on Monday. The delay, he said, is a slap in the face to everyone who has worked hard on the presidents' summit.

After the meeting, Supervisor Leslie Katz said she didn't blame Ammiano for speaking out.

"If Anita Bryant raised \$500,000, would we commend her? No," Katz said.

"Everyone supports the (volunteer) program," she said. "I think it's difficult to support this resolution when somebody has hurt so many people."

Powell, she said, has done that with his opposition to gays serving openly in the armed services.

Longtime City Hall observers say they can't remember the last time a commendatory resolution has been targeted like this one.

Newsom said he now wondered whether a background check should be conducted on all people who received commendations from the Board of Supervisors.

"If there's a litmus test," he said, "we ought to be consistent." ===== ATTACHMENT 1
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Letter: Methodists don't accept all marriages

I'm writing this letter in response to a story of Nov. 9,

"Congregations

taking stand in support of gay marriages." It is about the Edgehill United

Methodist Church not allowing any marriage ceremonies of any kind until it

allows gay marriages.

The Edgehill church is one of only a handful of United Methodist churches that will not perform marriage services until gay marriages can be performed.

The statement referred to in the story is found in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (1996). It reads, "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers... and in our churches...Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all person."

Our church sign says: "Everyone welcome." The Bible says, "All have sinned." All repentant and unrepentant sinners are welcome at our church. However, don't come to have your sin approved by the church. Do come if you're looking for God's grace, love and forgiveness. I respect and love the people at Edgehill Church, but I can't believe other than what God's word says.

This letter was also unanimously endorsed by our church council.

-- Mark Carrigan, Glencliff United Methodist Church

ASSOCIATED PRESS, November 25, 1997

D.C. Police Chief Retires

Police Chief Larry D. Soulsby said Tuesday he would retire after it was

disclosed he had leased an expensive apartment at below half the usual rent.

"My entire adult life has been devoted to the department and the people it serves," Soulsby said. He said he would step aside to keep the controversy from detracting from the department.

Mayor Marion Barry called Soulsby "one of the best crime-fighting chiefs the department has had." Barry named Assistant Chief Sonya Proctor acting chief and said a search will be launched for a permanent chief.

The controversy arose when it was reported that Soulsby shared the \$650-a-month rent on a luxury apartment with Police Lt. Jeff Stowe. The Washington Post said the apartment would normally rent for \$1,700 to \$2,000 a month but that Stowe obtained the lower rent after saying the unit was to be used for undercover work.

Stowe, a former commander of the department's Special Operations Division, was arraigned Tuesday on charges of extortion, embezzlement and making false statements.

Prosecutors said he tried to extort \$5,000 from a married officer who was seen leaving a gay men's club in downtown Washington in September. He also is accused of embezzling \$9,000 from police department fund for paying informants.

Soulsby has been separated from his wife for several years and was living with his brother before moving to the apartment about a year ago,

the

Post said.

He has said he knew he was paying less than market value for the apartment but thought it was permitted under a 1993 law allowing police officers to accept rental discounts to encourage them to live in the city.

Soulsby joined the Washington police force more than 24 years ago working his way up from patrol offices to become chief of the 3,600-member department two years ago.

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Letter: U.S. military understandably conservative

Robert Reno's column (Crossroads, Nov. 23) indicated a vague danger of having Republicans in the military. Should we now have political quotas for military service? Maybe we should only let 50% of new recruits be Republicans.

Even worse, to Reno's mind, is that officer recruits are overwhelmingly Republican. Is Reno afraid that if we have another Democrat elected to the White House, officers will revolt? Or is he worried that overwhelmingly, the population, especially the young, are abandoning the tax-and-spend philosophy

of the left?

This is the cause of Reno's concern. The younger generation saw what the left did to Social Security and knows that its members will have to pay for it. They know they will have to repay the deficit that their parents built up.

Why is this political shift so dramatic in the military? Well, which side wants open gays in the military, where group showers are common? Which side wants to slash military spending to pay for huge, unworkable social programs?

Which side tries to prevent new weapons systems from being developed? The Republicans? I think not.

If your boss wanted to cut your pay to give it to another employee in a less critical field of work, would you support him in this? It is no wonder the military is getting more and more conservative!

-- Mark A. Sity, Milwaukee

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Letter of the day: Thomas fails the test, but there's hope

It is unfortunate for the near future of Southern California that self-satisfied Bible jockeys such as Cal Thomas are allowed to force-feed

media organs which mold public opinion.

He speaks of "God's standards." He says God designed norms for behavior that are "in our best interests."

Clinton's lament that most people as they grow older become somewhat limited in their imagination hits awfully close to home in Thomas' case.

"The" Bible is only one of many collections of scripture. Any person with an unshackled imagination knows by direct perception that a child of 1997 is perfectly capable of writing scripture which is not eclipsed by the writers of the Christian, or any other bible. Christianity is a great religion. There is a Hindu bible called "the Vedas."

The list of beautiful bibles, thank "God," goes on ...

If he knew anything basic about the spiritual life, he would not speak of "drawing the line" in morality. Empathy, precisely, has no line.

Tolerance of homosexuality is a very quiet acceptance which reflects no disapproval.

Thomas fails the test, but there is hope; he still has to go alone into that good night, without the Christian Bible - you can't take it with you.

If the Almighty indeed has standards, all homophobes will be reborn as homosexuals. Just think how kind they will become

(Gavin Hyde lives in Santa Barbara.)

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Commentary: Between two generations of gay identities

by John R. Killacky

While riding in the Twin Cities' Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Parade as one of the grand marshals last June, I remembered my first pride festival 24 years earlier in New York City.

I was 21, it was my birthday, and I was a member of the cast of "Coming Out" and performed as part of the activities. That day I gathered with a tribe more powerful than I had ever encountered. Sure, the separatists chided the assimilationists, the butches didn't much like the nellie queens, and the media focused on our extremes, but when Bette Midler came on stage and sang "Friends," the future seemed resplendent with possibilities.

Much has been realized in the intervening years: Ellen's out on television, Rupert Everett stars in movies that make millions, Elton John's not just a transvestite anymore, k.d. lang is as butch as she wants, Bill T. Jones is on the cover of Newsweek, the Human Rights Campaign supports out members of Congress, and Southern Baptist homo-hating boycotts sputter. However, while we may have become more culturally assimilated, little has changed to guarantee basic human and civil rights. There is almost no protection against housing or

employment discrimination, sodomy laws remain on the books in scores of states, Jim Hormel still can't be the ambassador to Luxembourg, and queer marriage and adoption issues continue to polarize the mainstream.

That day along the parade route down Hennepin Avenue, I wished I could have waved and blown kisses to the 119 friends lost from the unrelenting carnage in the AIDS war. Anger and despair have permeated so much of my life

in the last decade as I fought for health care while nursing, grieving, and memorializing. Only recently, friends' reconstructed viral highways and multiplying T-cells have infused hope and reconnected me to a future once more.

I also realized that a fuller set of issues now need to be embraced within my own community. Sexual freedom can no longer so predominate the agenda. Such fundamental concerns as internalized homophobia, sexual responsibility, as well as race, class, age, gender and physical biases must

be addressed. As one who has recently become physically disabled, I am continually confronted with the disquieting attitude of gays and lesbians toward difference. After two decades of queer pride rallies, I long for the gathering where not one of us will be excluded.

The lesbian community came to the fore to care for gay men as we died. Now it is my turn to advocate -- no, demand -- that women's health care issues are dealt with equitably. I envision the day when protesting the meager resources allocated to breast cancer research will involve as many of us as our Halloween festivities. Isolated seniors as well as disfranchised queer youth must also become part of my universe.

Today at 45, I am aware of being between two generations of gay identities. Often at professional functions that I attend as executive director of Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, my husband Larry and I are quietly reminded by older gay men how remarkable they think it is that we are an out couple. Inconceivable in their day, we are told. I am saddened to consider how few openly gay men and women are allowed to run cultural institutions in this country.

Conversely, when I was shooting an AIDS film in Tucson, I was speaking to one of the actors, 24-year-old David. He told me that he hadn't ever known anyone who died, so he could not relate to the emotion in the work entitled "Walking With the Dead." Furthermore, since coming out was never an issue for him or his friends, he was eager to connect to a gayculture that was not defined by painful adolescence, struggle and death.

Bridging these generations' perspectives, I think it is essential that we not forget the battles of the past as we forge new identities for the future. We need to build upon our legacies that have been so crucial in defining our community over the past decades. Those fierce drag queens fought back at Stonewall in the late '60s, giving birth to the vehement ACT-UP politics of the late '80s. Artists from all disciplines created deeply personal elegiac work arising from the pandemic. Without all of them I could not be who I am today.

How joyful it has been to be part of this idiosyncratic family and reap

the benefits of their struggles. I look forward to participating as the
next
generations of queer activists begin to define their social, political and
cultural agenda. As I celebrate all we have achieved, I remember how much
is
still left to do.

(John R. Killacky is a writer, filmmaker and arts administrator living
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Steamed at Supervisors, Mayor Thanks Colin Powell

Brown chastises board for not commending general's efforts for youth

Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

Saying the Board of Supervisors committed ``a terrible diplomatic faux pas" by not commending General Colin Powell for his help on local youth programs, an irritated Mayor Willie Brown yesterday thanked Powell himself on behalf of San Francisco.

Brown complained that he was awakened at the crack of dawn by national newspaper reporters demanding comment ``and the blast of talk radio putting San Francisco in a negative light again" after a decision by the supervisors to shelve a resolution commending Powell.

``I already thanked (Powell) -- and I will thank him again," Brown said.

``I'm embarrassed.

``Under no circumstances should anybody denigrate Colin Powell's efforts as it relates to children . . . and protecting this democracy. His contributions are, frankly, legendary. And to thank him for coming out here and raising \$1.4 million seems to be the simplest thing one could do."

