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A Calendar of Events for May, 1980 • FREE

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Malvina Reynolds called her "a rollicking anti-hero, such a gutsy woman, adventurous, curious, first rate poet-songwriter & a genius story teller." Rosalie Sorrels at Albany's *The Bacchanal*. (See calendar listing for May 23.)

Beltane, May Day A pagan tradition

by Suzanne Joyce

We rarely hear about the ancient festival of Beltane-May Day; but I feel this celebration, rooted in our pagan tradition, is a celebration the people should reclaim.

What little we know about May Day is garbled and confused. It's clear, however, that the festival was one of joy and pleasure, celebrated with an eye toward prosperity in the future.

Beltane-May Day comes between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice, in the Celtic month of Saille (April 15 to May 12), a month in the Celtic tree calendar of old. Beltane-May Day is the mid-point of the month. Saille is nearly equivalent to the astrological month of Taurus — a time of fertility, growth and sensuousness.

Historians frequently regard Beltane and May Day as synonymous, but they're two separate days in the same celebration — the main festivals of the five-day "Festival of Flora" (goddess of plants and growing things) spanning April 29 to May 3rd. These celebrations undoubtedly sprang from ancient pagan traditions and were held all over Europe for centuries. They can still be found in some parts of Europe, particularly France and England.

Beltane, which is held on May eve, is a celebration named after the goddess Bel.

Bel was worshipped in Sumer (Sumeria) and is a Moon Goddess and Tree Goddess — the Goddess of Love and the Goddess of Death. She also is identified with the goddess known as Persephone/Kore, daughter of Demeter/Ceres (goddesses of the Eleusinian mysteries of Greece). Pluto, King of the Underworld, steals Persephone from her mother, and compels Persephone to be his bride and rule as Queen of the Underworld. Demeter then decreed that nothing would grow on the earth until her daughter was returned to her. But this was not to be. Reluctantly, Demeter agreed that Persephone would return to her for six months of the year and remain in Hades with Pluto for the other six months, thereby creating a barren season on earth.

Beltane is the celebration of Persephone's return to the earth. People lit huge bonfires on hills, which symbolized the opening of Hades to allow her entry. Her return was welcome after the gloom and desolation of winter, for the people knew that her mother, Demeter, would again bless the earth with vegetation. The people danced and sang around the fire. Jumping over small fires brought protection and good fortune.

These fires usually were started with oak, a tree sacred to the maiden. That wood was used as a sacrifice to death (Pluto) so that summer (in the form of Persephone) might live.



Photo by Martin Xero
Randy Bennett is Richmond Jim in Theatre Rhinoceros' revival of the Cal Yeoman play examining a young man's initiation into the New York leather scene. See back page story & our May 8 listing.

The following day is a bit more well known. It's May Day... the beginning of good weather, the promise of summer and the vegetation Demeter would bring. Her daughter was with her, and Demeter would keep her promises to earth.

May Day was filled with rejoicing, with wild dancing, costumes, feasts and great merriment. Even the dew that fell that early morn was considered a curative and was believed to prevent aging when applied to the face.

The maypole also derives from this festival. The moon tree, more commonly known as the willow, is sacred to the goddess. It's the tree

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Gay Cinco de Mayo

Gay activities for *Cinco de Mayo* (May 5) will center around San Francisco's Valencia Street this year, with 2 bars and a gay Latino group hosting celebrations.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's victory over the forces of Napoleon III, on May 5, 1865.

Esta Noche, a relatively new Salsa-Disco bar in the Mission, will feature tequila drinks at reduced prices for a bar celebration starting May 2 and continuing through May 5. Now 7 months old, *Esta Noche* is not exclusively a Latino bar, nor strictly a men's bar. The Latin-owned hotspot boasts a diverse clientele that favors the establishment for its atmosphere, music and the warm interaction among the people there.

There's a \$1 cover at *Esta Noche* Friday & Saturday nights, and the dance floor is usually crowded — mainly due to the bar's versatile music. Disco may seem to dominate the deejay's booth, but there's a great selection of salsa, oldies and Mexican Border music. Hollering to a Mexican polka replaces

shrill whistles at *Esta Noche*, especially for Mexican holidays. The address? 3079 — 16th Street, near Valencia.

Not far from *Esta Noche* is a bar that's quieter, but just as friendly: *The Mission Inn* (507 Valencia), also participating in *Cinco de Mayo* festivities. Special tequila drinks will line the bar from the 2nd through the 5th, but the highlight of the weekend should be Saturday night's Fiesta — with live music provided by Mariachis.

Later in the week, the *Gay Latino Alliance* (GALA) hosts its fourth annual *Cinco de Mayo* Dance on May 10, featuring the exciting music of *Salsa Caliente*, a group that's played to appreciative crowds at previous GALA functions. Their music excites, and what with the receptive party-goers that usually attend GALA's dances, the salsa just gets more and more caliente.

GALA's *Cinco de Mayo* celebration is slated for May 10 at the American Indian Center, 225 Valencia, 9pm to 2am. Admission: \$3.00.

