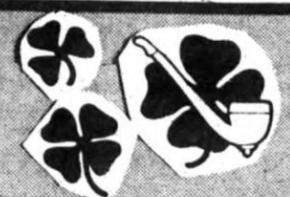


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The Gay Family Newspaper of the Santa Clara Valley

San Jose Catholic Bishop issues guidelines for pastoral care of Gays

San Jose Bishop Pierre DuMaine has issued guidelines for ministry to homosexuals, essentially aimed at helping parish priests deal pastorally with Gay/Lesbian Catholics.

positive." "This will let ministers know they are supported," Father Fry said, viewing the guidelines from the perspective of a pastor and minister, which was his role on the committee.

Bishop was concerned with pastoral care of individuals and families as well as supporting the traditional teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on sexuality.

"The guidelines accept, without elaborating, the perennial teaching of the Catholic Church on sexual morality, conscience and personal sin." (sec. 1.2)

"The guidelines also accept the teaching of the Catholic Church on social ethics but do not propose a social action agenda. When the voice or action of the Church is needed in the religious or secular forum, appropriate agents of the parish and diocese will be informed and enlisted to uphold basic human and civil rights against social or legal



Bishop Pierre DuMaine.

File Photo

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—Father Richard Fry Pastor of St. Julie Parish, San Jose

The "Pastoral Guidelines for Ministry to Homosexuals in the Diocese of San Jose" have been published in the March edition of The Valley Catholic, official diocesan newspaper, along with an extensive interview with the five members of the committee who worked with Bishop DuMaine for two years to create the guidelines.

"The dialogue throughout our two-year process was impressive," he said, "and the Bishop came across as very pastoral. He listened; he was open. I think the important thing here is that the guidelines are pastoral and that there is not a lot of heavy theology. What is emphasized is the Church's caring concern for people.

"I think there is a lot of concern about this issue among

... sometimes families have felt compelled to turn against a gay son or lesbian daughter. I know families where this splitting has caused a lot of heartache.

—Sister Joan Panella Campus Minister, SJSU

Father Richard Fry, Pastor of St. Julie Parish in San Jose and a member of the committee, said that the guidelines will be welcomed by many clergy who have long felt the need "for some backup from someone in authority about ministry to gay people. I think the response of most of the priests will be very

priests and we are infrequently sought as counselors on this because people in the gay community have a perception — which is incorrect — that they are cut off from the Church. I think these guidelines will help immensely in a healing process on this."

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Gay Republicans Meet in Palm Springs

Palm Springs — 30 Republican leaders from throughout California met in Palm Springs early this month to organize the Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties (CIRCL-PAC), billed in a press release as "the first statewide political action committee to address the advocacy of human rights (in particular non-discrimination towards gay men and women) within the Republican Party.

"Although gay men and women have traditionally been perceived as identifying with the tenets of the Democratic Party," said a spokesman, "there has been an increasing awareness

among Republican gay urban professionals who are now articulating their political views. The Palm Springs conference is evidence of this new emergence."

During the weekend conference, delegates from Log Cabin Clubs in Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, and San Francisco's Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights attended seminars on party strategy, conflicts with Fundamentalists, relations with other gay political action committees, criteria for distributing funds, and telemarketing and direct mail fundraising techniques.

A steering committee will meet

in Santa Clara in early March to finalize the structure of the organization and nominate a regionally selected Board of Directors.

CIRCL-PAC, which was founded two years ago, aims "to wield influence at the 1988 GOP convention."

According to Executive Director Frank Ricchiazzi of Los Angeles, "Our financial power is already considerable... it is now time to make an impact."

CIRCL-PAC is currently reviewing candidates for the U.S. Senate seat held by Democrat Alan Cranston.

Safe Sex Workshop at Watergarden

By Steve Lakey

The Safe Sex Workshop is being sponsored by The Watergarden and the Santa Clara County Health Dept. on each Monday in March from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 1010 The Alameda, San Jose.

The first session opened with speaker Sal Accardi, president of The Watergarden, who informed us that the series of workshops is a "unique program... unheard of in the United States today."

Accardi stated that it is the fear of the unknown that is creating hysteria, and it is our responsibility to spread the word to others.

The second speaker and head of the program was Gary Crawford of the Santa Clara County Health Dept.

Crawford outlined in depth the areas to be covered in the following weeks. STD's (Sexually Transmissible Diseases) were discussed in an open forum, which included AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). Many questions were raised about patient confidentiality.

Crawford assured us that it would take a court order or an act of Congress to release any medical files.

At present, the clinic is processing over 300 HTLV-3 tests per month. The actual number of AIDS cases in Santa Clara County has risen from 52 at this time last year to 110 at present, and is expected to rise even more.

The program is important in that it not only shows us statistics and safe sex practices, but also how to handle the emotional side of having a lover with a positive HTLV-3 test while yours shows negative.

Many other questions and myths will be discussed throughout the workshops with special guests.

The sponsors urge broad participation in this program, which could prove to be a milestone in the battle against AIDS in Santa Clara County and set an example for the nation.

For further information, contact Gary Crawford at (408) 299-5919 or The Watergarden (408) 275-1242.



Republicans... who are gay... met in Palm Springs in early February to discuss the organization of CIRCL-PAC, the first statewide political action committee in the nation to advocate non-discrimination towards gay men and women within the Republican Party.

County Supervisors Respond To BAYMEC AIDS Proposal

By Judy Rickard

Santa Clara County Supervisors established the Santa Clara County AIDS Task Force and approved up to \$60,000 to be awarded to the ARIS Project for assistance to Santa Clara County residents with AIDS at their Feb. 11 meeting.

Supervisor Susanne Wilson named Ken Yeager chair of the Task Force and gave the group several responsibilities, including giving final approval of the ARIS contract and looking for a residential care facility.

At a Jan. 14 hearing, BAYMEC had presented a nine-point program which asked first for the \$60,000 allocation for the balance of fiscal 1985-86.

No longer will the gay and lesbian community be solely responsible for raising funds to keep AIDS volunteer programs in operation. Financial problems had been cited as the reason for the closure of the AIDS Foundation last year.

Volunteers will now be able to spend more time and energy on providing support services to AIDS patients and their families

ARIS will use the funds to help pay for a volunteer coordinator, clerical support, office space, and initial and ongoing counselor training.

AIDS funding has been a top priority of BAYMEC since its formation. Groundwork for the vote was laid over a year ago when BAYMEC began meeting with the supervisors to discuss issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community.

The complete nine-point program presented to the Supervisors by BAYMEC included:

1) Allocate \$60,000 in mental health contracts to the ARIS Project for the remainder of 1985-86 fiscal year, and \$120,000 for the 1986-87 fiscal year.

2) Allocate funds to establish a residential care facility for chronically ill AIDS patients.

3) Establish a program to educate county employees who may work with AIDS patients, including deputy sheriffs, probation officers, social workers, and health department staff.

4) Create a board-sponsored AIDS Task Force to assess needs and develop a comprehensive AIDS program for the county.

5) Allocate additional funds for education and educational material targeted to high-risk groups.

6) Increase staff levels of the AIDS Project in order to provide more pro-active outreach to community groups.

7) Increase educational outreach to doctors, nurses and other health professionals to ensure high quality care in our county.

8) Publicize the county's ability to care for AIDS patients at Valley Medical Center.

9) Direct the mental health department to establish a working relationship with the ARIS Project to coordinate the mental and emotional support for AIDS patients.

One way to continue to help BAYMEC is to give donations which are passed on to political candidates that are sympathetic to gay and lesbian issues. Send what you can to BAYMEC, P.O. Box 90070, San Jose, CA 95109. For further information, call (408) 297-1024.

AIDS Forum In Hayward

Hayward political leaders and more than 50 other people attended a public information forum on AIDS at the John Muir School in Hayward on February 20 at the regular meeting of the Hayward Demos Democratic Club. The forum was organized by the Hayward Demos and the East Bay Lesbian/gay Democratic Club, sponsored by eight political groups, and endorsed by a variety of political and religious organizations. Three speakers who are prominent in the East Bay AIDS battle addressed the meeting.

Bob Benjamin, M.D., Director of the Alameda County Communicable Disease Bureau, was one of the speakers. The others were Dale Jensen, Community Outreach Specialist of the Pacific Center AIDS Project in Oakland, and Bob Kegeles, Chair of East Bay AIDS-related Organizations (EBARO), and Political Action Chair of the East Bay Lesbian/gay Democratic Club.

Hayward mayor Alex Giuliani and three of Hayward's seven City Council members attended the meeting, as did Assemblyman Johan Klehs, members of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, and a Castro

CATHOLICS cont. from p.1 discrimination, harassment, intimidation or violence." (1.3)

"The need for a pastoral ministry requires the embrace of the Church to be the same as that of Christ Himself, open to all, excluding none. Hence, it obligates the Church's ministers to respond without prejudice or condition to all who turn to the Church for support, counsel, reconciliation, solace or sacraments. All the baptized, regardless of sexual orientation or social attitudes, have an equal claim to this pastoral service." (2.1)

Sister Joan Panella, SND, chairperson of the guideline committee, Campus Minister at San Jose State University, and master's degree candidate in social work, said, "Individuals have been hurt but so have families, and sometimes families have felt compelled to turn against a gay son or lesbian daughter. I know families where this splitting has caused a lot of heartache."

