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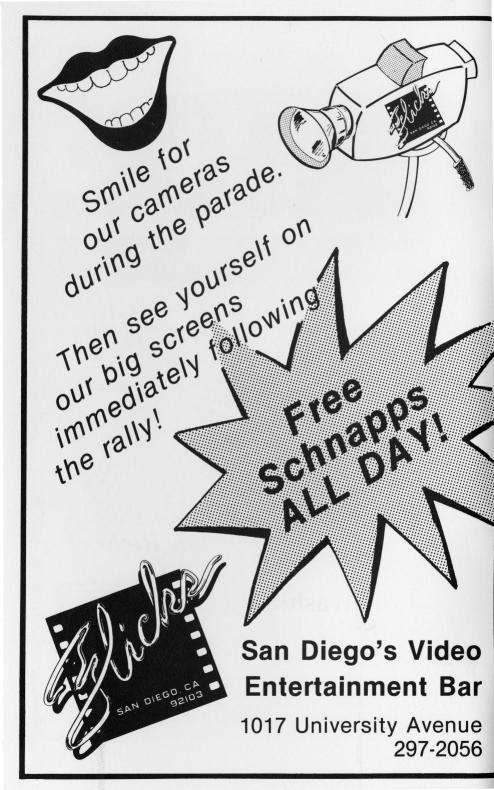












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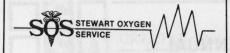
The Parade:
Noon. Forming at Sixth Avenue
and Juniper Street

The Rally:
Immediately following the parade. At Balboa Park/Juniper Street

The Concert: Great American Yankee Freedom Band, (free) 7:30 p.m. Balboa Park Organ Pavilion

Sunday, June 9

The Festival: Noon-8 p.m. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway, General Admission, \$3. Parking, \$1.



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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support group was chosen because of their friendship and service to the lesbian and gay community of San Diego County, and to the parents of lesbians and gays.

The Gay Youth Alliance was selected to recognize an organization that assists young lesbians and gays by providing a place for them to socialize and discuss issues pertinent to gay youth.

The Couples Club encourages and strengthens long term gay and lesbian relationships.

A recently organized San Diego organization, Gay Fathers, assists men with children by providing networking with other fathers, social events and support for improving parenting skills.

All Grand Marshals were chosen to represent the diversity that is the hallmark of the lesbian and gay community and to acknowledge the importance of each of these fine organizations.





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Thank You Again,

Robert Mitchell



#### HONORARY GRAND MARSHALS

The Board of Directors of the Lambda Pride, Inc. are pleased to name the Blood Sisters Honorary Grand Marshals for 1985. The Blood Sisters are those women who organized and participated in the country's first lesbian blood drive in support of gay men who are ineligible as blood donors due to the AIDS crisis.



The first Blood Sisters drive took place on July 16, 1983 and is sponsored annually by the Women's Caucus of the San Diego Democratic Club. The event became a model for similar programs in other cities. Blood Sisters received the Humanitarian Award from the National Gay Task Force in 1984.

This year's Blood Sisters' drive is planned for Saturday, July 27 at the San Diego Blood Bank. The Board commends the initiative and dedication of the Blood Sisters and wishes them continued success.





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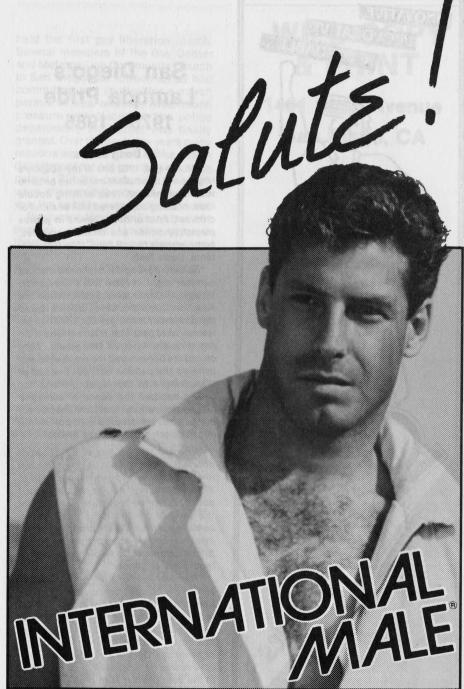
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# San Diego's Lambda Pride 1975 - 1985

By Doug Moore

"On June 28, 1969 one of the country's largest and most silent minorities became vocal and militant. Tired of living double lives, of being considered sick or sinful or criminal, tired of being pawns in games played by police and crime syndicates, homosexuals fought back. (The Gay Militants, Donn Teal).