— Daniel Arcos

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<p>4</p> <p>Rob in the River! Robin Tyler, Terri Chandler & Debbie Kassell, 3pm, at FIFE's bandshell on the Russian River (16467 River Rd, Guerneville). \$4 adv/\$5 door. Info: (707)869-0656.</p> <p>Front Runners — cross-country sport (2.7 miles) for gay men & women. Starts 10am at the polo field south parking lot, off Middle Drive (Golden Gate Park). Potluck brunch. Info: 826-8067.</p> <p>Continental breakfast (pre-caucus variety) hosted by SF Feminist Demos & Voters for Choice, 11am-1, Intersection Gallery, 756 Union St, SF. \$5 donation/cash bar.</p> <p>G40+ — Bill Jones, single parent of an adopted child, addresses this social group for gay men forty & over. 2pm, 1668 Bush, SF. Info: 552-1997.</p> <p>Mama's Boys Banjo Band, 4-8pm at SF's Railway Express Saloon, 147 Taylor St. No cover. Every Sun in May.</p> <p>SF Lesbian Chorus in Concert, 4pm at SF's Metropolitan Community Church. Free. Donation appreciated.</p> <p>"The Day Before..." Pre-Cinco de Mayo celebration at SF's New Bell Saloon, 1203 Polk. Annual chili contest/costumes. 4pm</p> <p>Betty Kaplowitz Band at Rainbow Cattle Co. 5-9pm, 199 Valencia, SF. \$2 cover.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CINCO DE MAYO</p> <p>Picketing of the stodgy, sexist, American Psychiatric Association, the only major nat'l mental health organization refusing to honor the ERA boycott of unratified states. 11am-2, SF Civic Auditorium. See, also, our 5/7 listing.</p> <p>Your voter registration card must be in the registrar's office before 5pm today, to vote in next month's election. Further info: 558-3417.</p> <p>SF Stonewall Demo Club meets the first Monday of every month at Metropolitan Community Church. Social 7pm, mtg 7:30.</p> <p>Gay Men's Drop-in Rap in Berkeley. Every Mon., 7:30pm at Pacific Center. More info: 841-6224.</p> <p>Bay Area Lesbian & Gay Gerontologists: discussion/sharing group at SF's Metropolitan Community Church. 7:30pm, first Mon of each month.</p> <p>"Berlin: 1932" — cabaret at Chez Jacques, 1390 Clafornia, SF. 8pm, \$4 (half-price, srs & students w/I.D.).</p> <p>May 5, 1929 — Peter Stratford, married to Elizabeth Rowland, dies in an Oakland hospital and is discovered to be a woman. The <i>SF Chronicle</i> calls her a "cultured woman invert."</p>	<p>6</p> <p>"Outrageous!" double-bills with "The Boys in the Band" at Berkeley's UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave. \$3. Details: 843-6267.</p> <p>Lesbian Clinic, 6:30-9pm by appointment at Berkeley's Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth. Appointments & childcare: 843-6194. Also see 5/20</p> <p>Gay coffee house: java, tea & a chance to make new friends, 7:30-11pm with Great Outdoor Adventures, (GOA), 433 Waller, SF. \$2.50/\$3.50 nonmembers. Details: 621-5336.</p> <p>Wilder's Fedora and Sunset Boulevard double-bill at the Strand, 1127 Market, SF. Times/prices: 552-5990.</p> <p>Pantagleize, the farce-to-make-you-sad, continues tonite and various times/dates thru June 15 at American Conservatory Theatre, 450 Geary, SF. Info & reservs: 673-6440.</p> <p>Labia Images of the Past & Present: presentation by photo artist Tee Corinne, 8pm at Albany's The Bacchanal. \$2.</p> <p>Comic Robin Tyler is said to be "anti-imperialist, anti-sexist and Auntie Mame" at Berkeley's La Pena (the Stork Club of the left), 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 8:30pm, \$4.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo festival (May week of music & 771-3112)</p> <p>Picketing the 11am-2pm others, O'Farrell</p> <p>Lavender 7:30pm, Scott, SF</p> <p>2nd & 4th</p> <p>Black Gay 7:30pm, Human C</p> <p>Donna McK 8pm, at H</p> <p>Sutter, S</p> <p>Lesbian S presenta</p> <p>Bacchan</p> <p>"The Gay Examines</p> <p>broadcas</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Gay Men's Hiking Group. A day at Mt. Tamalpais. \$3, and no membership fee. Details: 863-2842 (Milo Jarvis).</p> <p>Betty Fairchild, author & parent of a gay person, meets with the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus. 9:45am, First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, SF.</p> <p>Emmitt Powell's Annual Gospel Concert of Super Stars: <i>Original Gospel Caravans, Mighty Clouds of Joy, Shirley Caesar, Jackie Verdell, & the Emmitt Powell Gospel Elites</i>. 3pm, Oakland Auditorium, 10th & Fallon Sts. \$5-6 Adv/\$6-7 at the door.</p> <p>Weslia Whitfield serenades at the Alta Plaza, 4-8pm, every Sun in May, 2301 Fillmore St., SF. \$2 cover.</p> <p>Shit kickin' music at Rainbow Cattle Co. <i>The Music Company</i> plays 5-9pm, \$2 cover, 199 Valencia, SF.</p> <p>Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee meets 5pm at SF's Metropolitan Community Church. Open mtg.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Free VD Screening, Mon & Thurs til 7pm; Tues & Fri til 5:30pm. Ralph Davies Med Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info: 565-6063.</p> <p>Mae West! Marlene Dietrich! She Done Him Wrong, plus <i>Blonde Venus</i> at SF's Castro Theatre. Today & tmw. Times/prices: 621-6120.</p> <p>Alice B. Toklas Demo Club — social & potluck 6:30pm/mtg 7:30. SF Metropolitan Community Church.</p> <p>The Songs of Dietrich, Garland & Piaf performed by Ruth Hastings in a benefit for COMITY. 8pm at the Fairmont's Venetian Room. With James Followell, Craig Jessup, Varsity Drag & Men About Town. \$25 tax-deductible tickets thru BASS. Charge via 835-3849.</p> <p>Women's News, 10pm: <i>There Is a Woman in This Town</i>, 10:30. On KPFA, 94.1FM every Mon nite.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Women in Apprenticeship Workshop, 1-4pm at SF Public Library, Civic Center. Free. Also see 5/27 listing.