

## Report to the Community from the SF AIDS Foundation

### A Message from the President & Executive Director of the SF AIDS Foundation

Dear Friends:

Few among us have been spared the ravaging effects of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Friends and relatives have died. Others among us have been diagnosed as having AIDS and are valiently challenging its claim over human health and life. What is more, as the rate of AIDS diagnosis increases, we have no reason to believe that the worst is behind us.

In this tragic context, AIDS also has raised very difficult social issues—controversial, complex, often painful—severely testing our community's resources and, for many of us, prompting re-evaluation of who we are individually and who we are as a community.

Networks facilitating safe discussion of these issues become our institutions for change. No single authority has the solution. No leader can take us where we will not go.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation recognizes this and—since its inception—has encouraged broad community participation in all discussion of AIDS. We will continue to do so in the future in our belief that honest dialogue accompanied by mutual respect constitutes one of our greatest strengths. It is a potent educational tool.

We also know discussion can be hard. The bathhouse controversy, certainly, has seen its share of tense meetings and urgent phone calls, as well as some soul-searching discussions about scientific fact, civil liberties, Gay liberation and political reality.

As we write this, the controversy may yet go back to the courts. But the issues raised by the bathhouse dispute will remain unresolved—and not strictly in the legal sense—regardless of the judge's decision in this case. Discussion will continue on issues central to our health and to individual freedoms.

There are many questions and few definitive answers. What little we do know has invited varied interpretation—some of it thoughtful, some of it hasty. Some skewed by prejudice regarding sexuality, drug usage, or race. Probably, we have not seen the end of the AIDS-phobic and homophobic backlash directed against the Gay community over this epidemic.

Two things are clear, however. The first is that *as a community* we are demanding to take part in the process of evaluating *all* information relating to AIDS—and in the policy decisions that affect us.

The second is that AIDS is an infectious disease and its survival within our community ultimately depends on the individual behaviors which keep the virus circulating.

San Franciscans have shown resolve and dedication in tackling this killer. As we report on our own work in these pages, we respectfully acknowledge the activities of other individuals, businesses, agencies, and organizations wroking to halt the spread of AIDS.

You personally have helped by contributing to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation—either directly, through your donation of services, time or money—or indirectly with your tax dollars.

We encourage you, for this reason, to spend a minute or two with our "Annual Report." It describes the Foundation's current programs—some of which may be of interest to you or someone you care about—and it outlines our plans for the year ahead.

As always, the Foundation welcomes your questions and comments. Thank you.

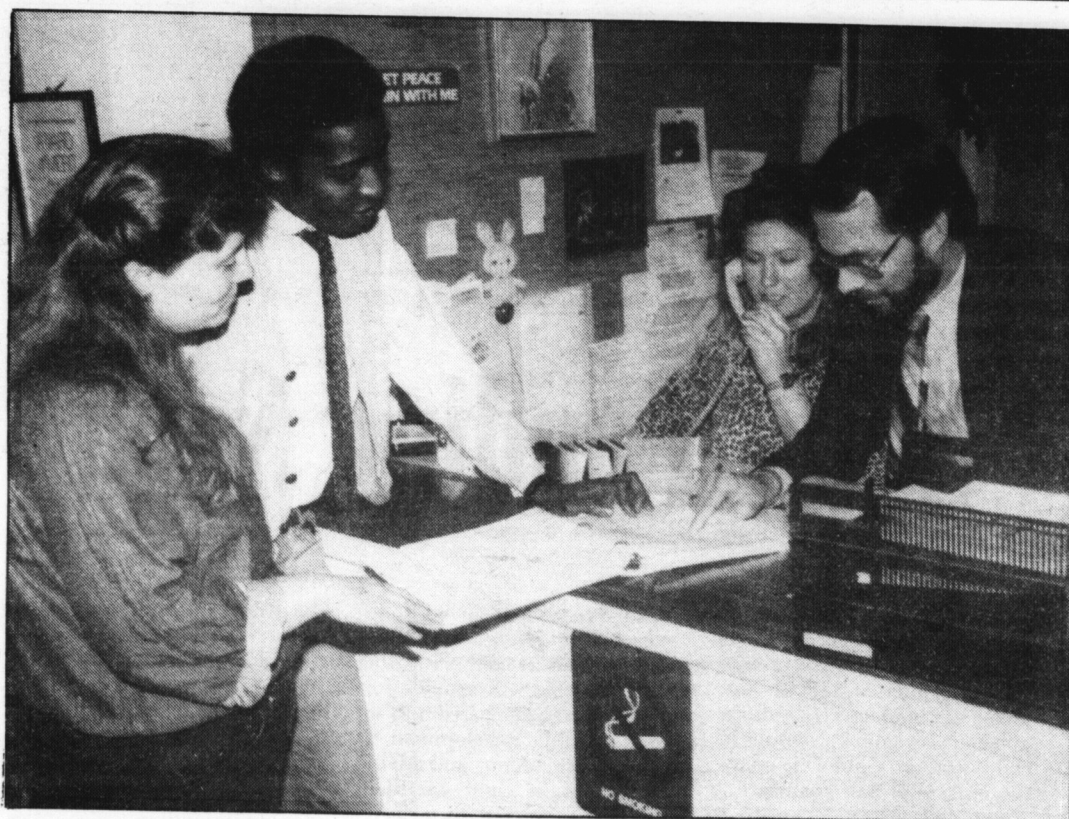
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The AIDS Foundation staff in action: left to right: Amanda, Newsletter; Ken Jones, Becky White, and Jim Ferels. (Photo: T. Plewik)

