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Military Starts HTLV Tests

Testing to be Available on Request to Non-Military; Personnel Told Not to Counsel Recruits on Results

by Ray O'Loughlin

The *Bay Area Reporter* has obtained copies of internal documents detailing the procedures to be employed by the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM) in testing all new recruits for HTLV-3 antibody. The new rules have been in effect since Tuesday, Oct. 1. The procedures will affect an estimated 25,000 recruits each month for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. In California, entrance stations in Oakland, Fresno and Los Angeles will conduct the testing. The actual lab work will be done by private contract laboratories, however.

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Rock Hudson Dies

Rock Hudson, who announced that he had AIDS little more than two months ago, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, of the disease. Although AIDS doctors and political activists had long pleaded for additional funding for additional research, education and care, it was actor Hudson's revelation that brought international attention to the subject.

Very recent physical complications brought about Hudson's sudden death. He had announced two weeks ago that he had

signed with a book publisher to write his life story. Last week he donated \$250,000 to a new national AIDS foundation formed by his friend, actress Elizabeth Taylor.

"I am particularly proud," Hudson wrote in a letter to the \$1 million Hollywood AIDS fundraiser last month, "to learn that there is such a significant turnout of people from my industry present. I am told that the media

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Falwell Ordered To Pay Up

Calling Gay Church 'Satanic' Brings Down Wrath of the Law on Preacher

by Will Snyder

A Sacramento municipal judge has ordered Rev. Jerry Falwell to pay \$5,000 to a gay leader. However, the anti-gay evangelist plans to fight the Sept. 25 decision which awarded the money to Sacramentoan Jerry Sloan.

Municipal Judge Michael Ullman ordered Falwell to pay the money to Sloan after the latter claimed Falwell viciously attacked the Metropolitan Community Church during one of his "Old Time Gospel Hour" telecasts. According to Sloan, Falwell once referred to the MCC as a "brute beast" ... "a vile and Satanic system" (which would) "one day be utterly destroyed and there would be a celebration in heaven."

Sloan confronted Falwell when the two appeared July 13, 1984 on a Sacramento television talk show on KCRA-TV. Falwell denied making the statements and told Sloan he would pay him \$5,000 if he could produce a tape.

Sloan almost immediately produced a tape of the show. When his attorney, Rosemary Metraier, wrote to Falwell and requested the money, the evangelist refused. After that, Sloan and his attorney decided to go to court.

Sacramento during a fund-raising tour on Sept. 30, 1984. Sloan presented Falwell with a subpoena. Almost one year later, Ullman rendered his decision in favor of Sloan.

"The defendant (Falwell) offered \$5,000 to the plaintiff (Sloan) if he could produce a tape," said Ullman. "The plaintiff tendered the tape almost immediately, binding the plaintiff to his unilateral contract."

Falwell was unavailable for comment, but a spokesperson in the minister's public relations department in Lynchburg, Va. issued a statement which indicated this case was far from over.

"This situation is only one more example of harassment by a militant homosexual group in Sacramento," said Diane Whitehurst. "I believe homosexuality is moral perversion and have preached that for years."

"My condemnation of homosexuality on an Old Time Gospel Hour TV program was twisted

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Mayor Feinstein likes what she hears from Terrence McEwen

(Photo: Rink)

SF Arts Community Turns Out for Super Benefit

Opera, Ballet, Symphony Stars Appear Oct. 13 To Raise \$500,000 in Battle Against AIDS

by Allen White

On Sept. 24, Terrence McEwen, general manager of the San Francisco Opera, announced that over \$500,000 will likely be raised by the performing arts community for AIDS related organizations at a special "San Francisco Arts For Life" performance on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Opera House.

Some of the brightest stars of the opera world will join the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Ballet. Marilyn Horne, Renata Scotto, Pilar Lorengar, Lina Kelm, Adriana Anelli, Franco Bonisolli, Ingar Wixell, James Morris, John Macurdy and Renato Capecchi were announced to appear.

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Falwell

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in its interpretation by a leader of a homosexual church in Sacramento." Whitehurst went on for Falwell. "They even edited one of my tapes to distort it out of context."

Whitehurst concluded for Falwell by claiming, "we've not been to court or even (been) invited to do so. Although it is very expensive to fight this type of harassment, we shall certainly do so."

Sloan disputed Falwell's claim of not being invited to the trial. Sloan said Falwell did not attend the trial, but that attorneys for both sides were jockeying for trial dates.

"So he had to be very aware of what was going on..."

Ullman's decision represented a personal triumph for the 48-year-old Sloan. He pointed out that this was the first time Falwell "has been held accountable in a court of law for what he has said."

The triumph was also personal for Sloan, however. In 1955-56, Sloan and Falwell were classmates and friends at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo.



Jerry Sloan stands by what he saw and heard on television (Photo: Steve Warren)

"He (Falwell) was ambitious, outspoken and zealous," Sloan remembered. "He was the fair-headed boy of that school."

Sloan said Falwell was able to get a job in a Kansas City church which the former attended.

"Jerry and I used to be on the

road, driving to Kansas City quite a lot," said Sloan.

As for now, though, Sloan has a very definite opinion of Falwell.

"The man has no shame," he said.

W. Snyder

HTLV-III Testing

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According to the extensive and detailed MEPCOM plan:

• The Department of Defense (DOD) will make its testing program available to "non-DOD agencies" upon request.

• Recruits will be required to sign an "acknowledgement form" consenting to the test and to the results being placed in their records. Refusal to sign will be grounds for disqualification from military service.

becoming involved in detailed discussions of the significance of a positive test, its relationship to AIDS, AIDS in general, and any other detailed information beyond the scope of the purpose of the acknowledgement form," states the document.

Positive test results, according to the plan, are to be rechecked to confirm results. Only after the ELISA test results are confirmed with the more detailed Western Blot test will an individual be rejected for military service.

"A positive test for the presence of the antibody to the HTLV-3 virus is disqualifying for entry into the Armed Forces," states the acknowledgement form each re-

such testing, the plan states. "In the event that any agency indicates a desire to commence HTLV-3 antibody testing, they should submit a written request to HQ USMEPCOM so that all necessary followup coordination may be accomplished." The document mentions federal agencies such as the FBI and Peace Corps, not now included in the testing, who may later want to join the program.

The plan further states that the testing program is being done "pursuant to federal statutes which provide for the enlistment (in the military) of qualified applicants." Those statutes, claim the military planners, "pre-empt conflicting State statutes" which might "unduly interfere with the achievement of this federal objective" on grounds of confidentiality. Commanders of induction centers are warned to "review security procedures for demonstrations."

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The cost for 120 days of testing is estimated by the military to cost \$4 million, which amounts to \$12 million a year.

According to the MEPCOM plan, recruits testing positive are to be notified . . . that they should return . . . to discuss your medical examination."

• Test site personnel should not become "involved in detailed discussions" giving information to recruits "beyond the scope of the purpose of the acknowledgement form."

• Test site employees, both military and civilian, are warned not to "appear on television, radio, or in print commenting on HTLV-3 testing."

Presently, the HTLV-3 test requirement applies only to individuals scheduled for entrance medical examinations after Oct. 1, those in reserve forces, and those changing from one service branch to another. Individuals in the military prior to Oct. 1, are not now subjected to the blood test.

The military claims that the program is intended to protect prospective recruits with malfunctioning immune systems from possibly harmful vaccinations. They also state that military personnel should have their blood tested in advance to insure the purity of battlefield blood transfusions where HTLV testing would be impossible.

The detailed instructions to entrance station personnel specify that it is to be briefly explained to the recruits that although HTLV-3 may be the cause of AIDS, this test is not a test for AIDS itself.

"The briefer should avoid

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Hudson

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coverage to my own situation has brought enormous international attention to the gravity of this disease in all areas of humanity, and is leading to more research, more contribution of funds and a better understanding of this disease than ever before." ■

G. Mendenhall

The Gay Book: Where Is It?

by Ray O'Loughlin

The calls began pouring into the B.A.R.'s offices last week. The Gay Book, a locally produced phone directory for the lesbian and gay community, was long overdue, callers said. And to make matters worse, the phones were cut off and the office locked up. Advertisers, some of whom had staked their entire ad budget on the directory, began to panic.

But Jon Berliner, publisher of the Gay Book, says the directory is currently in production. He said that the third edition of the book should be on the streets within a month, possibly in two weeks.

"We are now in production," Berliner told the Bay Area Reporter. "The art work is done, paste up is being completed. It depends on how quickly the printer can print it."

This edition was scheduled to debut last June 30, but was delayed a number of times. Berliner attributed the delays to the death of his lover and partner, Jeff Bauer, last March due to AIDS. Bauer had been in charge of production at the book.

"There are a number of reasons for the delay," said Berliner. "One of them was me. It took me a while to get over Jeff's death."

Berliner explained that the loss of phone service and closing of the Castro Street office was due to cash flow problems. Those problems were exacerbated by a

'We have a conflict with another company who had their phones in my name.'

—Jon Berliner

dispute with another company with whom the Gay Book shared office space and telephones.

"We have a conflict with another company (Kitchen Delight) who had their phones in my name," said Berliner. Due to a back bill of over \$1,000, Pacific Bell ended all service pending payment.

"We have a huge amount of receivables," said Berliner. "People don't want to pay until they see the book. It's always rough when we're in production, but we've always worked through it."

He said that the Castro office was still being maintained but to cut costs, it was temporarily closed. The book is being pasted up at another location, he said.

According to Berliner, the new Gay Book will be a memorial tribute to Bauer. "It will contain the most comprehensive articles and listing of AIDS resources to be found anywhere," he said.

A press run of 75,000 copies is planned for free distribution throughout the Bay Area, Russian River and Sacramento. Berliner said that this edition will be



Is it mail slot sex? No, it is just one frustrated person wondering what's happening at the Gay Book office. (Photo: Rink)

50-75 percent larger than the last one. He said the number of advertisers had increased from 220 to over 600. He is also planning future editions, probably on an annual basis. ■

Cardinal Dumps Plan For AIDS Shelter

NEW YORK, NY—Local pressure forced New York's Cardinal John O'Connor to cancel plans for a shelter for AIDS victims in a city convent.

O'Connor had planned to take a convent on W. 97th Street and turn it into a shelter. However, an

aide for the cardinal said local pressure forced him to dump the plan.

"The people just didn't want it," said spokesperson Joseph Zwilling. "It was never something the cardinal was going to jam down anybody's throat." ■

Mains Wins NY Primary

ROCHESTER, NY — Openly gay candidate Tim O. Mains, has won the Democratic Primary race for city council. Mains ran with four other candidates, all of whom were incumbents. Mains was challenged for the fifth seat on city council by James Lloyd, who ran as an independent Democrat after failing to receive the Democratic designation.

Mains received 5,293 votes, 53 percent of the total votes cast. Mains had received the endorsements from the two local daily newspapers. He had also been endorsed by Rochester's independent weekly. His candidacy was supported throughout the campaign by positive editorial support of the local media. If Mains is successful in his quest for a position on city council in the general election in November, he will be the first acknowledged gay office holder in New York State.

Mains' victory came after a last-minute attempt by a self-appointed citizens' group to denounce the candidacy by distributing a flier headlined, "Homosexuals try takeover of City Council." The group, Citizens for a Decent Community, left the fliers at homes in several of the ten Legislative Districts within the city of Rochester. Council incumbent Joan M. Hensler and Monroe County Democratic Party Chairman Nathan J. Robfogel condemned the flier distribution, calling it a "low kind of campaigning" and a "discriminatory attack." A Rochester daily denounced the tactic in an editorial entitled, "The vote is 'no' on political pornography." ■

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Tony Sullivan (l.) and his lover, Richard Adams
(Photo: Steve Warren)

U.S. Court Denies Residence to Gay Aussie

Deportation Order Upheld; Refuses to Recognize 12-Year Relationship

by George Mendenhall

The ten-year legal battle of Tony Sullivan, 42, to stay in this country with his lover, Richard Adams, 37, may be near its end. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled (2-1) on Sept. 30 that the U.S. Immigration Service did not abuse its discretion when it ordered the deportation of Sullivan to his native Australia earlier this year. Sullivan has sought a permanent "resident alien status" since 1971 when he left QANTAS Airlines to live with Adams in Los Angeles.