Clark said that the guidelines show a parallel with what the Church expects from Gay/Lesbian Catholics and what it expects from heterosexual Catholics, as well.

"The Church expects the same thing from all people," he said, "and that is to integrate their sexuality with all other aspects of life."

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—Ron Taylor
Dignity, Inc.

Terrie Iacino, executive assistant in the Diocesan Office of Interreligious and Public Affairs, and a member of the

I see hope and healing all the way through.

—Jim Clark
Dignity, Inc.

committee, said that the committee also attended some workshops, consulted many pastors and some theologians and sometimes worked far into the night.

"We all recognized the seriousness of this project," she said, "and collectively hundred of hours have gone into this."

Ron Taylor and Jim Clark, both representing Dignity, an

organization of Gay Catholics and their families and friends, were on the committee.

Taylor is a parole agent for the California Youth Authority, and Clark is a research and development specialist at Rieker Management Systems.

Taylor said, "The Bishop invited us to be candid and we always were, and he listened."

He said that the significance of the guidelines is that they "come from a basic theology of the Church — we are all called to serve Christ in the Church. That theology must be lived out and the Bishop is requesting that people see this theology."

Besides a vast amount of reading and studying of available documents from some 30 other dioceses, the committee also listened to the experiences of gay/lesbian people, and "to their families and friends," said Clark, "who also suffer alienation, pain, hurt and anger."

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Seventh National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference

Fourth National AIDS Forum

The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, Inc. announces the presentation of the Seventh National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and Fourth National AIDS Forum, March 13-16, 1986 in Washington, D.C. at George Washington University. Co-sponsors include: George Washington University

Medical School, the National Institutes of Health - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the Centers for Disease Control - Sexually Transmitted Disease Division, Addiction Recovery Corporation, the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration - the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Mental Health, the D.C. AIDS Task Force, the Whitman-

Walker Clinic and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Immunology at Georgetown University.

Focusing on the theme, "Moving Lesbian and Gay Health Care Into the Mainstream," the conference will feature keynote panels of leading health policy makers, experts and activists to discuss significant developments in health care delivery to lesbians and gay men. AIDS, addiction and general lesbian and gay health concerns will comprise the major content area. Continuing education credits are planned.

For additional information, call: (202) 797-3708.

Valley school board member, Barbara Bradley, Hayward City Council member who introduced the Hayward AIDS non-discrimination ordinance, was present.

Endorsing organizations included Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, California Democratic Council, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, South County National Women's Political Caucus, South Hayward Democratic Club, and South Hayward Parish, which represents and affiliation of five liberal churches.

Dr. Benjamin addressed the medical and public health aspects of the AIDS epidemic. Jensen discussed community AIDS resources, and Kegeles spoke about AIDS-related policies and pending legislation.

A majority of the Hayward City Council members were present at this forum. In April they will vote on Hayward's AIDS non-discrimination ordinance.

Information about AIDS education can be obtained by telephoning the Pacific Center AIDS Project at (415) 420-8181. Information regarding AIDS legislation and policy can be obtained from the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club at (415) 540-7173.

Bills on ARC, Confidentiality Introduced in Legislature

State Senator Milton Marks (D-San Francisco/Marin) announced in Sacramento the introduction of legislation designed to improve services to persons with severe AIDS Related Condition (ARC), and provide greater confidentiality for records held by public health officials.

SB 2454 would substantially increase public health records developed in the course of monitoring programs, reporting individual AIDS cases, providing necessary services to persons with AIDS, and performing any other function or duty related to AIDS. The bill is modeled after SB 292, a bill providing increased confidentiality in AIDS related research that Marks won approval for last year.

"It is clearly important to improve the safeguards for these records," Marks explained. "The privacy and psychological well being of persons with AIDS or ARC must be preserved against intrusion of the unsympathetic, ignorant, or frightened."

Marks also introduced SB 2453 to provide presumptive disability status, currently available for persons with AIDS, to individuals with severe ARC.

Presumptive disability status enables individuals with specified medical conditions to gain access to Medi-Cal quickly through a

simplified application process. There are currently twelve conditions granted presumptive disability status on the federal level, and six for California programs.

"Presumptive disability will enable many ARC patients to cut through government red tape and effectively access federal assistance," Marks said. "Although these individuals do not have a full-blown case of AIDS, they often have symptoms or conditions that are at least as disabling as do many people with AIDS."

Marks went on to explain that his concerns are for improved services to individuals with AIDS or ARC, expanded public education, and an increasing research effort.

"We clearly must find a cure or successful treatment for this disease, but we also must provide services to, and preserve the dignity of persons with AIDS, and improve education not only to prevent the spread of AIDS, but also to ameliorate hysteria and fight ignorance," Marks said.

"As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, I will work to ensure that adequate levels of funding are included in this year's spending plan."

First woman to preside over California State Senate

Sacramento — Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti announced last week that Senator Rose Ann Vuich (D-Dinuba) will be the first woman in California in history to preside over the State Senate.

Senator Vuich is the Senate's senior woman member, having been elected in 1976. She is the first woman in California to be elected to the State Senate.

Vuich was scheduled to preside at Monday's Senate Session, as the first of four women senators who will take over the Senate podium in commemoration of Women's History Week, Mar. 2-8.

Roberti also announced that on Thursday there will be three women presiding officers. The first will be Senator Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles), first elected in 1978, who will be followed by Senator Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach) and

Senator Rebecca Morgan (R-Los Altos).

Both Senators Bergeson and Morgan were first elected in 1984. Sen. Bergeson had previously been a member of the State Assembly.

"Senators Vuich, Watson, Bergeson, and Morgan, while each retaining her own individuality, collectively represent the advancement and achievements of American women," said Roberti. "These women serve as role models to those young women whose aspirations reach beyond the traditional roles in our society."

Women's History Week culminates in the celebration of International Women's Day on Mar. 8. First proclaimed in 1910, International Women's Day recognizes the contributions women have made to the labor movement and to improve working conditions for all Americans.

NGRA Challenges Insurance Discrimination

National Gay Rights Advocates filed a formal complaint today with the California Department of Insurance challenging the discriminatory underwriting practices of a major national insurer. The company, Munich American Reassurance Company, recently issued guidelines intended to weed out gay men who apply for life insurance. People are considered "high risk" if they are single and between 20-50 years old, a resident of certain cities known to have large gay populations, if they have an "illicit lifestyle," or if they name anyone other than a spouse or child as beneficiary.

Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, criticized Munich American's policy as a "mean-spirited, stereotypical and unlawful attack on the ability of the entire gay and lesbian community to obtain life insurance." He attacked the guidelines as medically unsound, and charac-

terized them as "a gross overreaction to the AIDS epidemic."

"We must not and will not allow the insurance industry — or anyone else — to scapegoat the gay and lesbian community in response to the AIDS crisis," declared NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "It is time for the insurance industry to start solving the problem and stop making it worse," she added.

NGRA also filed a complaint last December on behalf of Alex Braxendahl, an unmarried hairdresser whose health insurance with Creative Health Programs was cut off after three years. The company had asked him to apply for one of their less expensive policies after raising his rates, but then turned him down for "medical reasons" in spite of his excellent health record. NGRA demanded that the Department of Insurance investigate the case.

Christopher Street West Issues

AIDS/Bathhouse Proclamation

Los Angeles, CA — Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, producers of the annual Gay Pride Celebration, has issued the following resolution regarding AIDS and bathhouses:

WHEREAS: AIDS is a sexually transmittable disease, and

WHEREAS: Sexual acts known or believed to transmit the HTLV-III virus are common among both heterosexuals and homosexuals, and

WHEREAS: Sexual acts in private between consenting adults are an inalienable right, and

WHEREAS: Sexual acts between consenting adults not carrying the HTLV-III virus do not spread AIDS, and

WHEREAS: Sexual acts between consenting adults who do not know the risk they are taking because they are not aware of either their own or their partner's status with regard to the HTLV-III virus, are making a free choice, and

WHEREAS: Licensed bathhouses are providing facilities only, and

WHEREAS: Licensed bathhouses are businesses that admit only members who are aware of and consent to their

own presence as a witness to or as a participant in any sexual act, and

WHEREAS: Only an undeterminable fraction of the sexual acts taking place in licensed bathhouses include acts and persons who are transmitting disease, and

WHEREAS: Christopher Street West Association, Inc., is an organization whose purpose is "

to promote the public education and public awareness of the personal rights and civil liberties of the gay community, and to study the nature of the gay community and its relation to the non-gay community."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. Any attempt by a government agency, official, legislative body, mandated monitor or private individual to prevent, control, observe or interfere with sexual acts between consenting adults in private is inappropriate regardless of motive;

2. Any business or individual that provides facilities for private use is not responsible for the transmission of disease caused by sex acts between consenting adults who use those facilities, regardless of the nature of the risk;

3. Any attempt by anyone to mandate fees, taxes or expenses

on a business and any attempt by anyone to impose a change destroying the private nature of a business facility for the purpose of preventing the transmission of disease is a violation of the right of adult private citizens to obtain the use of private facilities for the exercise of their right to have consensual sex;

4. The expense to the public (no matter at what cost) for research, education, treatment or welfare of people with AIDS does not justify the abridgement of any individual's rights.

