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CYCLE FOR LIFE is a cross-country bicycle rally, departing from New York City on May 26 and reaching San Francisco on August 3, to raise money for AIDS 800 crisisline and local AIDS organizations. Cycle for Life hopes to get many participants by giving interested bicyclists the option of riding the whole distance or a segment of the route, ranging anywhere from 1 to 4,000 miles. Call (212) 560-3023 to enroll.

Suit filed in federal court to overturn "AIDS Control" ordinance in Indiana

Indiana — Suit has been filed in federal court seeking to overturn Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation Ordinance No. 1985(a).

The ordinance was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Health and Hospital Corporation on February 19th after months of acrimonious debate between members of the gay and lesbian community and the Marion County (Indianapolis) Health Department.

The new ordinance purports to control AIDS through the regulation or closure of businesses thought to be promoting sexual contact between patrons.

The suit was filed on April 4th by PFW, Inc., the owner of the Harem Adult Bookstore in Indianapolis. Filing of the suit was prompted by attempts at enforcing the new ordinance by the county.

On Mar. 19, county health inspectors issued an inspection report on the Harem Adult Bookstore which cited two violations of the new ordinance.

The first violation consisted of holes in the walls of the peep

show booths (glory holes), while the second violation consisted of having doors on the peep booths.

Corrections suggested by the inspectors included "permanently sealing all holes in peep show booths," and "removing doors" to keep the show booths.

Additional plaintiffs to the suit included Stanley E. Berg and Berg Investment Corporation, corporate owner of The Body Works, a gay health club in Indianapolis.

Berg and Berg Investment Corporation entered the suit at this time as they anticipated that the city will attempt to enjoin The Body Works from providing "private" rooms to its membership at some time in the future.

The suit asks for a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining the county from enforcing new ordinance.

The suit also asks for declaratory relief in asking that certain sections of the new ordinance be declared unconstitutional as those sections are in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The suit further states that the ordinance is overbroad in that it

"is not so narrowly drawn as to prevent discretionary and discriminatory application."

The suit alleges that the ordinance allows the county "to enforce said ordinance in an arbitrary and capricious manner in violation of Plaintiff's (Constitutional) rights."

The suit alleges as well that the ordinance is so vague "that people of common intelligence must necessarily guess at their meaning and differ as to its application."

And, finally, the suit alleges that "certain provisions of the referenced ordinance constitute an impermissible prior restraint on constitutionally protected activities and an invasion of rights."

The suit points out that under enforcement of the ordinance the private viewing of movies and television at any business location in Indianapolis could be prohibited.

It is at this point that Berg and The Body Works enter the picture.

Berg has a video monitor set up in his private office on which, from time to time, he watches network television broadcasts as

Jerry Falwell makes judge's Jewishness basis of appeal

Sacramento — In an appeals brief filed in the Sacramento Superior Court, the Reverend Jerry Falwell, through his attorney Weldon R. Reeves, accuses Sacramento Municipal Court Judge Michael S. Ullman of considering statements which would "appeal to the natural prejudice of the trial judge," in his decision to award a \$5000 judgment to Falwell's former Baptist Bible College schoolmate, the Reverend Jerry Sloan.

Sloan was awarded the judgment on the basis of an offer that Falwell made to Sloan when Falwell appeared on a live local TV talk show and told Sloan he would give him \$5000 if he would produce a tape of Falwell calling the Metropolitan Community Churches "brute beasts" and that he further said, "Thank God, this vile and Satanic system will one day be utterly annihilated and there will be a celebration in heaven."

In the appeals brief, Falwell asserts that in a pretrial conference, Sloan's attorney Rosemary Metrailler "seized upon . . . statements made by the Honorable Judge Michael S. Ullman in chambers," which were later used during arguments in the trial "in a deliberate effort

well as closed circuit programs of current theatrical releases.

Berg alleges that because of the nature of a private business office it could cause him irreparable harm to permanently remove the door to his private office.

The Body Works is involved because many of the private rooms at the health club contain video monitors over which network television and closed circuit movies are rented to the member renting the room for a stipulated additional price.

The Body Works alleges irreparable harm to its business if it cannot rent the rooms on a private basis.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects broadcast material as free speech; and, attempts to limit the availability of this material through governmental regulation have long been held by the courts to be a "prior restraint" of free speech.

The suit also notes that the evidence will show that "the public's interest in protecting itself from AIDS is adequately dealt with by other existing laws and ordinances."

The suit notes that in the passage of the ordinance the County "brought forth no evidence to support passage of the ordinance."

The suit has been assigned to Federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin. A hearing date has not yet been set.

to polarize the judge and bias the judge in the plaintiff's favor."

The statement in chambers is found in a declaration filed by Weldon Reeves which says:

Judge Ullman indicated that he would only be available for one day to hear the matter and would be absent from court the following Monday in order that he and his family could celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

The brief asserts that Metrailler "seized upon" this statement to insert into the court record a case from the Los Angeles Superior Court.

This case involved a group calling itself The Institute of Historical Review and a survivor of the Holocaust. The Institute contended that the Holocaust had never occurred and that it would give \$50,000 to anyone who could prove it did.

A survivor of Auschwitz produced such evidence, and the Institute refused to pay. The man sued and won the \$50,000 judgment.

The telling of this story supposedly appealed to a "natural prejudice" which Judge Ullman had toward Jewish survivors of Auschwitz.

While Falwell portrays himself to be a strong supporter of Israel, he has over the years been strongly criticized for statements which have been perceived as being anti-Jewish or portraying Jews in a stereotypical manner.

In 1980, Falwell was embroiled in the "God does not hear the prayers of Jews controversy" when he said, "I believe that God answers the prayer of any redeemed Jew or Gentile and I do not believe that God answers the prayer of any unredeemed Gentile or Jew."