#### People with AIDS

## Working with the AIDS Foundation

For some of us, the Foundation was the place we called to get a medical referral. For others, it was a first helping hand to guide us through the trauma that followed diagnosis. But regardless of how we met, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation has proved a good friend to many of us with AIDS.

The Foundation was quick to recognize that people with AIDS can play an instrumental role in their own care, for example, and that an AIDS diagnosis is not synonymous with complete helplessness. People with AIDS have returned that initial helping hand by assisting in development of Foundation services.

Some of us have joined together in a social and political network, People With AIDS-San Francisco.

What follows are three accounts by persons with AIDS, relating their personal experiences with the Foundation.

#### Dan Turner

My involvement with the Foundation began when it was a small, all-volunteer organization on Castro Street—a grassroots, streetwise group of gay men who set up a hotline and distributed information about the new crisis that threatened our community.

I participated for my own awareness, and to help get the message out that AIDS was not to be taken lightly—that it was not contained among the deprived and overindulgent; but that it was a less discriminating villain—and all gay or bisexual men, and even women and other men, might be susceptible to it.

We needed to sift through sensational media and be a sounding board for the truth. When it became apparent nobody else was going to step in and do the job, I couldn't sit idly by, twiddling my thumbs, when my health and the health of my friends was at stake.

I joined the AIDS Foundation board as a person with AIDS, to see first-hand what was going on. In two years, I've watched our volunteer family grow into a first class professional operation involving men and women of diverse talents and expertise.

In my role as spokesperson People With AIDS-SF, I originally had difficulty contacting my brothers—due to the medical code of confidentiality and the necessity of recently diagnosed people contacting me at home on their own.

People with AIDS can now share experiences and advice with each other through the People With AIDS Switchboard, created by the AIDS Foundation and People With AIDS-SF as part of the Foundation's hotline. Organizing social events and meetings is simpler now; and the personal touch of a per-

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Sharing the microphone at a recent People with AIDS community panel are (l. to r.) Paul Castro, John Lorenzini and Dan Turner. Demystifying Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is one of the goals of the social and political network, People with AIDS-San Francisco. (Photo: Rink)



Obelisk Friends of the Foundation and members of the Board of Directors are pictured presenting a recognition plaque to Bob Bradshaw, owner of the Obelisk for outstanding efforts of raising \$5,454 for the Foundation during July 1984. The Obelisk is currently conducting a second fundraising campaign for the Foundation—10% of each sale through December 24th goes to the Foundation. Thank you all for supporting the Obelisk's effort to help the Foundation! (Photo: Rink)

## State Funding Saga

The California State Department of Health Services has awarded a \$100,389 contract to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation to stimulate AIDS education and prevention programs in eight northern California counties outside of San Francisco.

Mitch Bart, Deputy Director of the Foundation, said the new State funds will help answer a need keenly felt by Foundation staff and northern California health care providers. "For some time, we have been wanting to expand our ability to share the Foundation's experience and expertise with surrounding communities."

"Our City contract has vir-

tually prohibited such efforts except through informal networking," Bart said, "but the State contract will provide for new staff to be dedicated fully to assisting in the development of AIDS organizations and advisory groups in eight specified counties—ensuring they have smooth access to the programs and materials we've developed in San Francisco in the past two-and-a-half years."

Service areas defined in the contract are the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano and Sonoma.

The contract provides money

for three new State projects centering around AIDS prevention and education:

- The contract enables the Foundation to promote AIDS prevention education by sharing existing information and resources, and by encouraging use of local individual counties' resources in the development of programs and services in each of the specified counties.

Foundation staff member Lyn Paleo, California State Services Coordinator and the person responsible for this program, is now overseeing a necessary needs assessment for the outreach effort and says she looks forward to meeting with health care professionals and community groups in these eight counties.

- The Foundation will be evaluating the concerns of and services for women at risk, and will recommend appropriate services and programs for the future to serve women's needs around AIDS. There are a great many women in California who are at risk—not all of whom know of their risk—and this program is designed to proactively respond to and prepare for future concerns.