In a strong court dissent, Judge Harry Pregerson wrote, "The immigration service gave no recognition to the strain Sullivan would experience if he were forced to separate from the person with whom he has lived and shared a close relationship in the past 12 years. This failure to recognize Sullivan's emotional hardship is particularly troublesome because he and Adams have lived together as family."

The judge also chided the federal agency for "giving short shift to Sullivan's assertions of employment difficulty and ostracism by his family and former friends in Australia."

Atty. David Browne, who represented Sullivan without compensation, insisted in his arguments that his client "is of good moral character who has lived in this country for several years. For him to leave this country would create an extreme hardship." But the immigration service, which would normally consider the hardship of separation in a heterosexual marriage,

under U.S. law. He has been a "homemaker" when not involved in progressive causes. Adams has been employed at a Los Angeles rental car agency for 13 years.

If Sullivan returned to Australia, Adams could join him for six months as a tourist. Sullivan says he will not return to Australia and then try to get him "legally admitted."

What does the future hold? "Our grave concern is that we will end up a stateless couple—looking for residence somewhere in the world, possibly in a country where we do not even speak the language. One thing is sure—we will leave together, no matter where we go."

Opera

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San Francisco Ballet principals Nancy Dickson and Marco Carrabba will also perform. Guest conductors include Sir Charles Mackerras, San Francisco Ballet conductor Jean-Louis LeRoux and Richard Buckley, music director of the Oakland Symphony.

Rita Barela who has been a driving force behind the Black and White Ball and many other major civic functions has been named producer. She immediately conceded that though she carries the title, "Terence McEwen is the maestro. It's his baby." Barela said that McEwen had been the one who had been contacting the talent and getting the commitments.

Tickets will range in price from \$500 a box seat to \$25 for seats in the balcony.

Though the event is less than one month away, Barela is confident the event will be a sell out. If sales of the box seats are any indication, she is justified in her confidence. By 5 p.m. Tuesday, just five hours after tickets went on sale, at least eight of the boxes were sold at \$4,000 per box.

This is but one of many successful benefits that have been presented in San Francisco to benefit AIDS related organizations. What makes this event different is the wide scope of talent that will be performing and the artistic merit of the presentation.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein will serve as honorary chair of the event. In the press conference on Tuesday she said, "There have been too many funerals and the only way for them to stop is to raise enough money to fight and win the battle against this disease." The mayor has recognized the seriousness of the health crisis for several years and San Francisco has become a recognized leader around the world in the fight against AIDS.

Proceeds from the benefit will go to support the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Shanti Project and the AIDS Program of San Francisco Hospice.

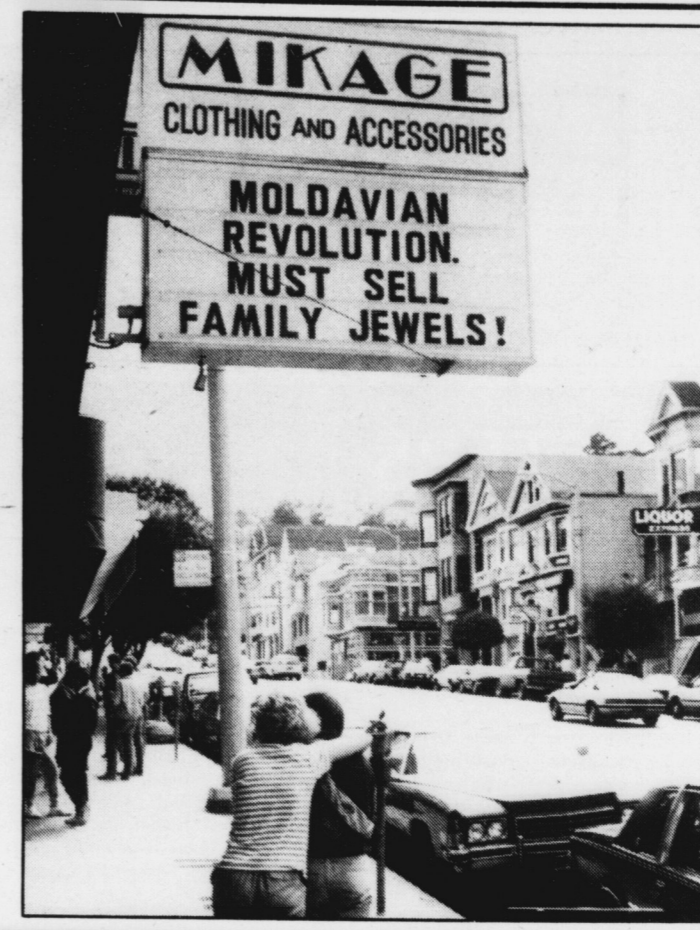
Tickets for "San Francisco Arts for Life" are priced as follows: \$500 for box seats and preferred orchestra, \$250 grand tier, \$250 and \$150 orchestra, \$125 dress circle, \$100 balcony circle, \$50 balcony center, \$25 balcony sides. Individuals who purchase an entire box of six or eight seats will be named co-chairs of the honorary committee. Those purchasing tickets amounting to \$1,500 become members of the honorary committee.

Tickets are now available at all BASS ticket centers through direct telephone charge only, (415) 762-BASS, or in person at the San Francisco Ballet box office in the Opera House. Checks should be made payable to "San Francisco Arts For Life" and are tax-deductible. The box office hours are Monday through Saturday, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

A. White

Sign of The Times

Yes, it's that time of year again. Alexis and the rest of the Dynasty gang are back. A Castro St. store gets in on the fun.



(Photo: Rink)

Man With ARC Wins Disability Case

by Charles Linebarger

In a decision that may help set a precedent, the San Francisco Social Security office has awarded benefits to a man suffering from ARC (AIDS related condition). It required the services of an attorney and a personal appearance before a judge, but 11 months after filing his claim the man received his disability award in July.

John Riordan, the attorney for the man suffering from ARC, said 25 percent of his practice is made up of people who are seeking Social Security and disability benefits. But Riordan said he had not previously represented anyone suffering from ARC. Also, according to Riordan, Judge Blume, who presided at the hearing, told him there were no agency regulations to guide him in making his decision regarding the disabled man.

Social Security Administrative Law Judge Herbert L. Blume would only say that the disabled man had met the specific requirements for a disability award.

Those requirements are defined in Social Security regulations as, "A medically determinable mental or physical impairment which is likely to result in death, or has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuing period of not less than 12 months."

According to the physician's report that was submitted to the judge by Dr. Jeffrey L. Anderson, the man's problems began four years ago, though he had suffered from "malaise and severe fatigue" beginning 3-4 years before that.

"About 4 years ago," the report by Dr. Anderson stated, "he began experiencing recurrent lymphadenopathy of the neck and axillary areas, intermittent flu-like viral syndrome including marked myalgia, chills, sweats and frequent periods of diarrhea alternating with periods of constipation. He also began experiencing chronic recurrent nausea, dyspepsia, rectal fissures, most of the gastrointestinal symptoms being particularly acute two or three hours after eating."

"In the past two years," the doctor's report continued, "he has begun experiencing more frequent periods of light-headed dizziness, and more significant cognitive and cycloemotional cerebral dysfunction including loss of short term memory and

relation to AIDS-related conditions. Certainly a person with ARC is not someone who is going to be denied disability. The way we evaluate claims is based on the severity of the disability rather than the diagnosis."

Shiels reiterated that Social Security needs a definition of ARC. And she stressed that each case is looked at individually. Then she added again that Social Security is working now on guidelines for ARC claims.

"The kind of conversation you and I are having now," Shiels noted, "is the kind we would have had three years ago or so on AIDS."

recall, diminished ability to comprehend, particularly the written word, difficulty in concentration and focusing with attenuated attention span and more distractibility and neurologically increased dysequilibrium, ... daily retrolubular frontal headaches."

This man with ARC, whose name was withheld, got his disability award. Others have not been as lucky. Richard Rector, a man also suffering with ARC and a volunteer at the AIDS Foundation, was turned down for Social Security disability.

"I applied in February to the Oakland office," Rector said, "I was denied and the claim was turned in to the government offices back in Virginia in April. They returned it to Oakland for reevaluation, they thought it needed some more information. Then I had to see one of the doctors at the agency for a medical exam. Dr. Paul Volberding (AIDS Activity Director at San Francisco General) and J. B. Molaeh (a nurse practitioner at San Francisco General) both sent documents supporting my claim. But once again the Oakland office disqualified me."

Rector's symptoms then and now are lymphadenopathy, night sweats, a body temperature ranging between 100-102 degrees, and weight loss. "They believe there is an abscess in my brain right now," he said. "They are concerned it's tuberculosis."

"I'm not going to appeal it," Rector noted. "I don't have the energy to fight the government anymore. Enough is enough."

Maxine Shiels, the section chief of the policy and procedures section of the disability branch at Social Security told the B.A.R., "We have no formal policy at this time on AIDS-related conditions." Shiels added that "this was because there is no national medical definition of ARC."

"It certainly is a concern to the agency," Shiels said, "because we are working right now on putting something in place in

Drug Services Chief Relieved of Duties

Funds Sought for Gay Drug Agency; Commissioners Angry over County Plan

by Charles Linebarger

The city drug bureau which has had a rough year with resignations from its advisory board and allegations raised about its programs and funding process, suffered new reversals last week at a Health Commission hearing. In an unprecedented move, two of the seven commissioners voted against accepting the county drug plan for 1985-86 even though the contracts involved were signed in July and have already gone into effect. In addition the Bay Area Reporter has learned that the drug director, Nancy Presson, has been relieved of her administrative duties.

"I gave her (Presson) a special assignment," said Wayne Clark, director of both the alcohol and drug divisions of Community Substance Abuse Services for the county. She is, he said, "to deal with the allegations and insinuations raised at the Health Commission hearing per some of the county providers, the provision of services, i.e. who gets funded, especially in relation to methadone, and the county needs indicator study."

He told B.A.R., "I'm assuming her other responsibilities. She will return to these duties if these severe charges from the commission on the performance of her unit are answered."

When asked for comment, Presson responded by saying that she was proud of the work of the drug bureau. She said it was her understanding also that of her administrative responsibilities to prepare a response to problems raised at the Health Commission hearing.

At the hearing the commissioners voiced concern that over 60 percent of the county's \$5

million in drug funds and 80 percent of the drug abuse services offered by the county are concentrated on heroin addicts. In particular the issue was raised that fully 40 percent of county drug abuse funds are channeled into methadone treatment, while skyrocketing cocaine and other speed abusing problems of special concern to gay men, are virtually ignored by the county drug bureau.

At the commission hearing, Dr. Philip Lee, the president of the Health Commission asked Dr. Tom Peters, assistant director of the Health Department, "Do we have to approve the plan (the current county drug plan) in order to get our state appropriations?" Peters answered, "Yes."