It is the hope of Christopher Street West Association, Inc., that everyone will join in fighting the spread of AIDS, in encouraging the education of the public about the risk of AIDS, in encouraging research to locate a cure for AIDS and in providing necessary assistance to those in need who are unable to provide for themselves for whatever reason.

It is also our hope that all people will join us in pointing the finger of shame at those who would attempt to encourage panic by creating scapegoats and to use that panic to seize power to which they are not entitled. Everyone's freedom is endangered when, in ignorance or by design, the rights and freedoms of some are sacrificed to satisfy the fears of others.

We call for a return to the inalienable and unbridged individual human rights upon which this nation was founded. ●

High Tech Gays Host San Jose Vice Mayor

San Jose Vice Mayor Susan Hammer will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, March 9th monthly meeting of High Tech Gays. She will speak on how individuals can influence city politics. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell — Building M, Room 80.

Scheduled for the April 13 meeting, also at the Campbell

Community Center, is Matt Coles, the gay rights attorney who has written most of the gay rights ordinances in California over the last 10 years (including our own defeated A&B ordinances).

Coming up on May 11 is "Alternative Measures," a women's barbershop quartet featuring Sally Gearhart.

The women's caucus of High Tech Gays is actively networking

with other lesbian groups in the area.

Bay Area Career Women's special interest group, Hi Tech Women, will meet for dinner on Mar. 20 at 7 p.m. Bare's restaurant at 2951 Campus Drive in San Mateo.

High Tech Gays can be contacted by writing P.O. Box 6777, San Jose 95150 or calling Voicemail (408) 993-3830. □

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

TRAGIC DEATH OF MCC MINISTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Gay and Lesbian Press,

Please accept these press releases concerning the tragic death of the Reverend Virgil F. Scott, pastor of the Stockton Metropolitan Community Church.

Here in Northern California his death was overlooked by the non-gay press due to the floods.

His death should not be overlooked by his Brothers and Sisters.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Jerry Sloan
6515 Capital Circle
Sacramento, California 95828
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The Reverend Virgil F. Scott
October 9, 1945 — February 17, 1986

The Stockton Gay Community has been joined by their brothers and sisters statewide in their shock and sadness upon learning last Monday, February 17, 1986, of the violent murder of the Reverend Virgil F. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church in Stockton.

The body of the Rev. Scott was found in the luggage portion of his Plymouth hatchback around noon by an employee of the nearby Big Valley Ford Company. He had been badly beaten and suffered multiple stab wounds.

According to a Stockton Police detective, this is at least the third murder of a gay man in the last year and there is another man missing and presumed dead. He also hedged his remarks by saying he did not believe that there was someone out there after gays but that Stockton was a violent place to live, period.

The Rev. Scott had been a clergy person in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches for 11 1/2 years. He had pastored MCC-Stockton for five years and formerly pastored MCC's in Ventura and Anaheim, CA. He was a graduate of Samaritan Bible Institute in Los Angeles.

A very active person in both the gay and non-gay community, Rev. Scott was a member of the MCC Bay Area Clergy Association; The Stockton Downtown Clergy Association; the past president of the Stockton Poverty Rights Action Committee; the founder of the Stockton gay pride celebration held in June; co-founder of the San Joaquin AIDS Group; a member of the training staff for the Hand to Hand Program for Persons With AIDS.

In recent months, Rev. Scott became well known for his ministry urging gay men to practice safe sex. He was often seen in gay men's gathering places passing out condoms and urging them to observe safe sex practices.

The memorial service was attended by over 400 persons crowded into the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. It was conducted by local clergy and MCC clergy from over the state and members of the Stockton Gay community.

During the service, people had an opportunity to stand up and give some personal memory of Rev. Scott. It was a very touching moment as his many friends stood to remember him.

The church and grounds were decorated with the Rainbow Flags which Rev. Scott so dearly loved to display. At the end of the service 40 rainbow-colored balloons (one for each year of his life) were released by the children of his congregation.

Rev. Virgil Scott will be sorely missed by his friends. Memorial contributions may be sent to the San Joaquin AIDS Group c/o P.O. Box 9616, Stockton, CA 95208.

On Feb. 22, in conjunction with the memorial service for Rev. Scott, the Reverend Elder Freda Smith, vice-moderator of the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, released the following statement:

We are told that most homicide victims are killed by someone they know or with whom they are familiar.

In the case of Gay people, Gay men in particular, this statement is not true. Gay men, more than any other segment of our society, face unwarranted violence and death simply because of who they are.

All over the country, in small towns to large cities, from Maine to California, we are seeing an upsurge in violence against Gay men. This violence is commonly called Gaybashing.

Recently in Northern California we have seen a young man hanged in a BART station in Concord, a talented Sacramento artist have his head bashed in and left in an alley to die. Now, in Stockton, we have the brutal murder of the Reverend Virgil Scott.

Today, we urge the Stockton Police Department to take every measure possible, to leave no stone unturned to bring Reverend Scott's murderer to justice.

We are calling upon Governor Deukmejian and Attorney General Van de Camp, as the chief law enforcement officers in the state, to form a special task force to study violence against Gay people and what can be done about it.

We already know the cause. It is homophobia.

We are going to call for the formation of a statewide Secret Witness Program to offer large rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who do violence to Gay people.

Somehow, someday, this violence must stop! People, particularly preachers, who advocate violence against Gays must be made to realize Gay men and women are human beings who have a right to live their lives without fear or violence. □

AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dear Editor:
The California Department of Health Services, AIDS Section is responsible for administering a multi-million dollar AIDS Education Program in the State.
We act as a clearing house for AIDS information throughout the world.
This is accomplished through the Computerized AIDS Information Network, which we contract with the Gay & Lesbian Community Services

Center, Los Angeles to administer. We are interested in your organization's activities as a resource and would appreciate being included on your mailing list if one exists. Thank you in advance.
Sincerely,
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DON'T FORGET TO WRITE

Gentlemen and Gentlewomen:

As a transplanted New Englander, I enjoyed reading the detailed account of the anti-gay policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to foster care for children needing the protection of loving homes (OP/YP, 19 Feb. '86).

Since *Our Paper* is distributed at the gay bars in Hayward and in Oakland, gay men and women of Alameda County's 'South County' have the opportunity of becoming informed about gay persons, issues, and events in San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley.

I am puzzled, however, why South Bay gay men and women do not contribute to the quality of *Our Paper* by supporting it and its readers with their thoughts, opinions, and criticisms as expressed in letters to the editor.

Is the social hostility towards homophile men and women in the Santa Clara Valley such that gay persons are afraid to write these letters?

A few years ago *The Oakland Tribune* had a feature article on letters to the editor.

At that time, I never was in the habit of reading such letters in any paper whatsoever. It surprised me to learn that these letters are among the most widely read section of any newspaper.

Some papers, however, print very uninteresting letters because they are little more than opinionated conclusions without any supporting reasoning enroute.

Here in the Bay Area a number of newspapers I read periodically at the San Leandro Public Library publish interesting letters to the editors: *The Oakland Tribune*, *The Hayward Review*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, and *The San Francisco Bay Guardian*.

The letters to the editor are an integral feature of each issue of *The Bay Area Reporter*. These letters give some indication of public opinion within the local gay men's and women's community of San Francisco and the East Bay.

I would strongly urge gay men and women of San Jose and of the Santa Clara Valley to share their opinions, ideas, and criticisms with the South-Bay gay community by taking the time to write thoughtful letters to *Our Paper*.

By so doing *Our Paper* will become even more the common denominator of education among the men and women who comprise the gay community of the Santa Clara Valley.

Respectfully yours,
James F. Gibbons
San Leandro, Calif.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

We are inviting your participation in a newly formed group for support staff at our University: SJSU-SIR. The purpose of the "San Jose State University Staff for Individual Rights" is to serve as an advocacy group for the civil rights of gay and lesbian support staff members.

Our goals are:
*To advocate equal employment benefits for gay and lesbian support staff members (for example, in the areas of use of family sick and funeral leave and insurance coverage).

*To help eradicate the on-the-job harassment that many gay and lesbian support staff members suffer, mostly in silence.

*To educate and sensitize the campus community to the concerns and needs of gay and lesbian support staff members.

*To provide a support network for gay and lesbian staff.
SJSU-SIR is definitely not a lesbian/gay organization per se. We invite the active participation of all staff who support action in this particular area of civil rights. (If you know of someone who might be interested, let us know.)

Sincerely,
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CENTER BIRTHDAY

The Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center will celebrate its FIFTH BIRTHDAY this year, with festivities at the Community Center Building on Saturday, March 8, 1986.