In addition to these new programs, the State contract renews funding for the Foundation's toll-free northern California AIDS Information and Referral Hotline and its Computerized AIDS Information Network (CAIN). CAIN is a computer information system designed to allow individuals and agencies nationwide easy access to current, up-to-date AIDS-related information.

Although the contract places strict limits on the geographic areas to be served under this award—and on what kinds of services and programs may be advanced under the contract—the staff of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation believes the programs have definite value in the fight against AIDS.

Bart said he hopes "this formal networking and consulting relationship will facilitate the rapid expansion of direct services and prevention efforts outside of San Francisco, and help to slow the AIDS incidence rate in northern California."

## Services Provided

### AIDS Hotline: Information & Referral

The Foundation provides accurate, up-to-date information on all aspects of AIDS through its San Francisco and Northern California toll-free phone hotlines. Trained, knowledgeable volunteers—familiar with AIDS symptoms, transmission and risk-reduction—answer callers' questions about AIDS, and also can refer callers to AIDS-sensitive physicians, counselors and community groups. You may already be familiar with these numbers:

863-AIDS  
in San Francisco  
800-FOR-AIDS  
Toll-Free in Northern California  
TTY (415) 864-6606

Those using this free, confidential service are not limited to populations at high risk, but encompass a broad range of people wanting reliable information about AIDS: Gay men, bisexual men, heterosexual women and men, parents, teens, friends, co-workers, and others.

People with AIDS wanting to talk with other people with AIDS can do so by calling our regular hotline and asking for the People With AIDS Switchboard. The hotline serves residents of San Francisco and 44 counties in Northern California.

### EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

Through our Speakers Bureau, community forums, professional seminars and literature distribution program, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation arms people with the facts about AIDS. Our education efforts are geared to serve not only people at high risk, but the general public and health care providers, as well.

In a typical month, the Foundation distributes 22,000 brochures, arranges 20 speaking engagements, sponsors several forums, and gives technical assistance to a dozen other cities and foreign countries. We provide the media with current, accurate information about AIDS—and help correct misinformation as it surfaces.

The Foundation funds research which holds the promise of improving AIDS educational efforts, and we are launching a major public service advertising campaign to advise people at risk of ways they can help protect themselves.

### REGIONAL OUTREACH

We are expanding our service area for education and AIDS prevention under contract with the California Department of Health Services.

The State program serves an eight-county region which includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma. We have begun meeting with community groups and health officials in each county to plan community meetings and professional workshops, and generally to assist in setting up information networks designed to get the facts out about AIDS.

The program is designed to reach people at risk, the general public, and health care providers.

### DIRECT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS

The Foundation provides direct services for people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions—ranging from information and referral to client advocacy, and guiding people through complex government benefit programs (SSI, SDI, General Assistance, Food Stamps, and other benefits). We help clients secure fundamentals like food and shelter when this proves a problem—as it too often does.

Many people with AIDS are compelled by illness to live on government assistance programs. Benefits are meager and, in most cases, do not stretch to cover the cost of nutritious food that is very important to persons

with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions.

The Food Bank provides supplemental food to more than 75 people each month. Volunteers insure distribution, and rely on donations of canned and packaged food from individuals and groups, to maintain our supply. The Foundation also arranges Emergency Housing for people with AIDS who find themselves suddenly homeless.

Most clients visit us at our office, but social workers are able to visit people in their homes or at local hospitals if this appears best.

The Foundation's program of services for people with AIDS is funded by gifts from individuals and businesses, and by the City Department of Social Services.

### COMBATTING PREJUDICE

Over the past several years, AIDS has unfortunately reinforced many "phobias" in the general public and in our own community. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation continues to combat discrimination, prejudice, group scapegoating and homophobia which have been unfairly associated with this health epidemic. The Foundation is fully committed to demystifying the syndrome and actively combating prejudice of any kind associated with AIDS.

### WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Many women in the Bay Area are at risk—some at hidden risk.

The Foundation is now evaluating the concerns of women in Northern California—and services available—in order to develop a comprehensive program to address women's needs.

As a first step, we co-sponsored a Bay Area conference on "Women at Risk" last month, with the Women's AIDS Network and the Women's Building.

### COMPUTERIZED AIDS INFORMATION NETWORK (CAIN)

CAIN is designed to provide a central, computerized data-base of up-to-date AIDS-related information, accessible to individuals and organizations around the country.

No prior computer experience is necessary to use CAIN. Anyone with a computer terminal, a modem and a telephone may access the network through Delphi, a national time-share system. The CAIN project is jointly administered by the Foundation and by the Gay and Lesbian Services Center of Los Angeles, under a contract with the State of California.

### COMMUNITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

We are expanding—in scope and geography—our effort to educate customers of bars and sex establishments about AIDS, through a Community Business Outreach Project covering San Francisco and eight other counties.