On another occasion, Falwell got in hot water for a statement he delivered during an "I Love America" Rally on the steps of the Virginia State Capitol when he said, "I know a few of you here today don't like Jews. And I

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A SPECIAL INVITATION

For you to meet and hear Jeff Levi, Washington lobbyist and executive director of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force, speak on Gay Rights Advocacy at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. Also meet three NGLTF board members — Peter Fowler, Co-Chair; Charlie Wing, San Francisco; and Rick Rudy, San Jose. Hosted by High Tech Gays and DeAnza College GALA at DeAnza College Student Council Chamber, Campus Center, Lower level, DeAnza College on Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. Light refreshments will be served. Donations to NGLTF accepted.

Gays and Chemical Dependence: A Safe Place to Seek Help

An Interview with Elaine Noble and Ellen Ratner

In 1971, political activist Elaine Noble and mental health counselor Ellen Ratner banded together to organize Boston's first Gay Pride March. Now, 15 years later, they've joined forces again for another landmark event — the founding of Pride Institute, the first residential chemical dependency treatment program specifically aimed at the needs of the gay and lesbian community.



Elaine Noble, former state representative, is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Mass. in alcohol program administration.

Ratner is widely recognized as a leader in the field of treating chemical dependency, and throughout her career has also been concerned with the special mental health issues facing gays and lesbians.

Noble first gained broad public recognition in 1974 — the year she won a seat in the Massachusetts State Legislature to become the country's first openly gay elected representative.

Q: There are hundreds of residential treatment programs available for chemically dependent people. Why has one specifically opened for gays and lesbians?

Elaine: I can probably answer that best by referring to my own experience. About three years ago, I came to terms with the fact that I had a drinking problem and really needed some help.

I had known Ellen for years, and since she was one of the leaders in the chemical dependency field, it made sense for me to turn to her for advice. She helped me find a residential treatment center.

This was a place run by people who were sensitive to gay issues, but I still ended up with a therapist who was homophobic.

I'm no wilting lily, so it didn't have as negative an impact on me as it might have had on someone who was not as out as I was.

But I didn't see why I should be paying money for treatment and have to deal with someone else's homophobia. That's when it occurred to me that it might be a good idea to have a treatment center designed for gays and lesbians and staffed by gays and straights who were 100 percent accepting of a gay lifestyle.

Ellen: Another point to make here is that the gay community has a particularly high rate of chemical abuse — the rate of alcoholism is higher than 30 percent, according to some studies, compared to about 10 to 13 percent for the general population.

treatment for chemical dependency. You know, at many treatment centers, just like in the rest of society, patients are not encouraged to talk about their homosexuality because it can make both the staff and other patients uncomfortable. And that kind of repression or censorship, I think, prevents people from making a firm start on the road to recovery.

When their homosexuality is an issue, it's hard for them to focus on their alcoholism. It fosters a whole pattern of secrecy that can be counter-therapeutic. After all, if it's OK to keep one's sexuality a secret, then why not keep one drink or one pill a secret as well?

Q: Why is there a higher proportion of chemical dependency in the gay community? What's the connection?

Ellen: There are a number of factors that come into play. Society must shoulder most of the responsibility because of its treatment of gays — other oppressed groups, like Blacks and American Indians, also have significantly higher rates of chemical dependency than the general population.

Many gays have internalized society's homophobia and have

Elaine: You also have to look at the structure of the gay sub-culture. The most common place for gays to meet and find each other is, of course, the gay bar. And under that kind of high-pressure, cruising type of atmosphere, alcohol and other recreational drugs may initially help someone relax and make it easier for them to meet someone else. That automatically creates an association between chemicals and sex.

When that pattern becomes a ritual — when it gets repeated time and again — you're on your way to being a chemically dependent person.

Q: What can you offer someone that a self-help group like, say, Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous can't?

Ellen: There's a saying in the alcohol recovery business — "plugging the jug is just the first step."

AA and NA play a vital role in helping people stay off alcohol or other drugs. Yet it's important to address some of the other factors that may interfere with someone staying sober; neither AA nor NA is necessarily set up to do that.

Elaine: One thing that's important is to look at the whole person, and that's a central philosophy behind the treatment program that Ellen has designed for Pride.

The 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous and other self-help recovery groups is an important component, but so are the initial intensive assessment phases, group and individual psychotherapy, learning about nutrition, recreational activities, stress reduction and stress management techniques.

We have also developed a unique aftercare program that will refer patients to gay or gay-sensitive mental health professionals and physicians in their own communities.

Q: How did you choose Minneapolis? Why not open Pride in New York or San Francisco, for example?

Elaine: We wanted to find a city with a supportive gay community but without the heavy disco-bar-and-drug scene typical of New York and elsewhere.

Minneapolis seemed a good place. The city has long been in the vanguard of alcohol rehabilitation, and the local government is very sensitive to gay and lesbian issues.

I also knew the city because I have friends in government here and had been coming to visit for ten years. The only drawback we could see was the cold weather.

Q: Are you planning to open another one?

Ellen: Well, we'll have to see how the demand is for Pride, of course, but we'd like to open one more within three years.

Right now, however, our focus is really just getting this one going and establishing a high quality program.

Q: Elaine, working with Pride seems to represent a big switch from your political career.

Elaine: Actually, for me it's a way of combining my political interests with my desire to help those who may find themselves in a similar situation to the one I was in.

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Sister Sadie Sadie Speaks

Sister Sadie Sadie the Rabbi Lady. Oh, boy!!! Am I excited! After a year of urging people to tie up Jerry Falwell's toll-free telephone lines, we seem to be winning.

Recently, Jerry The Bigot sent out a 5-page mailer crying for money because he claimed the loss of a million dollars due to phony callers who either tied up the lines or ordered bibles with no intent to contribute.

That pitch for money mentioned that their telephone number was changing (as well as the name Moral Majority) and that operators would verify all callers and then call back.

And now, Falwell has announced that the toll-free lines will have to close altogether due to over 50,000 harassment calls per month.

My sincerest congratulations to all those who supported my outreach and dreamed up schemes of their own to stop the flow of hatred over the airwaves.

Of course, the guy in Atlanta who hooked up his computer to call Jerry 500,000 times is a national hero; and the Seattle Gay News is a great example of the forceful and bold articles which have spurred further action to this extent.