We believe that we have a lot to celebrate. Five years represents the energy and dedication of many members of the community, such as yourself, and we should be very proud of this beginning. In the next year, the Board of Directors has set a firm goal — both in terms of fundraising and in terms of actions — to find and move into another facility where we can offer the services which we now provide to the community in a better way, and where we can begin to offer additional services to others which our current facility lacks.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to cordially invite you to join us in our celebration of a beginning, and a hope for a long future. Please stop by the Center anytime between one and five p.m. for refreshments and, of course, birthday cake! Help us make the Center's Fifth Birthday a day to remember.

Thanks, too, for your support over the years!

Regards,
Wayne Herriford
Chair
Public Relations Committee
Billy DeFrank Center
San Jose, Calif.

Support the federal Gay Rights Bill

By Judy Rickard

The Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1985 H.R. 230 (Gay Rights Bill) was introduced by Congressman Weiss as a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation, and for other purposes.

The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on January 3, 1985.

The bill was supported by Congressman Don Edwards as introduced. Recently, Leon Panetta has co-signed. Other local Congressmen (Norman Mineta, Ed Zschau, Tom Lantos) have not supported the bill.

Digested, the bill "Amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation. Provides that this Act shall not be construed to permit a finding of discrimination based on statistical differences or the fashioning of any remedy requiring a quota."

You can help move the bill along by contacting your Congressional Representative and urging action on H.R. 230. If you cannot do that, you can help move the bill along by sending MONEY to those groups that will lobby for you for action on the bill and other related issues.

Contributions to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, c/o Rick Rudy, P.O. Box 6777, San Jose, CA 95150, or BAYMEC, P.O. Box 90070, San Jose, CA 95109, or both, will help affirm the need for the protection of the law that we need to insure job and housing security.

Please make a contribution today!

OUR POLICY

Our Paper welcomes letters from our readers. Letters may be addressed to: Our Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. ALL letters must be signed and contain the writer's address and phone number for verification. Name will be withheld from publication upon request — but we DO NOT publish anonymous letters. Opinions expressed in letters reflect the views of the writers, and may or may not be congruent with the editorial position of Our Paper. □

Human Rights Campaign Fund to hire three new staff members

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's only political action committee (PAC) dedicated to educating and electing candidates who support lesbian and gay civil rights and full funding for AIDS research and treatment, has openings for three new staff members.

The first is for a legislative director, who will take the lead in the Campaign Fund's congressional lobbying effort on civil rights and AIDS issues.

The second is for a development director, who will be responsible for the PAC's national fundraising efforts.

The last is for a field organizer who will promote the Campaign Fund's legislative, political and development goals around the country. All three jobs are based in Washington, D.C.

To apply for any of the positions, send a resume, writing sample and salary requirements by March 15, 1986 to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, P.O. Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013. Be sure to indicate the job or jobs for which you are applying.

The Campaign Fund is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. □

KKUP Women's Radio Program

KKUP, a listener-sponsored radio station out of Cupertino (91.5), hosts a women's radio show every Sunday morning from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The show includes women's music, interviews and community calendar. Hosts Karen Hester and Mary Jeffries encourage feedback and suggestions.

The March schedule is as follows:

- Mar. 9: Recorded speech by California Supreme Court Justice Rose Bird at Women's Week, Mar. 8, SJ City College
- Mar. 16: Women in Rock and Roll
- Mar. 23: Women's Music
- Mar. 30: Interview with Redwood Records recording artist Hunter Davis, talking about her album, *Harmony*. □

Children of Alcoholics

David P. Steward, L.C.S.W., clinical coordinator of the Phoenix Outpatient Program, will be among the panelists from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 17, when El Camino Hospital presents a free seminar on "Children (and Adult Children) of Alcoholics."

Other panelists include Roberta Rasmussen, Ph.D.; Rosemary Tisch, M.A., founder of Kids Are Special; and Bud Colton, executive director of American Association Against Addiction.

The seminar will be held at 2111 Grant Road, #100 (next to Lucky Market), Los Altos, CA 94022.

There is no registration charge for the seminar, but attendance is limited to 60. Reservations must be made by March 10 by calling (415) 940-7316. □

Notice of Staff Lawyer Position

The American Civil Liberties Union invites applications for a new staff lawyer position in its national headquarters in New York, available on or after March 15, 1986, to work on gay and lesbian rights issues in general, including issues related to AIDS and discrimination based on AIDS. It is expected that the job will consist primarily of litigation and litigation back-up, although it will also involve public education work and policy analysis. A major part of the job will entail working jointly with local ACLU affiliates and with other organizations.

will also be responsible for specific supervision of secretarial help, paralegals and law student interns working on his or her cases. Some travel will be required.

Qualifications

Familiarity with gay and lesbian rights issues is desirable; commitment to those issues is essential. Applicants must have significant litigation experience, preferably including constitutional litigation and federal court experience, as well as excellent analytic skills, an ability to write and speak clearly and a general commitment to civil liberties.

Salary and Benefits

Salary is governed by the national ACLU scale for lawyers, which is based upon years out of law school. Excellent health and welfare benefits are provided.

Applications

Applications should consist of a current resume, the names and phone numbers of three references and at least one legal writing sample. Applications should be sent in by April 10, 1986, to: Ira Glasser, Executive Director, ACLU, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

The ACLU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer; Minorities and Women are especially encouraged to apply. □



This photo by Joerg Fischer of neon sculpture by Bill Choy and wearable art by Estelle Akamine exemplifies the calibre of art to be presented at AWARE, an art show to benefit the ARIS Project. The event sponsored by Artists for ARIS will take place from 1 - 6 p.m. on Apr. 19-20 at One Step Beyond, 1400 Martin Avenue (between Scott and Lafayette) in Santa Clara. The ARIS Project provides support services in Santa Clara County to people with AIDS and their loved ones. Tickets will be \$12.50 at the door, but advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 at One Step Beyond. Judy Choy and Brian Savage (of Gazette International) are the models in this photo. Stylist: Thea Geck. For further information about the show, call (408) 993-3890.

PFLAG Resolution

At its annual meeting in Atlanta, the board of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. adopted the following statement on the AIDS testing:

Parents FLAG opposes the establishment of testing for AIDS antibodies without effective provisions to protect the rights of those tested. As parents and friends of Lesbians and Gays, we have two great concerns.

First, the serious health problems require that all possible measures be taken and all available resources be called upon to find the means to prevent and cure AIDS and that Medicaid benefits be extended to people with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses (ARC).

Second, we are also very much concerned about use of the results of AIDS tests to discriminate against our children and deprive them of their civil and human rights. We call upon our representatives and administration officials to take immediate steps to insure confidentiality of test results and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of any test for AIDS. □

National AIDS Poster Contest

The Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Committee in Louisville, Kentucky, is soliciting works of art to be used for a national poster bringing more attention to the AIDS issue and revenues to the groups that need the money.

The committee has planned an art competition and exhibition for the month of June, 1986. Twenty-five finalists will be shown at LoHo Gallery in Louisville, a city known for its attention to the fine arts. To qualify, send a slide of your poster. Your original artwork can be a drawing, print, photograph, or painting. The original should measure 17" x 22". Four-color works are acceptable.

Label your slide with your name, address, and telephone number, and medium. Mail your slide no later than Apr. 15. A jury of three art professionals will select the 25 finalists, and notify them by Apr. 30. Out of the 25 finalists, one poster will be selected to be the National AIDS Poster, and the winner will receive a prize of \$100.

The committee hopes to obtain a grant to print the winning poster in a limited edition, to be distributed to the various groups around the country that deal with AIDS victims. The profits from the sale of the posters will be kept by the groups so that home health care services and other needs of AIDS patients may be provided.

Include an entry fee of \$10 and make your check payable to GLUE (Gays & Lesbians United for Equality). Send your slides to Marcia Grubb, 1118 Rogers St., Louisville, KY 40204, by Apr. 15.

All artwork will be insured at LoHo Gallery, and will also be insured when returned to the artist. Any piece of artwork may be indicated "for sale" on a commission basis. "NFS" items are also welcome for display. □

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DAYBREAK THROWS A BASH: The Imperial AIDS Foundation put on a show for people with AIDS at Daybreak in Mt. View. Nikki Nation topped a long list of stars. Over \$200 was raised.

—Ted Sahl

The ARIS Project: Free From Fear

By Ted Sahl

It is no easy task attending an ARIS meeting. At this point in time the Santa Clara County Health Department reports 94 cases of AIDS in the Santa Clara County and that number is expected to double each year.

ARIS stands for "AIDS Referral Information Services," and the project developed out of a meeting called by Millicent Kellogg, a public health nurse, and David Burgess, working with the Santa Clara County Health Department AIDS project.

At that meeting over fifty people attended: doctors, social workers, ministers, therapists, representatives of "The Shanti Project" of San Francisco, people from "The Center of Living and Dying", and the "Hemophilic Foundation". The planning began to combat AIDS, and the "Free from Fear" group was born. It is a young organization: ten months old, meeting in private homes on Tuesday nights. I can't remember exactly how many meetings I have attended, but like I said, "It is no easy task attending an ARIS meeting."