The Foundation is encouraging owners, employers and patrons to use these institutions as AIDS information centers—for discussion, occasional presentations, and distributions of AIDS-related literature. Training sessions offered by the Foundation will provide a chance for workers, proprietors and patrons to learn the latest information about AIDS—and about how we can work together as a community to reduce risks.



Foodbank. Cary Norcorthy, Administrative Assistant in charge of the PW A Foodbank, is shown receiving a donation of canned goods. Saturday, December 15th a special benefit maine for the Foodbank will be held at 12 noon at the Castro Theater. Admission will be a donation to the Foodbank (e.g., canned fruits/vegetables, tuna, fruit juice, packaged meals, toiletries, etc.). Be there! (Photo: Rink)

## Volunteers Make It Happen

The work of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation would not be possible without the excellent work of its many community volunteers.

It was volunteers who in 1982 founded the Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation—predecessor to the AIDS Foundation—and it is volunteers who keep it going today.

Carpenters, Cooks, Accountants, Typists. Some donate their professional services. Others attend workshops to acquire special knowledge and skills that can help people needing our services. Still others give up one night a week to distribute literature explaining AIDS.

"In June of 1983," says Volunteer Coordinator Ken Jones, "we took on the task of teaching individuals at risk the ways in which we could reduce our exposure to the virus without having to abandon our sexuality. To do that we need the help of the entire community."

Now is the time to get involved. Many of the AIDS Foundation's programs which directly benefit local residents depend substantially on donations of time and services by sharing, concerned individuals.

You can help staff our 12-hour-a-day AIDS Hotline serving San Francisco and northern California.

Help with the Food Bank—collecting contributions of food for people with AIDS, and helping distribute goods to persons unable to get about on their own.

Or join the Foundation in its ongoing literature distribution campaign—handing out AIDS education prevention literature in bars and other businesses, or on busy street corners.

We can also use keypunchers, plumbers, writers, artists, computer whizzes—everyone. If special instruction is needed for a task, Foundation staff (or other knowledgeable volunteers) are there to provide training.

"We can overcome this crippling epidemic," says Jones, "by working together in novel and courageous ways, as we all learn to live with AIDS."

To help out, call us at (415) 864-4376.

## Community Unites Behind AIDS Education Partnership

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation initiated a unique "Community Partnership" this past August, and its members so far comprise a fairly diverse group.

By the end of November, The San Francisco Community Partnership on AIDS had six member organizations: Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA), People With AIDS—San Francisco, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Additionally, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) acts as the medical advisor to the Partnership and invitations for membership are in process of being extended to two other groups.

Our shared interest?

The need for community-wide involvement in the AIDS education and prevention efforts taking place throughout the City.

This coalition is committed to broadening the participation of individuals, businesses and organizations within the Lesbian/Gay community, in the community-based AIDS prevention education campaign underway by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

We agree too many of our friends have fought long and hard against the devastating assault of AIDS—and too many have died horrible deaths.

We agree that political and professional differences must be set aside on at least one front—that front which arms people with the facts to take care of themselves and each other.

The controversy surrounding the closure of San Francisco's Gay commercial sex establishments has placed at the top of our agenda the need to more strongly involve these institutions in the AIDS prevention

effort. As a result, the Community Partnership has adopted recommended AIDS-prevention and health-education guidelines for these establishments—ranging from routine distribution and availability of AIDS literature, to adequate hygiene facilities and provision of free condoms for patrons.

It is important in this connection that we recognize and support the current move towards safer sexual practices among gay and bisexual men in San Francisco has altered radically over the past two years.

The time has come, however, for all of us—businesses, individuals, community organizations—to encourage change where little or none has occurred.

Responsibility is the key. And the groups which comprise the Community Partnership are confident that our community is up to the task.

Laurie McBride, GGBA president, recently had this to say about the Community Partnership:

"It's something that should be a welcome and ongoing part of our community... You've heard it all before, but the questions of business closure, lifestyle changes and AIDS prevention education are not going away. So, let's work on them together."

The Community Partnership has focused its attention on commercial sex establishments during the past few months. But, this is not the only way in which we can foster AIDS prevention and education. Everyone must be encouraged to take part in this effort.

Much is at stake, and each of us can contribute—by voicing our concerns, by giving each other permission to be concerned, and by recognizing that good health, like freedom, is worth fighting for.

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## Commitment Remains Throughout Changes

Perhaps you remember the times—early 1982, and AIDS as a term did not yet exist. "It" began with a series of newspaper articles on "gay cancer" and "gay pneumonia." Discussions began to take place between friends about the new "gay health problem" and what did "it" really mean. Concern was heightened when it became a reality that a few men had been diagnosed with Kaposi's Sarcoma in San Francisco. Concern and confusion described the early response to "its" arrival. Do you remember?