But, whoa! Let's not get too excited yet.

Falwell and his ilk are devious, slimy con artists. Jerry works under an annual budget of over \$100 million. To claim a loss of a million or two is a very small percentage of what's going on.

So why the big press announcements and caudles?

Well, any excuse to call out for more money is an extra opportunity to hit up his followers for even more cash.

On top of that, boosting tuition fees to his Liberty University and decreasing the number of scholarships will bring even more profit to operations which will be poured, no doubt, into keeping the 24-hour Christain Broadcast Network afloat.

In essence, then, there has been a dent in the armor. What has happened is that we have scratched the tender underbelly of the beast and drawn a little blood.

But the dragon has been far from slain. And now, more than ever before, is not a time for celebration but a time for increased action. We're on a roll, folks.

Initiative can halt Insurance discrimination

A petition to outlaw arbitrary forms of discrimination in the automobile insurance industry in California is currently in circulation.

The proposed initiative, which will go before voters in November if it qualifies, would make it illegal for insurance companies writing basic liability coverage for cars in California to charge higher rates for single people.

Present insurance regulations and statutes permit all insurance companies doing business in California to engage in a variety of discriminatory practices.

Among those practices, companies are permitted to "red-line," a practice under which basic liability rates are determined by geography.

Companies are also allowed to discriminate on the basis of age (younger drivers pay more), sex (males pay more), and marital status (single drivers pay more than married drivers).

The proposed initiative, offered by FAIR (Fair Auto Insurance Rates) and supported by the Southern California ACLU, would require insurance companies to base auto insurance rates solely on the basis of an individual's driving record and car.



By increasing the activity, the wounds can be pulled further open and more important damage can be done.

New polls from Virginia are showing a continuing decline in Falwell's popularity.

The National Democratic Party has also announced a new attack upon the Fundamentalist political movement.

We can do no less than to join the fray and help support the further erosion of Falwell's evil power base.

And don't be confused about who else is our enemy. Pat Robertson is even more satanic.

He's down-home beguiling and a candidate for President. Pulling in over \$250 million per year, this enemy is even stronger and just as hating. His toll-free numbers are still operating, however.

Isn't it thrilling? Ain't it grand? And isn't it a great way to prove our muscle without paying for pollsters?

This is only one of many ways we can pull together nationally — and even internationally.

We have many friends. Now is the time to show them how they can help, too.

As for me, I'm honored to be a small cog in the wheels of positive change.

Love and knishes,

Sadie, Sadie, the Rabbi Lady

Wanted in Indiana

An arrest warrant for criminal conversion has been issued in Indianapolis for Scott Lee Jones, age 23.



SCOTT LEE JONES

Mr. Jones has been specifically accused of stealing an amount of cash exceeding \$1,000.00 from his former gay employer in Indianapolis.

Mr. Jones is described as being about 6' tall, 165 pounds, dark brown hair, and blue eyes.

A reward of \$250.00 has been authorized by his former employer for information leading to his arrest.

Mr. Jones is thought to be heading for Las Vegas; however, he has been known to live in Florida, Texas, and California.

Other warrants for his arrest are thought to be outstanding in other states. Mr. Jones has been accused of "ripping off" people he has "dated."

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Mr. Jones please contact The Works Newsmagazine at 303 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or call (317) 632-2457. Your name will be kept confidential.

Judge reprovved for using derogatory term in referring to gay activist

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California represents gay political scientist Dan Siminoski in his lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act against the FBI to force the release of the files the bureau has kept in the last several decades on gay and lesbian organizations.

In the first court appearance in the case, a federal district judge described Siminoski's interests in the documents as an interest in "faggotry."

Staff attorney Joan Howarth collected statements from nine experts across the country declaring that such a choice of terms in that context demonstrated bias and prejudice against gays.

The statements were submitted as supporting evidence for a motion that the judge disqualify himself from the case.

Although at the time he formally denied the motion, the judge simultaneously transferred the case to another judge.

Howarth also filed a complaint of judicial misconduct with Chief Judge Browning of the Ninth Circuit, attaching the same expert declarations.

Browning recently issued an order on the matter which affirms that the complaint procedure was properly invoked.

The order explains that Browning had contacted the judge, who recognized that the term was inappropriate and promised to "make every effort to avoid using this or any other vulgar or derogatory term in the performance of his judicial functions."

Following transfer of the case and informal reproval of the judge, Siminoski stated he was pleased that his case has been a vehicle for some important judicial education. Meanwhile, discovery is continuing.

In recognition of their attendance at the "Safe Sex Seminars," The Watergarden cordially invites you to attend our Special Party to honor the Seminar participants April 27, 1986 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The program to include Erotic Dancers, Refreshments, and Graduation Ceremony. Regular door charge required. \$3.00 food cover charge to non-graduates.



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California's Response to the AIDS Challenge . . . A Model for the Nation

By Bruce B. Decker

Here in California we have a system by which the Legislature and the Governor work together to develop and implement public policy. Given this relationship it takes both parties working together to be successful.

California's AIDS programs are the most comprehensive in the nation. We are used as a positive role model by states like New York, Florida, New Jersey, Texas, and at times, the Congress and Administration in Washington. In fact, we are spending more on AIDS than all the other 49 states combined . . . and doubled.

As illustrated by the adjacent budget summary, we are the first and only state to fund clinical drug trials (\$5/86 \$2.3 million), the first and only state to launch a comprehensive, coordinated statewide prevention program (\$5/86 \$4.25 million), the first and only state to fund both clinical and "hard" research (\$5/86 \$4.9 million), the first to fund mental health, hospice, drug abuse, and evaluation programs (\$5/86 \$2.1 million), and what's more, we have been doing some of these activities two years prior to the recent surge in media attention.

In addition to all this, our anonymous HTLV-III alternative testing program (\$5/86 \$5.0 million) is the largest and most successful in the nation with significant safeguards to avoid insurance and employment discrimination.