They are for the most part young men and women around 30 years old, including a non-gay woman infected by blood transfusion; gay men, some with small children; and bi-sexual married or divorced. The non-gay woman is carried into the meeting, her body is wasted. For some of the men long into their illness AIDS is strongly evident in their drawn faces. AIDS is not a kind illness. They all come to ARIS because they know emotional support is waiting for them. A person with AIDS will receive emotional support on a one-to-one basis. ARIS provides a 24 hour response to a person's needs, donating time, love, emotional support always with one goal in mind: to alleviate the stress and fear of dying. Because everybody knows, if you have AIDS, you're going to die.

One is constantly reminded of that fact at an ARIS meeting every Tuesday. The faces of these men and women bare their suffering and needs. In one moment ARIS can be the most heart-warming uplifting experi-

ence, listening to people laugh and joke, sharing human emotions; and in the very next moment your heart can be broken by someone's pain so deeply, all you can do is cry right along with them.

At an ARIS meeting people sit on the floor sharing daily experiences, sometimes swapping memories, funny stories of day-to-day problems from their hearts on a spiritual level even as life fades from view.

Sometimes I can feel the room vibrate as the energy bounces off walls when a person is sharing their pain. Suddenly someone next to that person holds them and the room gets very still, and you feel the tears about to form when someone else cracks a silly joke to break the tension. It works: everyone is shocked. People laugh and the tension is gone for a while.

ARIS is more than people just sitting around in groups talking. It's a place where people can get vital information on insurance benefits, or transportation to doctors appointments. At a recent meeting the group was informed about a "Bunko Freak" who was trying to sell both Ribavirin and Isoprinosine for an outrageous price by contacting people by phone.

At ARIS a person could find out if they are eligible for financial help, since many, at a point in time, have suffered eviction because they can't pay rent or household bills. A patient can learn about Social Security benefits, or you can receive help from the Department of Social Security State Disability Compensation.

And for some ARIS is a place to sit quietly asking questions about themselves: looking inwardly, defining your importance to yourself and others in the cosmic of life, of the past and the future whatever time you have left...one day at a time.

For some it is forgiving yourself and others for past hate trips; for loving yourself and the innocence of yourself and others; and especially developing yourself and others around you to carry on the fight against AIDS.

For some it is a place to listen to what is being said, to meditate, to take in every word, to reflect on another time. Death is no stranger at an ARIS meeting, it is discussed openly. One asks, "Why do I get so angry knowing I am going to die, when I look at someone who is going to live?"

No one gives an answer. They cannot. Rather, someone else will speak about their own feelings on the subject. And yet life is always important at ARIS meetings. Life and hope. You can feel it when hugs are being exchanged and the energy passes between each other. Hugging is an important reward inside this "Sacred Temple" called ARIS. It's more than an embrace from a brother or sister love relationship that binds these people together in a kind of spiritual passion that says: I'm here - don't worry - you're not alone - call me - I promise to be there when you call.

John Landes, a soft spoken man, explains: "ARIS is truly life. Through ARIS I came to realize that I am a worthwhile person. They helped me to talk about what was going on with me. When I was first diagnosed with AIDS, I felt that what I got, I deserved. I lived fast on drugs. I could not blame anyone, and I completely gave up. Now I am up and around working a few days at a time, doing what I can to help others." For John Landes, ARIS renewed his spirit to live.

Death is no stranger to ARIS, and is discussed openly. For some death has become like a new friend they just met, not to be feared, but accepted and nurtured lovingly for that moment when it takes you in its arms for that final surrender.

Floyd "Buck" Gullett once said: "Wouldn't it be nice to die in your mother's arms? Everybody should die in their mother's arms." Floyd isn't with ARIS anymore, he decided to go back home to die.

He was remembered at the closing ceremony one night. ARIS said goodbye to Floyd "Buck" Gullett the only way they knew; with love, compassion and flowers.

New bill cracks down on violent PCP users

Sacramento — A new bill was introduced in the State Senate last month which will increase the penalty for resisting arrest under the influence of the drug PCP.

The bill, authored by Senator Dan McCorquodale (D-San

Jose/Modesto), comes as a result of numerous injuries suffered by law enforcement personnel attempting to arrest subjects high on the drug.

When smoked, PCP, short for its chemical name *phencyclidine*, can produce bizarre behavior and give the user a higher-than-normal pain threshold.

"They're like unstable dynamite," McCorquodale said of the PCP users. "The wild mood swings combined with the lack of pain they feel make these folks think that they are invincible."

"This bill will make it a felony for battery on a police officer attempting to make an arrest of someone under the influence of PCP."

According to McCorquodale, the bill, SB 1806, was prompted by a request from the San Jose Police Department, whose officers have been assaulted in increasing numbers by PCP users.

While the bill's stiff penalties may dissuade some from resisting arrest while under the influence of the drug, its main intention is to keep violent, chronic users off the streets.

"The mandatory six-month jail term will provide offenders a period of detoxification," McCorquodale added. "Jail may be the only place capable of restraining former PCP users and, at the same time, allowing them to rethink the actions that landed them there."

"My hope is that our law enforcement people will have far fewer problems when making arrests."

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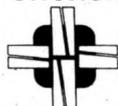
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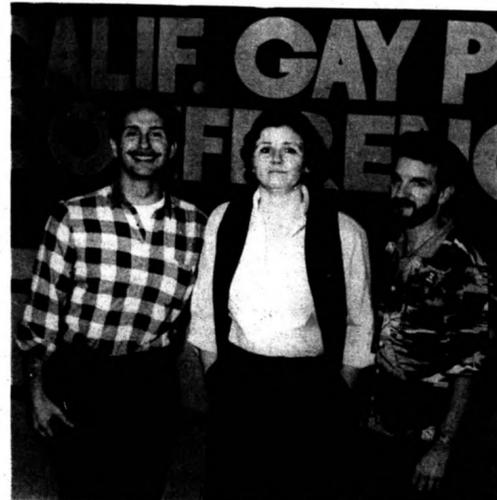
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The Gossip Column

By Richard Kendall

While visiting one of the local beer emporiums this past weekend, I was positioned to write a column for Our Paper to replace the "Where It's At" previously written by the very talented Dot James. I almost said no, as I am involved with several different groups within the gay community — however, rather than pass up the chance to keep the community informed, I decided to give it a shot.

David of David's has informed me that beginning March 8 he will be serving only beer and wine, with an expanded wine list for your dining pleasure. Contrary to rumor, David's is open for business as usual and will continue to operate under normal hours during the changeover. Watch for the remodeling to include the bar area in the near future. Your favorites are all planning to continue working there.



Jon Snell, owner of Desperados Disco, Becky O'Bryan, and Richard Kendall paused to pose for Our Paper photographer Ted Sahl at the California Gay Pride Conference that they organized this year — a first for San Jose. Photo by Ted Sahl

The Gay Pride Rally has been set for June 22. Jon Snell, Becky O'Bryan, and yours truly are heading the effort again this year. Plans are in the works for a bigger and better rally with some very big name entertainment. The expanded plans are straining the committee to the max. Several people are needed to assist this group if the rally is to come off as expected. Volunteers are needed in many areas. Call (408) 293-8361 or (408) 295-4089 today.

The Mayor's Council of Stockton Strip is having a beer bust at 641 Club on Mar. 16 to benefit the Gay Pride Rally. The cost is only three bucks (no two dollar coupons from The Watergarden, please) for all you can drink. Food will also be available.

The Imperial AIDS Foundation is having a "Tight Levi Contest" at Renegades on Mar. 8 starting at 8 p.m. You could win a certificate for a new pair of Levi's. Admission is only \$4 and benefits local people with AIDS.

On Apr. 4, the IAF will be hosting Mexican Night at 641 Club. This includes beer bust and appropriate buffet for only \$5. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Couple.

Most important, the IAF is having a Forum on AIDS Mar. 31. The event will be at the Red Cross Building on Ruff Street in San Jose. John Lorenzini, director of People With AIDS, will speak, as will author Lon Nungesser (*Epidemic of Courage: Living With AIDS*) and Millicent Kellogg of the County Health Department. This is open to the public and starts at 7 p.m.

The IAF is sponsoring a Gay Skate Night at Cal-Skate in Milpitas on May 12, so get your skates oiled and your tatus pressed.

I would like to remind you that this is an ELECTION YEAR, so get REGISTERED TO VOTE. (Better to be a registered voter than a registered sex "offender"!)

Be proud of being gay, have fun, and — remember to play safe! □



FOXY FOXES: A foxy group at the Silver Fox lounge threw a bash at the San Jose Airport welcoming home the "Jamaican Queen." No, that's not a river boat on the San Leandro Creek. Dennis Andrews and friends were greeted with balloons, signs, and "YANKEE" go back to Jamaica. The event was a complete surprise to the airport, and the "surprisees." — Ted Sahl

Slightly Older Feminist Lesbians

The F.L.S.G. (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets once monthly in the Santa Clara Valley for a potluck, which will be held this month at Sue's house in Los Gatos on Saturday, Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m. Call (408) 356-6496 for directions. To receive the F.L.S.G. News, send \$12 for a one-year subscription to: F.L.S.G., P.O. Box 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.