</p> <p>"Death in Venice" teams up with "The Damned" at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave, Berkeley. \$3. Times: 843-6267.</p> <p>Safety in the Streets: advice on warding off attacks is the focus of this month's meeting of SF N.O.W., 7:30pm at the Women's Bldg. N.O.W. meets the 2nd Tues of ea month.</p> <p>Women artists on celluloid: <i>World of Light: A Portrait of May Sarton</i>, plus <i>Right Out of History: the Making of Judy Chicago's "Dinner Party"</i>, at SF's Roxie Cinema, 3117 - 16th St. Times & prices: 863-1087.</p> <p>Winner Take All Pool Tournament at Our Bar, 832 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo. \$1, 8pm. Every Tues. Info: (707) 552-9948.</p> <p>Dolly & Co., with the Paint By Number Review, 9:30pm-12 every Tues in May at SF's Railway Express Saloon, 147 Taylor St. No cover.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hang Gliding tails from (GOA): come.</p> <p>Jane Fonda per-plate celebrat</p> <p>50th bir 7:30, at Park. Inf</p> <p>SF N.O.W. 1129 Fol</p> <p>Open to 731-939</p> <p>Decadence music — Marta M</p> <p>chanal,</p> <p>Neato mus 12:30, e</p> <p>way Exp cover.</p> <p>"The Gay M interview</p> <p>FOURI rights o</p>
<p>18</p> <p>"Out of the Closet" — KFRC gay radio airs the 3rd Sunday of ea month. 7:15am, 610 on the AM dial.</p> <p>Dolores Park Run (3.4 miles) with the Front Runners. Non-competitive athletics for gay men & women. Starts 10am at 20th & Church Sts, SF. Details: 826-8067.</p> <p>Haight Street Fair, 11am - 6, spanning Masonic Ave to Golden Gate Park. Entertainment, artists, crafts & food galore. Free, but \$5-\$10 means a better time.</p> <p>"Homophobia in Sci Fi & Fantasy" — Topic of this Urania Science Fiction-Fantasy Association get-together, 2pm, Metropolitan Community Church, SF.</p> <p>Raffle & Cabaret at G40 Plus, a group for gay men over 39, 2pm at 1668 Bush, SF.</p> <p>Benefit Concert: <i>Alias</i> (women's rock band), Betty Kaplowitz & others, 7pm, at SF's Community Music Ctr, 544 Capp St. \$3 gen/\$2 students & srs. Money-maker for the Charlotte Ackerley Memorial Scholarship Fund.</p> <p>Internat'l Folkdancing for Women, every Sun, 7-10pm, 180 Fair Oaks, SF. Beginners welcome. Details: 621-2731.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Free V.D. Screening Clinic, 1-7:30pm, 3850-17th St (btwn Noe & Sanchez), SF. Mondays-Thursdays.</p> <p>Gay coffee house, 7:30pm. See 5/6 listing.</p> <p>Concerned Republicans for Individual rights: Gen'l mtg, 7:30pm, at SF's metropolitan Community Church. 3rd Mon of ea month.</p> <p>Women's News, 10pm: <i>There Is a Woman in This Town</i>, 10:30, on KPFA (94.1FM)...Town broadcast features Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality (Union WAGE).</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Roxie benefit for the Feminist Media Network... Selected shorts including <i>Annapurna</i> documentary on the first all-woman team to scale that peak. 3117 - 16th St., SF. Details: 863-1087.</p> <p>Lesbian Clinic in Berkeley, 6:30-9pm. See 5/6 listing.</p> <p>Harvey Milk Gay Demo Club: Socializing, 7pm; mtg, 7:30, at the Women's Bldg, SF. (Normally meets the 4th Tues of ea month.)</p> <p>SF Gay Men's Rap, 7:30pm, Tuesdays, at Metropolitan Community Church. Discussion, games, programs. \$2 donation. Non-sectarian.</p> <p>Films on women & labor: <i>Union Maids</i> co-featured with <i>With Babies & Banners</i> at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave. B ly. 8pm and 2 bucks.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Marriage o of Petra</p> <p>ket, SF.</p> <p>Lay witne 7pm, at SF.</p> <p>"Can't Dar law" po</p> <p>8pm (\$ 8:15. W</p> <p>chanal,</p> <p>Socializing Ranch o</p> <p>Metrop</p> <p>Open to</p> <p>Happy Bir bute to</p> <p>(94.1FM (The Ho</p> <p>Poetry).</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Lesbian Dance Marathon... See 5/24 listing.</p> <p>Gay Gallop with the Front Runners...McLaren Lodge Run (3.4 miles) starts 10am at Kennedy Drive & Stanyan St, Golden Gate Park. Further info: 826-8067.</p> <p>Harvey Milk Birthday Party... Castro & 18th Sts, SF. Streets close 1pm, entertainment 2:30-4:30. Lavender Harmony Band, GFD Marching Band, The Pink Section, Casselberry-Dupree, and (of course) politicians.</p> <p>Gay Freedom Day meeting, 5pm. See 5/11 listing.</p> <p>Wallflower Order Dance Collective of Eugene, Oregon, gives a rare bay area performance, 8pm, McKenna Theatre, SF State Univ. \$5. All welcome. Info: 839-2170.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Countrified boogie with the John Gallagher Band, 5-9pm. \$2 cover at Rainbow Cattle Co., 199 Valencia, SF.</p> <p>Free VD Screening, Mon & Thurs til 7pm; Tues & Fri til 5:30pm. Ralph Davies Med Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info: 565-6063.</p> <p>Gay Men's Rap in Berkeley. Drop-in, 7:30pm every Monday at Pacific Center.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Women in Apprenticeship workshops, 1-4pm, repeated 6-8:30pm. Free. SF Public Library, Civic Ctr. Hotline: 673-3925.</p> <p>Wonderful excess! <i>Sextette, Magic Christian</i> and Mel Brooks' <i>The Producers</i>, at SF's Strand Theatre, 1127 Market. Phone: 552-5990.</p> <p>"Simone de Beauvoir", a new documentary, at Roxie Cinema, 3117 - 16th St. SF. Times/prices: 863-1087.</p> <p>Gay Latino Alliance gen'l mtg, 7:30pm, 362 Capp St, SF. Last Tues of each month.</p> <p>In Berkeley: Lesbian Rap Group, 7:30pm, every Tues at Pacific Center. More info 841-6224.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Gay Men's Rap in Berkeley. Drop-in, 7:30pm every Monday at Pacific Center.</p>