"Something magical happened that hot summer night in New York's Greenwich Village on Christopher Street. When the New York City plainclothes officers raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar, they had no reason to expect that this raid would be any different from all the others. They closed the bar, arrested the employees and ushered the patrons out. But instead of dissolving into the night, grateful for having escaped the scene of someone else's crime, anonymous and unscathed, the gay patrons clashed with police in a riot that lasted nearly three nights."

"Now we will no longer be society's doormat, for we will not lie down. We will not be oppressed, for we will not allow it. We will not accept non-gay society's guilt about sex, for we recognize sexuality for the positive creative force that it represents in our lives. We are proud of our gay mystique and we value the unique ability to relate intimately to fellow human beings regardless of gender."

"The final week of June, by mutual consent of gay groups from coast to coast has been set aside for special events and celebrations to commemorate the birth of our liberation. It is a time to come together in an open demonstration of the ecstasy of being gay. Ours is a movement of love. Love cannot be hidden—it must be shared in the sunlight if it is to blossom." (Jess Jessop, 1974, before San Diego's first march.)

In June, 1975, 400 men and women took to the streets of San Diego and

held the first gay liberation march. Several members of the Gay Center and Metropolitan Community Church in San Diego had formed an ad hoc committee and applied for a march permit. It was refused. After much pressure was placed on the police department, the permit was finally granted. Over the next nine years many reasons would be given by the police department for not granting a parade permit. But the producing group always answered the denial, and each year the permits were finally obtained.

Producing the Pride Event has not been an easy task. Almost every year there is something or someone caus-

ing difficulty.

1975—CELEBRATING GAY PRIDE

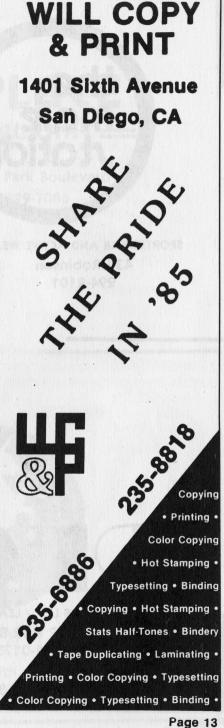
Here was the beginning of many refusals by the police department to grant a permit. Nevertheless, four hundred people participated, marching from Hobo Park in downtown San Diego to Balboa Park where a rally was held.

1976-GAY SPIRIT. '76

The bicentennial year entailed much disagreement within the community over the participation of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in the parade. It was decided by community vote that all political and ideological groups were to be excluded. The march would contain banners only at the beginning and end with everyone marching in between. The community split over this and several groups marched under their own banners anyway. 1977—UNITY

This year's event was produced by the Lesbian/Gav Pride Parade Committee. Anita Bryant was expanding from Dade County, Florida. She wanted to "save" all us poor homosexuals. Many women had taken on key roles in the parade committee leadership. To "create better understanding" and "put our best foot forward" the Imperial Court and others discouraged flamboyant dress. The entire tone of the march was a vocal expression of opposition to Anita.

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1978—NO MORE LIVES— NEVER AGAIN

Not only had Anita Bryant come to California in the form of Senator John Briggs and his Proposition 6, the anti-gay teacher legislation, but the community divided itself over the participation of the Socialist Workers Party. Some community leaders feared the SWP would carry prosocialist slogans and not pro-gay slogans. In past years the SWP had used the march to further their viewpoints but this year, the committee had placed certian restrictions on their involvement. Communication broke down between the Parade committee and these leaders. Flyers announcing that the "Pride Parade Was Cancelled" were placed in many local bars. For the first time in San Diego, gay men and women picketed gay establishments with signs reading "Gav Pride Parade Not Cancelled." because some bars would not allow the parade committee to refute the cancellation notices. Almost 1,000 people turned out for the march wearing black armbands with pink triangles. 1979—REMEMBER STONEWALL

Having defeated Proposition 6 overwhelmingly in 1978, the community looked to celebrate by remembering the birth of the Gay Rights Movement. Women were still involved in the leadership of the committee and were interested in expressing women's issues. Outside problems were few except that the city once again stalled the granting of a parade permit for as long as possible. Because of the gasoline shortage, motor vehicles were prohibited from the march except those carrying the handicapped and senior citizens. 1980—IN CELEBRATION WE ARE

The split within the Lesbian/Gay Men's Pride Alliance Committee occurred this year. At an open meeting of organizational representatives it was voted to change the focus of the Pride Events from a political march to a more celebratory parade. Many organizations felt that the Pride event was too political and therefore they could not participate. It was also voted that floats should be allowed. Many of the women on the committee felt that they no longer had a viable outlet that expressed the needs of women and therefore they left. San Diego had two events, the Lesbian/Gay Men's Pride Parade and the Lesbian Solidarity March.