Lee told Peters that, "The commission is becoming increasingly tired and impatient with having no review over the (county drug) plan. This is rubber-stamping. Every member of the commission is getting increasingly tired of this in view of its frequency. We need significant

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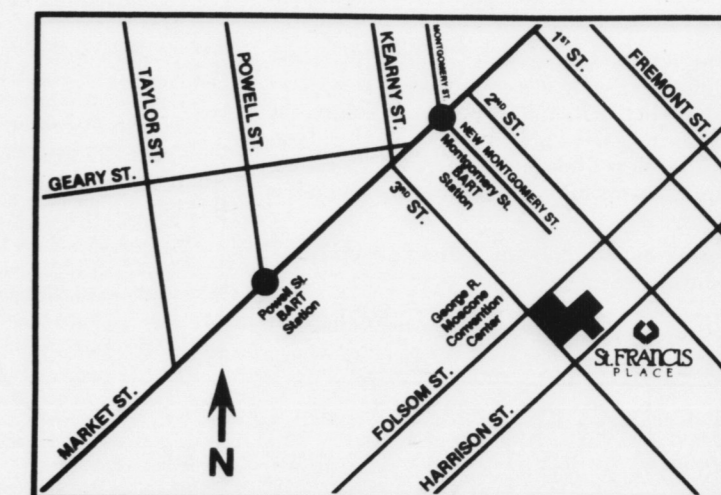
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Tony Sullivan (l.) and his lover, Richard Adams
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U.S. Court Denies Residence to Gay Aussie

Deportation Order Upheld; Refuses to Recognize 12-Year Relationship

by George Mendenhall

The ten-year legal battle of Tony Sullivan, 42, to stay in this country with his lover, Richard Adams, 37, may be near its end. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled (2-1) on Sept. 30 that the U.S. Immigration Service did not abuse its discretion when it ordered the deportation of Sullivan to his native Australia earlier this year. Sullivan has sought a permanent "resident alien status" since 1971 when he left QANTAS Airlines to live with Adams in Los Angeles.

In a strong court dissent, Judge Harry Pregerson wrote, "The immigration service gave no recognition to the strain Sullivan would experience if he were forced to separate from the person with whom he has lived and shared a close relationship in the past 12 years. This failure to recognize Sullivan's emotional hardship is particularly troublesome because he and Adams have lived together as family."

The judge also chided the federal agency for "giving short shift to Sullivan's assertions of employment difficulty and ostracism by his family and former friends in Australia."

Atty. David Browne, who represented Sullivan without compensation, insisted in his arguments that his client "is of good moral character who has lived in this country for several years. For him to leave this country would create an extreme hardship." But the immigration service, which would normally consider the hardship of separation in a heterosexual marriage,

under U.S. law. He has been a "homemaker" when not involved in progressive causes. Adams has been employed at a Los Angeles rental car agency for 13 years.

If Sullivan returned to Australia, Adams could join him for six months as a tourist. Sullivan says he will not return to Australia and then try to get him "legally admitted."

What does the future hold? "Our grave concern is that we will end up a stateless couple—looking for residence somewhere in the world, possibly in a country where we do not even speak the language. One thing is sure—we will leave together, no matter where we go." ■

Opera

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San Francisco Ballet principals Nancy Dickson and Marco Carrabba will also perform. Guest conductors include Sir Charles Mackerras, San Francisco Ballet conductor Jean-Louis LeRoux and Richard Buckley, music director of the Oakland Symphony.

Rita Barela who has been a driving force behind the Black and White Ball and many other major civic functions has been named producer. She immediately conceded that though she carries the title, "Terence McEwen is the maestro. It's his baby," Barela said that McEwen had been the one who had been contacting the talent and getting the commitments.

Tickets will range in price from \$500 a box seat to \$25 for seats in the balcony.

Though the event is less than one month away, Barela is confident the event will be a sell out. If sales of the box seats are any indication, she is justified in her confidence. By 5 p.m. Tuesday, just five hours after tickets went on sale, at least eight of the boxes were sold at \$4,000 per box.

This is but one of many successful benefits that have been presented in San Francisco to benefit AIDS related organizations. What makes this event different is the wide scope of talent that will be performing and the artistic merit of the presentation.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein will serve as honorary chair of the event. In the press conference on Tuesday she said, "There have been too many funerals and the only way for them to stop is to raise enough money to fight and win the battle against this disease." The mayor has recognized the seriousness of the health crisis for several years and San Francisco has become a recognized leader around the world in the fight against AIDS.

Proceeds from the benefit will go to support the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Shanti Project and the AIDS Program of San Francisco Hospice.

Tickets for "San Francisco Arts for Life" are priced as follows: \$500 for box seats and preferred orchestra, \$250 grand tier, \$250 and \$150 orchestra, \$125 dress circle, \$100 balcony circle, \$50 balcony center, \$25 balcony sides. Individuals who purchase an entire box of six or eight seats will be named co-chairs of the honorary committee. Those purchasing tickets amounting to \$1,500 become members of the honorary committee.

Tickets are now available at all BASS ticket centers through direct telephone charge only. (415) 762-BASS, or in person at the San Francisco Ballet box office in the Opera House. Checks should be made payable to "San Francisco Arts For Life" and are tax-deductible. The box office hours are Monday through Saturday, 12 noon to 6 p.m. ■

A. White

Sign of The Times

Yes, it's that time of year again. Alexis and the rest of the *Dynasty* gang are back. A Castro St. store gets in on the fun.



(Photo: Rink)

Man With ARC Wins Disability Case

by Charles Lineberger

In a decision that may help set a precedent, the San Francisco Social Security office has awarded benefits to a man suffering from ARC (AIDS related condition). It required the services of an attorney and a personal appearance before a judge, but 11 months after filing his claim the man received his disability award in July.

John Riordan, the attorney for the man suffering from ARC, said 25 percent of his practice is made up of people who are seeking Social Security and disability benefits. But Riordan said he had not previously represented anyone suffering from ARC. Also, according to Riordan, Judge Blume, who presided at the hearing, told him there were no agency regulations to guide him in making his decision regarding the disabled man.

Social Security Administrative Law Judge Herbert L. Blume would only say that the disabled man had met the specific requirements for a disability award.

Those requirements are defined in Social Security regulations as, "A medically determinable mental or physical impairment which is likely to result in death, or has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuing period of not less than 12 months."

According to the physician's report that was submitted to the judge by Dr. Jeffrey L. Anderson, the man's problems began four years ago, though he had suffered from "malaise and severe fatigue" beginning 3-4 years before that.

"About 4 years ago," the report by Dr. Anderson stated, "he began experiencing recurrent lymphadenopathy of the neck and axillary areas, intermittent flu-like viral syndrome including marked myalgia, chills, sweats and frequent periods of diarrhea alternating with periods of constipation. He also began experiencing chronic recurrent nausea, dyspepsia, rectal fissures, most of the gastrointestinal symptoms being particularly acute two or three hours after eating."

"In the past two years," the doctor's report continued, "he has begun experiencing more frequent periods of light-headed dizziness, and more significant cognitive and cycloemotional cerebral dysfunction including loss of short term memory and

relation to AIDS-related conditions. Certainly a person with ARC is not someone who is going to be denied disability. The way we evaluate claims is based on the severity of the disability rather than the diagnosis."

Shiels reiterated that Social Security needs a definition of ARC. And she stressed that each case is looked at individually. Then she added again that Social Security is working now on guidelines for ARC claims.

"The kind of conversation you and I are having now," Shiels noted, "is the kind we would have had three years ago or so on AIDS."

recall, diminished ability to comprehend, particularly the written word, difficulty in concentration and focusing with attenuated attention span and more distractibility and neurologically increased dysequilibrium. . . . daily retrolubar frontal headaches."

This man with ARC, whose name was withheld, got his disability award. Others have not been as lucky. Richard Rector, a man also suffering with ARC and a volunteer at the AIDS Foundation, was turned down for Social Security disability.

"I applied in February to the Oakland office," Rector said. "I was denied and the claim was turned in to the government offices back in Virginia in April. They returned it to Oakland for reevaluation, they thought it needed some more information. Then I had to see one of the doctors at the agency for a medical exam. Dr. Paul Volberding (AIDS Activity Director at San Francisco General) and J. B. Molaehen (a nurse practitioner at San Francisco General) both sent documents supporting my claim. But once again the Oakland office disqualified me."

Rector's symptoms then and now are lymphadenopathy, night sweats, a body temperature ranging between 100-102 degrees, and weight loss. "They believe there is an abscess in my brain right now," he said. "They are concerned it's tuberculosis."

"I'm not going to appeal it," Rector noted. "I don't have the energy to fight the government anymore. Enough is enough."

Maxine Shiels, the section chief of the policy and procedures section of the disability branch at Social Security told the *B.A.R.*, "We have no formal policy at this time on AIDS-related conditions." Shiels added that "this was because there is no national medical definition of ARC."

Drug Services Chief Relieved of Duties

Funds Sought for Gay Drug Agency; Commissioners Angry over County Plan

by Charles Lineberger

The city drug bureau which has had a rough year with resignations from its advisory board and allegations raised about its programs and funding process, suffered new reversals last week at a Health Commission hearing. In an unprecedented move, two of the seven commissioners voted against accepting the county drug plan for 1985-86 even though the contracts involved were signed in July and have already gone into effect. In addition the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned that the drug director, Nancy Presson, has been relieved of her administrative duties.

"I gave her (Presson) a special assignment," said Wayne Clark, director of both the alcohol and drug divisions of Community Substance Abuse Services for the county. She is, he said, "to deal with the allegations and insinuations raised at the Health Commission hearing per some of the county providers, the provision of services, i.e. who gets funded, especially in relation to methadone, and the county needs indicator study."

He told *B.A.R.*, "I'm assuming her other responsibilities. She will return to these duties if these severe charges from the commission on the performance of her unit are answered."

When asked for comment, Presson responded by saying that she was proud of the work of the drug bureau. She said it was her understanding also that of her administrative responsibilities to prepare a response to problems raised at the Health Commission hearing.

At the hearing the commissioners voiced concern that over 60 percent of the county's \$5

million in drug funds and 80 percent of the drug abuse services offered by the county are concentrated on heroin addicts. In particular the issue was raised that fully 40 percent of county drug abuse funds are channeled into methadone treatment, while skyrocketing cocaine and other speed abuse problems of special concern to gay men, are virtually ignored by the county drug bureau.

At the commission hearing, Dr. Philip Lee, the president of the Health Commission asked Dr. Tom Peters, assistant director of the Health Department, "Do we have to approve the plan (the current county drug plan) in order to get our state appropriations?" Peters answered, "Yes."

Lee told Peters that, "The commission is becoming increasingly tired and impatient with having no review over the (county drug) plan. This is rubber-stamping. Every member of the commission is getting increasingly tired of this in view of its frequency. We need significant

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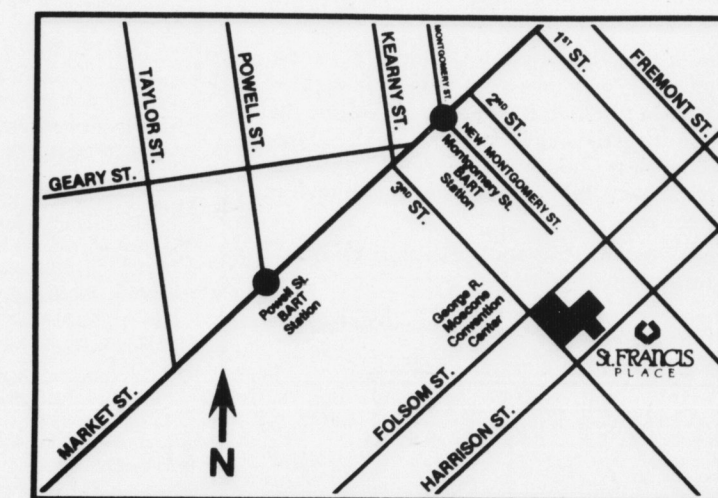
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Persistence Pays Off

In November, 1984, a woman was attempting to drive her car through a particularly congested intersection. A pedestrian, who was annoyed that he had to walk around vehicles, came up to the woman's car and kicked it violently. The woman exited her vehicle, looked at the damage caused by the kick and told the assailant that he was liable. The assailant called the victim a "dyke bitch" and threw her against the car. He then picked up a garbage can lid and struck the victim in the head. This altercation was observed by a witness.