S.O.L. (Slightly Older Lesbians) meets on Tuesday evenings, 7 - 9 p.m. at the DeFrank Center, 86 S. Keyes St., San Jose for an informal support/discussion group. Call (408) 293-4525 for information. The march topics are:

Mar. 11: Potluck and open rap

Mar. 18: Creative expression — bring something that expresses your creativity to share at group

Mar. 25: Humor

On Wednesday, Mar. 12, JoAnn Loulan, author of *Lesbian Sex*, will be speaking to us on healing our sexual lives. This presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 160 N. 3rd Street in San Jose. Sliding scale fee \$5 - 8 with proceeds to benefit the DeFrank Center.

The March S.O.L. potluck will be Saturday, Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m. at Bonnie's house in San Jose. Call (408) 227-1516 for directions. □

Lesbian Rights Project/Lil Dance

Hastings Lesbians in Law is sponsoring its annual dance to benefit the Lesbian Rights Project, on Wednesday, March 26th, 9 pm - 2 am, at the Bay Brick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F.

The Lesbian Rights Project is the only non-profit, public-interest law firm in the country specializing in free legal advice and counseling, technical assistance to attorneys, and legal information with a lesbian focus. Admission: \$5-25 donation, sliding scale (checks welcome). Information: (415) 621-0674. ●

Stanislaus Gay Alliance

A St. Patrick's Day Jig is being held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on March 15 at Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, under the sponsorship of the Stanislaus Gay Alliance.

Featuring "Dancing - No Host Bar - Great Music - Refreshments," tickets are \$6 each at the door, with proper ID (must be 21). For more information, write SGA, P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

Also mentioned in the S.G.A. Newsletter: "The active and creative Court of Butterflies and Teddy Bears has been planning many upcoming events, under the talented direction of Emperor XII Paul and Empress XII Natasha Rae (aka Ron) . . . Raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii are now available from Court members for \$1. The drawing will take place at the Duke and Duchess Ball, August 16th, at the Eagles Hall (ticket holders need not be present to win). 50% of the net proceeds will be donated to the Stanislaus Community AIDS Project . . . For further information about the raffle, call Empress Natasha at (209) 527-0740 . . . send for a copy of the Stanislaus Owl Empire's Newsletter by writing P.O. Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355. □

Wildflower Trip

Hikers will spend three days Apr. 4-6 in Joshua Tree National Monument at the height of the wildflower season.

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Community in Crisis

David Burgess, coordinator of the AIDS Project of the Santa Clara County Health Department, will lead a workshop on *AIDS: Facts and Fears* from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 12 at Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas, CA 95035.

The workshop is the third in a four-part series entitled *Community in Crisis*, and is co-sponsored by Milpitas Kiwanis Club.

The final workshop, *Living and Dying With AIDS*, to be presented on Mar. 19, will feature as guest speakers Janet Childs of the Center for Living With Dying and Jim Alford, a volunteer with the ARIS Project.

For further information call the church office at (408) 262-1486 or Cliveden Chew Haas at (408) 262-5250. □

Gay Youth

Meeting the needs of young Gays throughout the Bay Area the Gay Area Youth Switchboard (G.A.Y.S.) has maintained operation since 1978. This Gay Switchboard is a pioneer program offering the only youth-for-youth community switchboard.

The founding purpose of G.A.Y.S. remains to provide information and referral on community resources sensitive to Lesbian/Gay youth; to maintain information on Lesbian/Gay Youth events/activities; and most important for the Switchboard to maintain operators that are capable peer counselors.

The G.A.Y.S. offers its services to sexual minority youth (13-25 years of age). For further information write P.O. Box 846, San Francisco 94101, or call (415) 386-GAYS. □



JoAnn Loulan

"Healing Our Sexual Lives"

JoAnn Loulan, MFCC, author of *Healing Our Sexual Lives* at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 12 at the First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd Street (across from St. James Park), San Jose.

A sliding-scale donation of \$5-8 is requested, to benefit the Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center. The event is sponsored by Slightly Older Lesbians (S.O.L.).

"We don't have to accept our sex lives as they are, without rhyme or reason," states Loulan. "We have the means within ourselves to create the kind of sex lives we want."

"We must stop passively waiting for Ms. Right, or the

moon to shift, or our acne to go away, or the arms race to stop. We must do something now."

Loulan's book *Lesbian Sex*, released in 1984, quickly sold over 15,000 copies within 10 months of its first printing.

Trained in the Human Sexuality Program of the University of California's Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Loulan has a private practice in Palo Alto, where she works with individuals, couples and families. Previously, she worked as a psychotherapist in a locked ward at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center and in the adult psychiatric unit at San Jose Hospital. □

Gay Games Organizers Lose, May Appeal 'Olympic' Case; Claim Victory on Attorneys' Fees

San Francisco Arts & Athletes (SFA&A), sponsors of Gay Games I & II, claimed a first victory in the so-called Gay "Olympic" Games case today, and say they will petition for review of the ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that they cannot use the word "Olympic."

"Even though we have lost again in our fight to use the name 'Olympic,' we finally won one today in that Gay Games II will go forward without the immediate threat of having to pay \$100,000 in attorneys fees to the United States Olympic Committee," said Shawn P. Kelly, Executive Director for SFA&A.

Tom Waddell, M.D., founder of Gay Games I and current president of the board of directors, expressed his disappointment over the ruling on the name "Olympic" in the four-year old case, but called the reversal of the attorneys' fees award a "vindication and a victory."

Gay Games II, an international festival of sports and cultural events for women and men, will take place August 9-17 of this year in San Francisco. Organizers expect to host 5,000 women and men from around the world for the nine-day festival.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit today issued a decision on two pressing questions in the case.

The first issue was whether the Constitution and federal laws permitted the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to prohibit use of the word "Olympic" by sponsors of Gay Games I in 1982. The 9th Circuit held that USOC is empowered to prohibit all commercial uses of the word Olympic, even without showing that the public might confuse the

use or the user with USOC and the "real" Olympics.

The court ruled, "...the word 'Olympic' and its associated symbols and slogans are essentially property. Such property rights can be protected without violating the First Amendment."

Gay Games organizers contend that their use of "Olympic" is protected by the First Amendment especially considering USOC's permission to groups such as the Special Olympics, the Explorer Olympics, and the Junior Olympics.

The second pressing question resolved, at least in part, by the 9th Circuit's decision is whether SFA&A, a non-profit corporation, and Dr. Thomas Waddell, one of the founders of Gay Games I, should be required to pay USOC attorneys' fees in the sizable sum of \$96,000. In what Gay Games sponsors and their attorney agree is a victory, the 9th Circuit reversed District Court Judge John P. Vukasin's order that the sum be paid, and remanded the attorney fee question for a hearing.

In that hearing the District Court will be obliged under the 9th Circuit's decision to determine whether Gay Games I people were "reasonable" in using "Olympic" in 1982 when they were organizing the first Gay "Olympic" Games.

On this point the 9th Circuit panel lent a degree of support to the Gay Games defenders, finding that: "SFA&A might have reasonably thought that its proposed usage was not barred... Its claims of discrimination by the USOC might be found to be reasonable, considering the proliferation of other groups using the restricted words."

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The Court of Appeals also ordered Judge Vukasin to review the "rather impressive amount of time" claimed to be compensable by USOC's attorneys, including Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro of San Francisco, and New York and Washington, D.C. firms.

"This is the first time that our attorneys have won significant favor in the courts," said Kelly. "This ruling ensures that Gay Games II, scheduled for August 9-17 of this year in San Francisco, will not only take place but should be unaffected by the cloud that USOC's actions have put over our activities."

SFA&A's attorney Dunlap anticipates that USOC may drop its claim to fees at this stage. "Because the 9th Circuit has vin-

dictated USOC's property claim to the word 'Olympic' which is worth far more to USOC than \$96,000, I consider it highly probable that USOC may dismiss the action now.

"If the USOC does not dismiss," said Dunlap, "and chooses to litigate further to get the \$96,000, we may file a petition to have the 9th Circuit en-

200 Committed to Gay Games II; Entries Accepted through June 1

The end of 1985 saw 200 athletes registered to participate in Gay Games II to be held in San Francisco this coming August. These athletes hail from 47 cities - New York leading in the number of athletes registered. Canada and Australia share the lead for foreign countries.

Entries for Gay Games II are being accepted through June 1, 1986. All athletes are eligible: gay and non-gay, men and women.

Individual sports include Boxing, Cycling, Golf, Marathon, Physique, Powerlifting, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Triathlon and Wrestling for Men.

Team sports include Basketball, Pool (Billiards), Racquetball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball.

Entry fee is \$20 per athlete per sport; a number of athletes have signed up for more than one competition.

For further information and entry forms, call or write GAY GAMES II, c/o San Francisco Arts & Athletics, 560 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 861-8282.

banic (all active judges in the 9th Circuit participating) hear the case. They or the United States Supreme Court may take away the vindication of USOC's property claim. USOC's insistence on \$96,600 from my struggling non-profit clients surely would leave me no choice but to give the courts further opportunities to take away what USOC has won so far."