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Celebrate La Pena's fifth anniversary with Terry Garthwaite and friends - one of many women's performance evenings at the East Bay center this month. See listing for May 16.

Address Directory

The Bacchanal, 1369 Solano Ave., Albany. 527-1314. A feminist bar.

Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 548-4343.

Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street, San Francisco. 863-4434.

Old Wives Tales, 532 Valencia Street, San Francisco. 552-1015.

Pacific Center for Human Growth, 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 548-8283.

Women's Building of the Bay Area, 3543 - 18th Street, San Francisco. 552-0290.

Deadline!

Deadline for events listings for our next issue is the 16th of this month. Advertising deadline is the 20th of the month. Listings should be mailed to:

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150 Central Avenue
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Phone 431-7243 for advertising information only.

And yes! Add us to your media list for announcements of upcoming performances, meetings, dances, outings, etc. We also encourage submission of artwork, publicity photos & other graphics to highlight community events.

Thanks for your support!

National Women's Music Festival

A reminder that the National Women's Music Festival takes place May 29-June 1 in Champaign, Illinois. A reminder, also, that Illinois is an ERA-unratified state. Those planning to attend this event should plan ways to avoid spending money in the state. Take food. Buy only essentials. There will be an ERA rally and fundraiser as part of the festival. Further conference info from: NWMF, PO Box 2721 Station A, Champaign 61820. Or phone (217) 333-6443.

Saturdays in May "Zip & Bloke"

See 5/24 listing.

Photo by Meg Partridge

1 **MAY DAY**

Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights: local support group meets Thursdays, 7:30pm, at Metropolitan Community Church, SF. Thru May. Hdqtrs: (408)280-7460.

Younger Lesbian Rap/Support Group. Drop-in every Thurs, 4pm, at Berkeley's Pacific Center. Under 21 only. Info: 841-6224.

Gay comedy: Miss Stanwyck is Still in Hiding continues Thurs-Sat through 5/17 at The Gumption, 1563 Page St, SF. 8:30pm, \$4.50. An Earnest Players production.

"Family Portrait" - Family life takes center stage in the 1-acts *Losers* and *Circus Lady*, Thurs-Sat, 8:30pm, Sundays, 2:30 & 7:30pm. One Act Theatre Company, 430 Mason St, SF. Info & reservs: 421-6162.

Gay Bowling League: now taking team & individual sign-ups for the Wednesday Community League. Contact: Terry Kaplan (Japantown Bowl): 921-6200. Summer league starts this month.

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Girth & Mirth Club: social group for chubby men & men who like 'em that way. First & 3rd Fri of each month at the 222 Club (222 Hyde, SF). Info: 832-6643.

Tequila Specials! today thru 5/5, at Esta Noche (3079-16th St, SF) and the Mission Inn (507 Valencia, SF). A *Cinco de Mayo* treat.