In June 1982, a group of physicians and gay activists decided to turn alarm into positive action and formed the



Rick Graham (l.) and Don Wescott, help expedite construction at the AIDS Foundation's 10th Street offices. Construction materials were provided for by a grant from the Golden Gate Business Association. (Photo: T. Plewik)

K.S. Foundation, the original name of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

The Foundation began with a handful of dedicated volunteers, one telephone, a closet-sized room on Castro Street, and an incredible commitment to help. The foot traffic in the office was akin to the rush-hour on the Muni metro. The budget did not allow for such basics as paper clips and pens, the priorities were rent and the phone bill. Yet through these obstacles emerged a commitment to innovative thinking and a resourceful planning that has gained the Foundation its national reputation.

The summer of 1982 saw the creation of an AIDS HOTLINE, the second created in the country. The first brochure on KS was produced and California's first major AIDS medical

conference was co-sponsored with the University of California at San Francisco.

The conference helped shape the quality of AIDS-related health-care we have today in San Francisco. Through the nationally recognized physicians and researchers from across the country who came as speakers and participants, the conference helped ensure that gay/bisexual men seeking medical attention in San Francisco would receive sensitive, knowledgeable health-care. Health-care personnel saw that they must join with community activists to understand and provide adequate services in response to the then still undefined epidemic. The conference established validity for networking among gay community organizations, professional groups and public health officials, a practice which is now

broadly accepted and respected. Immediately following the health-care providers conference, the first forum was held to update the community on the latest information available. This began another vital trend of designing educational forums to increase community knowledge about the mysteries and facts associated with the disease.

The original group of volunteers who worked through the summer and fall of 1982 are a very special group of people. Many of them have moved on to other endeavors; some have been claimed by the epidemic. Did you know that two current staff members of the Foundation were in that group? Mitch Bart's and Ken Jones' continued involvement keeps the Foundation securely in touch with its roots.

In November 1982, with the help of Pat Norman and the office of Gay and Lesbian Health Services, the "K.S. Foundation" was able to secure its first city contract and hire its first two paid staff. The community united in a dynamic coalition to assist in securing these initial funds.

This initial contract, through the Department of Public Health, was the first major involvement of the City to provide adequate community services and education. From this beginning has come City funding of perhaps the most comprehensive AIDS-related education and service delivery system in the nation.

The Foundation has grown incredibly since 1982. Volunteer efforts are still a major mainstay

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The following publications are available for free from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Stop by our office today for copies, or take a moment now to request accurate AIDS information by mail, using the coupon below to check the titles you want.

If you would like copies of any of these titles in quantity, please phone us at (415) 864-4376 for information on bulk purchase prices.

Remember... The best defense against AIDS is information.

- Guidelines for AIDS Risk Reduction**, written by Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and directed towards gay men. Available in  English  Chinese  Japanese  Tagalog. Spanish version available February, 1985.
  - SIDA: Síndrome de Inmunodeficiencia Adquirida**. Published by the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York, this Spanish-language brochure discusses symptoms, risk reduction, and transmission, with a general AIDS overview.
  - Can We Talk?** A joint venture of the SF AIDS Foundation and the Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club, this pamphlet explains how high-risk gay men can reduce the risk of transmitting AIDS. Explicit language. Written in an easy-to-read style with cartoon illustrations.
  - Shooting Up and Your Health**, written by the staff of the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. Pamphlet discussing AIDS symptoms, health risks associated with needle use, and risk reduction guidelines.
  - Alcohol, Drugs and AIDS: What's the Connection?** For at-risk populations about the impact of substance abuse on health status. Available in Spanish in February, 1985.
  - Women and AIDS**, directed to women with AIDS concerns, including women at risk, women with friends or relatives with AIDS, and women considering donor insemination.
  - The Family Guide to AIDS**, for the nuclear family of gay men with AIDS.
  - Coping with AIDS**, written by people with AIDS and the staff at SF General Hospital. Answers many of the questions of those newly diagnosed with AIDS, with personal accounts of how three persons are coping post-diagnosis.
  - The Best Defense Against AIDS is Information**, produced by the SF AIDS Foundation to meet the informational needs of the general public. Spanish version available in February, 1985.
  - Getting Your Affairs in Order**, a guide to help individuals organize their legal, financial and personal affairs, regardless of health status. Prepared in cooperation with Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom.
  - It's Plain and Simple**, published by the AIDS Health Project and describing services and educational support groups available through the AIDS Health Project.
  - Your Clinic Guide**, written by people with AIDS and the staff at SF General Hospital. Complete information on AIDS clinic services at SF General.
  - CAIN: Computerized AIDS Information Network**, a promotional brochure describing this central, computerized data-base of AIDS-related information.
  - Risk Reduction Poster**. Four-color, multiracial poster encouraging safer sexual activities for gay and bisexual men, listing phone numbers for additional AIDS information. Designed and produced by the Foundation. Free to any California institution where gay and bisexual men gather.
- Also available:
- AIDS: An Infection Control & General Information Packet for Health Care Providers**. \$10.00. Published by the SF AIDS Foundation and the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control, this packet contains information on AIDS, copies of morbidity reports, infection control policies, educational handouts for employees and non-standard precaution signs, as well as other relevant information. The packet is updated quarterly.