To listen to the AIDS community in general, you would think that George Deukmejian had nothing to do with these programs; in fact, you would think from the rhetoric that he had opposed them, but somehow, as if by magic, they appeared anyway.

George Deukmejian has played a very important and supportive role in the design and implementation of our envy-provoking AIDS response program. The fact of the matter is that George Deukmejian is a big part of the reason it is as good as it is.

George Deukmejian is both caring and competent. The Legislature and members of his Administration know that he is a tough task master. If presented with ill-conceived or badly developed proposals, he indeed will veto them, as his \$11.6 million June 1985 action indicates.

When he did so, he suggested that we go back to the drawing board, reforming and developing more carefully and thoroughly the proposed programs. We did so, and six weeks later he signed SB1251, approving an additional \$4.9 million augmentation to supplement his existing \$15 million program. Each time we come to him he demands the best, and that is why we have the model AIDS program for the nation.

We know with George Deukmejian that we can't just throw money at any issue. He takes both his responsibility to protect California's public health and fiscal integrity very seriously.

He has, during the past three years, regularly supported AIDS research, prevention, home health, mental health, alternative testing, confidentiality, epidemiology, drug abuse, evaluation and care study programs.

He courageously and compassionately devoted one of his recent statewide radio addresses to making his concern and support a matter of public record, an occasion used by some members of our community, shortsightedly, to criticize him, which makes no sense to me.

Let's face it — although he has not embraced our community, he has presided over the development of the finest, most comprehensive AIDS response program in the nation. We are so quick to condemn. Why be so slow to commend?

While George Deukmejian has been doing all the work and paying all the bills, Tom Bradley, who would very much like to be Governor someday, has been doing little, if anything, of substance but taking much credit for it. This is akin to flirting with a friend's lover: your friend gets to pay all the bills while you get to have all the fun.

Wish all you want, Tom Bradley doesn't have a chance of beating George Deukmejian, much less using AIDS as a campaign issue against him. Much of our success has been the result of keeping AIDS issues out of the political fray. Let's not make AIDS a hostage to partisan or political considerations.

In coming months and years we are going to be faced with some very tough issues: insurability, job-related discrimination, the development of a comprehensive long-term strategic AIDS plan, testing, and all the ongoing issues.

We are going to need all the friends we can get, and George Deukmejian is a friend. By recognizing each other's accomplishments and working together, the Administration, the Legislature and AIDS community can successfully meet these challenges.

In the last few months, I have been travelling around this nation meeting with AIDS groups and opinion, press and political leaders. I sense a stirring in the spirit of America to set aside the artificial barriers of fear and prejudice, uniting to meet this challenge posed by AIDS.

As that spirit is awakened, I believe that we will see yet another demonstration of American greatness. While we here in California may have gotten in touch with the seriousness of the situation some years ago, the rest of the country is only now catching up.

They, too, are learning that through finding a cure and a vaccine for AIDS we will be part of the most significant medical breakthrough of the 20th century, if not all time.

By discovering what controls the body's immune system, we will be able to show every living human being how to live a longer, happier, healthier life.

Let's get off this negative, angry kick, and give credit where credit is due. George Deukmejian is a big part of the solution, while many of his loudest critics have remained part of the problem.

Let's recognize his courage and compassion and look forward to working with him in addressing upcoming issues.

Bruce Decker was appointed to the California AIDS Advisory Committee by Governor George Deukmejian in July 1984. He is president and founder of Concerned Americans for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C.-based nationwide organization to encourage moderate to conservative gay men and women to participate in education of political, opinion, and gay leaders on issues of importance. He is a founding member of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the first national AIDS research organization (1985).

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, he earned his undergraduate degree in Business, Finance and Marketing at the University of Santa Clara (Class of 1972) and his graduate degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Denver (1974).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Responses, comments, and opposing views are welcome, both in the form of letters to the editor and opinion articles.

SLOAN VS. FALWELL, ROUND 2

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As most of you know, last September I was awarded a \$5000 judgment against the Reverend Jerry Falwell for proving that he called the Metropolitan Community Churches "brute beasts," and that he further said, "Thank God, this vile and satanic system will one day be utterly annihilated and there will be a celebration in heaven."

Recently, I received a fundraising letter from Falwell (yes, I'm still getting them). In it he was lamenting "the militant gay community which has cost us between \$1 and 2 million," by calling his toll-free 800 number.

According to news reports, as of April 5, he has dropped the 800 number. Also, he is cutting 225 people from his staff in an effort to save \$6 million because of an overextended budget.

He was also lamenting the "vicious" attacks made against him. Of course, he didn't mention the vicious attacks he makes against others.

The judgment which I received has tremendously embarrassed him around the world. The story was carried on NBC, CNN, AP, UPI and every major newspaper in the country. It was also carried in Time, Newsweek and as a feature article in People Magazine in October.

In December, People gave him one of their Lighten Up Sandy Awards for denying what he had said. We also received reports from people who were in Europe and heard the story on the radio.

Falwell has appealed the judgment to the Sacramento Superior Court. It is set to be heard in Division 23 on May 16, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. His attorney has used every trick in the book to delay the case and keep Falwell from paying the judgment.

In the appeals brief, Falwell through his attorney has done a most amazing thing. He has asked that the judgment be overturned on the grounds that the Judge was Jewish!

Can you believe that? The brief says that because the Judge was Jewish, he had a "natural prejudice."

I am confident the judgment will be upheld, but I need your help to continue to defend it. My legal fees presently stand at over \$4000, on which I owe \$2700.

Remember I have pledged to you that all the money I raise to help me in this fight I will return to the community when I collect the judgment.

Please make your tax-deductible check to the Lambda Community Legal Assistance Fund. Together we can keep Falwell off balance.

Through your contribution you can share in the victory when he is beaten in court again.

Thank you for your help. Yours in Gay Pride,
Jerry Sloan
Lambda Community Fund
P.O. Box 16364
Sacramento, CA 95816

Remember I have pledged to you that all the money I raise to help me in this fight I will return to the community when I collect the judgment.