Singer Gayle Marie in a cocktail benefit for Community Transitions/JOBPOWER, 5:30-8:30pm at Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter, SF. \$10 at the door/No-host bar.

Opening: paintings, drawings by Carmen Goodyear, 7-10pm at The Bacchanal's upstairs gallery, in Albany.

WholeWorks lesbian theater collective with its new revue, *Ain't It Something*, at Berkeley's Circus Ala Mode, 2547-8th St, 8pm, \$3-5 sliding. Women only.

"No on 10" cocktail party in the home of city planner Sue Bierman, 8pm, 1529 Shrader, SF. 8pm, \$5 or more.

Angels of Light: "Holy Cow!" continues Fridays thru 5/18 at Project Artuud Theater, 450 Florida St, SF. 8pm, \$3. Info: 861-5481.

3

The Gay Life - Randy Alfred interviews Charles Bryden of the National Gay Task Force, 5am on KSAN (95FM). Repeats tmw nite, 1am.

May Fiesta - A gay-run pub, Trinidad music combo, rummage sale, goodies & handicrafts. 10am-5pm at Unitarian Ctr, Franklin & Geary, SF.

El Rio Benefit for the Harvey Milk Neighborhood Center... Brunch, entertainment, no-host bar. 11am-3, \$10 donation, 3158A Mission (at Army). Info & reservs: 861-2427.

Mariachis make lively music at the Mission Inn, 507 Valencia, SF. Details: 621-9294.

Gay Men's Chorus in Concert! 8pm, First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, SF. \$4 adv/\$5 door.

8th Annual Closet Ball: Lavish camp at SF's Kabuki Theatre, 1881 Post St. In part to benefit Operation Concern. \$8 adv (thru The Record House), \$10 at the door.

Alive! piano, congas, bass & percussion, 8 & 10pm at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, B'ly. \$3.50.

"She Unfolds..." Dance/theater focusing on women's change & growth, w/Keriac, Nancy Solomon & Julie Oak. 8:30pm at Studio Eremos, 401 Alabama, SF. \$3.50 gen/\$1 srs. Also see 5/10 & 5/17 listings. Details: 552-5552.

4

Michael Raines' fundraiser: Cristl & Victor Wong host a cocktail reception, 6-9pm, to raise lawsuit monies for the ousted head of the Performing Arts Ctr. 67 Mountain Spring, SF.

SF Feminist Demos meet 6pm, 350 McAllister St., Rm. 1200, Second Thurs every month.

Volleyball... Every Thurs eve in the gym, Metropolitan Community Church, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Women's liberation in Zimbabwe... Slideshow, discussion & report on a recent trip to that country. 7:30pm, Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth, Free.

Quantum Leap's production of the comedy *Vanities* continues Thurs-Sat (8pm) and Sundays (7pm) thru 5/31. Old Venetian Bakery Theatre, 2200 Powell, SF. Prices vary. Info & reservs: 221-3333x426.

Gay theater: Theatre Rhinoceros revives its popular '79 production of *Richmond Jim*, which sees a young Virginia man initiated into the NY leather scene. Also, premiere of Robert Chesley's *Hell, I Love You*. Thurs-Sat, 8:30pm; Sundays, 7:30, through 6/15. \$4 (Thurs, Sun), \$5 (Fri-Sat). Reservs: 776-1848. At the Goodman Bldg., 1115 Geary, SF.

5

Taming the Green-eyed Monster: a weekend (today & tmw) for lesbians to explore feelings about jealousy. \$35-65 sliding scale in SF. More info from Options: 285-8511.

A Gay Prom? To be sure. New Wave & Reggae for this dance sponsored by Gay Youth at Berkeley's Pacific Center, 8-10:30pm, \$2 donation. Lesbians & gay men under 21 and their dates only. Youths without dates also encouraged to boogie. Info: David Dayog at 548-8283.

"The Mountain is Stirring" - Mime, masks & theater portray a battered woman's struggle between love & survival, Fri-Sun through 6/1. Original work by It's Just A Stage, women's experimental troupe. 8pm, \$3.50-4 donation. Previews tonite thru Sun at SF's Performance Space, 1350 Waller St., Opens 5/16.

"The Gold Rush - An American Intrigue" continues Fri & Sat (8pm) & Sundays (7:30pm) at Bethany Arts, 1268 Sanchez, SF. A Popular Theatre production. \$4.50. Reservs: 647-7068.

Miss Stanwyck is Still in Hiding: gay comedy, 8:30pm. Consult 5/1 listing.

Lallo & Jazz to Go! Women's quartet, 9pm, \$3. At the Freight & Salvage, San Pablo & Hearst, Berkeley.

Los Microwaves punk out tonite at Berkeley Square, 1333 University Ave, B'ly. Also playing: The Pushups. 849-3374 for details.

6

Shavous services with Sha'ar Zahav, gay synagogue. 8pm, SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 Calif. St, Sha'ar Zahav meets every Friday. Details: 626-3131.

Susan Rivers' Song of a Nomad Flute. Thurs-Sun through 6/14. 8pm at Eureka Theatre, 2299 Market, SF. Prices/reservs: 863-7133.

It's Just A Stage. women's theater in SF. 8pm. See 5/9 listing.