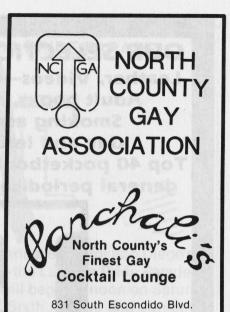
#### 1981—UNITED FOR OUR RIGHTS

Many changes occured this year. The Lesbian/Gav Men's Pride Alliance became San Diego Lambda Pride Association. Because of new city restrictions due to downtown street construction. the parade route was moved to the present one in Hillcrest. Over 1,000 names were turned into the mayor's office asking Pete Wilson to issue a Lesbian/Gay Community Pride Week proclamation, but he refused saying he did not issue proclamations on sexual orientation alone. For the first time, the Great American Yankee Freedom Band of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus participated. The Moral Majority picketed the rally and the police department refused to do anything about it. And we held our first festival on Juniper Street next to Balboa Park.

#### 1982 PROUD-DIVERSIFIED-UNITED

The city refused to issue a parade permit and required us to obtain many more permits for our other events. SDLPA encourages organizations to have other pride events and Front Runners held the first annual "Run for Pride Day." The West Coast Production Company entered the first professional float and we received prime time coverage on Channel 39. Be-

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Welcome to the premiere annual event for San Diego's gay and lesbian community—the Lambda Pride Parade. The eleventh annual parade will begin at noon on Saturday, June 8 at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street in Balboa Park.

This year the parade, as always, includes contingents from gay and lesbian organizations and businesses as well as representatives from supportive non-gay organizations. Floats from commercial and non-profit groups will add an exciting element to the event.

Two judges' awards will be presented before the parade begins. The Grand Marshal award will honor the finest non-commercial entry over fifty feet long. The Theme award will be presented to the marching unit displaying the most pride.

The parade reviewing stand will be located at the corner of Fifth and Robinson Avenues, in the Mayfair parking lot. Reserved space for physically impaired community members will be located in front of the stand.

Parking in Hillcrest will be at a premium. Suggested parking includes lots near the Federal Building Gymnasium and museums in Balboa Park. Please be advised that absolutely no parking will be permitted on the west side of the Park.

Parade Day happens once a year and our success and visibility depend on *you*. Share *your* pride in '85—be there on June 8.

#### 1985 Lambda Pride Route

# Starting at Noon at Juniper Street and Sixth Avenue in Balboa Park

Proceeds North on Sixth Avenue to Thorn Street.

West on Thorn Street.

North on Fifth Avenue.

East on Robinson Street.

South on Sixth Avenue to Upas.

East on Balboa Drive and disbands

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cause of city restrictions, the festival site was moved to Hancock Street. 1983—I LOVE BEING OUT

The city's continuing refusal to issue a parade permit prompted attorney Thomas Homann to offer his services. He obtained all needed permits. Mayor Roger Hedgecock issued a proclamation for "Human Rights Day." Each year the parade was growing in size with over 60 units participating in '83. City College was considered as a possible festival site until the California State Board of Education refused to allow beer on the campus. The festival was again held at Hancock Street. San Diego Lambda Pride continued to reach out to other Pride groups by hosting the Second Annual National Pride Coordinators Conference with over 60 representatives from 18 cities. 1984-A DECADE OF PRIDE

For our tenth parade, the biggest event ever was planned. Three days of celebration, community support, and the addition of a Pride Concert showed that we had come a long way. However, within Lambda Pride itself there was a discord. Because of the heavy workload and a communication breakdown, there was a change of leadership at the last minute. Many thought the Pride Events would not take place, but with the concerted efforts of the organizers and participants, the most successful Pride Event ever emerged from the confusion. Oh yes, let us not forget the Fundies, those loveable folks from Santee. DECADE II

1985—SHARE THE PRIDE IN '85

The second decade of Lesbian/Gay Pride sees a new leadership with new direction. For the first time, the city has not denied the parade permit. More community people have come forward to chair and work on committees. The hard work of all the people who have gone before has resulted in a Pride Event that the entire community can feel a part of.

