

President's Page

This is your first publication, the first public voice for 1967 of the VD. The Vanguard now stands for victory. We have come through many trials, many days, many hours, many tears, but as of January 27, 1967 Vanguard, the youth organization received its golden seal from the state of California, recognizing us as a nonprofit organization.

Also, fellow members of Vanguard, we have been able to extend a helping hand to all members in the employment field. Out of sixteen placements, we have secured thirteen of them in paying positions.

We now have our Welfare Account working. It isn't much, but we have been able to help some. The Sirporium donated to us many items of both men's and women's apparel which we have been able to put directly into the hands of our members for good use.

Every Thursday night at Glide Memorial Fellowship Hall you see us, at 6 pm, feeding no less than one hundred people free of charge.

Vanguard is now, at the time of this writing, in the process of negotiating a location in the central city area that will enable us to give housing to the needy; food, schooling, counseling, and just about every darn thing Vanguard stands for will be available.

Vanguard is for you; from you; and about you. Your help, your hands and your hearts are always needed.

Remember us; we have not forgotten you. We have a Grievance Committee. We have our offices; soon we will have a Vanguard House. Our office hours are from 9 AM to midnight, 6 days a week; Sunday 6pm until grave.

Feel free to come and talk with us at any time you wish.

Anything that members might be able to donate for the use of other members is welcome and appreciated: filing cabinets, chairs, clothing that can be washed and mended and returned to use.

Watch for news of our big move to the new Vanguard House.

Sincerely,

Doug Patrick



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Keith St. Clare &
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And many volunteer workers from Vanguard and various other organizations in the city.

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VANGUARD, INC WISHES TO THANK MATTACHINE FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND VALUABLE ADVICE. AGAIN WE MUST THANK SIR FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND GOODWILL. WITHOUT THE HELP OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS VANGUARD MIGHT NOT EXIST TODAY.

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let there be a force of cause
when there is a midnight
and let there be life in the midst
of a silent wind-hushed battlefield.
let a flower blast through the mud-splattered
snow of winter.
and let there be a cry from that final silence
to let all the universe know
that we will stir into movement
and move into growth
and the people will grow into a
race of gods-
and the midnight

be damned!

Amen.

In an effort to establish identity, in order to give purpose to heretofore bitter lives, a small group of people have united in a single cause; to better themselves, to better their city, to better their nation, and, ultimately, all mankind. These individuals in the Vanguard Movement, idealists of the slums, have banded together to promote an environment of love and understanding between all the peoples of the earth.

It is imperative, for the survival of such an organization, to maintain these basic principles:

- (1) to expand to include all people needing help, and all people willing to give aid to the organization or members thereof.
- (2) to unify as friends to meet the needs of the organization. And
- (3) to promote a public image of dignity, respect, and understanding. These three factors are so closely related that not one can be isolated. Not one should be misused or ignored.

All life consists of growth and movement. The motto of the Vanguard Movement is: "Going places and doing things!" These places and things must include the entire Bay Area to help bridge the gap of lack of communication. We cannot survive as an isolationistic organization! We must go to the world with hands and hearts open with the willingness to accept those very people who refuse to accept us.

Our voices can, must, and will be heard!

To find the answers in our search for identity, recognition and appreciation, we must be willing to guide each other as a brotherhood of friends through any and all personal and administrative road-blocks. Together we can do this, and together we will.

PEOPLE
POWER

EQUALITY EQUALITY EQUALITY EQUALITY EQUALITY EQUALITY.....UNDER LAW

We among the groups of sexually "different" are often treated without common dignity. Moreover, by penal law the Establishment refutes our need for adequate sexual satisfaction. Voyeurists in blue and dejected civic DOM's--either from sadistic intolerance, or from fear of adverse publicity (and discovery?)--persist in treating deviants as members of a group predominantly inferior to others in basic human qualities. We feel it is unfortunate for America that such an archaic anti-sexual prejudice is still thriving. However the solution is obvious. Primarily, we feel that knowledge can alleviate self-righteous puritanism. Therefore we act so that the shackles of superstition and myth can be broken by fact and free everyone. Today we must rally against "dark ages" morality and all those who apparently fear that someone, somewhere, somehow may be happy.

Adequate documented research is abundant to substantiate the fact that homosexuality does not bear a direct relationship to an individual's human worth nor logically disqualify him from human rights. Moreover human sexual rights are constitutionally guaranteed to all, but "legally" denied to many--even to many members of the dominant sexual pattern. This is a disgrace and a grave error. It has been found that the repressive measures employed cause a reaction opposite to the one espoused publicly by society. Necrophilia, scopophilia, voyeurism and rape are some of the results of an individual's rebellion created by the inevitable conflict between an urgent sexual drive and the repressive measures employed under our conventional sex morality.

The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizens, Article 5 states: "Liberty consists in being able to do all that which does not harm someone else."