The political temblor opened a rift on the Board of Supervisors between Tom Ammiano -- who has long stood up for gay rights issues -- and the board's newest member, Gavin Newsom, who has filled what had been labeled ``the straight white male" seat.

On one side are those who cannot forgive Powell's comment that he would resign if gays were allowed to enter the military. On the other are those who contend that San Francisco got a political black eye when the former

chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was publicly humiliated after raising \$1.4 million for thousands of San Francisco's children.

The commendation, sponsored by Newsom, acknowledged Powell's special trip

to San Francisco last week to raise money for educational and mentoring programs that are part of the President's Summit for America's Future.

It was expected to be a routine matter -- until an already contentious meeting turned into a shouting match and Ammiano moved to send the resolution

to committee. Ammiano, who is gay, said Powell's name was ``a red flag" to gay Americans because of his stance on gays in the military.

Newsom countered that although he disagreed strongly with Powell's stand on gays in the military, the board should support the President's Summit program headed by Powell and commend his considerable fund-raising efforts to

benefit local children.

Yesterday, as calls continued to pour in, Brown had harsh words about the controversy, charging the Powell commendation was simply a matter of common courtesy -- and should have been left outside the realm of politics.

``To make it into an anti-gay thing is crazy," said Brown of Ammiano.

``It's inappropriate not to thank someone who's done something for you."

The resolution is now in committee, where -- at least before the brouhaha

erupted -- supervisors said they expected it to quietly fade away. But with

the glare of the national spotlight on, the resolution could be reintroduced.

However, last night, an apologetic yet confident Newsom appeared before
40
gay activists and promised to not reintroduce the resolution, expressing his
desire to end the controversy.

“In a million years, I did not want this,” said Newsom, who had agreed
to speak to the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club a month ago.

“I apologize for the outcome of this. I want it to go away. It's not worth dividing the board or the community further.”

Most club members gathered at the Cannabis Club on Market Street applauded

Newsom's previous support of the gay community. “It took a lot for him to come to us,” said Harvey Milk club member Jerry Windley. “I really admire him for coming tonight.”

But the organization also passed a resolution condemning Mayor Brown for criticizing Ammiano.

Earlier in the day, Brown didn't wait for further discussion on the matter

and let Powell know that San Francisco did appreciate his efforts.

But he wasn't the only one getting reaction.

KGO Radio's statewide talk show host Ronn Owens started his popular morning show with the tease: “We could sugar-coat it, but why bother? Tom

Ammiano is a jerk." Owens then argued -- and many callers appeared to agree -- that Ammiano had set back the gay rights movement by refusing to thank Powell.

Supervisor Leslie Katz disputed the assertion, praising Ammiano for his service to the gay community. ``Colin Powell is a hero, and he is a role model, but there's this one piece we cannot ignore," she said. ``He made some statements (on gays in the military) that were very hurtful -- totally unnecessary."

Ammiano and Newsom also heard from the public.

Ammiano said he got ``about 20 calls" including strong support from the gay community, and a handful of death threats as well. ``Things like, `We're going to kill you, fag,' " he said.

In Newsom's office, aide Mary Mallen reported getting a deluge of more than 150 calls, ``more than I've ever gotten on any issue by far," she said.

Mallen said the calls were 80-to- 20 in favor of Newsom's action. But there were gay callers, she said, who also suggested that Newsom should better understand their point of view.

Among the callers was Keith Meinhold -- the gay petty officer who filed a landmark suit fighting discharge from the Navy. Meinhold offered his support to Newsom, who earlier had contributed to Meinhold's defense fund.

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Council to Street: Now hear this

He's urged to speed up same-sex benefits vote

by Mark McDonald

Daily News Staff Writer

For six years, City Council President John Street has ruled Council by always knowing where to find nine votes, a majority in the 17-member body.

And though he's suffered a few legislative scratches and bruises over the years, Street has been a master of divide and conquer, routinely outsmarting his rivals.

But when stunning majorities on Council backed three bills that would offer benefits to gay and lesbian couples, Street, a sworn opponent of so-called domestic partnership legislation, met defeat.

Worse, his defeat came from his closest allies, Augusta Clark, Marian Tasco, Donna Miller, Anna Verna and Michael Nutter, who are for the bills. Council is pushing him hard for a speedy hearing and almost certain passage of the bills by Dec. 11.

Almost certain because the bills have so much support: 12 names on a bill approving pension benefits to whomever a city employee designates; 11 names

on an amendment to the city's Fair Practices Act clearing the way for the city to grant health benefits to "life partners," and 10 names on a bill that would exempt life partners from realty transfer tax.

Street, who is in the dicey position of having to evaluate his actions not only as Council president but also as a likely 1999 mayoral contender, is defying the Council majority, saying that he prefers a hearing sometime between April and June 1998.

"It's just not appropriate to fast-track these kinds of bills," Street said yesterday. "Some people are going to want to organize on this issue, bring buses down here. So it's not a good idea to try to run something through."

Some Council members are irritated with what they call Street's "personal intransigence," but others made simple appeals to his sense of right and wrong.

"This is an unprecedented situation where nine members signed a letter for an immediate hearing," said Councilman Angel Ortiz, who sponsored the Fair Practices bill and has another domestic partnership bill languishing in the hopper. "You shouldn't prevent a hearing on a bill that is endorsed by such an overwhelming majority."

But Ortiz said he wasn't interested in parliamentary maneuvers that might force a hearing on Street. "I'm still hopeful for hearings in December," Ortiz said. "It's really a question of doing the right thing."

Said Councilman David Cohen, "We should be adults on this and realize that people have rights."

And Cohen said a quick resolution is in Street's interest. "As a mayoral contender when you have a contentious issue you want it resolved as far from the election process as possible," he said.

Mark Segal, publisher of the Philadelphia Gay News and a key behind-the-scenes supporter of the legislative gambit, agreed. Street runs the risk of further angering and energizing the gay and lesbian community in 1999.

Andrew Park of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Law and Public Policy said an expedited hearing is appropriate because the issues have been debated extensively in recent years.

"The issues in these bills have been debated so we're not talking about a quick push through Council," Park said.

Street also said the bills are technically flawed because they fail to provide a mechanism for registering "life partners" who would be eligible for the benefits. Previous bills set up a registry process for "domestic partners."

Ortiz' bill defines "life partner" as a "person of the same gender as another person not related by blood" who shares residency with the other, who

pools income, considers the other immediate family and has a stable family relationship "over a period of time."

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'Bent': Overwrought and Embarrassing

By STEPHEN HOLDEN

Seventeen years after "Bent" was first produced on Broadway starring Richard Gere and David Dukes, Martin Sherman's harrowing concentration-camp drama about the Nazi persecution of homosexuals still has some power to unsettle.

In establishing the pink triangle, a concentration-camp badge denoting homosexuality, as a symbol of embattled gay pride, "Bent" has earned its place in cultural history. And it's still impossible to watch the scene set on a train transporting prisoners to Dachau, in which Nazi officers force a young man to beat his lover to death, without feeling a sickening shudder of dread.

But if that scene is more graphic in Sean Mathias' film adaptation of the play than on the stage, it doesn't make it any more effective. For the sad fact of the film is that its semirealistic elaboration of a drama that was staged as sparsely as a Samuel Beckett play has reduced it from an anguished historical meditation into mawkish, overwrought kitsch with an embarrassing

pornographic gloss.

"Bent" begins promisingly enough with a surreal evocation of Berlin's gay nightlife just as Nazis begin viciously cracking down on homosexuals. In a sprawling nightclub that is part circus, part drug den, part open-air warehouse, elegant gay men cruise one other, snort cocaine and have public sex in the club's dimmer recesses.

Presiding over a scene that has a vaguely contemporary ambiance is the club's owner, Greta (Mick Jagger), a gaunt, famished-looking drag queen (Jagger resembles Diana Vreeland) inscrutably surveying the revelers from her perch high on a trapeze.

Here is where Max (Clive Owen), an avid sybarite, picks up a German soldier and brings him back to the loft he shares with his whiny lover Rudy (Brian Webber), a cabaret dancer. The next morning, the Gestapo breaks into the loft, murders the soldier and sends the lovers fleeing into the street.

Max and Rudy embark on a fugitive hand-to-mouth existence, camping in the woods until they are rounded up by the Nazis and herded onto a train bound for Dachau.

Aboard the train, Max meets Horst (Lothaire Bluteau), a fellow prisoner who gives him terse lessons in survival, the most important being not to "feel."

On reaching the camp, Horst and Max (who has shown the Nazis he is not gay after a grisly test of his ability to perform heterosexually) are separated into homosexual and Jewish sections. But through bribery, Max arranges for

Horst to be his work partner in a meaningless hard labor ritual of moving a pile of rocks back and forth to opposite sides of an outdoor pit.

Their exertions, observed by a pair of guards, are supposed to drive them crazy. But they maintain their sanity (and their will to live) by falling in

love and conducting the concentration-camp version of telephone sex, improvising steamy erotic scenarios while standing side by side under the watchful eyes of their captors.

These dialogues, when heard on a nearly bare stage, assumed a Beckettian metaphysical weight that the film's realistic setting undermines. The movie's

literalness reminds you that the Nazis, with their notorious efficiency, would never have wasted the energy of two able-bodied prisoners (and two guards to observe them) on a meaningless task.

And the notion that two starved and exhausted prisoners could talk each other into spontaneous ecstasy in two or three minutes while under surveillance is simply ludicrous.

Owen and Bluteau both give intense, finely shaded performances, but their skills can't begin to counteract the essential implausibility of a drama that demands emptiness and abstraction for its symbolism to resonate.