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3	The Interlude 2	119	96	0.495
2	The Savoy 2	91	104	0.379
5	Kevans	59	121	0.245

The following players have accumulated 20 or more wins to date in this division:

Team 1
Mark Lopez 23 wins and 3 sweeps
Alfonso Reyes 20 wins and 2 sweeps

Team 4
Karen Bergman 22 wins and 3 sweeps

Team 6
Jonny Argandar 29 wins and 7 sweeps
Frank Rose 29 wins and 7 sweeps
Darrin McCulloch 23 wins and 5 sweeps
Jason Harris 25 wins and 4 sweeps

North Division

Team No.	Team	Wins	Losses	Percentage
10	The Daybreak	162	68	0.675
12	Buck's	124	91	0.516
9	The Savoy 1	112	93	0.466
8	Revenge	110	95	0.458
11	TD's 2	106	94	0.441
7	The Interlude 1	104	96	0.433

The following players have accumulated 20 or more wins to date in this division:

Team 7
David Solsbery 20 wins and 3 sweeps
Charlie Carr 21 wins and 2 sweeps

Team 8
Dave Jacobs 21 wins and 4 sweeps

Team 9
Liz Cole 20 wins and 3 sweeps

Team 10
Brook Crosby 27 wins and 6 sweeps
Karen McAllister 20 wins and 4 sweeps
Bonnie Bullivant 21 wins and 3 sweeps

Team 11
Chris Caballero 20 wins and 2 sweeps
Marlin Kaldani 23 wins and 3 sweeps

Team 12
Richard Lopez 22 wins and 4 sweeps
Dee Washburn 24 wins and 4 sweeps

Week 15	3/11/86	5-1	4-2	6-3	9-12	11-8	7-10
Week 16	3/18/86	6-1	2-3	4-5	7-12	8-10	11-9
Week 17	3/25/86	Position Round In Order of Final Standings					
Week 18	4/1/86	Two Man Tandem Tournament at Best Percentage Bar					
Week 19	4/8/86	All Star Tournament Other Division Winner's Bar					
Week 20	4/15/86	1st Game of Playoffs at Best Percentage Bar					
Week 21	4/22/86	2nd Game of Playoffs at Other Division Winner's Bar					
Week 22	4/29/86	3rd Game of Playoffs at Best Percentage Bar if Necessary					

Theatre Reviews

By Rick Rudy

A Grey Evening at Flint Center

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

The long awaited De Anza College Gala with Joel Grey at Flint Center on February 22 opened with the microphones not working and ended with Mr. Grey's performance not working.

The curtain raiser for the evening was stand-up comic Susan Healy and her credits promised more than she delivered. She was nervous and her timing was off and, despite a few cute lines, after the twenty minutes she used up, it seemed that any following act would be an improvement. Wrong.

Then, after a fifteen minute intermission, Joel Grey, star of *Cabaret* (a Tony for the play and an Oscar for the movie), *George M!*, *Goodtime Charlie*, *The Grand Tour*, and, currently, the movie *Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins*, stepped into the spotlight.

For a Big Name Star, Joel Grey's performance was a huge disappointment. He is nimble enough at 54, and disarmingly charming. But his hour-long show is mostly made up of songs not only out of his range but out of his distant past (and which are best left to Yiddish Theatre historians). The remainder one might enjoy if Mr. Grey took the trouble to enunciate them.

He used the recorded voice of his grandmother to tell us how cute he is, and then spent half an hour recalling his father's life in show business while he, Joel Katz, was nine.

He hardly danced at all, except with a non-existent chorus of tappers, and then sang to an empty spotlight (representing the late Judy Garland).

He gave a brief medley of patriotic songs from *George M!*, then milked the audience for applause, waving the flag. The performance was perfunctory, with no pizzazz. He was even unable to draw the audience into singing along with "The Grand Old Flag" without prompting the words.

Saving the "best" for last, he put on clown white makeup from a kit on stage, and sang a few lines from *Cabaret*, drawing applause from the audience who rose to leave for the \$100-a-plate champagne reception at Valco Fashion Park Mall. Interpreting the mass exit as a standing ovation, Grey returned with an encore.

We all know Joel Grey has done great things in the past, but that unfortunately could not keep this evening from being tedious, and not the least bit entertaining.

Oh yes, the backup orchestra was quite good.

West Valley Pirates

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

Durability is a marvelous thing. Next to Shakespeare's plays, the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan are mistreated by more well-meaning theatre groups than the works of any other author. We are visited by performers who can't sing and/or act, by out-of-tune choruses, by blind set designers and deaf conductors, and yet these plays still survive to bring us pleasure again and again.

The current production of *The Pirates of Penzance* at West Valley College is not as bad as all that. In fact, some of it is quite good. And some of it is not.

Pirates is the whimsical story of a young man apprenticed to a band of pirates until he is twenty-one. On that magic day he meets and falls in love with Mabel, one of a dozen wards of Major General Stanley. He vows to become a new man and destroy his old associates, but is foiled by having been born on leap day, and so will not turn twenty-one for eighty-four years, meaning that he is still apprenticed to the pirates until then.

Of course it all works out in the end. But getting there, as they say, is half the fun. Or should be.

The leads are a mixed pair. Shannon McCarthy (Mabel) has a lovely voice, hitting all the coloratura passages very sweetly, but can't act. Manny Saiz (Frederic) is a charming young man with a wide range of acting skills, but a husky, whiskey tenor voice, the kind that does better at pop ballads with a mike than operetta.

Edwin Stafford (Pirate King) is wonderful in his swashbuckling role, singing strongly though not projecting all that well. Cara Foss (Edith) is also full of fun and does lots of nice stage business with Stafford.

Victoria Graham is a weak Ruth, the piratical maid-of-all-work, oddly dressed in a back-parlour maid outfit. She does, however, make a strong comeback in Act II in the Paradox trio with Frederic and the Pirate King.

Mark Troy is Major General Stanley, a Major disappointment and Generally unable to cope with the music, lyrics, or dialog.

The men's chorus of pirates is exuberant, and the women's chorus, the daughters of General Stanley, is frumpy looking and very imprecise in its singing.

After the bows, the cast returns to encore "Hail Poetry," a five-part chorus as written in the finale of Act I; six or seven parts as sung, with the new parts in some other key.

But dwelling on the shortcomings doesn't do justice to the energetic action on stage and the fact that *Pirates* is really too durable to be damaged by almost any production. Indeed, the audience went away whistling the tunes and enjoying Gilbert's wit just as if they had seen a fully polished show.

The *Pirates of Penzance* continues through Mar. 9 at West Valley College. ★★

Mary Gemini Concert

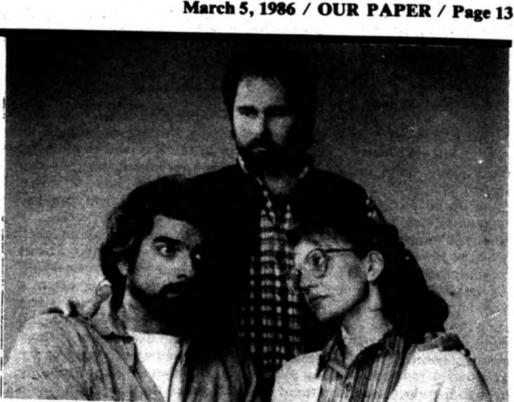
Mary Gemini will be in concert on Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m. at Mama Bear's Coffeehouse, 6536 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland.

A musician and composer of improvisational music, she draws from classical, jazz, reggie and experimental modes. Her vocal styles are fresh and compelling. A most impressive addition to modern women's music.

Tickets are \$5-7.00, sliding scale, and are available at Mama Bear's, (415) 428-9684.

This concert is a women only event.

For more information contact Oya La Rose at 444-2096.



(L. to R.) Tom Ramirez, Kenneth Kelleher, and Nancy Houfek will appear in Stephen Metcalfe's bittersweet romance, *STRANGE SNOW*, to be presented by San Jose Repertory Company at the Montgomery Theatre, March 13-30. For tickets, call (408) 294-7572. Photo by Charles I. Savadellis

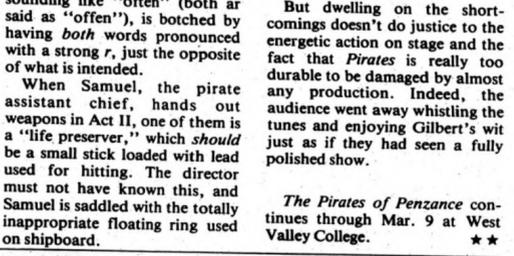
Many of the characters wantonly display reactions to another's line before the line is said, or, more commonly, display no emotion whatsoever until two sentences later. I don't know which is more disconcerting.

The sets, by James C. Smith, feature cartoon-like painted drops at the back of what appears to be a large Viking hall with hewn beams. How this jibes with "a rocky seashore" (Act I) or "a ruined chapel" (Act II) I cannot discern.

The orchestra under the able direction of Rick Reynolds has a weakness in the strings, and an overpoweringly loud percussion section, but otherwise is clear and brisk.

The most amateurish aspect of the show is the direction by Jack C. Steney. An entire comic scene, based on the British pronunciation of "orphan" sounding like "often" (both ar said as "offen"), is botched by having both words pronounced with a strong r, just the opposite of what is intended.