## People With AIDS

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son with AIDS on the switchboard has given hope to individuals who previously were alone.

The AIDS crisis has not diminished, but neither has the positive force that has risen to meet it. We can be proud of being in the forefront of AIDS education, and of existing as a model for others.

### John Lorenzini

When first diagnosed, I needed to talk with someone else who had AIDS. My counselor gave me the phone numbers of two individuals with AIDS that I could call.

It helped me, even though it meant imposing on them at their homes. Just to talk with someone else who had AIDS reassured me that I was not alone—not a lab specimen. It gave me the needed lift and motivation to get the AIDS services I needed.

We started up the People With AIDS Switchboard this year to support others of us who are newly diagnosed and those who remain isolated. We are still in the process of improving our services, recruiting additional help, and spreading word of what we do.

Two of the original eight—Bobbi Campbell and Scott Cleaver—are gone, and I personally miss them both. The Switchboard has helped those who have called for medical information, social services and emotional support—and it has been rewarding for those of us working on the Switchboard, as well.

### Paul Castro

I first contacted the AIDS Foundation two years ago for a medical referral, and the Foundation has since become my home away from home—a place where I know I'm safe.

Initially, I shied away from the place, afraid someone would figure out I had the highly stigmatized syndrome.

But as I began volunteering my time and watching the organization grow, I lost those inhibitions and fears.

That was when we were on Castro Street. Before the year was out, I found myself on the board of directors—a boost to my self-confidence, which had declined during the months after diagnosis.

As a board member, I've seen myself grow personally. I've gone through the good times and bad times at the Foundation and feel a contributor to its progress.

But it has meant more to me than just a service agency where

I work. When I was diagnosed, my support system was shocked and unprepared to handle the crisis I faced.

Shanti got me through the initial phase, but my ties at the Foundation have helped see me through this next phase.

Whether I'm going through a personal crisis or a health crisis, my friends at the Foundation are always there to help out. There have been shoulders to cry on, and ears to bend. There

were cards and flowers when I was in the hospital. It has been this display of concern that has made me want to work a little harder, to make the Foundation a better organization than it already is.

There are many strong bonds between the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and People with AIDS-San Francisco. During this holiday season, we would like to thank the Foundation for all it has done to make this a better world for us.

## Our Thanks . . . And an Important Request

It is because of your generosity as a community that San Francisco claims the most comprehensive network of AIDS educational programs and AIDS services in the world.

Your individual contributions—of time and of money—have played a major role in educating the community about AIDS, and in insuring that people affected by AIDS and AIDS-related conditions (ARC) receive essential services and support.

You drew public attention to the crisis at the outset. People with AIDS and ARC now have somewhere to turn for services, food, and shelter.

But even with this remarkable outpouring of community support, the sad fact remains that the need for such efforts has not lessened, but instead has grown to levels which were difficult to project a year ago.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation relies on your support now more than we ever have before.

State and city funds help us—but they don't cover basic expenses to do the job required next year; and these funds can only be used for very specific programs spelled out in our government contracts.

Moreover, these funds have been awarded on the condition that the Foundation raise an additional minimum level of cash support from private sources.

To operate at minimum levels this year and fulfill our contract obligations, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation must raise no less than \$120,000 from private sources within the community.

We have a big task before us, and we hope we can count on your continued support as we strive to meet this goal.

Here are different ways you can help:

- **Give generously.** Every dollar helps in the fight against AIDS, and every dollar of the \$120,000 we are required to raise privately is matched by several dollars from the government. You can specify that your tax-deductible gift be used for a particular purpose; or you can rely on us to put the money where it will do the most good in a given week.

- **Shop at The Obelisk between now and Christmas.** Once again, this gift shop on Castro—note for its art, artifacts and sundries—is contributing 10% of all sales between now and December 24 to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The Obelisk is located at 489 Castro Street.

- **Support other community fundraisers.** Many groups, businesses, artists and other individuals have hosted events for the SF AIDS Foundation over the past few years, and their support has helped us immeasurably. Keep an eye out for events you'd enjoy. Consider getting together with your partners or associates to host a fundraising event.

- **Join the SF AIDS Foundation Pledge Program.** Some people like to give on a regular basis towards a long-term commitment, with periodic reminders by mail when their installment gift is expected. If you would like to spread your contribution out over a period of time in this way, please contact us about our Pledge Program.

