Finding aid to the Vaughn Taylor photographs Coll2011-007

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Title: Vaughn Taylor photographs
creator: Taylor, Vaughn, 1947-1992
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet3 archival binders.
Date (inclusive): circa 1970-1992
Date (bulk): bulk
Abstract: 598 photographic prints and 20 sheets of negatives by Vaughn Taylor, created circa 1970-1991. This collection includes photographs of Taylor's friends; community events in the Castro Street neighborhood of San Francisco; gay community events, such as Christopher Street West gay pride; protests against then-Governor Pete Wilson; a protest at a federal building in Los Angeles; the 1991 and 1992 Orange County Gay Pride Festival; and the victory celebration of the Presidential election of Bill Clinton. The collection also includes memorial service programs, a drawing and other printed materials.

Biography
Vaughn-Oliver Taylor was living in Sacramento, California, where he married and fathered three children and worked as a fundamentalist preacher. After divorcing his wife, he moved to San Francisco, then settled in Los Angeles in 1984. Taylor worked as a medical transcriber and became a community activist. He served as secretary on the Gay & Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force; recording secretary and corresponding secretary for the Stonewall Democratic Club; and a member of Gay Mensa and the United Spirit Church. He was one of a group of activists arrested at a civil disobedience demonstration at the Federal Building in Los Angeles in 1991. He also participated for four years in the Salk Study for HIV research at the University of Southern California's Norris Cancer Center.

Vaughn-Oliver Taylor died of complications from AIDS on December 10, 1992, in Los Angeles. He was 45 years old.

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Processing Information

Scope and Contents
The collection consists of 598 photographic prints and 20 sheets of negatives created and collected by Vaughn Taylor, 1947-1992. The collection also includes memorial service programs, a drawing and other printed materials. The collection includes photographs of Taylor's friends and community events in the Castro Street district of San Francisco; gay community events, such as Christopher Street West gay pride parade and festival; protests against then-Governor Pete Wilson; a protest at a federal building in Los Angeles; the 1991 and 1992 Orange County Gay Pride Festival; and the victory celebration of the Presidential election of Bill Clinton are included as well. The bulk of the photographs were shot in the Hollywood and Silver Lake neighborhoods of Los Angeles, circa 1970-1991.

Arrangement note
Materials are arranged in approximate chronological order.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Photographs
Gay pride parades -- California -- Los Angeles
Photography of men
Gay pride festivals -- California -- Los Angeles  
Christopher Street West Association  
Taylor, Vaughn, 1947-1992


**Box 1**

**Paul Michael Holt circa 1970-1990**

- Physical Description: [43 photographs: col.; 3 photographs: b&w.; 2 memorial programs]
- Physical Description: [46 photographic prints, 2 booklets]

**Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs of Holt with unidentified friends at a Christmas party.

**Box 1**

**Vaughn Taylor circa 1970-1992**

- Physical Description: [46 photographs: col.; 21 photographs: b&w.; negatives]
- Physical Description: [60 photographic prints, 7 negative strips, 3 contact sheets]

**Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Jon Vough that Vaughn looked like"; "Jim Boyle and Vaughn's sister Wendy"; "Thanksgiving 1992 at hospital"; "Spare room"; "Vaughn's house Tularosa rented house from 84-91"; "Jason"; "John"; "11 yrs"; "Jeremy John Jason Calvin Debbie Lew"; "1984 Tularosa"; and "Bob (?) photo of Vaughn.

Also includes photos of Vaughn's sister Debbie and her family, posed portraits of Taylor, and photos of Taylor's home.

**Box 1**

**Arnold Jaime circa 1970-1991**

- Physical Description: [65 photographs: col.; 3 photographs: b&w.; negatives; 1 memorial program; 1 copy of Arnold Jaime birth certificate; 2 contracts regarding loans and drug use; and 1 drawing.]
- Physical Description: [67 photographic prints, 1 negative strip, 1 contact sheet, 3 documents, 1 booklet, 1 drawing]

**Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Arnold and Friend c 1975 to 1980"; "Arnold in late 70's dancing in Las Vegas"; "Vaughn Taylor + Arnold Jaime LA, CA, 2/87 by: Greg Day"; "Fall 85 My two loves, Arnold + Michael"; "Vaughn and Arnold Fall 85"; "Mensa event, Liz + Arnold + Friend late 80's"; "Getty Museum 3-87"; "Vaughn Taylor at Arnold Jaime Memorial"; "Arnold's mother and sister or aunt"; and "Arnold's brothers?"

Also includes photos of Christmas festivities.

**Box 1**

**Christopher Street West gay pride parade, West Hollywood 1987, undated**

- Physical Description: [11 photographs: col.]
- Physical Description: [44 photographic prints, 4 negative strips]

**Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Santa Monica & La Jolla, Gay Day '87, Arnold"; "Michael Rutherford, Gay Day '87"; "Arnold and friend, 1987"; and "CSW Silver Fox Group."

**Box 1**

**Anti-gay graffiti, Silver Lake, Los Angeles**

- Physical Description: [4 photographs: col.]
- Physical Description: [4 photographic prints]

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs of anti-gay graffiti mostly on murals.
Box 2  
**Michael [surname unknown] circa 1980-1985**  
Physical Description: [19 photographs: col.; 10 photographs: b&w.; negatives.]
Physical Description: [25 photographic prints, 7 negative strips, 4 contact strips, 1 contact sheet]
Scope and Contents
Includes photographs of "Michael," as well as "Richard and Shane" and Bill Flanigan.