We quote the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Therefore homosexual acts between consenting adults, whether some regard them as sinful, immoral or diseased, are within the constitutional rights of all. Sin is a moral and a religious term. In this country--the basic document of which insures total separation of Church and State--religious and purely moral views are not considered subject fit for police enforcement. However, moralists and hypocrites have evaded the impartial documents of our founding fathers, have diffused the issues and under cover of pseudo-clinical jargon and preposterous superstition, have made love impossible unless consummated in the saddle and for the purpose of breeding. Truly if homosexual activities are diseased then measures other than penal may be taken. We know of no disease that has ever been cured by law. continued

NOBLESSE OBLIGE



i will slip into the secret hideout
where again i will meet my shadow lover
and we will escape across the rooftops panting
in a boyhood love-myth
and jump chimneys
whispering giggle-words to the stars.

my shadow lover and i swing from
Window to Window
peering in...and seeing the ghost reflections of
phantom mirror creatures;
performing, but never quite sure.

me and my shadow lover race across the structures
of darkness against darkness.
my heart beats fast and my throat dry
at the thrill of the moonlight shining from our eyes.
we soar over the skyshore
flitting shades against the dawn.
we watch, passing below us,
the lifeless vulture-carcass of the earth marching
into gloom-filled caverns of light-
once again shadowless-
once again lost. mark miller

Homosex sex in place of sex of
Striking sticks between bone boxes
Or shoulder blade cheeks to love
Song of operated, plastic
Good touchings and making doughnuts
Of dildoes curing the marriage bite
Of a good double need, consolation
And not caring about wasted seeds
On babies. keith st.clare

Man and woman may fight and kill
Or love or lie...
They have free will.
Holy God whose powers should
Be greater, aren't
Poor God can do only good. keith st.clare

Whether you can
Do a thing or not
You are right. Ed

I am dead/but i am not dead for eternity/i am dead for just awhile/but for
NOW I AM DEAD/ and i am imprisoned/and everyday from my cell/i sit and i
stare through the fire rimmed window/to gay green lawn on the outside/end
every night i sleep on the gold ground/and i cry/because my penis lays along
side/limp/naked/alone/and thin/i know i am dead/but there is hope/i may
get a parole/imag come alive/i may be resurrected/i will be created.

richard sphor



LONELINESS in the Tenderloin

We, each and everyone of us, long for a truly intimate relationship. Also we wish to feel a kinship with all people. This manner of yearning, which every normal person has, stems from a deep unconscious belief that we are all one within life itself. Furthermore where there is no sense of separation from life there is no loneliness. Yet the lonely people, those chronically lonely, are often bitter about their aloneness. Look around you. Lonely people almost always have a feeling of rejection. They tend to make cutting little remarks, "dirty dish," or indulge in various subtle accusations as though others were responsible for their feelings of separation! However when we examine things, it is the lonely person himself who is truly out of touch. Also, an individual's loneliness can be a substitute for or a bi-product of some other problem, perhaps intolerance, self-centeredness or just plain spiritual rigidity.

The youth of the Tenderloin feel, for the most part, that religion is corny or out of date. However even the most hardened of us can let his thoughts wander back to childhood-to the time when he did go to church. He can drift back and remember that warmth, the security that only active belief in a loving God can give.

A lonely person should pray for understanding of God's love in him. The basis for tolerance, for love of others and for respect of individual viewpoint is relational to one's own feeling with God.

Moreover policeman, hustler, congressman and all need to realize that just because they believe in something it need not follow that others can or should believe the same. For love of the Author we respect the free will of others.

Lastly to have a friendship endure; to make it true, worthwhile and a thing beauty, we should cultivate an attitude of friendship toward everybody and everything.

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour."
Ecclesiastes 4:9

Rev. Ray

Editor's Note: Reverend Ray Broshears has been serving the T.L. not only as a minister to the soul but also in the more temporal urgent capacity of a job counsellor. Ray has given food to the hungry, clothes to the needy and work to the earnest. It is with regret then, that we must announce his resignation. However we wish him success in his new parish in Contra Costa County. Please keep in touch, Ray

Horny? Horny? Horny? Horny? Horny?

FRIENDS! We're back with Horace Horny to soothe those tired muscles and to bandage hemroid hearts. Send your problems in to Horace, guys and gals.

Dear Horace,

I am in love with M, who is a bisexual and married to a very broadminded girl. They have invited me to share their home and their life. I should be very happy but one thing bothers me. What will be my new role in this household/relationship?

Need an answer quick

Dear Quick,
Can you sew?

Dear Horace,

This week I lost my sugardaddy, someone put sand in the petroleum jelly and an open sewer is running through the bedroom. I feel so miserable I want to die. What can I do? What's wrong with me?

Ready to end it all

Dear Ready,

We all have bad weeks. Nothing's wrong with you. Buy a good joke book and learn to laugh again.

Dear Horace,

Blonde, beautiful George loves me, but Jim says that he _____s and I can't do that. Then Bob broke with Joe because Joe said he wants to know me better and so George is upset. Also Jim told Mike that he wishes I were free. Who should I believe and who would you love?

Unsure

Dear Unsure,
Yes!

Dear Horace

Is it true that Sparkles (female) attended a recent marriage of two bisexuals in full drag and as best man? I think it's terrible and that the wedding's therefore null and void don't you?

Outraged

Dear out,

Only if the minister was straight.

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TODAY'S TRADE IS TOMMOROW'S COMPETITION

Policemen aren't really licensed to kill, but some feel they are licensed to aggravate

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NEED A JOB? Well, we want to help you. Placement, counseling, and referral facilities continue to operate wherever Vanguard exists. Presently Miss Judith Erickson is giving her time daily. Give yourself a break. Come in today.