PRODUCTION NOTES:

'BENT'

Directed by Sean Mathias; written by Martin Sherman, based on his stage play; director of photography, Yorgos Arvanitis; edited by Isabel Lorente; music by Philip Glass; production designer, Stephen Brimson Lewis; produced by Michael Solinger and Dixie Linder; released by Goldwyn Entertainment Co.

and Metro Goldwyn Mayer.

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Ian
McKellen (Uncle Freddie), Jude Law (Stormtrooper) and Mick Jagger (Greta).

Running time: 104 minutes.

"Bent" is rated NC-17 (no one under 17 admitted.) It includes scenes of
violence and a lot of sexually explicit dialogue.

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Love in a Time of Genocide

Spare, sobering 'Bent' explores Nazi Germany's persecution of gays

Edward Guthmann, Chronicle Staff Critic

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In the opening moments of ``Bent," which opens today at the Lumiere,
Mick

Jagger appears as Greta, a transvestite nightclub owner. Rouged and
imperious, Greta makes her first appearance astride a large hoop, suspended
over a crowd of decadent revelers and singing a downbeat tune called ``The
Streets of Berlin."

It sounds like a slice of Dietrich- style high camp, especially with the
saucy Jagger in the saddle, but in fact it's a chilling prelude to a sober,
beautifully modulated film about the Holocaust. Based on Martin Sherman's
1979 play, which filmmakers Rainer Werner Fassbinder and Costa-Gavras had

been in line to adapt, ``Bent" marks the auspicious film debut of British stage director Sean Mathias.

Austere in its design, scored by Philip Glass and superbly acted by newcomer Clive Owen and Canadian star Lothaire Bluteau (``Jesus of Montreal," ``Black Robe"), ``Bent" is the first dramatic film to concentrate solely on the Nazi persecution of gays before and during World War II. (The same subject will be treated in a documentary in the works by San Francisco filmmakers Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.)

``Bent" opens on film on the Night of the Long Knives, when Nazi thugs swept through Berlin determined to kill any associates of homosexual Nazi commander Ernst Rohm. Max, a selfish party hound played by Owen, has unwittingly picked up one of those men at the Jagger bacchanal, and when troopers break down his door and slice the one-night-stand's throat, Max knows that he and his kind are marked.

POWER OF UNDERSTATEMENT

Under Mathias' direction, ``Bent" has a spare, understated power that draws as much from what it shows as what it doesn't show. After Max and his boyfriend, Rudy (Brian Webber), are apprehended and put on a train for Dachau, Max is forced to beat Rudy with a club, then listen as the Nazis kill him in another part of a crowded cattle car.

Another prisoner, Horst (Bluteau), coaches Max to stiffen himself and play the Nazi's game or die. Once they arrive at the concentration camp and are shaved, de-loused and forced into hard labor, an intense friendship develops.

LANGUAGE OF LOVE

In the film's signature scene, which gave ``Bent" its greatest notoriety when Ian McKellen played it in London and Richard Gere appeared in the 1980 Broadway premiere, Max and Horst stand side by side, shirtless in the hot sun. Without touching or looking at each other, they describe the gestures of lovemaking that they can't share.

The men sweat, their breath grows short. Bluteau's eyes start to roll back in their sockets. That scene earned ``Bent" a rare NC-17 rating, even though the actors never touch.

``Bent" isn't a picnic, and it won't be chasing the box-office records of

``In & Out" or ``The Birdcage," gay movies that were sanitized and made cute for a mainstream audience. It's tough going, often grim, but by

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By Gregg K. Kakesako

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Steamed at Supervisors, Mayor Thanks Colin Powell

Brown chastises board for not commending general's efforts for youth

Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

Saying the Board of Supervisors committed ``a terrible diplomatic faux pas" by not commending General Colin Powell for his help on local youth programs, an irritated Mayor Willie Brown yesterday thanked Powell himself on behalf of San Francisco.

Brown complained that he was awakened at the crack of dawn by national newspaper reporters demanding comment ``and the blast of talk radio putting San Francisco in a negative light again" after a decision by the supervisors to shelve a resolution commending Powell.

``I already thanked (Powell) -- and I will thank him again," Brown said. ``I'm embarrassed.

``Under no circumstances should anybody denigrate Colin Powell's efforts as it relates to children . . . and protecting this democracy. His contributions are, frankly, legendary. And to thank him for coming out here and raising \$1.4 million seems to be the simplest thing one could do."

The political temblor opened a rift on the Board of Supervisors between Tom Ammiano -- who has long stood up for gay rights issues -- and the board's newest member, Gavin Newsom, who has filled what had been labeled ``the straight white male" seat.

On one side are those who cannot forgive Powell's comment that he would resign if gays were allowed to enter the military. On the other are those who contend that San Francisco got a political black eye when the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was publicly humiliated after raising \$1.4 million for thousands of San Francisco's children.

The commendation, sponsored by Newsom, acknowledged Powell's special trip to San Francisco last week to raise money for educational and mentoring programs that are part of the President's Summit for America's Future.

It was expected to be a routine matter -- until an already contentious meeting turned into a shouting match and Ammiano moved to send the resolution to committee. Ammiano, who is gay, said Powell's name was ``a

red flag" to gay Americans because of his stance on gays in the military.

Newsom countered that although he disagreed strongly with Powell's stand on gays in the military, the board should support the President's Summit program headed by Powell and commend his considerable fund-raising efforts to benefit local children.

Yesterday, as calls continued to pour in, Brown had harsh words about the controversy, charging the Powell commendation was simply a matter of common courtesy -- and should have been left outside the realm of politics.

"To make it into an anti-gay thing is crazy," said Brown of Ammiano.

"It's inappropriate not to thank someone who's done something for you."

The resolution is now in committee, where -- at least before the brouhaha erupted -- supervisors said they expected it to quietly fade away. But with the glare of the national spotlight on, the resolution could be reintroduced.

However, last night, an apologetic yet confident Newsom appeared before 40 gay activists and promised to not reintroduce the resolution, expressing his desire to end the controversy.

"In a million years, I did not want this," said Newsom, who had agreed to speak to the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club a month ago. "I apologize for the outcome of this. I want it to go away. It's not worth dividing the board or the community further."

Most club members gathered at the Cannibis Club on Market Street applauded Newsom's previous support of the gay community. "It took a lot for him to come to us," said Harvey Milk club member Jerry Windley. "I really admire him for coming tonight."

But the organization also passed a resolution condemning Mayor Brown

for criticizing Ammiano.

Earlier in the day, Brown didn't wait for further discussion on the matter and let Powell know that San Francisco did appreciate his efforts.

But he wasn't the only one getting reaction.

KGO Radio's statewide talk show host Ronn Owens started his popular morning show with the tease: ``We could sugar-coat it, but why bother? Tom Ammiano is a jerk." Owens then argued -- and many callers appeared to agree -- that Ammiano had set back the gay rights movement by refusing to thank Powell.

Supervisor Leslie Katz disputed the assertion, praising Ammiano for his service to the gay community. ``Colin Powell is a hero, and he is a role model, but there's this one piece we cannot ignore," she said. ``He made some statements (on gays in the military) that were very hurtful -- totally unnecessary."

Ammiano and Newsom also heard from the public.

Ammiano said he got ``about 20 calls" including strong support from the gay community, and a handful of death threats as well. ``Things like, `We're going to kill you, fag,' " he said.

In Newsom's office, aide Mary Mallen reported getting a deluge of more than 150 calls, ``more than I've ever gotten on any issue by far," she said.

Mallen said the calls were 80-to- 20 in favor of Newsom's action. But there were gay callers, she said, who also suggested that Newsom should better understand their point of view.

Among the callers was Keith Meinhold -- the gay petty officer who filed a landmark suit fighting discharge from the Navy. Meinhold offered his

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Same-sex couples sue Vt. for right to marry

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BURLINGTON, Vt. - Lawyers for three same-sex couples who want the state to give them marriage licenses have filed arguments in court.

The arguments, filed Tuesday in Chittenden Superior Court by attorneys for the law firm Langrock, Sperry & Wool in Middlebury, say Vermont marriage law supports all committed couples, including those of the same gender.

The papers say interpreting the law to deny the couples access to marital benefits goes against the Vermont Constitution.

Two lesbian couples and a gay couple who were denied marriage licenses

in
their towns filed suit against the state in July. The suit challenges a
1975

ruling by the state attorney general concerning a same-sex marriage request
in Plainfield. That ruling advised town clerks that Vermont law defined
marriage as a union between a "bride and a groom," prohibiting same-sex
couples from marrying.

The attorney general's office responded to the three couples' lawsuit on
November 10, requesting that it be dismissed. It said the Vermont
Constitution does not guarantee same-sex partners the right to marry.

In the papers filed Tuesday, the couples' lawyers said the state has not
shown a "valid public purpose" to deny the couples the benefits of civil
marriage. Those benefits include sick leave, inheritance rights, and being
appointed guardian if a spouse becomes incapacitated.

The filing also referred to studies showing that children raised by
same-sex parents are well-adjusted and don't suffer from psychological or
social development problems.

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Letter: Dignity USA offers Catholic gays more

I read that Michael Roderick of St. Albans has recently admitted in a
letter, "Catholic church offers a help group for gays," in the Nov. 17

Daily

Mail, of being oblivious of the contents of those things which he touts or

criticizes. Folks understandably cautious of his latest sales pitch may be interested in the following:

COURAGE is not the only Catholic church-approved gay organization. It is not, for that matter, a gay organization per se. The group was not founded by Terence Cardinal Cooke.

COURAGE was founded by Father John Harvey, and its stated intent is to assist homosexual men who desire to live a chaste life. Admirable, but not particularly helpful for those who don't have such an austere calling.

Unlike many of its Protestant counterparts, COURAGE has never suggested that homosexuality is a choice of lifestyle or that it can be cured. In other words, they make no dubious claim to be orthodontists of the libido.

The group has been criticized for its morbidity and anti-sexual fixations, among other things.