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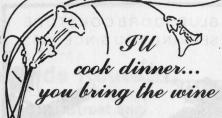
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#### LAMBDA PRIDE RALLY

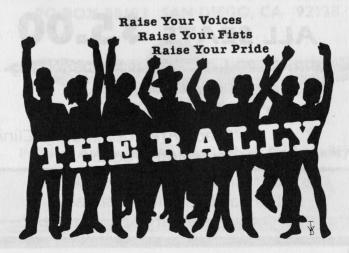
The annual Lambda Pride Rally will take place *immediately* following the Pride Parade on Saturday June 8, at the traditional location in Balboa Park near Juniper Street. Two speakers, Susan Jester and Nicole Murray will be featured.

Jester is chairperson of the Police Liaison Committee, President of the San Diego Log Cabin Republican Club, and a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Neighborhoods.

Murray currently serves as President of the San Diego AIDS Assistance Fund, vice chair of the San Diego AIDS Project, and member of the Board of Governors of the United San Diego Elections Committee.

Entertainment will be provided by Ladies Against Women, a comedy troupe with a flare for political satire. The rally will be signed for hearing impaired persons.

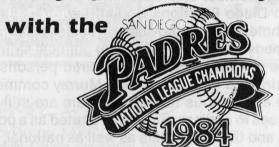
Concerning the tone of the rally, Murray commented, "These are still serious times, and there are still many serious issues to address. Stonewall started as a political statement, and the AIDS crisis as well as national, statewide and local issues remain important factors to be considered."



# Sharing the Pride in '85



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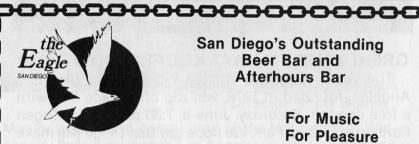
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Their most recent appearance was in Palm Springs to perform in an AIDS benefit with the Gay Men's Chorus, Liz Torres and Rudy de L'Amour.

The eighty member band includes twirlers, a flag corps, honor guard and singers. Part of the by-laws of the band states, "... the band has a special sensitivity to women and minority groups and is committed to outreach to the nongay community..."

Artistic director of the band, Scott Brahm studied music at the University of Michigan and received his

Spread the word and share your pride in '85!



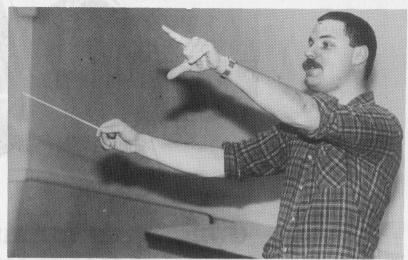


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Future plans for the ensemble include the opening ceremonies of the Gay Games II in San Francisco in 1986. The band will join with the Lesbian and Gay Bands for a combined concert during the week of the Games, as well.

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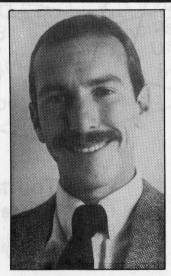
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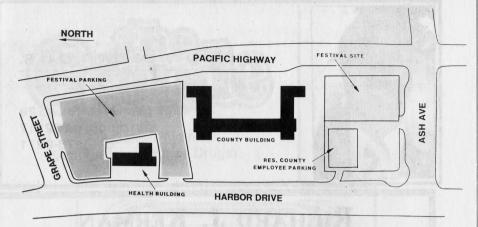
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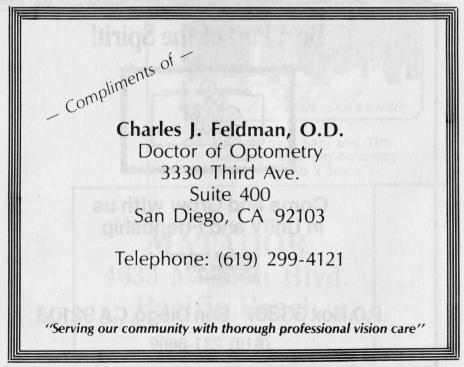
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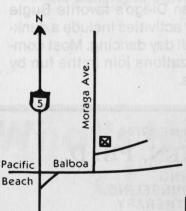


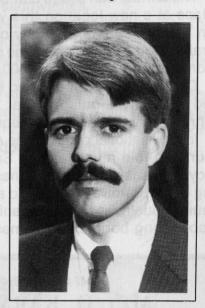


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The annual San Diego Lambda Pride Festival will take place at a new location this year. From noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, a variety of entertainment, arts and crafts, food and games will be offered beside the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway.