Box 2  
**Castro District, San Francisco circa 1980-1986**  
Physical Description: [63 photographs: col.; 1 photograph: b&w.; negatives; and 1 greeting card.]
Physical Description: [63 photographic prints, 3 negative strips, 1 Christmas card]
Scope and Contents
Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Artist"; "SF Parade" with Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club float in parade; "Arnold"; "The 'Names Project Quilt' March on Washington 10/87 on the mall photo by: Greg Day Vaughn's friend and activist in SF"; "Pat O'Brien Oct. 86 SF"; "Michael Clarke SF Oct. 86 on bus, 33 Asbury"; "Bill Flanagin"; "John Berliner"; "Elsa Benn"; "Taken at Vaughn's house"; "Randy Schell"; "Jim & Thom 555 Buena Vista West"; "Jim Dodge and friend"; "Paul in black on left at Tularosa"; "Stonewall Democratic Club member"; and "Paul mid 80's older friend who was Vaughn's mentor." Also includes photographs of people around the Castro district; Christopher Street West parade; people in park; and close-ups of hands and unidentified friends.

Box 2  
**Sunset Junction 1987**  
Physical Description: [18 photographs: col.]
Physical Description: [18 photographic prints]
Scope and Contents
Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Trip Newcomer"; "cruising"; "Two Guys, Mark Lowy in tank top"; "Paulo and two of his friends"; "Steve & Bill"; "Three guys"; "In front of Plaza Flowers, man in yellow t-shirt runs Body Builder's Gym"; "Arnold & Stranger"; "Race Bannon, Guy Baldwin in leather vest, and other beefy guys"; "Bill Flanegin"; "Bill & Gene"; "Bill & Friend"; "Arnold and Joe Kim"; and "Stoned with hardon."

Box 2  
**San Francisco Gay Pride Parade; Gay Mensa Party circa 1988-1991**  
Physical Description: [17 photographs: col.]
Physical Description: [17 photographic prints]
Scope and Contents
Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "member gay Mensa"; "Waugh Smith w/ glasses, late 80's Gay Mensa"; "friends from Gay Mensa, lesbian and gay man who have married c. 1990"; and "taken at Vaughn's house so probably Gay Mensa part c. 1991 [photograph of Vaughn's daughter and his ex-wife's current husband]." Also includes photographs of Market Street Gay Pride Parade and City Hall on Castro Street in San Francisco.

Box 2  
**Sunset Junction Street Fair, Silver Lake, Los Angeles circa 1989-1990**  
Physical Description: [24 photographs: col.]
Physical Description: [25 photographic prints]
Scope and Contents
Includes photographs of street fair activities including an interpretive dance, a band performing, "Francis", and Donna Ware, co-chair of the LA Gay and Lesbian Police Academy task force.
Box 2  Vaughn Taylor in Hospital circa 1990-1992

Physical Description: [12 photographs: col.; negatives.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs with the following descriptions: "Vaughn's ex-wife and her current husband and Vaughn's children (2 girls) and grandson Dec 1992"; "Vaughn's sister and Vaughn's boyfriend Thomas at time of his illness they met in 1992"; "Vaughn and Thomas"; "Bob Friney"; "Vaughn's sister Wendy + his mother Dec. 1992"; "Vaughn, his brother Steven, mother, sister"; and "Vaughn and sister Lydia."

Box 3  Orange County Gay Pride Parade Festival circa 1991-1992

Physical Description: [38 photographs: col.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of participants in festival, women with stickers all over their bodies, a body builder, representatives from Gay Leather Orange County, Grand Marshall Troy Perry at Orange County Pride Festival 1992, and Robin Tyler at the Robin Tyler Tours booth.

Box 3  Gay Party, Silver Lake circa 1990-1992

Physical Description: [33 photographs: col.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of party-goers, men and women talking at a house party, man blowing out candles on a cake, balloons, and Vaughn Taylor with the hosts of the party.

Box 3  Anti-Pete Wilson March October 6, 1991

Physical Description: [46 photographs: col.; negatives.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of night-time demonstration regarding the AB101 bill; people with Governor Pete Wilson protest signs; hundreds of people parading along an unidentified street; man on a motorcycle holding a rainbow flag; Jim Kepner at a protest; and Mark Lowy.

Box 3  Queer Nation protest at Reagan Federal Building, Los Angeles October 1, 1991

Physical Description: [29 photographs: col; negatives.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of ACT-UP at the Reagan Building protesting Pete Wilson's veto of AB101; protestors; policemen; shattered glass and blood; various signs; and Zeke Zeidler. Also includes a piece of note paper with information regarding Vaughn Taylor's arrest at this protest.

Box 3  Victory Celebration, West Hollywood November 3, 1992

Physical Description: [84 photographs: col.]

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of night time celebration of the election of Bill Clinton and Al Gore, in West Hollywood on San Vincente Blvd.; local bar, The Mouse House; people laughing, hugging, crying, waving signs; and Election Night Party at Micky's.
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