For those interested in a fuller life within the Catholic faith, I would recommend contacting DIGNITY/USA, which has a local chapter in the Kanawha Valley (among 80 others around the country).

DIGNITY West Virginia's telephone number is (304) 343-0079. The Mid-Atlantic Regional toll-free telephone number is (800) 877-8797.

For those with Internet access, go to <http://www.dignityusa.org>. A library of listings and information for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Catholics go to <http://www.bway.net/~halsall/lgbh.html>.

-- Scott Harris, St. Albans

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THE HOLIDAYS: CEREMONY FOR EVERYONE

By Patricia Nell Warren

My Filipino friend Louis goes on and on about his Christmas extravaganza for this year. As I listen, I think about the community's collective hunger for the healing that can come with holiday ceremony. Louis describes himself as a "Christmas queen." He spends these last weeks of the year making his apartment beautiful, surrounding himself with friends in a one-man Disneyland of lights, music and color. His blood relatives, who live in Manila and don't accept him, won't be there. But Louis has built a big circle of loving friends as a new family. Starting at Halloween, his artistic and culinary efforts bridge Thanksgiving and Christmas, to touch the New Year. This way, he can leave up his twinkling lights for a loooooong time!

Meanwhile, a lesbian friend of mine is in the midst of similarly massive preparations for the Jewish holidays. Ina has her own vision of Judaism. This includes knocking herself out with cooking and entertaining for her partner and a vast raft of loving relatives...and being visible at her synagogue, where she and partner are equally accepted.

The word "ceremony" means "circle of the Moon." Though we humans have 10,000 years of civilization behind us, the Moon is still how we keep track

of time, and the passing of our lives. No matter what our beliefs, there is

a deep human need for ceremony at key times of the year. For beauty that gets tacked up and taken down, so it stays brief, magical and special. For special foods that only get tasted once a year. For gifts and laughter.

For the company of people we find most special. For prayer, if prayer is our thing. Humanity has loved ceremony ever since early peoples assembled in

their caves by torchlight to rub shoulders and sing and paint walls with paleolithic versions of Louis's gala. We heal ourselves by fulfilling this need. Gay people need this and want this healing as much as straight people do.

I don't do the Christmas thing...but as a pagan I feel the need to celebrate those four great turning points of the solar year, and share this time with my own friends and family. So I am planning my Winter Solstice gala. Something with a living green tree (not a cut one). Something with candles, to light my way into a new round of 12 moons. Something to remind myself that I -- as a human, a woman and a gay person -- am part of the vaster circles of Life that move our planet through space. Something to share with my own friends and family, to remind myself that I am part of the human race and its collective journey through the ages.

For gay people, this need to celebrate our life and times does not vanish with coming out. To steal a phrase from Dickens, there are "ghosts of

Christmas past" that live in many of us. These are memories of childhood holidays, lapped in warmth of family togetherness, before we found ourselves

suddenly older and wiser about our sexual differences, hurled into a time of

temporary (or sometimes permanent) alienation from blood family, old friends, old places, old religion and spiritual things. Sometimes those memories are painful -- sometimes they still hold joy for us. Sometimes both

feelings are woven together in a wreath of contradictions. One thing is sure:

children want to feel safe and cared for; we don't lose these needs as adults, no matter how old we get, or how far we travel from our roots.

For me, the "ghosts of holidays past" were holidays on a Montana ranch in

the mid-1940s -- blown snow cutting the air like a knife, hoofs crunching on

ice, clean smell of hay forked to the calves, struggling into the timber to cut the spruce tree ourselves, hauling it home on the truck, filling the house with its wild perfume, unpacking the antique German glass ornaments, anticipation of gift books from relatives who knew that the tomboy girl loved

to read -- and the semi-pagan holiday ceremonies of a beloved German greatgrandmother who honored the pre-Christian old ways.

Oma dressed her holiday table without any bows to church history.

There

were the same magic foods every year -- soup with marrow dumplings,

American

turkey with German apple stuffing, and "California pudding" made with the raisins and dried fruits that were such a staple of those times, before the advent of frozen food. We never got tired of eating them. There was storytelling around the dinner table. We never got tired of hearing her stories -- how she saw Napoleon as a child, how she heard Richard Wagner conduct his operas at Bayreuth, how she survived the San Francisco earthquake. As to her tree, she draped it in the richest Teutonic fantasy --

a forest goddess straight from Grimms' fairy tales, with elves, angels and tiny animals living in her branches.

Oma made sure you understood that the tree custom was older than churches.

In her youth, she was a genteel renegade -- an educated "progressive" (as they called liberals in those days) woman who fled Prussia when Bismarck became ruler. In post-1900s Montana, Oma was one of the citizens who demanded that women be allowed to vote. In 1944 Oma must have looked studiously at her tomboy desperado greatgranddaughter, the one who lived in muddy cowboy boots, and accepted the fact that this child was going to turn out "different." Oma died when I was 9, so I never got to come out to her.

All this was part of the ceremony.

Today, with all the old people in my family gone to the spirit realms, my brother and I still meet to dress an evergreen tree in our fantasy of the moment. Today it's a "living tree," not a cut one, because we live in a time

when every tree counts. We share a meal that we cook together, and exchange gifts, and talk about how far we've come from kid days on the ranch.

After

we've worn each other out with storytelling, the tree gets planted later.

My

brother is straight and I am gay, and we don't always agree on things...but for the moment, the pungent smell of a pine tree holds us together in a special space. For both of us, remembering a greatgrandmother who saw Napoleon is part of our differing sexual sensibilities, yet part of our shared sense of time. That "circle of the moon" is equally healing and equally needed for both of us.

For many gay people, I think, healing ourselves as self-acknowledged homosexuals must include that effort to recapture and rekindle ceremony in our lives. In fact, we have a RIGHT to ceremony. We have as much right to the holiday ceremonies as those Americans who judge us and condemn us to no ceremonies at all!

If the old family ceremonies are too painful to continue, we must create new ones -- and this renewal can heal us. It's no accident that holidays prompt sadness, sometimes suicide, for people who suddenly feel a vast void in their lives at this time of year. Many in our community have lost the family with whom they were accustomed to have their ceremony -- whether blood relatives who rejected them, or lovers and friends who died of AIDS. Older people often feel this void keenly, because our community's youth culture has marginalized them to such an extreme.

Young people feel the void too. Among the youth I know, especially

those

who are marginalized from their heterosexual relatives, there is a deep worry about the approaching holidays -- that they will be alone then, that

no

one will care. Amid the physical decorations -- lights, candles, ribbons

--

the core concern is a circle of faces of people whom you can care for, and who care for you. Yes, it is true that some ceremonies must be done alone, face to face with the Universe. For young people, these life-ceremonies include becoming economically independent, finding a direction in life, discovering their true selves. But the holiday ceremonies are ones that we need to do with others.

For those who face the void, there are ways to fill it. Like Scrooge in

the Dickens tale, we can step out of the loneliness. Find a gay-friendly church, if church is our thing. Take a trip somewhere, if that's our thing.

Volunteer for something. Take meals to housebound PWAs, and actually spend

time with them. Do something positive and responsible for needy young people. Take a tropical friend to see the snow in New England. Make something beautiful, if that's our thing, and invite others to share it.

For

the young, there is the chance to get acquainted with old people...life is not complete without enjoying the company of a few gay, lesbian, bisexual or

transgendered curmudgeons! That desperate holiday reach to spend a few

days

in other humans' company may well become a new direction in life.

The Moon-circle of caring, glowing faces, that so many of us want to see at this time of year, doesn't happen by accident. We can't inherit it like money. We can't go out and buy it. We can't even build the extravaganza of

twinkling lights and expect it to have a living magical spirit if we don't work to infuse that spirit into it. We have to earn it, more like earning respect from others. My friend Louis and my friend Ina build their spirit of ceremony before they ever light a single candle, or hang a single string of lights. The circle of beauty and love that they enjoy is created with effort, over time, by investing into others -- through many moons and many journeys of our planet around the sun.

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Steamed at Supervisors, Mayor Thanks Colin Powell

Brown chastises board for not commending general's efforts for youth

Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

Saying the Board of Supervisors committed ``a terrible diplomatic faux pas" by not commending General Colin Powell for his help on local youth programs, an irritated Mayor Willie Brown yesterday thanked Powell himself on behalf of San Francisco.

Brown complained that he was awakened at the crack of dawn by national newspaper reporters demanding comment ``and the blast of talk radio putting San Francisco in a negative light again" after a decision by the supervisors to shelve a resolution commending Powell.

“I already thanked (Powell) -- and I will thank him again,” Brown said.

“I’m embarrassed.

“Under no circumstances should anybody denigrate Colin Powell's efforts as it relates to children . . . and protecting this democracy. His contributions are, frankly, legendary. And to thank him for coming out here and raising \$1.4 million seems to be the simplest thing one could do.”

The political temblor opened a rift on the Board of Supervisors between Tom Ammiano -- who has long stood up for gay rights issues -- and the board's newest member, Gavin Newsom, who has filled what had been labeled “the straight white male” seat.

On one side are those who cannot forgive Powell's comment that he would resign if gays were allowed to enter the military. On the other are those who contend that San Francisco got a political black eye when the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was publicly humiliated after raising \$1.4 million for thousands of San Francisco's children.

The commendation, sponsored by Newsom, acknowledged Powell's special trip to San Francisco last week to raise money for educational and mentoring programs that are part of the President's Summit for America's Future.

It was expected to be a routine matter -- until an already contentious meeting turned into a shouting match and Ammiano moved to send the resolution to committee. Ammiano, who is gay, said Powell's name was “a red flag” to

gay Americans because of his stance on gays in the military.

Newsom countered that although he disagreed strongly with Powell's stand on gays in the military, the board should support the President's Summit program headed by Powell and commend his considerable fund-raising efforts to benefit local children.