Please make your tax-deductible check to the Lambda Community Legal Assistance Fund. Together we can keep Falwell off balance.

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PARENTS OF GAYS STUDY

We are conducting a research study to furnish information so that parents can better understand their homosexual children. We need help of parents of gays.

As you can see from the newsletter the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays supports this project.

We would like to mail the parents some questionnaires for completion. The questionnaires can be completed individually at home or during one of your periodic meetings.

The total time needed to complete the forms is between 20 to 30 minutes. Envelopes will be provided for the return of each completed form. Of course, postage will be prepaid.

If you have one or more parents of gays who would like to take part in the study, we will then mail you the number of forms which you request.

You can assure parents who choose to participate that their names will be kept totally anonymous and their answers will be held in complete confidence.

Participants will be identified by questionnaire numbers only. Only the researchers and our assistants will see the completed questionnaires.

The investigators of this study take the position that the needs and problems of parents of gays have been largely ignored.

Our goal is to provide needed information to other parents who are just learning of their child's homosexuality as well as to counselors and researchers.

We will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Please write or call.

Patsy Skeen and Lynda Walters
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HELP FOR HANDICAPPED

Thank you so much for running the ad for SDA Kinship in your directory. I'm sure it will be very helpful in reaching those gay and lesbian SDA's who have not yet heard of Kinship.

There is one minor addition I would like you to make to the ad, if possible. The phone number listed there (which is my number) is also a TDD number.

I have a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf, and I can answer calls from those who cannot use the regular phone, as well as from those who can. I use the same number for both.

So please add "Voice or TDD" or "V/TDD" after the phone number listed for Kinship.

By the way, as I told someone at our Paper over the phone, I brailled the "Our Directory" and gave it to the San Jose Blind Center.

I stopped by there the other day, and several people let me know how much they appreciated the information.

So thanks for letting me do that.

Marie Crofoot
(408) 866-0159 V/TDD

AIDS BUDGET SUMMARY

State Funds	FY 1983-84	FY 1984-85	FY 1985-86
University Research	\$2,900,000	\$3,094,000	\$7,514,000*
Department of Health Services	500,000	1,000,000	7,182,169*
Department of Mental Health	---	---	600,000
HTLV-III Testing	---	---	5,000,000
Total State Funds	\$3,400,000	\$4,094,000	\$20,296,169
Federal Funds			
Surveillance	102,891	196,996	196,996*
HTLV-III	---	---	2,455,578
Los Angeles	117,461	186,045	186,045
San Francisco	144,860	587,266	587,266
Total Federal Funds	\$365,212	\$970,307	\$3,425,885
Grand Total	\$3,765,212	\$5,064,307	\$23,722,054

*\$1 million to be distributed to universities outside the UC system
*Total amount \$7,182,169 (\$4,309,500 for AIDS Community Education; \$872,669 for Epidemiology/Surveillance and program support; \$150,000 for Education Program Evaluation; \$20,000 for Home Health, Hospice and Attendant Care Education; \$1,000,000 for Community Support Block Grants; \$400,000 for AIDS Drug Abuse Education; \$200,000 for Cost of AIDS Care Study.)

*Federal grants not yet awarded for FY 1985-86 (October-September). Amounts should be equal or greater than 1984-85 awards.

*Includes special studies for blood transfusion and Hepatitis-B follow-up.

FAIR AUTO INSURANCE RATES

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, I would like to ask for your assistance in eliminating one of the most pervasive forms of discrimination in California today.

ACLU, working with a group called FAIR (Fair Auto Insurance Rates,) is working to qualify for the November ballot an initiative which will outlaw arbitrary discrimination in the automobile insurance industry.

Under current law, companies writing basic liability coverage in the state are free to discriminate against their customers, and they do:

- All insurance companies engage in "red-lining," the practice of setting basic liability rates for autos on the basis of geography. According to a recent California Insurance Commission report, the result of this practice is discrimination: people in poor and minority areas consistently pay higher rates for basic coverage than affluent white areas, often as much as 100% more for basic coverage which is required by state law.

- Insurance companies set rates on the basis of marital status — married persons pay less for basic coverage than do single people.

- Insurance companies discriminate by sex — male drivers pay more than females.

- All of these discriminatory practices take place regardless of the individual's own driving record. A driver who happens to live in Compton will pay more than a driver living in Redondo Beach, even though both have spotless records.

- A married driver will pay less than a single driver, a male more than a female, and so on, even though they are driving the exact same car and have the exact same driving records.

- The FAIR initiative can change all that. It will offer voters a change to stop insurance discrimination immediately.

- Insurance companies will be required to base insurance rates solely on an individual's driving record and car.

- In addition, basic coverage rates will be rolled back to January 1985 and frozen for a year, during which no rate increases can take place.

- Subsequently, a rate increase will be granted only after a showing at a public hearing that the increase is justified.

- The impact of this pervasive discrimination is enormous. Communities targeted as high insurance areas find it difficult to lure new business into their economy because rates are too high.

- Low income drivers find that they are trapped between a state law compelling insurance coverage and red-lined rates beyond their ability to pay — those drivers must drive illegally or not at all. Hardly anyone in the state is beyond the reach of this pervasive discrimination.

- To qualify this vital initiative, we must have the help of thousands of citizens. Your organization, with its history of commitment to fairness and equality, can help enormously by endorsing this petition drive and encouraging your membership circulate the petition.

- We stand ready to help you. We have much useful information about the initiative, we have speakers who can discuss the issues with your group, we have articles that can be reprinted in your newsletter, and we can provide you with as many petitions as you need.

- Please, join us and put an end to insurance discrimination. Contact me at the ACLU office, (213) 487-1720, soon.

Jessica L. Fliske
Chapter Director
American Civil Liberties Union
of Southern California

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Theatre Reviews

By Rick Rudy

Flight KAL 007 Dies Again

By Rick Rudy

In September 1983, a Soviet jet shot down a Korean commercial airliner which had flown over Soviet territory. In April 1986, the San Jose Rep shot down a dramatization of this incident, the West Coast premiere of Ken Jenkins' play *007 Crossfire*.