"Holy Cow!" An Angels of Light production, 8pm. See 5/2 listing.

Gay theater with Theatre Rhinoceros, 8:30pm. See 5/8 listing.

Jazz, Latin, funk & swing with Swingshift, women music-makers, 8:30pm (\$3) at Sounds A'musing Coffeehouse, 2362 Bancroft, Berkeley. Benefit for East Bay N.O.W. Wheelchair access.

Terry Garthwaite, Rosalie Sorrels & Bobbie Louise Hawkins... music, stories & poems at Berkeley's La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 9pm, \$3.50.

7

Hang Gliding Flight Lessons start today. Details from Great Outdoor Adventures (GOA): 621-5336. Non-members welcome.

Jane Fonda & Tom Hayden headline a \$20-per-plate Harvey Milk Gay Demo dinner, celebrating what would've been Harvey's 50th birthday. Cocktails 6:30pm; buffet 7:30, at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. Info & reservs: 558-2145.

SF N.O.W. Prostitution Task Force, 7:30pm, 1129 Folsom, SF. Third Weds of ea month. Open to all interested in the issue. Details: 731-9398.

Decadence in Small Doses & other holiday music - tunes from Elaine O'Bear with Marta Marata, 8pm at Albany's The Bacchanal, 50¢/\$50 sliding scale.

Neato music by Portia with Taste, 9:30pm-12:30, every Wed this month at the Railway Express Saloon, 147 Taylor St, SF. No cover.

"The Gay Movement in Italy" - *Fruit Punch* interviews Angelo Pezzano, founder of *FOURI* ("COME OUT"), an Italian gay rights org. 10pm on KPFA (94.1FM).

8

Keith Jarrett... Free noon concert at UC-Berkeley's Lower Sproul Plaza, in assoc. with the 14th annual UCB Jazz Festival running today thru Sunday. Ticket info for other performances: 642-9988.

Gay Double-Bill at the Strand: *A Very Natural Thing* and *Song of the Loon*, 1127 Market SF. Details: 552-5990.

Volleyball... Every Thurs eve in the gym, Metropolitan Community Church, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Slightly Older Lesbians: drop-in rap group for women 30+ only. Every Thurs, 7:30pm, at Berkeley's Pacific Center.

Disco in Vallejo? Dat's right! Thurs-Sun, 10pm-2, at Our Bar, 832 Sonoma Blvd.

Young Gay Male Problem Solving Group (21 & under) - 6pm, Ctr for Special Problems, 2107 Van Ness, SF. Every Wed. Info on joining from Dan Ostrow: 558-4801.

9

Marriage of Maria Braun and *The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant* at the Strand, 1127 Market, SF. Times/prices: 552-5990.

Lay witness worship services every Wed, 7pm, at Metropolitan Community Church, SF.

"Can't Dance But Shoot Pool Like an Outlaw" pool tournament - sign-ups before 8pm (\$2 entry). Drawings 8pm; play at 8:15. Women only/21 & ID at The Bacchanal, Albany, \$40 prize.

Socializing & warm-up for June's Twin Oaks Ranch outing with Great Outdoors, 8pm, Metropolitan Community Church, SF. Open to all.

Happy Birthday, Walt! *Fruit Punch* pays tribute to Walt Whitman, 10pm on KPFA (94.1FM). Also featured: Robert Marlin (*The Homosexual Tradition in American Poetry*).

10

March on Chicago: National pro-ERA rally & demo spons by N.O.W. Be there or beware! Local flight coordinator: Kathy Bacon, 824-4400.

Whitewater rafting with Great Outdoor Adventures (GOA) 2-day excursion. Call ahead for info: 621-5336.

May 10, 1876 - Jeanne Bonnet, wearing men's clothes, goes for a "romantic moonlight walk" along Sansome Street with her "female friend" and - according to accounts of the period - is attacked by her companion's "jealous lover."

Insemination Workshop for Lesbians - 10am-5 at Operation Concern, 2483 Clay, SF. Sliding scale & Medi-Cal. Access/Signing on request. Info/registration: 563-0202.

Gay Hookers & Hustlers Disco Ball: Benefit for Tenderloin Seniors, 7:30pm at SF's California Club, 1750 Clay (off Polk). \$100 cash prizes for Queen Hooker & King Hustler. Must be 21. More info at 647-2744.

Women's Bldg Anniversary: Dance, theater, music, poetry & song highlight the first anniversary of the Women's Bldg. 7:30pm, \$3-\$5 sliding. All welcome. Info & childcare reservs: 863-5255.

"She Unfolds..." Dance/theatre with Keriac, N. Solomon & V. Kingston, 8:30pm, Ed Mock Dance Studio, 32 Page, SF. \$3.50 gen/\$1 srs. Info: 552-5552.

Gay Latino Alliance: Dance to the music of *Salsa Caliente*, in celebration of GALA's 5th anniversary. 9pm-2, American Indian Center, 225 Valencia, SF. \$3.

11

Parenting Workshop for Lesbians at Operation Concern, 10am-5. Sliding Scale & Medi-Cal. Access/signing & childcare on request. Info & Registration: 563-0202.

It's Maud's 14th Anniversary. Cheap drinks, noon-2am; cash prize drawings 9pm-midnite. 937 Cole in SF. More info: 731-6119.