Yesterday, as calls continued to pour in, Brown had harsh words about the controversy, charging the Powell commendation was simply a matter of common courtesy -- and should have been left outside the realm of politics.

``To make it into an anti-gay thing is crazy," said Brown of Ammiano. ``It's inappropriate not to thank someone who's done something for you."

The resolution is now in committee, where -- at least before the brouhaha erupted -- supervisors said they expected it to quietly fade away. But with the glare of the national spotlight on, the resolution could be reintroduced.

However, last night, an apologetic yet confident Newsom appeared before 40 gay activists and promised to not reintroduce the resolution, expressing his desire to end the controversy.

``In a million years, I did not want this," said Newsom, who had agreed to speak to the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club a month ago.

“I apologize for the outcome of this. I want it to go away. It's not worth dividing the board or the community further.”

Most club members gathered at the Cannabis Club on Market Street applauded

Newsom's previous support of the gay community. “It took a lot for him to come to us,” said Harvey Milk club member Jerry Windley. “I really admire him for coming tonight.”

But the organization also passed a resolution condemning Mayor Brown for criticizing Ammiano.

Earlier in the day, Brown didn't wait for further discussion on the matter

and let Powell know that San Francisco did appreciate his efforts.

But he wasn't the only one getting reaction.

KGO Radio's statewide talk show host Ronn Owens started his popular morning show with the tease: “We could sugar-coat it, but why bother? Tom Ammiano is a jerk.” Owens then argued -- and many callers appeared to agree

-- that Ammiano had set back the gay rights movement by refusing to thank Powell.

Supervisor Leslie Katz disputed the assertion, praising Ammiano for his service to the gay community. “Colin Powell is a hero, and he is a role model, but there's this one piece we cannot ignore,” she said. “He made some statements (on gays in the military) that were very hurtful -- totally unnecessary.”

Ammiano and Newsom also heard from the public.

Ammiano said he got “about 20 calls” including strong support from the gay community, and a handful of death threats as well. “Things like,

`We're
going to kill you, fag,' " he said.

In Newsom's office, aide Mary Mallen reported getting a deluge of more
than 150 calls, ``more than I've ever gotten on any issue by far," she
said.

Mallen said the calls were 80-to- 20 in favor of Newsom's action. But
there were gay callers, she said, who also suggested that Newsom should
better understand their point of view.

Among the callers was Keith Meinhold -- the gay petty officer who filed
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landmark suit fighting discharge from the Navy. Meinhold offered his
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to Newsom, who earlier had contributed to Meinhold's defense fund.

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The company has been pressuring two of its tenant restaurants not to support the festival, scheduled for April 30 to May 3.

The developer's staunch opposition could force a showdown, festival leaders say.

"If they don't change their thinking, then the dollars may change it," Snell said.

Gay organizations might sponsor a boycott during the festival and try to dissuade big companies from doing business with Burroughs & Chapin, he said.

To indicate the potential economic damage, Snell cited a list of companies

with policies that prohibit discrimination against gays. At least five are major Burroughs & Chapin tenants.

In addition, the increased publicity could generate more interest and bring more people to the march, Snell said.

A decision on a boycott will be made at a December GLPM board meeting, he said.

A spokesman for the two restaurants, which are under the same ownership, did not return repeated telephone calls Wednesday. A message to the company's corporate office also went unanswered.

At least one company is standing fast. The House of Blues, which has no connection with Burroughs & Chapin, plans to host a VIP Social and concert.

House of Blues spokeswoman Kathy Bishop said the theme restaurant's support squares with its theme of "unity in diversity."

ASSOCIATED PRESS, November 28, 1997

Gays Given Shocks in '50s

LONDON - Homosexual prisoners were given electric shocks in government-sponsored tests in the 1950s to see if homosexuality could be controlled, The Guardian newspaper reported today.

Documents released by the government showed that inmates were given shocks if they stared at pictures of men for more than eight seconds, the newspaper said. Other inmates were given the female hormone estrogen.

The Home Office, which funded the study by London University,
concluded

at the time that up to half the men who participated in the trial ``have
benefited from it - in the sense that they are less likely to indulge in
homosexual behavior."

The newspaper did not report when during the 1950s the trial was
carried
out, or on how many people. It said that experiments were carried out at
four
prisons in England.

The Guardian also said that the documents showed the government was
concerned that legalizing homosexuality would encourage greater numbers of
people to try it.

``Would homosexual conduct spread, or, losing the glamor of rebellion,
decline?" the paper quoted a government report as saying.

In 1957, the government ordered a review of Britain's homosexuality
laws, which resulted in their liberalization 10 years later.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN NEWS RELEASE, November 26, 1997

AIR FORCE ISSUES WRITTEN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY COVERING SEXUAL
ORIENTATION FOR CIVILIANS

Guidelines Reiterate 'Zero Tolerance' for Any Unlawful Discrimination

WASHINGTON -- In one of her last acts as secretary of the Air Force,
Sheila

Widnall issued an anti-discrimination policy stating for the first time in
writing that the Air Force would not discriminate against civilian

employees

based on sexual orientation, the Human Rights Campaign announced today.

On Oct. 29, Widnall issued a memorandum reiterating the Air Force's equal opportunity policies, which she called "straightforward" -- "zero tolerance for any kind of unlawful discrimination against military members or civilian employees based on color, national origin, race, religion or sex, and in the case of civilian employees, also age, sexual orientation or disabling conditions." Widnall retired from the Air Force at the end of October.

"As every worker knows, it is far more powerful when an employer is willing to place such policies in writing for all to see," said David M. Smith, HRC's senior strategist. "This is especially true of policies against sexual orientation discrimination because there is no federal law protecting people against this kind of unfairness.

"That Sheila Widnall issued this written policy as one of her final acts as secretary underscores her recognition of the importance of creating such a document."

The Navy has also established in writing that it will not discriminate against civilian employees based on sexual orientation.

In 1993, President Clinton interpreted an executive order issued by then-President Carter as protecting all federal workers from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. He instructed all Cabinet-level

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The company has been pressuring two of its tenant restaurants not to support the festival, scheduled for April 30 to May 3.

The developer's staunch opposition could force a showdown, festival leaders say.

"If they don't change their thinking, then the dollars may change it," Snell said.

Gay organizations might sponsor a boycott during the festival and try to dissuade big companies from doing business with Burroughs & Chapin, he said.

To indicate the potential economic damage, Snell cited a list of companies with policies that prohibit discrimination against gays. At least five are major Burroughs & Chapin tenants.

In addition, the increased publicity could generate more interest and bring more people to the march, Snell said.

A decision on a boycott will be made at a December GLPM board

meeting, he said.

A spokesman for the two restaurants, which are under the same ownership, did not return repeated telephone calls Wednesday. A message to the company's corporate office also went unanswered.

At least one company is standing fast. The House of Blues, which has no connection with Burroughs & Chapin, plans to host a VIP Social and concert.

House of Blues spokeswoman Kathy Bishop said the theme restaurant's support squares with its theme of "unity in diversity."

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Gays Given Shocks in '50s

LONDON - Homosexual prisoners were given electric shocks in government-sponsored tests in the 1950s to see if homosexuality could be controlled, The Guardian newspaper reported today.

Documents released by the government showed that inmates were given shocks if they stared at pictures of men for more than eight seconds, the

newspaper said. Other inmates were given the female hormone estrogen.

The Home Office, which funded the study by London University, concluded at the time that up to half the men who participated in the trial ``have benefited from it - in the sense that they are less likely to indulge in homosexual behavior."

The newspaper did not report when during the 1950s the trial was carried out, or on how many people. It said that experiments were carried out at four prisons in England.

The Guardian also said that the documents showed the government was concerned that legalizing homosexuality would encourage greater numbers of people to try it.

``Would homosexual conduct spread, or, losing the glamor of rebellion, decline?" the paper quoted a government report as saying.

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I don't understand how Americans as either individuals or as groups can discriminate against any group of American people for any reason. Our forefathers killed native americans, stole their land, placed them on reservations, and now ignore them (at least in real substance). Our forefathers kidnaped African blacks, used them as slaves, and too many Americans still treat blacks as second class

citizens. Many of our so called christian organizations in America have discriminated against gays for hundreds of years as did Hitler in WW II. Your administration has made some progress in correcting these wrongs of the past (i.e., don't ask, don't tell policy in the military reference gays) but much remains to be done. You cannot run again as President so politics for the executive branch is not an issue in 1997. Why can't your office attempt to really make some progress on these American issues in the next two years? If you already have made some progress, the public needs to be informed.

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Scripps Howard News Service, November 27, 1997

BRITAIN SET TO MAKE U-TURN IN BAN ON GAYS IN MILITARY

By PETER BEAUMONT and HEATHER MILLS

London Observer Service

LONDON _ Britain's ban on lesbians and gays in the military is expected to be lifted in the new year by a reluctant government anxious to head off a potential \$1.6 billion judgment against it in the European courts.

The move comes amid a Cabinet panic over how to sell the change in policy to the public and some sections of the armed forces.

New legislation introduced as part of a wider employment equality package is expected to draw from President Clinton's ``Don't ask, don't tell'' policy introduced for the U.S. armed forces.

The British government has been forced to accept gays in the military amid a growing realization that change will otherwise be foisted upon it by a hugely damaging and costly European court action.

A test case brought by Terry Perkins, discharged from the Royal Navy in 1995 for being gay, could open the floodgates to hefty damages claims dating back to 1978 from thousands of gay servicemen and women alleging discrimination.

It is estimated that the case, brought under the European Union's equal treatment directive, could eventually cost the government \$680 million-\$1.7 billion. Some \$93.5 million total damages already have been awarded to pregnant servicewomen who were unlawfully dismissed.

Government sources say Defense Secretary George Robertson has been anxious

to persuade Prime Minister Tony Blair to introduce equality legislation.