A month later, the woman saw her assailant and immediately called the police. However, by the time the police arrived, the assailant had left. Seven months later, the woman saw the assailant again and called the police. The police found the assailant and ID'd him. They did not arrest him because of the length of time that had passed from the initial statement.

The inspector who had handled the case felt frustrated because the witness to the original incident could not be found. The victim was equally as frustrated and continued to attempt locating the witness. Her persistence payed off and through friends, she finally located the witness.

Arrangements were made for the witness to give her statement to the inspector. But, at the last minute, the witness backed out and did not keep her appointment. After numerous calls the victim finally made contact with the witness and talked to her at length about the importance of her testimony. The witness related to the victim that she had not kept her appointment because she was afraid to deal with the police. Realizing this, the victim offered to accompany the witness to the Hall of Justice. The next day, the victim and witness went to the Hall of Justice and the woman gave her statement to the inspector.

The victim in this case was obsessed with justice. She clearly realized that her way out of victimization was to exhaust all avenues to locate the witness so the matter could come to rest. She realized that persistence is often the only course a victim can take to ensure a measure of personal and criminal justice and to expiate the personal anger over being victimized.

As much as we can admire the persistence of this woman, we

often don't have the opportunity to exercise the options in the criminal justice system to ensure personal justice. Often times, the brutality of an assault prevents us from even knowing what the assailant looked like. We depend then on our own resilience to carry us through to physical and emotional health.

Sometimes, however, an unexpected stranger comes to our aid. In this case, a gay man was assaulted from behind and beaten to the point of unconsciousness. As he lay bleeding in the street, a stranger found him and he removed his shirt and wrapped it around the victim's head. Then, he contacted the police and paramedics. When the paramedics took the victim to the hospital, the stranger went with him and spent the entire night in the hospital. When the victim was released, the stranger took him home. Afterwards, the stranger went to work.

Since that night, the stranger is no longer a stranger to the victim. They have stayed in contact and a friendship has ensued. This victim, in spite of his traumatic injuries, has found strength and solace because of this man's caring and unselfish concern for another in need.

The lessons here say much about our great need to take personal interest in our plight as victims, and our responsibilities in coming to the aid of those who fall upon great misfortune at the hands of those who victimize us. To ascend above our victimization is a testament to our own resilience. To aid another is a testament to our caring as a community.

16th & Market

The victim was eating in a sandwich shop when the suspect entered yelling anti-gay remarks and talking about "AIDS carriers." The victim told the suspect to take his remarks elsewhere, after which the suspect hit the victim with a chair. The victim asked the counterperson to call the police, but the counterperson would not. The victim had to run to another shop to get help. The suspect was not found.

16th & Dolores

The victim was walking home and heard a "whooshing" sound. The sound was the suspects coming up from behind, with a machete, yelling "we want you." The victim ran into the street and stopped a cab to ask for help. The driver would not let the victim in the cab so the victim ran home and got inside safely.

22 Fillmore

The three victims were assaulted by two men over an argument for a seat on the bus. All three were struck in the head and chest after which the suspects fled the bus. The driver summoned the police who drove the victims around and apprehended both suspects.

QUICK HITS

Upper Market

The victim met the suspect on the street and they went to the victim's hotel residence. After using the bathroom the suspect came out and stabbed the victim several times in the chest and arms. The manager of the building heard screaming and checked it out. The suspect ran off while the manager called the police. The suspect has not been found yet. The hotel manager told the victim to move to another residence.

Final Note

As you can see, we have had reports of people being assaulted and asking local businesses for help, only to be turned away. We need to let people know that we will not tolerate this kind of action. If you hear of any situations like this, please let us know.

Finally, Halloween is coming up and we can always use monitors. If you are interested contact Suzanne Gautier at 864-3112.

Eddy & Ellis

The victim was assaulted and robbed at his residence hotel room by three guests. The victim knew only one of the suspects.

U.K. Man Confined To Hospital

Judge Uses New British Law to Confine Man With AIDS

by Morgan Pinney

MANCHESTER, Eng.—A 29-year-old man with AIDS has been confined to a Manchester hospital against his will, under a court order issued Sept. 14 by Magistrate Thomas Jones. The order was granted under England's Public Health (Control of Disease) Act of 1984. This is the first time the order has been implemented since it took effect in March of this year.

Peter Fairweather, a gay man and equal opportunity officer for the Manchester City Council said that the person with AIDS had wanted to go home for the weekend from the Monsall Isolation Hospital. He said that other people with AIDS have been routinely discharged from that hospital. He speculated that the

doctor on duty that Saturday morning was simply inexperienced in these matters and called in Dr. Anna Jones, the city's medical officer for environmental health. Jones consulted the chairman of the city council's Environmental Health Committee, and then petitioned the city magistrate.

The other two were friends of the first suspect. The victim moved out of the hotel because it wasn't safe.

Civic Center

The victim had been talking with friends in Civic Center. When they split up the victim was stabbed by the suspect who then fled. The victim went to a nearby fast-food restaurant but was told to "stand back from the counter" because of the open wounds. The victim found an officer on the street who called paramedics.

Hippler

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gested organizing a fund-raising drive to send him to a sanitarium in the Swiss Alps. Then I asked him over to dinner on Sunday.

"John and Alex asked me to dinner on Saturday. Why is everybody being so nice all of a sudden?"

"Because they want to get you in one more time before you kick off," I said.

"Yeah, well I know the real reason. They just wanna make sure their name is in the will. I see 'em eyeing the Deco junk when they come over." Hey Russell, love that piece in the corner, they say. Well, fuck 'em. The old girl ain't gone yet."

MAY 30, 1985

After the baseball game and the doctor's appointment, Russell and Scott joined me for dinner on my A.T.&T. card at the Rusty Scupper, of all places. (A boring choice, but it was not mine.) We drove there in Russell's new car, a 1985 Chrysler Le Baron convertible.

Don't ask me what possessed Russell to buy a new car, but I think I know. I'm beginning to think that he believes his days are numbered, so he might as well enjoy them while he can. He can't take it with him, he reasons, and he probably won't be around to make the payments anyway, so why not?

He's also selling his telephone stock, turning his assets into cash. It's all pretty depressing, but at least the car is nice, and he seems to be fairly content right now. Things could be worse.

JUNE 9, 1985

Russell called Thursday night, and when I returned his call on Saturday, he informed me that his pneumocystis returned with a vengeance on Thursday and that he spent the whole day in the hospital Friday.

"God, I guess the next time I get a message from you, I'd better return it pronto, huh?" I said.

"Yer damn straight," he replied. "She coulda been dead, and you wouldn't have known nuthin' about it!"

It is amazing that he still maintains his sense of humor in spite of this, for this is the one thing he has been dreading the most. And to have the pneumocystis return while he is still suffering from the T.B. is just awful.

Luckily, however, the doctor gave him medicine which he can take at home, so he doesn't have to stay in the hospital. I'm going to visit him at his place later today to see how he's doing. I asked him if I could bring Brian along too, but he said, "Are you kiddin'? I'm sick. I don't want to see anybody."

"Well, what about me?" I protested.

"That's different," he said. "You're nobody."

JUNE 16, 1985

Poor Russell is in the hospital again. I saw him last Sunday at home and then again yesterday at R.K. Davies. He went in so he could take the drugs to treat his pneumocystis intravenously, and he looks OK, considering. Hopefully, they'll let him out Monday, but the long-range prognosis doesn't look good.

I worry about him more each time I see him. Actually, I don't worry about him as much as I greive for him, for I think I've already come to accept his death as inevitable. Given the present state of medical treatment for pneumocystis, there doesn't seem to be any hope.

Mariposa Donates Collection to Cornell

The Mariposa Education and Research Foundation will donate its large collection of library and archival material concerning human sexuality in general and homosexuality and lesbianism in particular to Cornell University.

Foundation President Dr. Bruce Voeller said that the late David Goodstein, publisher of *The Advocate*, who died June 22, and a long-time supporter of the Foundation, had urged that Cornell, his alma mater, receive the collection.

The university has accepted the gift with the condition, in keeping with customary university policy, that an endowment fund be raised for maintenance of the collection and for building upon it. That fund has been placed at \$2 million.

Under terms of Goodstein's will drawn shortly before his death, his half of an art collection owned jointly by him and his brother, Edward, will be sold and the proceeds applied to that endowment fund. Art experts estimate that this will produce about \$1 million. The university and Dr. Voeller will seek to raise the remainder.

At Cornell the Mariposa Foundation collection will serve as the nucleus for a center of scholarly studies. It includes many thousands of books, films, periodicals and magazines.

Quaker Lesbian Conference

The weekend of Oct. 4-7 is the date for this year's annual gathering of California Quaker Lesbians. With a focus on the theme of "Spirituality," the women will meet at the rustic Quaker Center in Ben Lomond, near Santa Cruz. The cost of the long weekend is on a sliding scale from \$25-50, including food and lodging. Bay Area Quaker Lesbians gather monthly for worship and interested women are welcome to attend the monthly meetings or the October retreat. For more information, call Bettye at (415) 526-6206 or write QLC, 1334 Kains, Berkeley 94702.

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Media Discovers AIDS: A National Issue Now

AIDS Out of the Closet; National Coverage Critical of Hysteria, Reagan


by George Mendenhall

According to a recent Gallup Poll, 95 percent of the American public says it knows what AIDS is. Increased media coverage of the AIDS crisis since actor Rock Hudson's revelation has set the nation talking about the disease. Evidently, some educating has been productive as 57 percent believe AIDS can be contracted through sexual contact and a surprising 66 percent believe AIDS will spread to the general population. AIDS had moved away from being obscure and scientific to being dramatic, human—and threatening.

The two major national news bureaus, Associated Press and United Press International, are now sending daily AIDS stories across America. Not all of the content is informative, some of it is confusing and misleading. Major daily newspapers outside of San Francisco are now editorializing on the AIDS crisis.



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across the country—assisting millions of people in understanding AIDS and the feelings and politics surrounding the disease.

In the Sept. 6 edition, the *Times* set a record with six AIDS news articles and three editorials on the civil rights of gay people with AIDS and the need for more federal money to stamp out AIDS. The *Times* also called for private citizens to help finance AIDS research and education.

The *New York Times* also has editorialized. On Sept. 15, it printed, "Small wonder that an epidemic of superstition and suspicion is spreading even faster than the disease. The Reagan Administration remains shamefully silent, leaving an amazing burden of leadership on city officials." Two weeks earlier (Sept. 3) the *Times* had called AIDS "the new plague," urging an end to AIDS hysteria: "AIDS is frightening because of what it does to its victims. They have enough tragedy to deal with; there is no need to ostracize them."

The *San Jose Mercury* also editorialized on Sunday (Sept. 15) urging that the public authorities "rely on scientific knowledge, not prejudice and hysterical fear" in dealing with the controversy of children with AIDS and ARC (AIDS-Related Conditions) attending public schools. It pleaded, "Children with AIDS face enough agony and heartache. Their plight need not be worsened needlessly out of fear and ignorance." The *Mercury* also criticized the San Jose superintendent of schools for saying he preferred home instruction for children with AIDS.