Third World Support Group at Berkeley's Pacific Center for Human Growth, 12:30pm. Call Bill or Karen: 548-8283.

Vivaldi, Mozart, Gershwin & other high-toned delights performed by the SF Lesbian & Gay Men's Chorus and Lambda Pro Musica, 8pm, Mission High, 3750-18th St, SF. \$4.

"She Unfolds..." - Dance/theatre, 8:30pm at Walkabout Studio, 2325 Third St, No. 414, SF. \$3.50/\$1 srs. See 5/3 listing.

12

"Circus Ridiculus" with Zip & Bloke. Magic, comedy, music & vaudeville at the Julie Morgan Ctr, 2640 College Ave. Berkeley. Every Saturday in May, 3pm. \$3 \$2 kids. Info: 848-0207.

Cambodian Relief Concert with gay artists Chris Tanner, Christine Leslie, Blackburn, and Caselberry-Dupree. 8pm, \$7 at the door at First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, SF. Advance tickets thru Reflections, Walt Whitman Bookshop and Does Your Mother Know... all in SF.

Salsa Dance with the high-energy 12-piece women's band, *Orquesta Sabrosita*, 9pm, \$6 at the Women's Building, SF.

Matriarchal music with *Amazon* at SF's Artemis Society, 23rd & Valencia, 9pm, \$2.50 donation. Women only.

First International Lesbian Dance Marathon - \$400 prize to the winning duo at Albany's The Bacchanal. Today (9pm-2am) and tmw (8am-2am). Women only/21 & ID required. Voyeurs \$2. Advance sign-up info: 527-1314.

13

Hang Gliding & Whitewater Rafting! See listings for 5/21 & 5/10.

Young Men's Gay Support Group. Drop-in for folks under 21, every Sat, 1pm, at Berkeley's Pacific Center for Human Growth.

Swingshift lights up The Artemis Society, 1199 Valencia, SF. 8:30pm, \$3-wheelchair access. Women's event.

Comedy & Keyboard with Ripley & Rose at Albany's The Bacchanal, 8:30pm, \$2.50.

Photo by David Minehard



Keriac solos in "Milk & Blood," one aspect of *She Unfolds* - a dance/theater performance playing at various SF studios this month. Consult *Coming Up!* listings for May 3, 10 and 17.

May Day...

(continued from front page)

of enchantment, the tree of the month of Saille, and is depicted in ancient drawings, covered with flowers. Most probably, celebrants danced around those trees, ribbons intertwined to represent the filling of the bare tree with fruit - the promise of Demeter, the renewal of nature.

As recently as the nineteenth century people met in this time of flowering to dance the dance of life. Little girls, decked in roses and garlands of flowers, and little boys in leafy boughs, danced and sang through the streets collecting money and food to give to the poor. The people believed that those who gave at May Day would have prosperity through the coming of the vegetation.

Trees were very important aspects of the festival. The maypole, a derivation of the moon tree, is a symbol of the tree of life. Decorated with flowers and streamers, in some countries it was carried through the streets by the children as they sang. In other locales it was stationary, and children would weave streamers around the pole - moving in and out among one another as the ancients once did. Trees or bushes were also fixed at the doors of stables, to protect the cows and insure they would yield much milk.

Sometimes ritual sacrifices played a part in the celebrations. A puppet, symbolizing death, would be hurled into a river before the celebrations began - often during the night between the Beltane fires and the maypole dances. Young people would reenter the village, chanting "We carried death out of the village; we bring summer into the village."

Even within Judeo-Christian cultures, some of these traditions have remained. Mary is known as "the mother of God," a title frequently bestowed upon the great Goddess. Today in many Christian lands, children celebrate May Day by dancing around the maypole and placing flowers at the feet of the statue of Mary - "Our Lady of May" - who grants rebirth to the world.

Shall we begin again to pay homage to the goddess and reap the rewards of her undemanding love? Perhaps we each in our own ways should celebrate the return of Persephone and the coming of the prosperous summer. And next year we can all do it together.

Suzanne Joyce is a lesbian/feminist who has lived and worked in San Francisco for the last five years. She's a pagan, having renounced Catholicism 10 years ago. Joyce has worked in various spirituality groups and uses astrology & Tarot to guide her in her travels.

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'Stage' and 'Rhino' Premiere new works

by Maggie Rose

This month sees premiere performances of two new plays by local gay playwrights.

It's Just A Stage, women's experimental theatre, introduces *The Mountain Is Stirring*, by Iris Landsburg and Adele Prandini. And Theatre Rhinoceros is rehearsing its production of Robert Chesley's work, *Hell, I Love You*.

Says Landsburg of *It's Just A Stage*: "We've been together for five years, and we felt that we wanted to do something different." *The Mountain Is Stirring* addresses various aspects of violence against women, using naturalistic and stylized theatre, mime, multi-media techniques, and two 4-by-5 foot masks to portray a battered woman's struggle between love and survival. "Our ideas are always changing," says Landsburg, "and this is a subject we feel very strongly about. It's our first dramatic piece, after doing comedy for five years."

Mountain deals with "the realities, the conditions that make us tick," she says, "and the things make us either victims or aggressors."