AIDS service organizations in the Bay Area are deeply appreciative of the tremendous contributions by individuals and businesses in the community, during this difficult time.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation is no exception. You have been wonderful and generous and caring.

Thank you for all your help.

## Commitment Remains

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of the education outreach program and the Foundation is partially dependent upon donations from the community, but the Foundation has also been able to

develop programs to current levels. A series of name changes has occurred from the original 'K.S. Foundation,' to the 'Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation,' to the 'AIDS/KS Foundation' to the current San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The Foundation, devoted primarily to AIDS-related education and direct social services in San Francisco, became a separate entity from the now defunct National AIDS Foundation in 1983.

The original staff has recently expanded to twenty-two people who are committed to various education and direct social service programs. The original commitment to working with other community groups such as BAPHR, gay political clubs and the Haight Ashbury

Free Medical Clinic remains, and has resulted in literature which forms the basis of risk reduction education far beyond San Francisco.

There have been many firsts over the past two years: the first Muni and BART informational campaigns; the first TV public service announcements; the first education efforts in commercial sex-establishments; the definition of and education around safe sex; the successful formation of community AIDS prevention partnership; the first major random-sample survey of the city's gay/bisexual male community and much more.

The efforts to date have been successful due to the outstanding commitments of volunteers made by the community. We can't predict exactly where the AIDS epidemic will take us, but we can be certain that the epidemic is not going to end in the near future. With your continued support we will be able to respond to the needs of the community as they develop.

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## City Demands Lists Of Baths Customers

### Subpoena Issued as Part of Nov. 28 Court Order; Clubs Will Challenge; Attorneys Express Outrage

by Brian Jones

The City Attorney's Office on Tuesday demanded attendance records from Gay bathhouses and sex clubs. The demand came in a subpoena issued as part of the city's effort to "clarify" terms of a Nov. 28 court order. The ruling by Superior Court Judge Roy Wonder allowed the sex businesses to reopen, but requires monitors. The number of monitors required is to be based on attendance at the clubs.

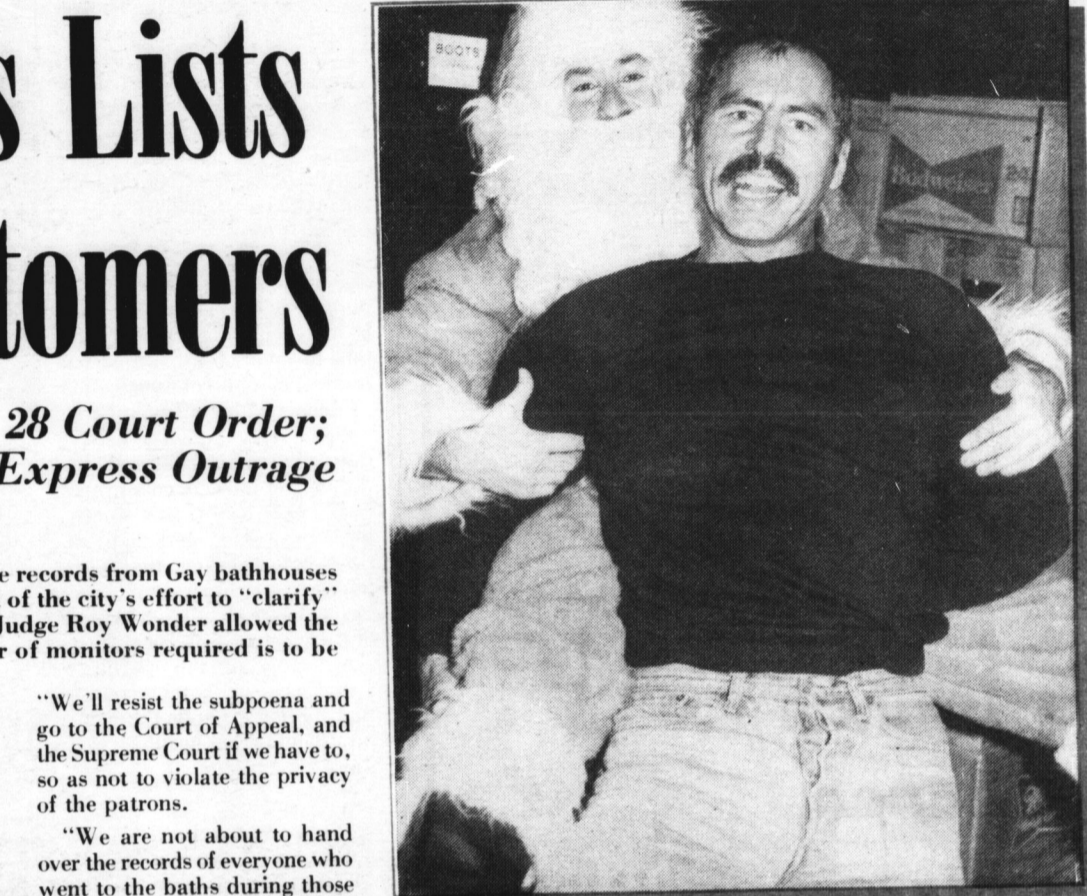
The subpoena is broad and sweeping. It demands "any and all documents including, but not limited to, records of attendance which refer or relate to the average hourly patronage of (sex) businesses during . . . the period June 1, 1984 through Aug. 31, 1984."