Jenkins takes the view that American military and political strategists deliberately sent the Korean plane over Soviet territory on a spy mission, and that the Soviets, having no forewarning, and unable to communicate with the silent airliner, were forced to shoot it down.

In order to draw us back into the heightened emotional milieu of the moment, Jenkins uses all sorts of theatrical tricks and gimmicks.

Unfortunately, the outcome is that the audience merely gets a boring and confusing string of theatrical tricks and gimmicks with no depth, little continuity, and virtually no intelligent dialogue.

There are no fine performances from the large cast, and the only positive element is the attractive set of the jetliner's interior.

The first gimmick is that the play has six separate action areas all being used at the same time. Downstage right and left are the Russian and American intelligence, military and political personnel, respectively. They study identical video displays and fiddle with non-existent electronics gear.

Up center is the airliner interior with rows of seats and two stewardesses. Down center is a group of actors in conversation.

Wandering about on stage are an electronics technician (who is busy finishing the set), and a man in a pinstripe suit smugly speculating on various unrelated topics.

A Korean mother moves up and down the theatre aisles explaining to everyone that her son is aboard the plane.

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Equity actor Barry Kraft portrays Tom in San Jose Repertory Company's West Coast premiere of *007 CROSSFIRE* by Ken Jenkins, playing at the Montgomery Theatre thru April 27. For tickets, call San Jose Rep Box Office at (408) 294-7572. Photo by Chas. I. Savadelis

As is common in works which are really editorials rather than plays, the Americans are portrayed as "the bad guys" and the Soviets, cornered and alarmed are "the not-so-bad guys." The only clever business is having the American politician sleep through most of the show. We should all have been so lucky.

Given the state-of-the-art of video displays seen at any arcade nowadays, the projected video images above the American and Soviet corners are embarrassingly simple and unimaginative. No theatre company in the world is closer to the source of real computers and video wizards than San Jose, so how can the Rep be so remiss?

Also, the character portraying a technician spouts high tech jargon, but it is obviously window dressing since it makes little sense.

And the American Intelligence officer, unable to get his computer to work, growls that it is shoddy "Silicon Valley cocaine engineering." Such stuff may be fun in Louisville, but in San Jose?

Another gimmick is the placing of a troupe of players in clown costumes sitting downstage center discussing comedy routines. Since their dialogue is clearly irrelevant to the *KAL 007* incident we are dragged bodily into viewing them as allegorical. Such heavy-handedness is insulting.

Women's Music & Comedy Festival

The 7th Annual West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival will be back in Yosemite on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 1986.

The camp is private, wooded and has a gigantic swimming pool, lake and river. It is located 3 1/2 hours east of San Francisco, 3 1/2 hours north of Los Angeles.

Last year's Festival was sold out, with close to 3000 women attending.

This year, a partial list of musical performers will include Alix Dobkin, Mary Watkins, Diedre McCalla, Kay Weaver, Swingshift, Karen MacKay, The Washington Sisters, Kellie Greene, Gayle Marie, Hunter Davis, Girl Talk, etc.

Comics include Kate Clinton, Delaria & Strobel, Lori Noelle, Lynn Lavner, Robin Tyler, and Karen Ripley.

With the accent on comedy, theatre groups include the Cherry Cokes and Over Our Heads.

Special guest will be Pat Bond, recreating both her theatre roles — as Lorena Hickok and Gertrude Stein.

Guest speakers will include noted authors Katherine V. Forrest (*Curious Wine*), Lee Lynch (*The Swashbucker*), Paula Gunn Allen (*Sacred Hoop Indian*), Judy Grahn (*Another Mother Tongue*), S. Diane Bogus (*Black Lesbians in Literature*), Max Dashu (*Oppressed Herstory Archives*).

There will be a film festival, a dance every night, as well as a crafts area, workshops and sports. Three and four-day ticket prices will include camping or cabins, and food. Boys 10 and under welcome. Childcare provided.

Concerns interpreted for the hearing impaired.

For further information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to W.C.W.M.F., 13514 Hart Street, Van Nuys, CA 91405 or call (818) 904-9495.



Comedian Karen Ripley — a very funny lady — made a special guest appearance at an all-women show at *The Daybreak* on April 19 to benefit the Imperial AIDS Foundation and San Jose Gay Pride Committee. Photo by Ted Sahl

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Catalog of gay books

New York — Paths Untrodden, a gay-owned/gay-operated mail order book service, offering "books of merit on the gay male experience," has released its 1986 catalog, listing almost 1500 titles with an expanded subject classification that now includes 65 areas, everything from gay cookbooks to the gay experience in Arabic countries.

Paths Untrodden specializes in hard-to-find books, out-of-print, small press, and imported titles.

The current catalog also contains a survey of gay fiction from the 1930's to 1960's and a special tribute to gay activist Marty Robinson.

The catalog, a 64-page bibliography, is available for \$2.00 from Paths Untrodden, P.O. Box 459, Village Station, New York, NY 10014-0459. □

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Directory of Services

The National Association of Lesbian & Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NALGAP) is revising and updating the *National Facilities and Services Directory for Lesbian and Gay Alcoholics*.

The Directory is the only national listing of facilities and services, both professional and peer level, for gay and lesbian alcoholics and chemically dependent persons.

With increasing awareness about the need to outreach to lesbian women and gay men and to provide services that are specifically attuned to their needs, and issues, NALGAP urges all chemical dependency professionals to recognize these needs and respond to them. This directory is an important tool for improved service delivery.

For a copy of the listing form and for information on ordering the directory (\$5; publication scheduled for August 1986), send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Ron Vachon, NALGAP Directory, Gay & Lesbian Health Concerns, 125 North Street, Box 67, New York, NY 10013. □



DESPERADOS CLOSSES (temporarily), as owner Jon Snell's lease expires and he looks for another location. It was body to body, jam-packed, on closing night, and a long line waited outside to get in for that last dance. Photo by Ted Sahl

Exhibit to benefit SCU Law Alumni Assn

Santa Clara — Oils, prints, etchings and other artworks by famed American and European artists will be featured April 26 in the 7th annual Art Exhibition & Auction benefiting the Santa Clara University Law School Alumni Association.

A reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres and the art exhibition will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in Benson Center on campus, with the auction at 8 p.m. Donations are \$7.50 per person. For reservations, please call (408) 554-6800.

Limited-edition lithographs, serigraphs and many other fine reproductions by world-famed artists such as Picasso, Miro, Dali, and Chagall will be on display and available for purchase at auction.

A piece of fine art also will be given away as a door prize.

For further information, call (408) 554-6800. •

Musicians invited to audition

Santa Clara—Musicians are invited to audition on May 16 for the summer production of "Working," a play based on Studs Terkel's popular book, being presented by Theater Santa Clara's Summerfest '86.

Auditions for the primary jazz/rock musical will be held in Louise B. Mayer Theater at Santa Clara University from 2-to-9 p.m. with Pat Parr, musical director for Summerfest '86.

One musician for each of the following instruments is being sought for the fee-paid positions: drums, electric guitar, bass (electric bass guitar or bass fiddle), saxophone, flute, trumpet and trombone.

Twelve performances of "Working" are scheduled for July 24 through August 9.

For more information or to make an appointment to audition on May 16, please call Summerfest production manager Nick Nicholes at (408) 554-6963. •

POETRY READING AT PHOENIX BOOKS

Widely acclaimed poet Lorna Dee Cervantes will do a poetry performance on Saturday, April 26th, 2pm, at Phoenix Books and Espresso Cafe, 325 S 1st St in San Jose's new downtown.

Ms. Cervantes, a San Jose native, is the author of *Emplumada*, a collection of poems rooted in her Chicana heritage. She is a doctoral student in History of Consciousness at the University of California at Santa Cruz and has been published in numerous magazines and literary journals.

Russell whose poems have been published in *Reed* and *Poetica* magazines. Ms. Russell draws her experience of ten years farming in the Missouri Ozark region. She is a graduate student at San Jose State University and is the office manager of the San Jose Poetry Center.

Following the featured readers will be an open poetry reading. Time limit of approximately ten minutes.

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Also reading will be Cathrine

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Mum's Kitchen

By David Ladell

My, My, My. What's a mother to do?

While quietly mincing my own business the other night at the Renegades- having been propped back on my stool by the ever cute Eric- I was accosted by Steve Lakey.

In a fit of madness (actually, I was watching this gorgeo's hunk across the bar.), I said I'd write a column for the paper.

Well, her we are, deadline day and not a thing written, I've got a leak in one of the skylights, it's now 2pm, and I have to get to the bank to cook the so I can pay my guys. And to top it off, my hair's a mess, and my nails need doing!! So far now, I'm just going to give myself an intro.

Each issue I will be writing about what's happening, fads, news, and tidbits in the culinary world.

I'll be giving away a few of my famous recipes with helpful hints on dining at home. From romantic dinners for two to wholesale family get togethers, and party munchies.

I'll also be answering any questions you may have. So if you want to know about a particular dish (I've seen a couple down at the Renegades) or have a question about a recipe you tried that went wrong, drop me a line c/o OurPaper 973 Park Ave, San Jose 95126, and I'll answer as many letters as I can.

Until next issue, it's "bye" from me. And remember, always serve your buns hot: - Mum



**Affirmation challenges United Methodists
Spring gathering elects new coordinators, plans for growth**

United Methodist responses to AIDS have been "slow and still inadequate" and "have reinforced a preference for judgment over compassion toward most at risk for this disease," according to Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns.

In a statement approved at its annual spring national meeting, held April 4-6, 1986, in Seattle, Affirmation noted that AIDS has already claimed two of its earliest leaders, Michael Collins and Richard Cash, as well as numerous other friends, lovers, and family members.

The organization declared that it has "experienced firsthand not only the grief of these losses but also the violence of homophobia fueled by AIDS hysteria."

While acknowledging the preliminary efforts of some congregations, agencies, and conferences of the United Methodist Church, Affirmation called for greatly increased action at all levels of the church.

In its statement, Affirmation requests that:

Church leaders, both clergy and lay, reject claims that AIDS is God's revenge on gays and publicly oppose "proposed policies, such as quarantine and employment, insurance, or other discrimination, that...reflect society's blaming of those infected by a deadly virus";

The United Methodist Council of Bishops prepare a pastoral letter on the subject of AIDS;

Congregations and conferences of the church develop resources for pastoral support for persons with AIDS and their loved ones; provide training events to prepare persons for providing that support; make available buildings and other resources to assist AIDS education, patient-support, and advocacy efforts; and use portions of funds set aside for health-care services to help meet AIDS-related medical, spiritual, and physical needs;

Church members everywhere "support effective and explicit risk-reduction efforts" for gay and bisexual men, for intravenous drug abusers, and others at risk for the disease; and

All United Methodists pray for persons with AIDS and for all others affected by this disease.

"Making a statement to the church about AIDS is important to both gay men and lesbians in Affirmation," explained Mary Gaddis, one of Affirmation's co-sponsors.

"We lesbians are concerned for our gay brothers who have AIDS, and, because of the lack of knowledge that the general public has about the disease, lesbians are confronted with the homophobia that is directly related to AIDS."

"Lesbians in some places are being tested for insurance, for example, even though we are the one group that has been shown not to be at risk for the disease."

"One of my favorite lines is that, if AIDS is God's punishment for gay men, the lesbians must be God's chosen people."

In other action at the meeting, Affirmation members selected co-sponsors and coordinating committee members selected through the next General Conference of the United Methodist Church, to be held in April 1988.

Morris Floyd, of Minneapolis, and Gaddis, of Holy City, California, were reelected as the organization's two co-sponsors.

Affirmation members also decided to continue to strengthen the Reconciling Congregation Program by planning a consultation tentatively set for spring 1987, of representatives of all Reconciling Congregations across the United States.