The performers include Anna Dewhary, Candy Hemrich, the authors themselves, and the large masks in the stylized sequences dealing with images of fighting back, of fantasies, emotions, of the realities of violence.

The Mountain Is Stirring opens May 16 at The Performance Space, 1350 Waller Street, San Francisco, and runs weekends through June 1 (with previews May 9-11). For reservations and details, call 863-3254. Or consult the *Coming Up!* calendar listing for May 9.

A second May premiere is Robert Chesley's one-act, *Hell, I Love You* - Chesley's first produced play. "I see it as a prelude to love-making," says Allan Estes, artistic director of Theatre Rhino and director of *Hell*. "It's about the different ways two lovers respond to each other, verbally, emotionally. The humor is very ironic; it brings out the funny little flaws in each character."

On a triple bill with *Hell* is the return engagement of Cal Yeoman's *Richmond Jim*. "There was a lot of good response to it last year when we did it," says Estes, "and that's why we're doing it again." *Jim* is the story of a young Virginia man who, on a trip to New York, meets a man who initiates him into S&M leather sex.

"It's a frank, intelligent discussion of a very undiscussed facet of gay life," according to Rhino's administrative director, Lanny Baugniat. "It's a very strong play."

Rounding out the evening is Lanford Wilson's early one-act, *Great Nebula in Orion*. Theatre Rhinoceros will present *Richmond Jim and Other Plays* at the Goodman Building theater, 1115 Geary in San Francisco, weekends from May 8 through June 15. For reservations phone 776-1848.

MAY SOFTBALL

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Note: SF Games played at Rolph Park. Army & Potrero.

May 4 (Sun) - 11:45am: Peg's Place v. Klein's; 1:45pm: Maud's v. A Little More; 3:45pm: Amelia's v. Driftwood.

May 11 (Sun) - 11:45am: Klein's v. Maud's; 1:45pm: A Little More v. Amelia's; East Bay: Driftwood v. Advocate Experience. (Call for time & location of East Bay game: Susan Fahey at 731-6119.)

May 18 (Sun) - 11:45am: Maud's v. Peg's Place; 1:45pm: Klein's v. A Little More; 3:45pm: Advocate Experience v. Amelia's.

COMMUNITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Note: Lang Field is located at Turk & Gough Sts. SF. Jackson Field is at Arkansas & 17th Sts.

May 4 (Sun) - Jackson Field. 10:30am: Rainbow Cattle Co. v. Sacramento; Noon: The Cinch v. The Mint; The Ambush v. On the Mark; 1:30pm: Super Sports v. The Tenderloin; Music Hall v. Film People; 3pm: Yerba Buena v. Up & Coming.

May 11 (Sun) - Lang Field. 10:30am: The Bunkhouse v. Super Sports; Noon: Sacramento v. On the Mark; Yerba Buena v. Rainbow Cattle Co.; 1:30pm: The Mint v. The Ambush, Up & Coming v. Music Hall; 3pm: The Tenderloin v. The Cinch, Film People v. The Village.

May 18 (Sun) - Jackson Field. 10:30am: Film People v. The Bunkhouse; Noon: The Village v. Up & Coming, Sacramento v. The Mint; 1:30pm: On the Mark v. Yerba Buena, Music Hall v. Rainbow Cattle Co.; 3pm: The Ambush v. The Tenderloin, The Cinch v. Super Sports.

GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Note: Balboa Field is at San Jose & Ocean Avenues, SF. Addresses for Lang and Jackson Fields noted above.



Mel Brooks' zany film *The Producers* (includes that all-time musical comedy hit *Springtime for Hitler*) shares a triple bill with *Sextette* and *Magic Christian* at SF's Strand Theater. See 5/27 listing for details.

May 3 (Sat) - Jackson Field. 2:30pm: Phone Booth v. Gilmore's, Sweetlips v. Statements; 4pm: Chops v. Urban Country.

May 4 (Sun) - Lang Field. 1:30pm: Sutter's Mill v. DeLuxe, On the Mark v. Bunkhouse; 3pm: Rookies v. 527 Club, White Swallow v. Tara Travel.

May 10 (Sat) - Lang Field. 2:30pm: On the Mark v. Statements, Rookies v. DeLuxe; 4pm: Phone Booth v. Bunkhouse, Gilmore's v. Urban Country.

May 11 (Sun) - Jackson Field. 1:30pm: Chops v. Tara Travel, White Swallow v. 527 Club; 3pm: Sweetlips v. Sutter's Mill.

May 17 (Sat) - Jackson Field. 2:30pm: DeLuxe v. White Swallow, Sutter's Mill v. On the Mark; 4pm: Urban Country v. Tara Travel, 527 Club v. Chops.

May 18 (Sun) - Balboa Field. 1:30 pm: Gilmore's v. Bunkhouse, Statements v. The Phone Booth; 3pm: Sweetlips v. Rookies.

May 31 (Sat) - Jackson Field. 2:30pm: DeLuxe v. Chops, Sutter's Mill v. The Phone Booth; 4pm: Bunkhouse v. Statements, Rookies v. On the Mark.

A tip of the hat to Susan Fahey, Duke Joyce, and Tony Nemger.

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