Commentary on AIDS came from everywhere. Rev. Jerry Falwell called for more AIDS education funding — and for mandatory prison terms for those found to practice unsafe sex. Rev. Troy Perry, Metropolitan Community Church founder, spoke out in a *San Jose Mercury* interview against homophobia that results from fear of AIDS. Dr. James Mason, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, urged people not to live their lives in fear of AIDS as this is "counterproductive, and absolutely unnecessary."

Dr. William Haseltine, Harvard Medical School, said, "every single human being in this country is threatened by AIDS." A New York gay health crisis therapist, Michael Shernoff, said the gay community is facing a depression problem — "Some people are responding by becoming alienated and isolated." A Washington D.C. neurologist, Richard Restak, pleaded for the public to follow the advice of doctors — not politicians — as AIDS could mean a suspension of civil rights.

There were numerous editorials on AIDS in the past two weeks. In a guest editorial in the *Mercury*, the editor of *Comm-*

tary magazine wrote that in the name of compassion "we are giving social sanction to what can only be described as brutish degradation." The *L.A. Times* attacked the county supervisors for their reluctance to establish an AIDS educational program and the *N.Y. Times* urged private insurers to continue to provide insurance for people with AIDS, spreading the costs over the general population.

FUNDING EFFORTS
Private funding for AIDS began to get attention with celebrity fundraisers in San Francisco and New York getting media attention. The Los Angeles event on Sept. 19 raised \$1 million and was extensively covered by AP and UPI — reaching every city in the country. The press is beginning to promote a March "Aid for AIDS" rock concert in Los Angeles.

Government funding for AIDS was also featured in major articles: Dr. James Mason said he had requested that Pres. Reagan support a \$70 million increase in funding. House Speaker Tip O'Neill has agreed to support that request, according to Congresswoman Sala Burton.

AIDS PANIC
A panic over AIDS was beginning to surface in the largest number of newspaper articles on the subject. The AP reported a man with AIDS accused 46 funeral homes in Baltimore of discrimination after he had difficulty finding a home that would handle his funeral. A mortician AIDS kit is being manufactured in Cambridge, MA which contains gloves, gowns and shoe coverings. A suspected AIDS victim died at the Rajneeshpuram commune in Oregon after the commune banned kissing and ordered the use of rubber gloves and condoms during sex.

Pres. Reagan said the word "AIDS" and said federal funding was adequate. British officials ordered the hospital quarantining of a man with AIDS. Five AIDS cases have been reported in Japan. Miami passed a law that requires 80,000 county food service workers to carry AIDS-free I.D. cards. A prostitute with AIDS in Delray Beach, Florida, was ordered by a judge to wear a monitor so officials could know of her whereabouts.

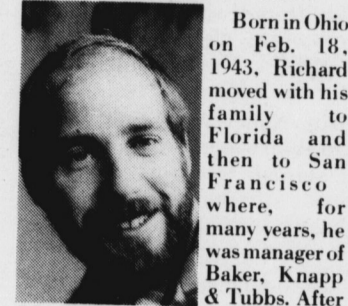
Continued media attention on AIDS has affected the general population. The Sept. 18 Lou Harris Poll revealed that 73 percent of the population believes AIDS is a serious national problem with 12 percent concerned that they or a member of their family might become infected. A *Washington Post* poll (Sept. 26) revealed that 80 percent of the population believes AIDS equals cancer as the greatest health problem. Misinformation was apparent as 56 percent thought you could get AIDS through

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DEATHS

Richard G Luther

Richard "Dick" Luther died on Sept. 12 at his home in West Hollywood at the age of 42 after a 2½ year battle with AIDS. His younger daughter, Laura, was with him.



Born in Ohio on Feb. 18, 1943, Richard moved with his family to Florida and then to San Francisco where, for many years, he was manager of Baker, Knapp & Tubbs. After his divorce he moved to Stinson Beach to be by the ocean and to paint. He was a member of the Gay Fathers both here and, on moving his job for B.K. & T., also in Los Angeles.

Richard is also survived by his elder daughter Robin of Fort Lauderdale; his parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Luther of Seven Hills, Ohio; his sister Mrs. Joyce Guthrie of Rochester, N.Y. and many friends who will miss his great charm and idiosyncrasies but are relieved that his suffering, both mental and physical, has ended.

Following his cremation, a memorial gathering was held in Los Angeles organized by the Gay Fathers. In the early morning of Sunday, Sept. 22, at a private ceremony, his ashes were scattered in the ocean at his beloved Stinson Beach.

John Scrafani

Joseph Thomas Scrafani, Ph.D. of Lodi, N.J. died Sept. 17 in a local hospital. Joseph worked for Schering Pharmaceutical in medical education. Survived by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scrafani, Sr. of Lodi, N.J., his brother and sister-in-law Brook, N.J. other relatives and many friends in San Francisco. Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 21 with burial in St. Marys Cemetery in Saddle Brook, N.J. Donations preferred to your favorite charity. For additional information contact Tom Simpson Funeral Counselor at 626-3340.

Robert Phelps

Robert Phelps died on Sept. 22, at San Francisco General Hospital of pneumocystic. His friends were at his side as his body passed, on leaving his spirit with those he touched.

During the part of his life he spent in San Francisco he was a bartender at the Cinch and more recently, the Ambush. He was going to school at City College and was accepted in the spring of 1986 to the Nursing Program.

Any remembrance in his name may be made to the Shanti Project to help those that are going through or will be going through this crisis that we all face.

Donald Allen Parkey

Don Parkey passed away peacefully in his lover's arms at 11:18 p.m., Sept. 25 at San Francisco General Hospital after a short illness of pneumonia.

Don was survived and supported from the heart by his lover of 3½ years, Steven Key, his mother and stepfather Dannie and Dick Flatt of Lake Isabella, CA, aunts, uncles, and many loving friends.

Don was born and raised in Los Angeles. He moved to San Francisco in 1974. In October, 1976, he moved to Wild Wood Ranch in Cazadero, CA to cook until January, 1982. When he returned to the Bay Area to operate his cleaning service.

We will all remember Don's unique way of making his own path in life, and not having to follow the crowd.

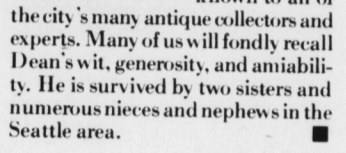
He was a very soft and gentle man who was an inspiration to us all.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at the M.C.C., 150 Eureka St., San Francisco, CA.

Dean Montgomery

Dean Montgomery, aged 40, died Aug. 18, at San Francisco General Hospital of cardio-pulmonary arrest related to an AIDS diagnosis made in June.

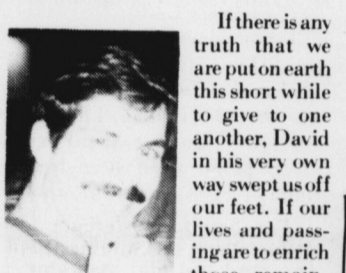
A native of Seattle, Dean lived there and here for 21 years. He was an avid antique dealer and decorator known to all of the city's many antique collectors and experts. Many of us will fondly recall Dean's wit, generosity, and amiability. He is survived by two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews in the Seattle area.



Be at peace, Tony.

David John Clerici

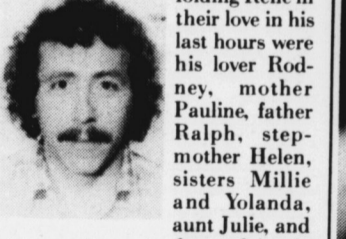
David John Clerici died Friday, Sept. 20. That we love you and will miss you will not go without saying. That you are very special to us is no news item. But something simply remarkable has passed through us by the name of David. And so he will live on in our hearts and memories. For those whose lives he touched in person or performing, he captivated. Always an entertainer. Always on stage. He, in many ways, became parts of us all. Making us laugh. Think. And thankful to share life with him.



If there is any truth that we are put on earth this short while to give to one another, David in his very own way swept us off our feet. If our lives and passing are to be enriched those remaining, he did his work. Every sunrise will hear Dave's smile and the glint from his eyes. His family, friends, and audiences will long remember how seeing him, being with him was always, in a word, unique.

Rene Pelliccia

Rene Pelliccia left this world Sept. 20 to a new beginning, his determined nine month battle with AIDS finished. Enfolded Rene in their love in his last hours were his lover Rodney, mother Pauline, father Ralph, stepmother Helen, sisters Millie and Yolanda, aunt Julie, and dear friends Arthur, Coleen, Fritz, Kay, Pam and Timothy. Rene died at peace in the full knowledge and acceptance of their love. His courage, strength and unflinching optimism will be an inspiration always.

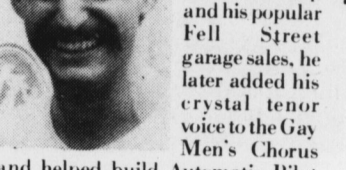


In accordance with his wishes a private service of friends and relatives was held Wednesday, Sept. 25. His "family" bid farewell to Rene from the deck of the Neptune Society's yacht *Naïad* in a cove behind Angel Island. As the sun set in the west and the moon rose in the east, Rene's ashes were scattered over the Bay. Rene loved and was loved.

A special thanks for the compassion and caring shown by the nursing staff at Ralph K. Davies Medical Center. You were wonderful. Donations in remembrance may be made to Shanti Project.

Tony Kramedras

On Sept. 20, the last day of summer, our dear friend, Tony Kramedras, passed peacefully from us. From his early commune days as one of the pioneers of the Haight Food Co-op and his popular Fell Street garage sales, he later added his crystal tenor voice to the Gay Men's Chorus and helped build Automatic Pilot into a bold and vibrant jazz group. As half owner of one of the city's first bed and breakfast inns, the beautiful Inn San Francisco, he once again set a trend for those that followed.



His gentleness, his generosity and his dignified strength will be our constant loss, but his essence and light live on forever.

Be at peace, Tony.

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If you include a photograph, please label it clearly. If you wish the photo returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Notices of more than 100 words may be edited for space. We cannot accept poetry. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

Curran to Address Parents FLAG

Representatives of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays groups from all over the country will meet in Atlanta, Georgia for their Fourth Annual Convention from Oct. 25 through Oct. 28 at the Colony Square Hotel, located at Peachtree and 14th Streets.

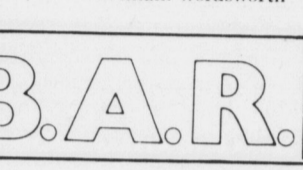
The theme of this year's convention is "How to" and eight

different workshops are planned covering a variety of subjects such as helping parents cope, coming out, dealing with AIDS, and involving the gay community. Dr. James Curran, from the CDC, will address the group at the plenary session on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10:15 a.m. Also planned for that day is a banquet dinner featuring speakers and entertainment, starting at 6 p.m.

Parents FLAG hopes to have a large turnout of members from the gay community attend the convention and banquet. A registration fee of \$85 covers all workshops and convention materials, luncheons on Saturday and Sunday, coffee breaks, and the banquet on Sunday night. To attend only the banquet, the fee is \$50 per person. To make reservations, send your name, address, and phone number, along with your check to: Parents FLAG, Box 553, Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10021.

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Seattle Gay Man Forces Newspaper To Change Ads

SEATTLE—A Seattle gay man found out recently that the city's major daily newspaper doesn't feel comfortable with using the word, "gay," in its classified section. Thomas Mitchell Freeman found out, however, that the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* didn't have any objection to running classifieds for Christians until the discrepancy was brought to its attention.

Freeman attempted to place a classified which read: "Gay male, 26, seeks roommate to share apartment near Woodland Park. Non-smoking, vegetarian preferred." An employee in the *Post-Intelligencer's* Classified Department told Freeman, "Oh, no, we don't allow that."