But,

despite the support of Cabinet heavyweights such as Home Secretary Jack Straw, Armed Forces Minister John Reid (who has changed his position), and senior army and air force officers, Robertson is meeting resistance from senior navy officers.

Blair's advisers are also cautioning against any change in policy, apparently telling him ``There are no votes to be won" on the issue of gays in the military _ despite surveys showing up to 70 percent of the public has no objection to lifting the ban.

One source said: ``The prime minister is worried about the Clinton effect, where lifting the ban became a political liability. But there are no real parallels. Clinton made it a major point of policy and had an unsympathetic Congress. Blair barely mentioned it as policy and has support in the Cabinet and the party. ..."

Until last year Defense Ministry lawyers had been confident that the European courts would uphold Britain's ban on gay soldiers. Even then they warned that the cost of defeat would be ``very substantial."

But in October rail worker Lisa Grant won a preliminary ruling by the European Court of Justice under the EU directive that she had been the victim of discrimination because her lesbian partner was refused travel benefits allowed to spouses or unmarried heterosexual partners. A full court

decision

upholding the ruling is expected early next year _ hence the Department of Employment's need to draw up equality rights employment legislation.

Lawyers

have said the same provisions must apply to soldiers.

Since 1978 it is estimated that more than 4,000 men and women have been driven out of the British forces because of their sexual preferences. Some have been discharged, others urged to resign and more have quit because of the pressure.

Peter Tatchell, of the gay rights group Outrage!, who has researched the damages issue, said defeat in the European courts would pave the way for all

to sue for damages: ``As well as compensation for loss of pay and pensions,

sacked gay personnel will get massive punitive damages for being put under surveillance, arrested, interrogated, imprisoned and humiliated. ... For every week the government continues to defy the equal treatment directive, the bill grows bigger."

CAPE COD TIMES, November 28, 1997

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(www.capecodonline.com)

Letter: Thomas' ignorance of gays fosters cruelty

Once again Cal Thomas has spewed forth his ignorance and homophobia in his

insistence that gays and lesbians can be "converted" because they are not "normal" (Nov. 12). Many gay people read his nonsense and, because some parts of society agree with him, think they are mentally sick.

I work with the Massachusetts Safe School program, and I constantly see young gay and lesbian children who are literally thrown out of their families. It always breaks my heart. They are not the crazy ones. It is truly OK to be who they are.

The American Psychological Association (APA), the nation's largest society of psychologists, passed a resolution on August 14 that clearly stated it would be "breaking ethical guidelines to tell clients that there is effective therapy to convert gays and lesbians to straights. An APA spokesman said "we oppose portraying gay people as mentally ill and in need of treatment. The resolution is the strongest one the organization can adopt on this issue."

Also, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) issued a statement on October 11 entitled "Always our children" that recognized the pain many parents feel when they discover they have gay children. But they urge parents to remember that when thinking of their child: "You are always my child; nothing can ever change that. You are also a child of God, gifted and called for a purpose in God's design." The bishops further state that "nothing in the Bible or in Catholic teaching can be used to justify prejudicial or discriminatory attitudes or behaviors."

Mr. Thomas' attitude adds to the pain and struggle these young people and their families are dealing with, and I think he is very cruel.

-- ANNE TORAN, E. Falmouth

CAPE COD TIMES, November 29, 1997

Holly Folly proves thorny idea

Some say the Provincetown gay and lesbian weekend excludes many tourists.

By K.C. MYERS

STAFF WRITER

PROVINCETOWN * Business groups are decking the halls and donning gay apparel.

The first Holly Folly, a gay and lesbian holiday weekend, will have music performances, seasonal decorations, high teas and theme parties * and a note of controversy because some see it as too exclusive.

The event starts Friday. There is a concert by the Boston Gay Men's chorus Saturday night, Santas of both sexes, a home tour of guest houses decorated for the season, a variety show and carolers.

Mews restaurant owner Ron Polcari said he plans to have two live reindeer in his front lawn as an attraction at Sunday brunch. The 7-kilometer Reindeer Run and a special holiday service at the Unitarian Meeting House are planned Sunday.

Advance publicity in national and Boston-area gay papers has filled rooms at guest houses beyond the usual sparse winter showing.

"We're almost booked, and last year we filled two rooms for that weekend," said Lynette Molnar, Holly Folly organizer and guest house owner.

The town in the past has embraced events that take advantage of the large gay and lesbian tourism market. Women's Week, a mid-October event, attracts lesbians from all over the country and keeps the town's retail stores hopping after the beach season. Single Men's Weekend, a November event, brings in a segment of the gay male population.

But Holly Folly, the first annual gay and lesbian holiday festival is different.

It has sparked criticism as an exclusive gay and lesbian event ever since the Provincetown Business Guild and Women Innkeepers Association, two tourism boards that focus on attracting gay tourists, decided this summer to use \$2,500 in room-tax money on the weekend.

Holly Folly so outraged four-year chamber of commerce president Robert Harrison, a gay man, that he resigned from the Visitor's Service Board, the

organization that administers the room-tax money to various tourist organizations.

"These days, if you disagree with anything you are either homophobic or anti-business," he said. "To call me either is a stretch."

Harrison objects to Holly Folly because it carries the label gay and lesbian, making it seem unwelcoming to other people. Women's Week and the Single Men's Weekend don't specifically state their market target, and Harrison believes that makes them different.

Molnar disagrees, saying anyone can come to Holly Folly, just like anyone could come to the town's Portuguese festival.

But she said it's important to call it what it is, because gays and lesbians need a holiday event, and they need to know they will be accepted in Provincetown.

"That's truly my motivation for marketing Provincetown," said Molnar. "It's the only town where we can feel safe 24 hours a day."

Harrison said he came to Provincetown 40 years ago when it was still illegal to dress in drag on stage, and when the notoriously anti-gay Rev. Fred Phelps' beliefs were the norm.

He said back then all Provincetown residents mixed and mingled happily.

Harrison said there is now an "us" and "them" climate that did

not exist

before.

He said real estate prices and other factors are threatening to turn the town into a "gay ghetto."

"I deplore anything that fosters that," Harrison said. "We're in the throes of big change and I don't think for the better."

Molnar said a homophobic culture, not labels, causes people to feel they cannot participate or are not welcome at a predominantly gay event.

(NOTE: Holly Folly website:

<http://www.provincetown.com/hollyfolly/index.html>

E-mail address: Hollyfolly@provincetown.com

Toll-free number: 1-800-933-1963)

FEEDBACK From: ModMajor96@aol.com

; ;Save Traditional Marriage-'98 plans to raise several hundred thousand dollars over the next year. On Nov. 20, the group held a \$100-a-person fund-raising dinner at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, which featured Stephen Covey, the best-selling author of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families." It was expected to raise between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

For people interested in contacting the organization that promotes Covey's

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LESBIAN SAN DIEGO COUNCILMEMBER RUNS FOR CONGRESS

by Rex Wockner

SAN DIEGO -- Popular lesbian City Councilmember Christine Kehoe
is running for Congress.

If elected, she could become the first-ever openly lesbian U.S.
congresswoman. (One, and probably two, other lesbians are running
in 1998 as well.)

"People want a responsive, caring elected official and that's my
M.O.," Kehoe said in an interview with [name of this
publication].

Kehoe is prevented from continuing on the City Council by term-
limit laws. She was elected to the seat in 1993 as an open
lesbian and re-elected in 1996 with 78.9 percent of the vote.

Kehoe is challenging 49th District two-term Republican Rep. Brian Bilbray. Polling commissioned by Kehoe's office shows she can beat him, she said.

The poll quizzed residents on hot topics such as gay marriage, domestic-partner benefits and gays in the military -- and asked point-blank if the district is ready for a gay congressman.

Thirty-one percent of respondents said no. And one-third said they would not vote for Kehoe because she is a lesbian.

But polling in Kehoe's City Council district during previous campaigns turned up similar anti-gay numbers, so she's not concerned.

"It doesn't seem to be a vote-determining issue in this [Congressional] district," she said. "It's a very educated district. It's an independent district that elects both Democrats and Republicans, and likes to elect women. It's the kind of district where voters look at the issues.

"The district is concerned about pro-choice legislation, the environment, especially coastal protection, and education," Kehoe said. "Overall, I'm a better match for what our voters believe."

The polling found that 77 percent of those questioned favor equal

rights for gays and lesbians and 73 percent would allow open gays to serve in the military.

A slight majority support gay marriage.

Kehoe has been moderately vocal on gay issues as a City Council member but her real popularity -- among gays and straights -- has come from a commitment to such things as fixing streets and making neighborhoods safer.

She was previously the editor of a now-defunct gay and lesbian newspaper, the Gayzette.

Another open lesbian, Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, is running for Congress in 1998. Military activist Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer of Washington state is also strongly considering a run.

To assist Kehoe's campaign, contact Kevin Tilden at (619) 291-7834.

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TO NEWS EDITOR

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= QUOTE UNQUOTE #107 - Dec 03, 1997 =

= by Rex Wockner =

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"It's hilarious what people are making up about us. No, it's shocking. Some silly things that are written about us are painful. This supposed fact isn't painful. It's just wrong."

--Actress Anne Heche on rumors that she and lover Ellen DeGeneres

are planning to have a baby, to the Orlando Sentinel, Nov. 18.

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"It hasn't had a financial effect."

--Disney Chairman Michael Eisner on the Baptist boycott, to CBS-TV's 60 Minutes, Nov. 23. The Southern Baptist church targeted Disney, which owns ABC, due to Ellen Morgan's coming out and other gay-friendly actions.

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"I had a ball. I love the idea of playing around with one's public persona."

--Actress Emma Thompson on her role in the Nov. 19 episode of Ellen, in which she plays herself as an alcoholic closeted lesbian who is really from Dayton, Ohio, and picked up her British accent from watching Julie Andrews movies.