Attorneys representing club owners and patrons expressed outrage and shock at the demand. In its present form, the subpoena would require the business owners to provide the sign-in sheets listing names of all

the customers who used the facilities during the three-month period.

"They're asking us for the records for everyone who has gone to the baths in that three-month period," said attorney Tom Steel, who represents four bathhouse owners. "This thing says 'any and all documents.' Obviously that includes sign-in sheets and cards which include the names of all the patrons."

Steel said he felt certain all the business owners involved would refuse to honor the subpoena.



I Saw Daddy Gropping Santa Claus. No wonder Kris Kringle is so Gay. Santa puts a ho-ho-ho-ho on film star Richard Locke at Chaps affair. (Photo: Kink)

## Gay Health Advocates Praise Silverman's 7-Year Tenure

### Health Director Resigns Amidst Baths Controversy; Mayor and Silverman 'Mutually Agreed' On Resignation

by George Mendenhall

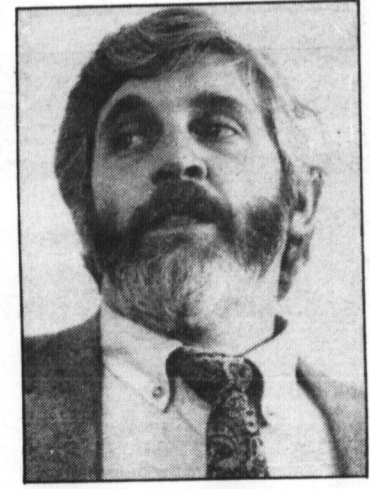
Mervyn Silverman, the city's health director, resigned Tuesday after what he called "a very difficult year." He is stepping down from the \$91,000-a-year position and supervision over 5,000 employees in the city's largest department. Silverman had received considerable negative publicity in recent months over administrative problems at General Hospital and his handling of the confused bathhouse situation. He said his resignation was to allow him "time to relax, to write, and to make a career change."

When the director arrived in San Francisco in 1977 he appointed a Lesbian, Pat Norman, as the department liaison to the Gay community. During his 7-year tenure he encouraged new programs directed to the Gay community—including a growing AIDS clinic and ward at General Hospital, mental health facilities, sexually transmitted disease services, a sexual minority youth program, and elderly and disabled services. Silverman pressed for city aid for the AIDS Foundation and Shanti projects.

### POLITICAL SHIFT

Mayor Feinstein, who accepted the resignation and did not encourage Silverman to stay, said "I don't want to in any way indicate that this resolved around the bathhouse issue, because it did not." Silverman resisted closing the bathhouses for a year—but eventually did just that.

He stressed that while the bathhouse issue was "possibly a factor" in his resignation, Feinstein's insistence that he close



Dr. Mervyn Silverman (Photo: Kink)

hands—and in the courts.

The director never criticized the Mayor during his press conference, calling her a "brilliant and compassionate person." He said Feinstein had been a person "sincerely concerned about the health needs of this city since I first met her seven years ago." When asked if the Mayor were pressuring him for his resignation, he said, "it was mutually agreed upon."

### GAY HEALTH INNOVATOR

Three leading Gay health activists were lavish in their praise of Silverman.

Pat Norman, Gay/Lesbian Health Liaison, said Silverman "was one of the first health administrators anywhere to recognize the needs of the Lesbian/Gay community. He also set up a program where we were able to educate 4,000 employees over 5 years as to our needs. We owe him a great deal for both the quantity and quality of our services."

Hank Wilson, Gay health ad-

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## It's Time to Talk About Suicide

### Gays, Lesbians 2 to 4 Times More Likely To Attempt to Kill Themselves

by Brian Jones

Who wants to talk about suicide. Self-destruction is the last taboo. Yet there are many of us who size up this life, decide the pain isn't worth it, and reject the world: violently, finally. Those we leave behind are likely to cover up, lie, blot out our pain and our suicide. They don't want to talk about suicide.

We are beginning to confront the issue here in the suicide capital of America. And we are doing it within the Lesbian and Gay community. Who wants to talk about suicide? Two hundred people did on a Saturday morning, Dec. 8, at Trinity Church. It was the world's first conference on Gay and Lesbian Suicide.

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