Freeman said he pointed out to her that the paper had been running ads for people who identify themselves as "Christians." The woman responded by saying, "Sir, I'm not going to get into this with you. This is our policy, period."

Although many people would have shied away from this issue after that statement, Freeman

did not. He talked to other members of the newspaper's Classified staff, asking why "Christians" could rent out apartment space, but gays could not.

Soon, the *Post-Intelligencer* quit using the word, "Christian" in its Classified Section. Now, it does not use any of those types of classifications. Still, Freeman was not pleased.

"It amazes me that the *Seattle Times/PI*, beyond having such an unjust policy, would rather not allow Christians or any other religious followers to continue being able to identify themselves in the "Roommates Wanted" columns, than to allow them and gays and lesbians to run ads that identify themselves," said Freeman.

—Seattle Gay News

Boston Man Sues Phone Company Over Confidentiality

BOSTON—A Boston man who has an AIDS-related condition (ARC) filed suit against his employer because of a rumor allegedly spread by the company that he had AIDS.

Paul Cronan, who works in the South Boston office of the New England Telephone Company

Gay Students Might Lose Funds; Compared With Murderers

SILVER SPRING, Md.—The University of Maryland's Student Government Association voted recently to place a referendum on the campus election ballot which would bar the university's gay student group from receiving university funding.

"This thing about homosexuality or perversion being an alternative lifestyle is ridiculous," said Greg Krehbiel, a member of a fundamentalist student group called New Life Christians. "Murder is not an alternative lifestyle."

The NLC collected nearly 700 signatures which support the referendum. If the group is

successful, the Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GLSU) would lose roughly \$5-6,000 from the SGA's overall budget of \$500,000. This entire budget was collected from mandatory student fees.

The NLC opposed the mandatory student fees going to the gay group, calling it "morally offensive" to lend support to a gay group.

Gay campus leaders were not informed of the student government's vote to put the issue in a referendum. The SGA approved the proposed referendum by a 7-5 vote.

—The Washington Blade

said he asked his boss, Charles O'Brien, for time off for treatment. When O'Brien asked what kind of treatment Cronan was referring to, the latter allegedly shared his information about having ARC.

Soon after that, according to Cronan, his co-workers feared working around him.

Cronan's attorney, Margaret O'Reilly, said she will seek compensation from the company for

breach of confidentiality and emotional distress.

—The Gay Community News of Boston

Massachusetts Bans Equal Rights For 'Adam and Steve'

BOSTON—The Massachusetts House of Representatives resoundingly defeated a bill which would have given gay men

and lesbians the same protection from discrimination afforded other minorities.

The bill's sponsor, Boston's Thomas Valley, blamed a number of hot issues for the bill's defeat by an 88-65 vote.

"I think the fear of AIDS and the gay foster parenting issue took quite a toll in the debate," said Valley. "I think it will be quite some time before this bill has a shot at passage."

Valley was referring to a measure Gov. Michael Dukakis signed which prohibits gay people from adopting children in Massachusetts. Dukakis was a supporter of Valley's bill.

One person who was not a supporter of the Valley bill was Rep. Roger Goyette, who said, "I can't go around and legislate an acceptable lifestyle." Goyette also told reporters that "God didn't create Adam and Steve... he created Adam and Eve."

—NGN WireCopy

Sydney Clinic Defies Government

SYDNEY, Australia—Following announcements that the New South Wales State government plans to make positive AIDS antibody test results a notifiable condition, the Sydney AIDS Clinic decided it would not comply with such demands, if the measure became law.

The clinic's director, Dr. Julian Gold, said he hoped to create a dialogue with government officials to avoid difficulties.

"We decided to form a group," said Gold, "and this group would endeavor to have meetings with the premier to try and solve the situation so that people who suspected they might have been exposed to the AIDS virus would feel comfortable and secure when coming in to the clinic for testing."

—NGN WireCopy

Weicker Promises More AIDS Money

WASHINGTON—Sen. Lowell Weicker promised an increase in AIDS funding, saying whatever the government wants, "you're going to get it." The Connecticut Republican told this to Assistant Secretary of Health James Mason last week when Mason related to Weicker's Health Subcommittee panel the federal government would need an additional \$70 million to fight the AIDS virus.

"Those among us who suffer this disease deserve understanding and help," said Weicker. "We in the United States are one people. And by fact or law, there will be no pariah among us."

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Roberta Achtenberg remembers the early relationship between gays and United Way. (Photo: Rink)

Peninsula Youth

by Marv Shaw

The year you were 15—was it Happy Days? Or was it a hell of feeling absolutely alone in a brutal high school world of straight pairing and homophobic harassment?

Though few have had the worst of the latter extreme, many gay people have had to stumble through adolescent uncertainty, confusion, and frustration with no help at all.

The recollection of that difficult time, and the realization that contemporary youth is suffering it too, impelled Rhio Hirsch and Will Doherty to organize the Lesbian and Gay Youth Group. They help kids help each other through teen years that are tougher for gays than for straights. Now into its second year, this informal club combines socializing with counseling. *Bay Area Reporter* talked with Hirsch and Doherty recently to see how the work was going.

After his association with a prior group in San Francisco, Hirsch, a Stanford graduate working for Stanford Research International in Menlo Park, started with a nucleus of a few teenagers. Advertising was started with posters; a post office box was rented; a telephone number with an answering device was set up; and space was secured rent free at the University Lutheran Church in the College Terrace section of Palo Alto.

Sandy Jacobs, the minister at that time, was delighted to welcome the group, which began Sunday afternoon sessions in Oct. 1984. Now, with Jacobs gone, the status might change. But for a year, gay youth have had a refuge apart from older

gays, a place where they felt free and could interact without feeling inhibited by dominating "adult" presence.

Some recruits actually approach the group via the listing in the Palo Alto telephone directory, often very shyly at first. More are referred from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS).

Because of the GLAS connection, many of the members are Stanford students, a factor which makes the average age 20 or 21. Hirsch and Doherty agree that the college group sometimes dominates the proceedings and intellectualizes the discussions to the point of inhibiting the high school group. The two leaders are

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United Way Opens Campaign; Dollars Go to Gay Services

Gays Give Time, Money to Fund Drive; A Dozen Groups Now Supported by UWBA

by Charles Lineberger

The annual United Way fundraising campaign is on again in the Bay Area's corporate and government offices. But this year there is a new ingredient, gays are asking for and getting a bigger share of the pie. More gay and lesbian organizations than ever before are being funded by the giant charity and more and more donors are specifying that their contributions go to the area's underfunded gay and lesbian organizations.

Roberta Achtenberg, an openly lesbian member of United Way's Board of Directors, talked to the *Bay Area Reporter* about recent changes in the Bay Area's largest charity. Achtenberg noted that eight years ago two gay organizations, Pacific Center in Berkeley and Operation Concern in San Francisco, were given membership in United Way which entitled them to annual funding from the charity's receipts.

"Then four or five years ago (1981) Arthur Lazere, the gay chairperson of San Francisco's Industrial Development Authority, got himself appointed to the Board of Trustees," Achtenberg explained.

Lazere, according to Achtenberg, managed to get other gays and lesbians onto the Board of Trustees of United Way. "Three years ago he got me and several others on the board. And we started pushing for more gay money. We estimated that gay people were giving \$3-4 million annually to United Way, a low estimate."

In response to pressure from gays and others within the charity, United Way created a special fund for other, non-member organizations representing groups that were underfunded such as gays and lesbians, the elderly, Asians and refugees. That was two years ago.

Anne Wilson, director of communications at United Way, talked about the funding of gay and lesbian organizations by the charity. Pacific Center, a counseling agency, was awarded \$96,651 (which includes funds from individual donor options amounting to \$13,979). Operation Concern, a mental health and alcohol treatment facility, received \$72,680.

The special needs fund alluded to by Achtenberg, awarded \$169,045 in total to gay and lesbian non-profit agencies this year. Of that \$81,450 went to organizations which had not previously been funded by United Way. Hospitality House, a temporary shelter for homeless youth, received \$194,000 (but only \$13,000 of this from the special needs fund). The Center for Educational and Mental Health received \$12,772. CUAV (Community United Against Violence) got \$19,200.

The Hospice of San Francisco got \$144,800 in total. Hospice is not a gay organization, but treats

many AIDS people. \$12,800 was awarded specifically to treat AIDS patients. The Lyon-Martin Clinic, a women's health service, got \$21,400 and the Lesbian Rights Project received \$17,000. Polk Street Town Hall got the smallest piece of the pie at \$8,000 and the San Francisco Women's Building received \$18,000.

Donor Option plans brought substantial sums to two AIDS oriented organizations in the gay community. Individual donors specifically requested, via donor option, that \$69,035 go to the Shanti Project and another \$64,828 go for the AIDS Foundation.

In all, according to Wilson, \$315,680 was awarded to gay and lesbian agencies this year out of a total United Way budget of \$33,033,000 for the five county Bay Area region. Private contributors and donor option accounted for another \$137,644 to gay service organizations.

According to Arthur Lazere, a panel of gays and lesbians divided the money (\$169,045) which the special needs fund allocates for gays and lesbians. This is done on a competitive basis. Lazere explained the donor option.

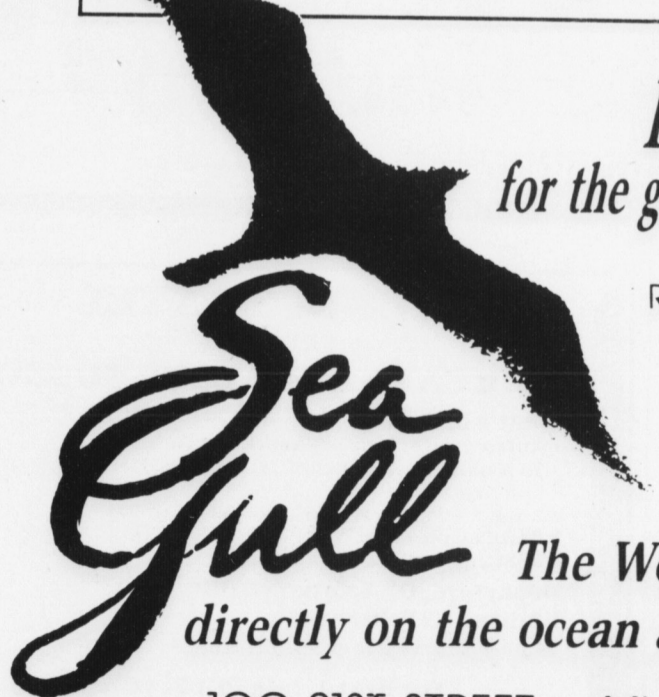
"Donor Option is a simple process," Lazere said, "anyone who is making a pledge or contribution to United Way at their work-place can fill out the donor option card. You have to ask for it and you put on it the name and address of the organization you want your money to go to. Certainly most of the organizations in town qualify for that, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti, the GGBA Foundation, Operation Concern, and others."

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Taking Care Of ...

'Unfinished Business'—AIDS Show 1½ Opens Ninth Rhino Season

by Steve Warren

If I could have taken you by the hand and led you into a theater last year, I would have taken you to see *The AIDS Show* at Theatre Rhinoceros.

Opening half a year before *As Is*, Broadway's first faltering step in the direction of AIDS drama, a full year before *Buddies* and even longer before *An Early Frost*, the first theatrical and television films in the genre, *The AIDS Show* was first with the most. Only off-Broadway's *The Normal Heart* comes close to matching it for emotional power, humor, and a comprehensive look at its subject. (We haven't seen *An Early Frost* yet, but hopes are not high based on advance reports.)