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"Let's go out and terrify some Baptists!"

--British actress Emma Thompson, playing herself on the Nov. 19 episode of Ellen, as she prepares to out herself as a lesbian

during a televised awards ceremony. The Southern Baptist church is boycotting Disney, which owns ABC, in part due to Ellen Morgan's coming out.

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"I will be the first to admit that last year when we did the coming-out episode ... I assured them [ABC and Disney] that the next year would not be the Gay Ellen Show. But I do feel a responsibility now to be honest with the character. ... There are kids that are beaten up, killed, who commit suicide because they're gay, and that happens from thinking there is something wrong with it. I am becoming a bit more of an activist."

--Ellen DeGeneres on Barbara Walters' "Ten Most Fascinating People" TV special, Dec. 2.

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"Fabulous!"

--Director Clint Eastwood on his relationship with gay drag queen The Lady Chablis who plays herself in his new film Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, to Reuters Nov. 20.

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"I don't know if this is the worst country in the world to be gay, but it certainly is the most vocally homophobic."

--Keith Goddard, head of Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe, as quoted by the Salt Lake Tribune, Nov. 21. Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has aggressively denounced homosexuals on numerous occasions. Meanwhile, former President Canaan Banana is on trial for allegedly sexually assaulting 11 men during his presidency.

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"The people that I really relate to are not straight people. It's just the way I am. I'm more comfortable [around gay people]. I don't know why. Although I'm straight, I have a mixture of friends -- they're straight, they're not straight, they're this or that."

--Singer Cyndi Lauper to Chicago's Outlines, Nov. 19.

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"No."

--1970s disco diva Gloria Gaynor ("I Will Survive") to Chicago's Outlines Nov. 19 when asked, "You have such a large gay following. Has that ever come in conflict with your beliefs as a Christian?"

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"We are 15 years into the AIDS epidemic, and I have been asked my status by prospective partners only twice. Since testing positive, I have made a point of disclosing my status to any potential partner; each one told me that I was the first person to do so. Each believed that if he practiced safe sex, there would be no need to know. I practiced safe sex. There is no such thing as safe sex."

--From a commentary by Alan J. Mayer in the Nov. 15 New York Times.

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"Much as I think gays should have the same rights as heterosexuals, I want something better for the world than marriage. I would like to reach for something higher. We need ritual for sure, we want ways to honor extended family, family of choice, commitment to love and union, but I don't really want to see it fashioned after marriage that has traditionally been about ownership of property and children."

--Lesbian singer Holly Near in an interview with Atlanta's Etcetera magazine, Nov. 21.

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"When I came out [in the music scene], the gay community were the ones who supported me the most, and they're now my main group. I think they appreciated that I wasn't trying to shout like other dance divas, I was just being myself. ... I know a lot of gay people identify with 'Gypsy Woman.' A lot of gay people still come up to me and tell me about how their family deserted them and are angry with them because they're gay."

--Dance diva Crystal Waters to Atlanta's Etcetera magazine, Nov. 21.

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"What I remember about Judy [Garland] -- and I admired her tremendously -- she was brilliant, kind and, you know, she was grabbing onto my hand with cold, cold hands because she was frightened [while we performed]. I wasn't frightened when I was 21; I'm more frightened now. There's more to live up to. How do I fulfill your fantasy of me? ... I don't want to disappoint people. I used to [worry] more before I did concerts, and I thought, well, they hear me on record where you perfect everything. When you go out and sing live, you sing live and you could have flaws and imperfections [but] in time I said: 'You know what? I love the flaw. I love the imperfections. There is no such thing as perfection.'"

--Barbara Streisand on The Rosie O'Donnell show, Nov. 21.

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"I have never been on a date. I have not been single since I was 15!"

--Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer to Milwaukee's Q Voice, December issue.

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"The most pressing issue in the world today is ... is Candace Bergen gay?"

--Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer to Milwaukee's Q Voice, December issue.

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"['Ellen'] is having your life for the very, very first time represented on television in a funny, regular sitcom on regular TV. Like, oh my god! It's very cool. I'm very proud of her."

--Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer to Miami's The Weekly News, Nov. 26 issue.

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"Those of us taking action to monitor, de-track, and resist the emerging sex panic find ourselves increasingly at odds with mainstream gay efforts to present a sanitized vision of our people which has replaced butch/femme dykes with Heather and her two mommies and kinky gay men with domestic-partner wedding cakes. Can we not advocate for a pluralistic queer culture where we affirm everyone's right to self-determination in the ways they organize their sexual relations and construct their kinship patterns?"

--University of California at Berkeley instructor and gay activist Eric Rofes at the Sex Panic! town meeting during the NGLTF Creating Change conference in San Diego, Nov. 14.

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"Those of us standing up for sexual freedom are neither lost in a romanticized version of the golden age of the 1970s nor dick-hungry men who are selfishly seeking more power and more privilege. We have been condescendingly characterized as immature children who haven't grown up and need to get with the times, put our pricks back in our pants, and apply our energies to the real challenges facing our communities, like gays-in-the-military or gay marriage. Yet we believe that even a cursory look at the

histories of our movement will show that sexual liberation has been inextricably bound together with gay liberation, the women's movement, and the emancipation of youth. Among the most effective ways of oppressing a people is through the colonization of their bodies, the stigmatizing of their desires, and the repression of their erotic energies. We believe continuing work on sexual liberation is crucial to social justice efforts."

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"It's another high mark in an exceptional season of 'Ellen,' a show that was liberated from existential sitcom hell when its lead character, Ellen Morgan, came out of the closet in April. Unlike the majority of sitcoms on prime time, 'Ellen' has found a reason to exist, mining a territory -- the oh-so-serious way our culture faces sexual identity -- that's loaded with comic potential. Nearly every episode this season has found the writers cleverly making light of gay and lesbian life, as well as the sometimes awkward rapport between gays and straights. By holding nothing sacred, the show has yielded many a satisfying zinger."

--Boston Globe reviewer Matthew Gilbert's take on the Nov. 19 episode of Ellen.

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"Babies are petite and adorable, but they really don't suit everyone's lifestyle. They're messy. They demand attention. They spit up on your shoes. Even worse, they grow up to be confused, acne-covered, angst-ridden teenagers who hate you. ... Baby obsession is a self-perpetuating cycle; now that the media keeps focusing on dykes with strollers, many unlikely lesbians who used to be perfectly content to spend their weekends renting videos, going to garage sales, and occasionally dressing as Drag Kings now feel compelled to shop for sperm donors instead."

--Syndicated gay-press advice columnist Ms. Behavior, in a November filing.

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-- Rex Wockner's "Quote Unquote" is archived from mid-1994 onward at <http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/world/wockner.html>

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Former gay activist found dead in friend's garage

By JOHNNY DIAZ and CONNIE PILOTO

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In the early '90s, Brad Buchman championed gay rights in South Florida and catapulted himself into the spotlight as a local and national spokesman for the movement.

But in recent years, the young man with the passionate voice became a recluse, battling AIDS behind closed doors and turning to crack cocaine and alcohol for solace.

Now, detectives are investigating whether drugs are to blame for his death.

The 31-year-old charismatic community leader was found dead in the garage of a Victoria Park townhouse Monday night.

He had been staying at the townhouse with retired Fort Lauderdale lawyer Richard Alan Marcus, police said.

"I had no idea he was there," Marcus said. "He's not supposed to be in my house."

Marcus had been friends with Buchman for about a year and let him stay at his townhouse on and off, Marcus said Tuesday afternoon.

But, before leaving town for Thanksgiving, Marcus asked Buchman to move out.

On Monday night, Marcus made a horrific discovery.

He backed his car out of the garage and heard a loud thump. It was Buchman, already dead under his silver 1994 Toyota Camry, police said.

"He lived a bright life and died on the cutting edge," said longtime friend and lawyer Norm Kent. "Even shooting stars can disappear after an extremely bright life."

Recently, Buchman seemed to be spiraling downward.

On Oct. 16, Fort Lauderdale Police arrested him for possession of

cocaine

and drug paraphernalia.

Investigators caught a bony Buchman with a crack pipe and a metal rod with

drug residue under his car seat, police said.

When the officer held the crack pipe in his hand, Buchman curtly answered

"That's mine."

As a leader, Buchman's style was often aggressive and combative.

'He couldn't handle having HIV'

Those qualities caught the attention of Alan Schubert, founding president

of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Schubert hired Buchman as his assistant when Schubert began making his dream of a gay center a reality.

"He was a brilliant guy. He was my right arm. He was very aggressive at fund-raising," said Schubert who launched the gay community center off Oakland Park Boulevard about three years ago. "But he was not a well man. He

couldn't handle having HIV."

After graduating from high school in 1984 in his native Ohio, Buchman moved to Fort Lauderdale with friends.

Less than a year later, he was diagnosed with HIV.

Feeling like time was running out, the 19-year-old said he wanted to make

a

difference.

He joined the Dolphin Democratic Club, one of Broward's oldest and largest gay-oriented organizations, and became an active member in Broward politics.

"For me, being gay is not a fad or a vice that I chose when I was growing up. It is something in my heart, in my soul, that defines me and moves me," Buchman told The Herald five years ago.

Buchman shone brightly in Broward's gay and political circles. He was dubbed Mr. Human Rights, making his crusade everyone else's.

A grass-roots activist

In 1990, Buchman, barely 24, led a group of activists to make politicians aware of gay rights.

He set up tables to register voters at gay bars. He culled support from grass-roots organizations and black, Jewish and Hispanic leaders. He spoke at rallies. He promoted the cause on radio.

Buchman wooed candidates with the promise of getting gay votes and secured endorsements from the American Legion Post 220, the American Bar Association, the Broward Teachers' Union and the Broward chapter of the NAACP for his fight.

