Steve Speier-Chuck Frutchey Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Steve Speier-Chuck Frutchey Papers
Collection Number: GLC 192
Creator/Collector: Speier, Steve. Frutchey, Chuck.
Extent: 3 cartons + 27 mounted posters (in 3 oversized boxes)
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Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
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Biography/Administrative History
Chuck Frutchey (August 12, 1953-April 21, 2000) was born in Farmington, Michigan, and lived in San Francisco. He was best known for his work as an AIDS prevention educator with the STOP AIDS Project, the Coalition for Healthy Sex, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. His sex-positive approach made safe-sex education fun and informative. Steve Speier,Chuck's partner, is a high school teacher who also volunteered with AIDS education work. Scott Smith (October 21, 1948-February 4, 1995) was one of Chuck's close friends; they lived and worked together. Smith was also one of the executors of the Harvey Milk estate. He inherited the Milk Papers and was the caretaker for the collection until his death.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains about one carton of materials on AIDS education as a result of the work that Frutchey and Speier did. Subjects include the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the STOP AIDS Project, Buddy Connection, and SF Jacks. There are 27 AIDS education posters. About half of the posters were produced by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; the other half were produced internationally, most in Germany. There are two cartons which contain a combination of materials that were created or collected by Chuck Frutchey, Scott Smith, or Harvey Milk. Frutchey's files concern various subjects, primarily politics, gay rights, sexuality, and art. The political materials include the Citizens Party, the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, and election materials from the 1970s. The Milk-related material stems from Smith's position as executor of Milk's estate and caretaker of the Milk Papers. These documents primarily concern permissions to use Milk's speeches and legal documents regarding death benefits, etc. It is likely that this Milk material was originally with the papers that Smith inherited and became separated from that larger collection. Notable items are a letter from Milk to Smith from May 22, 1974 (Milk's birthday) and a page of typewritten notes that appear to be from a debate with John Briggs. There is also a photocopy of a letter from Milk to Tom [O'Horgan, probably], from 1978.
Indexing Terms
AIDS (Disease).
AIDS (Disease)-Education.
AIDS (Disease)-Prevention.
Safe sex in AIDS prevention.
Milk, Harvey.
Smith, Joseph Scott.
Collection inventory