Contra, an all-women band from Venice Beach will be led by Holly Light. Another band, *Opal*, directed by Christopher Anders, will follow.

Improvisational comedianne Amy "Aimless" Boyd, Kathy Curtis, a fold musician and San Diego's favorite Bugle Boys will share the stage. Other activities include a dunking booth, carnival games and all day dancing. Most community businesses and organizations join in the fun by sponsoring booths and games.

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Arts and crafts on display for sale include work created by local artists as well as County AIDS patients.

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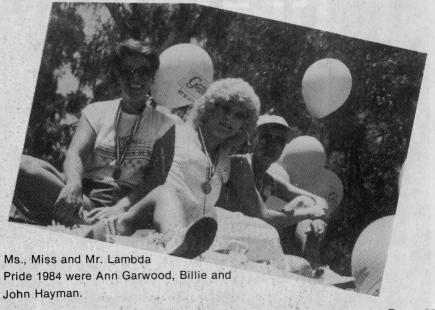


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### Appreciating Pride

By Bridget Wilson

Like so many before me, I am an immigrant to California. I arrived here in early 1973 with a vision in mind. I don't know how many others came to the West Coast with a naive idea of freedom, but I suppose more than a few. I moved here to be gay. Not that I wasn't already a lesbian, but I was certain that just about anywhere in the Golden State would be better than Omaha, Nebraska. Chuckle if you will, but that vision has come to fruition far better than I could have imagined.

Never have so many worked so hard to be so ordinary. When I was in the university, sneaking into psychology textbooks in the stacks, trying to find a word about what I was, I read a quote in a "sociology of deviance" text that has always stuck with me. A young fellow told the author, "The only time I ever truly forget I am gay is when I am with other gay people." I have often thought of that young man, and his resentment of the enforced selfconsciousness of our lives.

Lambda Pride Week is that time of year when that selfconsciousness becomes a shared consciousness. For a few hours, on the street, in the light of day, no pronouns are changed, no touches are held back, no feelings need be hidden. It is a gift without price that I have come to cherish. There are those, both gay and non-gay, who will persist in viewing the Parade and all that goes with it as a blatant and voyeuristic display of things that are better kept private. I do not criti-

cize them as much as I feel sad that they have not shared the joy of Gav and Lesbian Pride with their friends. Sadder vet, is that so many of my friends cannot "Share the Pride"

My friends in the military are only one example of the good gay people whose good gay lives are hidden.

Who said, "The more things change, the more they remain the same"? That seems true also as I look at the new face of gay San Diego. The younger people seem destined to repeat the mistakes I made. The battle lines, real and imagined, are drawn in the same places. A woman from a time past spoke with me recently. "Remember when we stood in the bar and looked at those old dykes at the end of the bar and swore that we would never be like them? Well, she said, we are those old dykes at the end of the bar." I ran my fingers through my just beginning to gray tresses and blushed with chagrin, me, the baby of the group?

I am tempted to make the case for a complacent generation of young gay men and women who do-not-appreciate-the-past. But that is not a true view of what has been wrought. New blood has infused this community with a sense of energy and well-being that I never dreamed possible. The vigor of this gay and lesbian community in the last five years is proof positive that the future is ours. Although AIDS has sobered the utopians of the 70's, the activists of the eighties have produced a realpolitik whose accomplishments will continue to produce results.

Gay Pride in the eighties (and 90's) will not be hubris, a false or exaggerated pride. It is a feeling based upon a phenominal amount of progress. What we are rejoicing in is so simple. It seems a bit silly perhaps to be so delighted to have a bowling league or a bridge league. It certainly is what makes many non-gays ask,

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### Put Some Sizzle Into Your Weekend

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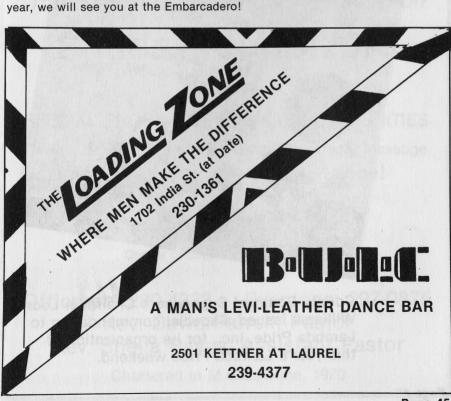
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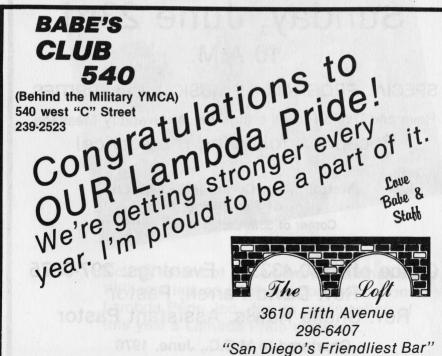
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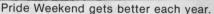
"What's the big deal, why are you making such a fuss?" How nice to have so many places where it is o.k. to be

gay. How pleasant to be able to relax for even a few hours a week.