Originally scheduled for four performances, *The AIDS Show* continued running and running, and was invited to tour to Boston, San Diego, and other cities. In San Francisco it was treated as a foster child, tucked into whatever theatrical bed was empty on a particular night. Not that it wasn't appreciated, but no contingency plans had been made for such popularity.

With about 40 percent of its songs and sketches completely new, a revised version finally reaches the Theatre Rhinoceros mainstage this weekend (it's already previewing) as the first show of the 1985-86 season, the theater's ninth. Its new title is *Unfinished Business—The New AIDS Show*, but as a sequel it could be called *The AIDS Show I ½*.

The AIDS Show was conceived early last year by Theatre Rhinoceros founder Allan Estes, who died of AIDS that May. The project later fell to Leland Moss with the stated intention "to educate and empower audiences."

An open call for writers, performers, and technicians attracted more than 40 people, of whom 14 wound up in the show. Half of those were also among the 13 writers whose material was used. *Unfinished Business* has about the same number of writers but the cast has been reduced to ten, six of whom have been involved from the start.

It was decided in June to keep the show going for another year and to solicit new material. "Things are happening so fast," Moss says, "that it's hard to keep up." One of the original writer-performers, Doug Holsclaw,

became co-director at that time. "It was almost like starting from scratch," he says of the task of updating and revising a show that was already, as they say, timely and terrific. The new beginning, he adds, lets them try all the changes they'd wanted to make but hadn't bothered with when

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Holsclaw and Moss have both contributed material to the project since its inception, the former with a brilliant ear for dialogue and a knack for giving it a humorous twist, and the latter with a keen sense of his audience's emotions that lets him evoke laughs or tears at will.

With AIDS in the news every day, Moss says, they incorporate as much new information as possible without making the show sound like a newscast. Recent headlines have given new relevance to Ellen Brook Davis' monologue "The Nurse," in



To Tell the Truth — a humorous and informative scene from 'The AIDS Show' (Photo: J. Rotsten)

which a health care professional honestly discusses her fears of catching AIDS from her patients and passing it on to her children.

For the 1985-86 edition Davis has written a sketch about two

anything by Neil Simon. A bit darker, perhaps ("He sent a telegram to the CIA: 'I'm dying. Do you have an antidote?'"), but no less hilarious. Besides educating and empowering, *Unfinished Business* never loses sight of the need to entertain people who go to the theater.

The show is still in somewhat chronological order, so most of the new material is in the second act. Remaining are the new year's eve party sequences and telephone monologues by "Murray," the unseen character at the other end of the line in *Torch Song Trilogy* (written and performed by Moss at Harvey Fierstein's suggestion) which illustrates the evolution of gay social attitudes from 1981 (outright hedonism) to the present (caring, caution, and concern).

There's a sequel to Holsclaw's "It's My Party," where a game of "Trivial Pursuit" turned into a safe sex orgy. This year one of the revelers has been diagnosed with AIDS and the pursuit of sex seems even more trivial. Moss' "Actively Dying" is a hospital scene that recalls *Buddies*.

A new song by Karl Brown

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Human Condition

There's Much Underlying Truth in Rhino's 'Wait for the Beep'

by Bernard Spunberg

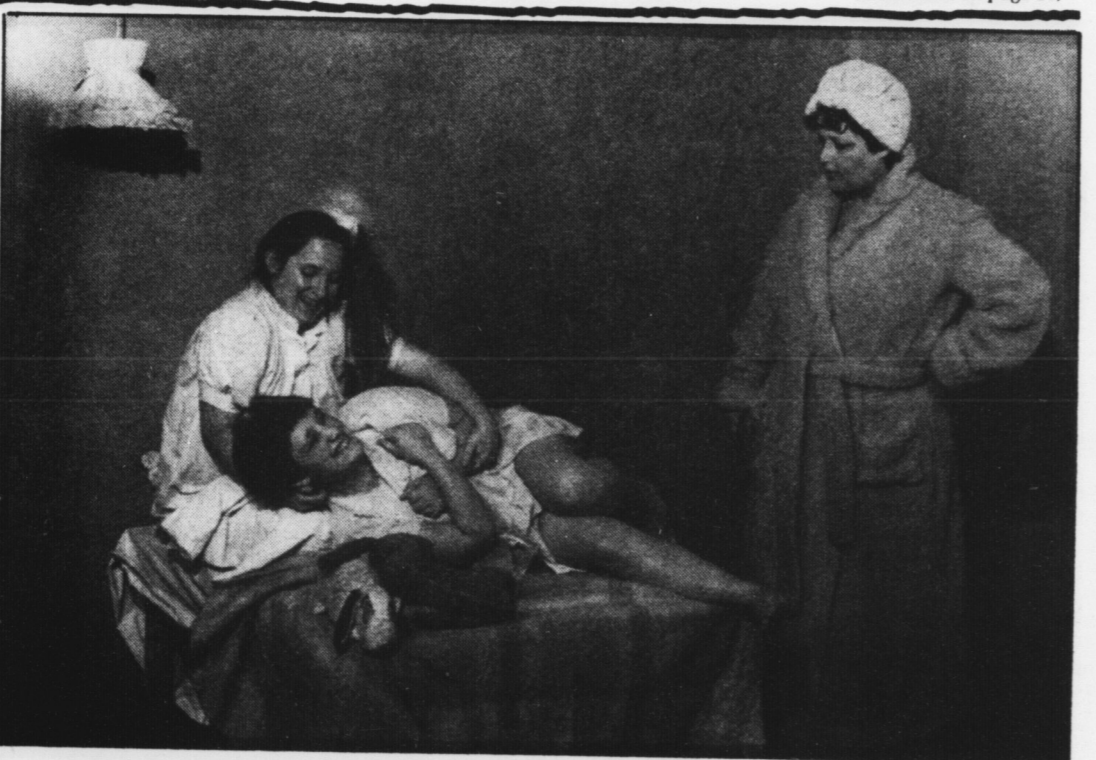
First you have to come out as a human being. *Please Wait for the Beep*, a heartfelt, courageous comedy currently onstage in the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, is the funniest, most inspiring play I've seen in a while. Directed by Patricia Keaney, the beautiful production features excellent performances by Suzy Berger, Sharon Kirk, Deborah Spector, Jaymie Litsey, Jayne Jenkins, and a brilliant Rhino debut by Kathy Burch in the principal role. The setting, a characterization in itself, is by Vola Ruben.

Please Wait for the Beep depicts a lesbian scarred, fearful, and unable to participate responsibly in relationships with her lover, mother, and friends; so she retreats. She hides behind fetishistic role playing and her vibrator. When she buys an answering machine, she puts her whole life on hold and risks being cut off entirely. Playwright Kreitman does acknowledge that games and toys have their value.

"Games are wonderful," Kreitman says, "especially if you can find someone to play with. Now, my central character, Ron-

nie, doesn't happen to abuse alcohol or drugs, but she doesn't know where game-playing ends

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Deborah Spector (l.), Suzy Berger, and Jaymie Litsey in *Please Wait for the Beep* (Photo: E. Richards)

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Critical Whoopie

JOHN KARR

Loathsome but necessary—that's the standard opinion of critics. Strangely, though, while everyone abhors a critic, most people these days rush to become one; they might cross the street to avoid meeting one, yet totally forgetting their dislike of the position, will slip on the critic's cloak-of-all-knowledge to assume the disdained position if given half the chance.

The tendency to criticize seems to be a distinctly twentieth century malady. More and more, people would rather be arbiters of taste than creators of it, mistaking a manipulative act for a parturient one. In his study of television, Neil Postman points a finger at the decline of the written word, and the ascendancy of the tube, with its tendency to present everything—from murder and natural disaster to politics—as entertainment. To escape the passivity of viewing, we criticize. And since writing is such an effortful and less immediate pastime than talking, we've become a nation of talkers, not doers, which only fulfills poet Richard Blackmur's opinion that criticism "is the formal discourse of an amateur."

Literary criticism is an especially fraught field, one particularly pervaded by the "those who can't . . ." syndrome. Greg Tate, much beleaguered by the obfuscating prose in a recent anthology of literary criticism, called that particular jampot of jurists "Furthermuckers." If so



fiction, much of its criticism works along the lines of new narrative. "In bringing everyday life and criticism together," said Abbott, "it makes us aware of how we deal with, and shape, our lives." Some of the pieces are difficult, thick, but the new narrative is heard repeatedly, in writing that is innovative and entertaining, and which for the most part does away with furthermucking. Robert Gluck uses

introductory notes for each. He also explains his position. "Why did you become a reader/writer in the first place," he asks, "if not to go beyond." William Blake once wrote, "I must create a system or be enslaved by another Man's." Boone's need to press beyond, and Abbott's vision of writing as a tool to help us take our place in the world, enable us—in the forum for the criticism of gay and lesbian writers that is "New Critical Perspectives," *Soup 4*—to create our own system. Like the dreaming woman on *Soup's* front cover, we can go up against monsters when we bare our literary fangs.

Soup 4 is for sale at the Walt Whitman Bookstore, and can be purchased by mail (along with issues 1-3) from Steve Abbott, 545 Ashbury, #1, SF 94117.

MEDIA WATCH
The October issue of *Vanity Fair* has an excerpt from David Mamet's next play, which announces its characters as a fake medium and his hustler/lover. And if Master Mamet and the boys doesn't sound provocative, how about Alice Walker assuring us in *Publisher's Weekly* that the central lesbian relationship of her book *The Color Purple* has not been avoided in the movie? Whoopi Goldberg finally makes whoopie, huh? Walker also mentions the "very small cabaret" in San Francisco where she first saw Whoopi: the Valencia Rose. Walker saw Whoopi "by accident." Meaning they didn't know who was on the bill or that they were in a queer joint? Tell us more, Alice.

AIDS Show
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In short, everyone acts human but no one's head gets too big for the halo that may be set on it when the show opens.
After the "final" performance Nov. 10 *Unfinished Business*—*The New AIDS Show* will be available in whole or in part for touring and for shows at meetings and community functions such as the recent Folsom Street Faire. A BankAmerica Foundation grant will facilitate these "community service performances" this season.
The six-play subscription series at Theatre Rhinoceros includes two mainstream plays with gay elements and one world premiere from Rhino's Play-

wrights Workshop. *Unfinished Business* will be followed by Ira Levin's thriller *Deathtrap* (Nov. 23-Dec. 29); *And Baby Makes Seven*, a lesbian comedy by Paula Vogel (Jan. 18-Feb. 22); *Levitatio*, Timothy mason's comedy which was hailed by New York critics in Marshall Mason's Circle Rep production (Mar. 8-Apr. 13); *Corner of the Eye*, Philip Real's homegrown premiere about gay bookbustlers integrating a middle-class neighborhood (Apr. 26-Jun. 1); and Lillian Hellman's classic *The Children's Hour*, about two schoolteachers suspected of being lesbians (Jun. 14-Jul. 20).
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S. Warren

STAGE

Two Star Turns

by Stephen Dreyfus

Between the two of them, Rex Harrison and Claudette Colbert have accumulated more than a hundred years of performing experience. International stars of both theater and film, they have appeared in more productions than the average American will see in his lifetime, and have won just about every major award offered in their field. They are, in short, masters of their craft, a fact made happily evident by their performances in *Aren't We All?*, which opened Sept. 27 for a four-week run at the Curran.