"He was a spokesperson for human rights. He played an instrumental role in getting the gay-rights movement off from ground zero," Kent said.

Soon, though, Buchman "was burned out, eaten up and chewed out by the politics," Kent said.

In 1994, Buchman stepped down from his position as president of the Dolphin Democratic Club after being arrested on grand theft charges in Fort Lauderdale.

Police said he withdrew \$2,500 using a credit card that belonged to an ex-lover, Gary Steinsmith.

"Brad turned inward," Kent said. "He was a very motivated and energetic guy but maybe he needed a little bit more self discipline."

Behind closed doors, he tried coping with AIDS. He turned to drugs and lived off his Social Security check.

Addicted, short on cash, he found himself sleeping in the homes of friends. That's how he wound up with Marcus .

A gruesome discovery

When Marcus walked into his home at 837 NE 17th Way Monday night, after taking a taxi from the airport, he found some things missing. He suspected Buchman had taken them.

Marcus went to the garage and hopped in his car. When he backed out, he drove over Buchman's chest.

"Police said he had been dead for a while," Marcus said.

Investigators are awaiting the results of toxicology tests to determine the cause of death, said Detective Clinton Ward, spokesman for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Buchman, found shirtless and barefoot, had several injuries on his body apparently caused when he was run over by Marcus' silver Toyota.

No one has been charged in Buchman's death, Ward said.

"Brad had a very serious drug problem. I hope its a message how dangerous drug abuse can be," Kent said. "You have a talented energetic individual who may have caused his demise by drug abuse. He couldn't overcome his drug abuse."

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Clinton wants to send a homosexual to represent the U.S. in Luxembourg

By TOM ASHCRAFT

Special to The Observer

This nation has sent plenty of rogues to be ambassadors, but James Hormel is more: He's a cultural revolutionary. Even if you're a Spam fan, making the originator's son the next U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg may leave you with a tummy ache. President Clinton has nominated, and a Senate committee has cleared, James C. Hormel, an heir to the Hormel Meat Packing Co. fortune and the son of Spam developer Jay C. Hormel.

Jim Hormel, 64, is a San Francisco businessman and a philanthropist,

University of Chicago law school graduate and former dean of students, divorced father of five grown children -- and a stalwart promoter of homosexuality. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that, if confirmed, Hormel would be the "first openly gay ambassador to represent the United States."

Hormel was earlier passed over for two other envoy posts. A key supporter of Clinton-Gore in 1992, Hormel asked to be named ambassador to Norway because, he said in an interview with the San Francisco Examiner magazine, "they were about to pass legislation that would acknowledge same-sex relationships." He felt his appointment "would be welcome in a country like that."

The Clinton administration, however, considered him in 1994 for ambassador to Fiji, a small island group in the south Pacific. That idea withered, according to Hormel, when The Washington Post reported and Fiji papers picked up on the irony that he would be serving in a country with criminal laws against sodomy.

"That immediately triggered some activity by the missionaries over in Fiji, who didn't feel that would be suitable," Hormel said. "And the White House, confronted by the pressure from the Fijian government, stalled the appointment."

Not ready to give up, Hormel hung in with Clinton-Gore. According to The San Francisco Examiner, he made early donations totaling \$125,000 to the 1996

campaign and the Democratic National Committee, mostly after phone calls and a meeting with Vice President Al Gore. A DNC staffer told Gore in a memo, "He (Hormel) is very happy about the administration's support for gay and lesbian anti-discrimination in the work place policy."

Hormel's persistence and largess paid off. In October President Clinton nominated him to be ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a beautiful country of 998 square miles and 130 ancient castles, in the heart of western Europe, surrounded by Belgium, France and Germany. More than 90% of its people are Catholic. In November the Foreign Relations Committee favorably reported the nomination, but at least two Republicans objected to Senate action before Congress recessed. The nomination will be pending when the Senate reconvenes in January.

Throughout American history we've had plenty of rogues representing us abroad. Presidents have used ambassadorial posts as payoffs to their dubious financial supporters. But with Gentleman Jim, as he has been called by the fawning San Francisco press, we have something worse: a rogue and a cultural revolutionary. Hormel, in the name of the American people, wants to normalize homosexuality and thus destroy the common understanding of family and society

held for centuries by western civilization. Consider:

About 1965 his marriage broke up; his ex-wife said: "He was practicing (bisexuality) the whole time we were married. . . . I think our marriage was a good cover for him." Hormel said: "The atmosphere of the '60s helped me look at that programming (of my conservative family) and see it for what it was. But it was challenging for me to come out. I think it was 1968."

In 1974 Hormel, then age 41, met 24-year-old Larry Soule. In 1976 they moved to San Francisco and have kept house together for many years. Soule said: "We were always out. There was never any question of hiding."

In the '70s Hormel and Jerry Berg, who died of AIDS in 1991, founded the Human Rights Campaign, an early, militant pro-homosexual political action committee. (Clinton appeared at an HRC fund-raiser Nov. 8.)

Hormel created a \$1.5 million endowed professorship at Swarthmore College, his alma mater, for the study of social justice, with special attention to homosexual issues.

Hormel gave a \$500,000 challenge grant to the San Francisco public library, leading to the creation of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center within the library.

Hormel has pledged a five-year gift of \$600,000 to the American Civil Liberties Union, an advocate for "gay rights."

Hormel gave \$50,000 to the American Conservatory Theater to underwrite the play "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes."

Based on natural and divine law, homosexuality has long been considered
a
vice and a crime which should be suppressed for the common good. Now,
apparently, the honorables in D.C. are on the verge of sending a prominent
exponent of it to Europe -- all while congratulating themselves on how
tolerant and enlightened they are. What ever happened to wisdom?

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Letter: Clinton's, Gore's approval doesn't revise God's word

On a recent trip to Beverly Hills, Cali., Vice President Al Gore
"praised"

Hollywood for producing the openly lesbian TV character "Ellen," saying she
"forced" Americans to look at sexual orientation in a more "open light."

President Bill Clinton, in a recent address at a fund-raiser for the
nation's largest gay and lesbian group, gave the nod to the budding clout
of

the gay rights movement. He said: "We have to broaden the imagination of America."

I have not heard or read a report by either Clinton or Gore concerning the recent Promise Keepers gathering in Washington or that either man even made an effort to take notice of the crowd. It is apparent neither cared to be associated with this group, which stands for a good and decent cause.

Personally, I do not care to be "forced" to look at sexual orientation in a more open light, nor does my "imagination need to be broadened" when it relates to this issue.

It makes no difference that times are changing in our society and culture today. God's word is clear: homosexuality is a sin, wrong, and unacceptable.

Furthermore, even if times change, God's word never changes.

-- HOYTE R. SMITH, Springdale

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A BRAVE AND HONEST ACT

Editor -- Your portrayal of Colin Powell (Editorial, November 26,

"Get

Lost, Gen. Powell") as some slighted saint and Tom Ammann as a

vindictive,

discourteous politician is an insult to gay and lesbian veterans, current members of the military and to the community as a whole. Powell was not a misled, misunderstood simpleton. He was chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; he made his position on opposing gays in the military very clear at congressional hearings; and he provided the necessary ammunition that allowed

the government to continue to practice discrimination. I have nothing to thank him for.

Supervisor Ammiano did what I expected him to do as my elected representative to the board, and as a gay man. It took great courage for Tom to stand up and speak his mind. A trait that is seriously lacking on this Board of Supervisors. Yet your paper not only attacks him for voicing a different opinion, but makes it sound as if the entire city has been embarrassed by a brave and honest act. Willie Brown should stop talking about how people embarrass the city. Remember Elvis Grbac, Mr. Mayor.

This is one San Franciscan who is not embarrassed by watching someone stand up for his principles and his community.

-- JERRY T. WINDLEY

San Francisco

THE WHOLE PICTURE

Editor -- I am writing this to clarify comments attributed to me in an article in The Chronicle regarding an award to General Colin Powell. I appreciate the work he has done for community children but we must take

into

account the whole picture. While Powell supports some children, there are thousands of high school and college-age youth he has condemned.

For many disadvantaged youth military service is the only way out. It is an excellent way to learn skills, see the world, get an education and

mature

as a citizen. That opportunity has been taken away from gay and lesbian youth, by a policy Powell helped to create.

Like George Wallace who stood on the steps of a schoolhouse, to keep black

students out, General Powell stood on the steps of the Pentagon to keep homosexuals out. The difference is that Wallace lost and eventually admitted

his mistake, Powell hasn't. Why is it that Colin Powell can make homophobic remarks and advocate discrimination against gays and lesbians and get an award in San Francisco? If George Wallace raised money for youth, while still

making racist remarks and advocating segregation, would Mayor Brown, General

Powell, or The Board of Supervisors, line up to give him an award?

-- KEITH MEINHOLD

San Francisco

THANK YOU, GENERAL

Editor -- I just want to go on record, as a lesbian, to support Gavin Newsom in his effort to thank Colin Powell. While I disagree with General Powell on the ``gays in the military" issue, the fact remains that he gave

his time and effort to raise money for San Francisco's youths. For that, he should be thanked by the Board of Supervisors.

I also want to go on record, as a lesbian, to scold Tom Ammiano for making this a "gay" issue. It is not. There are many gays and lesbians who believe in common courtesy and want General Powell to receive thanks for his recent work in San Francisco.

I hope people understand that Supervisor Ammiano does not speak for the entire gay community -- much as he would like to believe otherwise. I, for one, believe that Ammiano's childish refusal to thank General Powell does a great disservice to the city and its gay population. Because of Ammiano's nonsense, we all look like fools.

General Powell, thank you for your fund-raising efforts.

-- LISA WALLY

San Francisco

NO THANKS, GENERAL

Editor -- Colin Powell does not deserve thanks from San Francisco. He has offended and more importantly, deeply hurt thousands of San Francisco's large

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