The parade and festival are places where, on a grander scale, we can remember to forget. We can also remember all the times we do not touch,









Bridget Wilson addresses an enthusiastic crowd at last June's rally.

all the times we lie and hide and all the times that fear keeps us from being the best person we can be, our good gay selves.

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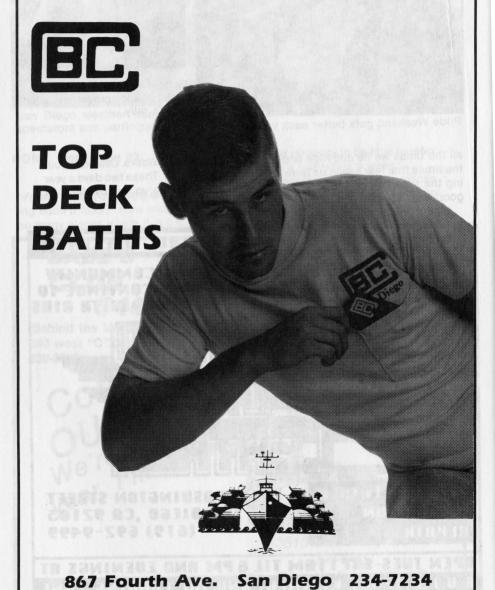


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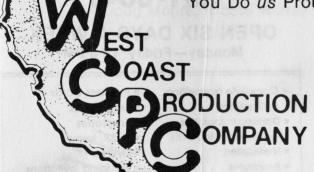
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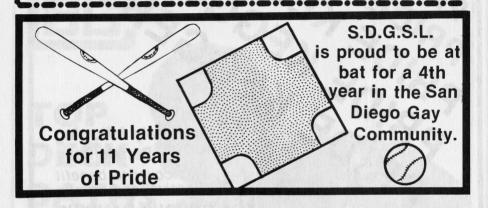
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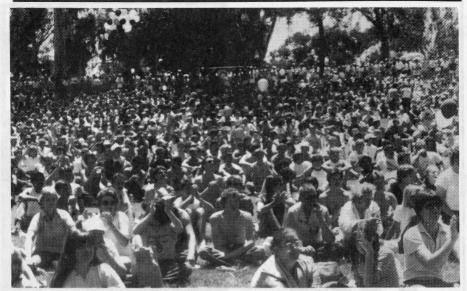
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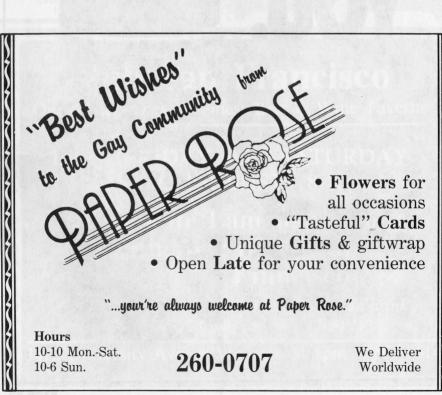
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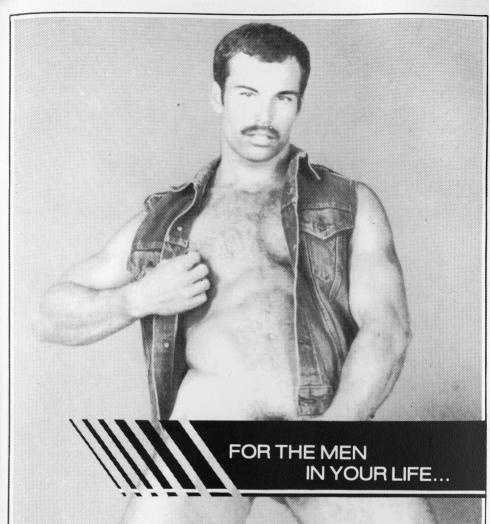






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