Aren't We All? is a British drawing room comedy written in 1923 by Frederik Lonsdale. Like most plays of its genre, it chronicles the morals and mores of the very rich, the very idle, and the very, very aristocratic. What there is of a plot concerns a young wife, the Hon. Mrs. W. Tatham, who returns unexpectedly from traveling in Egypt to discover her husband locked in a torrid embrace with a vampish type named Kitty Lake. I can't say I blame the Hon. Mr. Tatham much, because Miss Lake, played by Leslie O'Hara in a flame-colored dress, is the reincarnation of Louise Brooks. Nonetheless, Mrs. Tatham is most annoyed, the marriage is soon very much on *The Rocks*, and we're off and running. The sub plot consists of the efforts of Lord Greham, the Hon. Mr. Tatham's father, to avoid marriage to the glamorous Lady Frinton, played by Harrison and Colbert, respectively. Although time has not been en-



Rex Harrison and Claudette Colbert star in 'Aren't We All?'

terficial legs, and at this time in her life she radiates warmth and clarity of feeling. She has lost none of the comic timing that made her performance in *It Happened One Night* such a delight. It has simply—please excuse the cliché—mellowed. Harrison wears a gentle air of bemusement as if the deity had created that attitude specifically for him alone. His technique is so formidable that when he fluffs a line, as he did occasionally on opening

to watch two experts do what they have done best for 50 years, which is, quite simply, charming their audiences to distraction. ■

Aren't We All?
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'It's that sort of play, and without first-rate performances, it could easily sink into literary oblivion.'

tirely kind to Mr. Lonsdale's script, it has a great deal of charm, and it gives us a glimpse of a world far more orderly than our own seems to be. The first act begins with the line "Pour me a whiskey and soda, please, Morton," and the second with "You may remove the tea tray, Roberts." It's that sort of play, and without first-rate performances, it could easily sink into literary oblivion.

Luckily, first-rate performances are exactly what we get. Simon Jones, recognizable as Bridey from *Brideshead Revisited* only because of his distinguished voice, is splendidly upright and clean jawed as William Tatham. George Rose plays the Rev. Earnest Lynton with bumbling charm, and his wife, played by Joyce Worsley, manages to be both motherly and ascerbic, the sort of woman we hope Mrs. Miniver might have become in old age. Ned Schmidtke is appropriately lean and rangy as the interloping Australian, around whom much of the action of the second act is centered. The only wrong note is struck by Lise Hilboldt, who plays Mrs. Tatham as if the role were an exercise in advanced elocution. Luckily, the damage is slight, so on to our front runners.

At the ages of 77 and 82, respectively, Harrison and Colbert demonstrate clearly that they are not about to let age wither their infinite variety. Like all performers of their generation who are still working, they have had to find alternatives to athleticism, and how well these two have done it! Colbert is still a great beauty, with, by the way,

night, his ad libs seem to be improvements on the original script. He walks onto the stage as if he owned it, which, of course, in a way, he does.

The sets, by Finlay James, are masterpieces of detail. The first act drawing room even includes a collection of invitations on the mantel. The costumes are the work of Judith Bland, and with one glaring exception, they work very well. Unfortunately, Colbert's final costume is a sort of ice-blue shroud, trimmed in boa, which is the only thing about her performance that can be accused of being matronly.

Late in the play, Harrison, sunk deep in a chair, with his legs elegantly crossed, turns to Colbert and says, "There's something I've always adored about you—you make me laugh." Colbert responds, "What else should married couples ask for!" What else should any of us ask for? But *Aren't We All?* delivers much more. It gives us the opportunity

Corrections


A photograph on page 22 of last week's *Bay Area Reporter* was incorrectly identified. The comedian in question is Monica Palacios, not Marga Gomez.

Also, the producer of "You, The Night, and The Music," a benefit for the San Francisco Band Foundation held at the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room Sept. 16, was incorrectly identified as Robert Golovich in a review. The producer of the event was Don Johnson. ■

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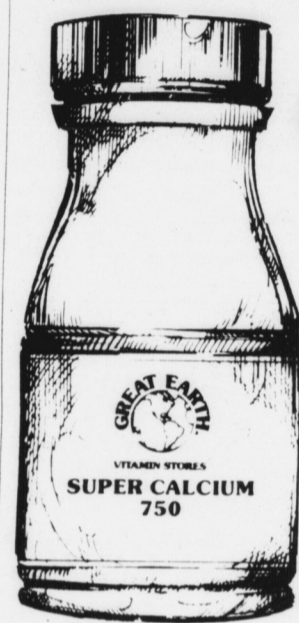
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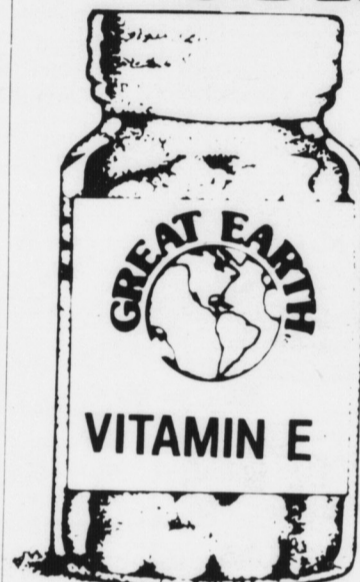
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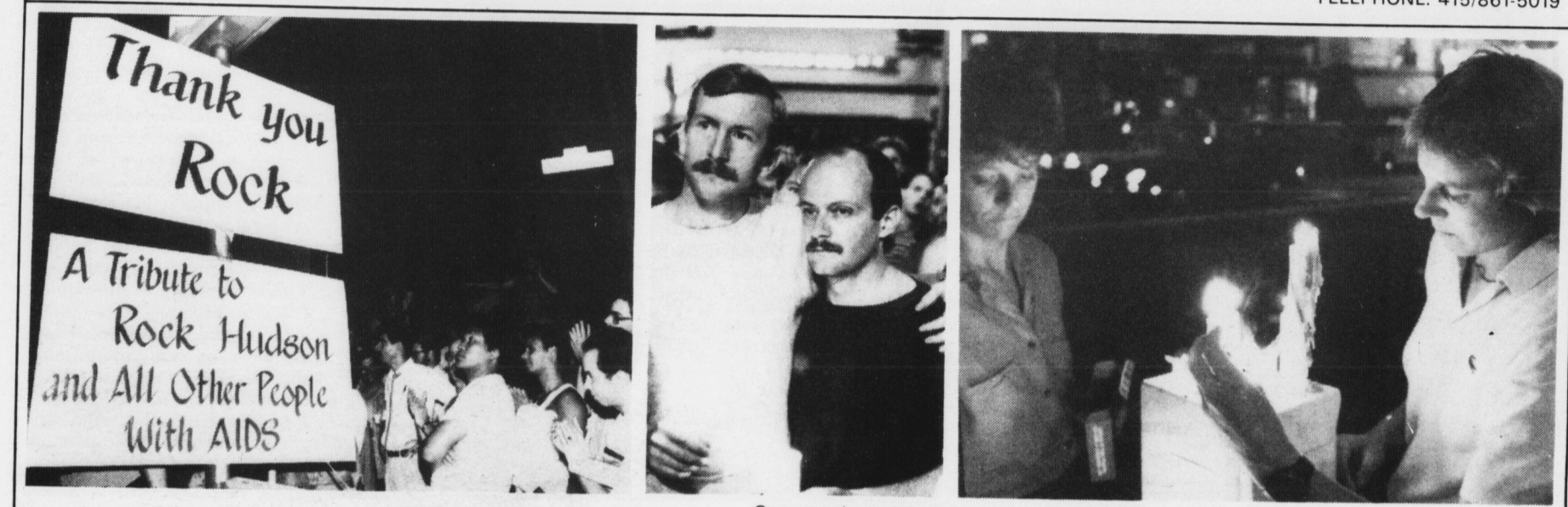
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Thanks, Rock

Gay people and their friends gathered on Castro St. Friday to honor the late actor, Rock Hudson. For more details, please turn to page 15. (Photo: Rink)



Jose Sarria, the Widow Norton, in all her glory. For our in-depth feature, please turn to page 12. (Photo: Robert Pruzan)

Schools Supt. Denies Plan for HTLV Testing

Critics Blast Cornejo's Remarks; School Board Members Say They Won't OK Testing

by Charles Linebarger

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, acting schools superintendent, Carlos Cornejo, has gone on record as proposing that all food handlers in the San Francisco school district be tested for HTLV-3 antibody as an indication of possible infection with AIDS.

Cornejo immediately issued a prepared statement to "protest" the *Chronicle* story, saying it was misleading. "Contrary to the *San Francisco Chronicle*," retorted Cornejo, "I do not plan to seek mandatory AIDS testing for food handlers, nor did I ever mean to imply that I did."

Though observers told *Bay Area Reporter* that they doubted such a testing plan ever would have passed the school board, nonetheless, they said, the damage had been done.

Asked about Cornejo's remarks, Sup. Harry Britt said, "He was accommodating Congressman Dannemeyer (a right wing southern California Congressman favoring quarantine of people with AIDS). There is no chance the Board of Education will call for testing but when the superintendent of San Francisco's schools calls for testing, think what our enemies will do with it."

"If he said anything even close to what they say he said," Britt continued, "then he has a problem and he needs to be reined in by the Board of Education. I've talked to board president, Myra Kopf, and she told me in no uncertain terms that nothing like this is going to happen in San Francisco."

Cornejo was unavailable for comment, but Jo Ann Miller, a

school board member, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she had talked to Cornejo about the incident.

Referring to the interview at the *Chronicle's* editorial office which led to Tuesday's story, Miller said, "The city editor started badgering him on AIDS policy, which we're looking into but haven't done anything with

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AIDS Increase Hits a 'Plateau'

For 9 Months, Numbers Hold Steady; But Health Dept. Urges Caution

by Brian Jones

The rate of new AIDS cases in San Francisco appears to have stopped growing. For the first nine months of this year, the number of new cases per month has held steady at about 62 new cases a month.

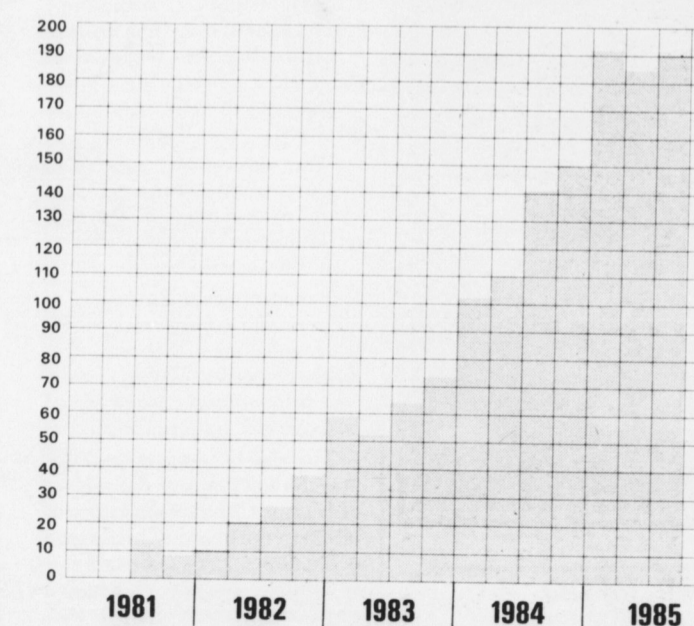
The plateau in the rate of growth of the epidemic is unprecedented here — or anywhere else — and suggests that the growth of the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco may have peaked.

In September, according to the Department of Public Health, there were 62 new cases of AIDS, identical to the

number of new cases logged in January.

During the months in between, the monthly count went as high as 69 (in March) and as low as 53 (in June). But the monthly totals of new cases remained close to the nine-month average of 62 cases.

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NEW AIDS CASES/MONTH SAN FRANCISCO
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Rabbi Robert Kirschner appealed to his congregation for help for people with AIDS. For the astounding response, see Page 3.

Mom-at-Large, Betty Page, tells how it is for a mother to face her son's AIDS diagnosis. See page 10.

Gala for Our Lives artists bring their entrepreneurial muscle to the cause, page 22.