When Samuel, the pirate assistant chief, hands out weapons in Act II, one of them is a "life preserver," which should be a small stick loaded with lead used for hitting. The director must not have known this, and Samuel is saddled with the totally inappropriate floating ring used on shipboard.



A four-star show at Kevan's lounge to raise funds for the Imperial AIDS Foundation saw one of the best acts ever done. Rachel, Claire Mix, Kevan Danlel, and Nikki Nation played their hearts out to support People With AIDS. You shoulda been there!

—Ted Sahl

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'It's Green-Up Time'

by Pat Wayne

The month of March always reminds me of a party invitation you receive on a bad day. It doesn't change much of what's going on all around you, but it makes you look forward to some fun in the future.

When I was growing up, my grandmothers still cling to an old country habit of serving fresh greens in the month of March. They would make their own secret explorations of the slushy ground, gathering young green shoots of plants just popping up through the muck, and turn them into a special treat that meant Spring was on the way.

There was good reason for this in the old days. Before agribusiness found methods of bringing us vegetables from all parts of the country so that we could have fresh lettuce and celery in the depth of winter, fresh, green things to eat were at a premium. After subsisting on root vegetables and things like cabbage that kept for long periods of time, folks found they tasted awfully good, too.

Even without any real scientific basis for believing it was true, people associated their Spring feast of greens with health. Now, knowing about things such as vitamins A and C, and the usefulness of fiber in the diet, we can realize how right they were.

At home, we still observe the practice. We'll be having greens this month in several fashions. More than that, we have an abundance of materials to use, far more than either of my grandmothers ever dreamed of, and far easier to obtain.

At the market, I can buy spinach, kale, beet tops, turnip greens and chard. Mustard greens and dandelion leaves often appear there, too, or I can follow my family example and have some fresh air while I gather them in the wild. I might even run across some dock, sorrel, purslane or cress!

Beet- and turnip-tops are milder and very flavorful. Odd as it may seem, centuries ago both vegetables were grown for those tops we now throw away, rather than for the roots we now prize.

You can get exotic with cooked greens, too. Ever hear of "Fiddleheads?" The French love them! These are the young shoots of ferns, and if you recall, the woolly brown shoots look like the scroll on the end of a violin—thus the name.

Cut them while still tightly curled, then cook them exactly like fresh asparagus. Serve them like asparagus, too, either simply dressed with butter or with a hollandaise sauce.

Two foreign greens may be available in your market, and I've come to love them both. One is called rocket, or arugula, and it's a long, spoon-shaped leaf with a peppery taste similar to watercress. It can be added in small amounts to salad, or cooked.

The other is broccoli raps, a leafy leaf that comes from a relative of broccoli. I cook it, or arugula, in the same way: clean them carefully, then pop them into a pot in which I've sauteed a clove of garlic in about a quarter-cup of olive oil. Then I simply stew them in their own juices until tender. You may add salt and pepper to taste.

As for old-fashioned down-home greens, that's simple, too. Gather far more than you think you'll need; they cook down considerably. Wash a mixture (you'll gauge the amount of strong-tasting ones you want) and wash them carefully. Then remove the tough stems. Place them in a heavy-bottomed pot with only the water that adheres to the greens. At this point, I add coarsely chopped onion, and you may enjoy the extra flavor that gives. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then top with four or five slices of bacon and place on low heat. Slowly simmer until the greens are tender.

At my house, cornbread is a mandatory accompaniment; when we get down, we get down! Peasant cooking? Sure! But so are many of the recipes you'll read in Julia Child. If it makes you feel any better, you can call them *crudites vertes de la campagne*. But taste is what counts, and the flavor of Spring is in this homely dish. Happy Equinox!

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That's another advantage we have in this day and time. After finding your ingredients, you can get down and have "down home" greens, or you can use them to fly into exotic fancies.

Want to impress some fancy dinner guests? How about making your salad something special? Salads are so often a necessary, but uninteresting course that any new approach will give them distinction. Instead of finding some new dressing, try a simple oil-and-vinegar topping on a salad that includes some material you have gathered yourself.

Young dandelion leaves (gathered before the plants bloom) have a pungent and distinctive taste that spikes the bland grocery lettuce we generally use.

Sorrel, or sourgrass, has a lemony-sour taste that intrigues the palate. Young borage tastes like cucumber to some, and its tiny, hairy leaves add texture as well.

In many parts of the country, a wild groundcover is called "miner's lettuce," because early settlers used it as a salad green. It's a bit coarse for a whole salad, but it's a good addition.

Remember, though, that wild greens will have lots more taste than the bland stuff you've become accustomed to buying. Taste first, then decide how much to add to your dishes.

The same caution applies to cooked greens. Kale and mustard are strong tastes, too strong for many people. Those same folks, though, will love the combination of a judicious amount of those flavors to milder spinach or chard.

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Inevitable Love is available by mail order from Intelligence in Video, Inc., P.O. Box 1107, NY 10023.

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Roommate wanted Willow Glen. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, deluxe Condo, many extras, no smk/drugs, professional preferred, into massage, let's fit. \$450, first/last, deposit. 267-8272 early evenings. 3-5

Male roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath house. Located near Winchester and Payne Ave. Prefer employed, discreet, neat non-smoker \$300 / month 296-7467. 3-5

Roommate wanted to share house in Willow Glen area of San Jose. Prefer neat, responsible, employed gay male. Included are utilities and kitchen privileges. From \$300 / mo. plus deposit. Call Steve at (408) 279-8398 evenings 6-10 p.m. *

Roommate wanted Los Gatos. 2-bedroom with dishwasher / laundry room / pool - Jay - Day 408 / 985-2211. Evening - 408 / 354-1744. \$395.00. 3-5

Roomies* San Jose Area - S.F. - Oakland Area 1-800-821-5226 Extension 126

Room for rent, Santa Clara area, 2 br, 2 bath, pool, 24 hr laundry, pool table area with fireplace. \$400 month, 1/2 utilities. Call Peaches after 9 pm - 11 pm. (408) 296-4681. 5-7

Female roommate to share 2 bedroom townhouse in San Jose. Prefer non-smoker. NO PETS. \$375 plus 1/2 utilities. (408) 272-7015. 3-5

Two rooms and private bath for male non-smoker near The Alameda. Share kitchen, washer/dryer. All utilities, cable TV, included for \$390/month. Doug 279-8449. 4-6

Female roommate to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Wm. Spgs / Fremont. w/ washer / dryer. Non-smoker, neat, responsible. \$350 / mo plus 1/2 util. Lisa 415-656-9791. 3-5

Male roommate wanted to share with same. Beautifully furnished 2 bed 2 bath luxury apartment in lovely San Jose complex. Has everything \$300.00 month 294-4635. 4-6

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Saratoga/Hwy 280 Male to share large 3 bedroom 2 bath duplex in convenient location, washer/dryer, fireplace, family room, AEK kitchen, storage and gardener. Large master bedroom suite with dressing area and own bathroom. Seeking neat and responsible individual. \$450.00 per mo plus 1/2 utilities. (408) 255-4499 after 6:00 p.m. Unit available 1 April. 4-5

ROOM in new condo for Guppies. BMW not req'd. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D. Share kitchen and living. Prefer non-smoker. \$300/mo plus 1/3 util. 926-5677 eve. 5-7

LOS GATOS Nice home - room for rent \$345 a month includes utilities. Eve 379-5182 (no losers please). 1x

HOME TO SHARE SUNNYVALE BI OR GAY OK TED 299-3657 DAYS

Room for rent in nice quiet home with house privileges \$300 / month in Cambrian area. 267-3292. 5-7

Space Needed

Employed W/M needs housing in Fremont or San Jose areas. Friendly, neat, responsible, straight appearing. Please call Ron, 4-6 p.m. (415) 790-6107. 3-5

Personals

Expert skier, 38, seeks skier, preferably 18 to 26 for weekend trips. P.O. Box 390621, Mountain View 94039. 94039. 3-5

As a cute young gay male, do you miss having an older brother type to talk to? I'm 31 yrs. W/M, and understanding. Call 998-1857. 3-5

W/M, 29; attractive, positive, sensitive, honest, romantic. Seeks similar man who's relationship oriented. Send letter, photo (returned). Metro Box 63, 410 So. First, San Jose 95113. 3-5

Husky, bearded, G/W/M, 36, seeks same. Interests: weight lifting, jogging, massage, safe sex. No skinies please. Letter/phone/photo (returned). P.O. Box 802, Campbell, CA 95009. 3-5

RENAISSANCE FAIRE GUILD NEEDS FOLKS INTO LIVING HISTORY. CALL: SIR THEODORE 299-3657 DAYS. 1x

Bearded masculine good looking GWM wants sports buddy into sharing good times. Photo phone to Box 722, Campbell, CA 95009. 5-7

Are you bisexual Hispanic 18-26, looking for a warm successful father? I'm 42, attractive, 5-8, 160, GWM. J.D., 537 Jones, No. 3905, San Francisco, CA 94102. 5-7

SEXY SINGERS SEEK SAME. S.J. Gay Men's Chorus is seeking a few good voices. Open rehearsals eve. Mon. night. 7:30 - 10 p.m. First Unitarian Church. Call (415) 790-0288.

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