Reconciling Congregations are local United Methodist churches that publicly welcome gay men and lesbians as equal members of their church families. Fifteen churches now belong to the program, which was begun in 1984.

Affirmation also made plans to expand promotion of the Reconciling Congregation Program's quarterly journal, *Manna for the Journey*, which provides materials for congregations to use in improving ministry to and with lesbians and gay men.

Future plans for local and regional organizing by Affirmation members were also discussed in Seattle. It was noted that local Affirmation bodies now exist in 18 areas across the nation, up from 7 in April 1985.

Gatherings for Affirmation members from broader geographic regions of the national "Family Reunion" retreat is tentatively scheduled for July 1-5, 1987.

National Affirmation meets twice annually, once in the spring and once in the fall, for its business meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19-21, 1986, in Washington, D.C.

For further information about any Affirmation program, the organization can be contacted at P.O. Box 1021, Evanston, IL 60204.

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By Tycho**

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TAURUS (April 21 - May 20) Oh, you who are the object of such intense desire! Lap it up, you lucky pup! You know more than most the gorgeous purity of red-hot carnality, when the object becomes the subject, when what foes up must go on up even further. Who knows what might happen!

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) The 17th through the 19th brings especially delicious emotional satisfaction. After that, you may head for very interesting, but totally different directions where something as calming and peaceful as emotional content is tame and dull stuff, for sure.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) If you have made everything perfectly clear, you may do best by getting away for the weekend. Since you've been in the midst of some very high energy, be sure you don't get burned; remove yourself a bit and cool off. Relief may be nearby.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) No quarrels with anyone this week, even yourself! Being active in the great outdoors is appealing, whether it's heavy-duty sports or simply long, refreshing walks. You find great pleasure in springtime activity. Work those muscles! Let the sun shine in!

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) When things are going this well in your emotional life, you and your friend(s) may want to share your happiness with others. Throw a party! Entertain, but keep things down to a small scale; be expressive, not impressive. Have some real fun.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22) Balance is your middle name, and you're going to need it. The new you is magnetically attractive, and you'll be turning some heads. Enjoy all of the attention, but don't let flattery get them anywhere. Except, of course, for one who simply knocks your props out.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21) Hve a party, have a ball. You might want to join a forves with a Virgo and throw the event of the year. Both of you have so much to offer others in such a light and enlightening way (and Virgos love to clean!) How about a Hallowe'en in April! Indulge your love for disguises.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21) You are dealing with important issues. You are considering things that others near you are unable to handle properly. Your strength and adaptability serve you--and those who need you--well. Your unselfish efforts win you notice.

CAPRICORN & (December 22 - January 19) Prepare yourself for interruptions. Just when you have all your stuff together and you've got a plan for meeting obligations, you get a call (maybe a whine) for help. Be charitable, and don't second-guess the need. Then devote full-time to your personal projects.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) Your recent and continuing concerns about children have led you to give a lot of thought to the future. Providing for others makes you consider how you provide for yourself, and what that entails and requires are your chief concerns.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) Your Awareness is astounding! I hope you're sharing some of your revelations with others--and I hope your halo won't blind them as you speak! Seriously, Pisces, this is a time for you to relize the complete interdependence of everything in your life.

Rev. Sky Anderson featured at Renewal



Two workshops will be held Saturday, April 26th, 10:30am "Life After Life" and at 1:30pm "Special Needs/Life After Propositions A and B" Revs. Anderson and Johnson will be also leading the workshops.

Holy Trinity Community Church is an independent church, evangelical in scope. All meetings are held at the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 86 Keys Street in San Jose. This includes the Saturday workshops.

The theme for our first Spiritual Renewal is "You Make It Happen!"

The entire community is invited and there is no charge for any of the services/workshops. Renew some old friendships, get the gang and come on down!

For further information, please contact the pastor, Rev. F. Randall (randy) Hill, at the church office - (408) 292-3071.

Rev. Sky Anderson, Shelter Coordinator of the Emergency Housing Consortium (sanctuary) and former pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose, will be the featured speaker at an upcoming Spiritual Renewal April 25 - 27.

The revival is the first for the newly formed Holy Trinity Community Church of San Jose.

Also helping with the renewal is Rev. Richard Johnson, former pastor of the United Covenant Mission Church of Columbia, Missouri.

Richard is a talented organist as well and has played for general conferences of the Metropolitan Community Church.

Worship services will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30pm; Saturday morning at 9:00am and Sunday Morning at the regular 10am worship hour.

Sixth National Gathering of United Church Coalition

Aliens in the Promised Land? - Our Lives in the Church will be the theme of the sixth National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC), to be held July 3-6 in the Boston area.

The event will be held at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, located in the Harvard Square area of Cambridge.

UCCL/GC is an officially recognized special interest group within the United Church of Christ (UCC) committed to ministry with and justice for lesbians, gay men, their families and friends.

Keynote speaker is Gary Comstock, a PhD candidate in social ethics at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

A graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine, Comstock is also convener of the lesbian/gay caucus at Union seminary and a counselor for the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

An evening concert will be given by UCC clergywoman Susan Savell.

For registration information, write: Registrar, UCCL/GC National Gathering, P.O. Box 403, Holden, MA 01520. Registration deadline is June 1.

Travel and housing information will be sent to registrants. For further information, contact M. Suarez at (617) 524-4288.

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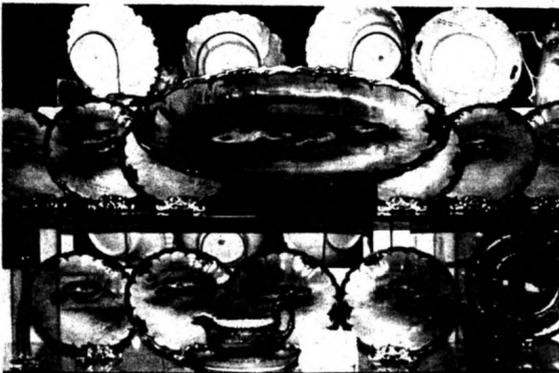


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Some exhibitors (above) made artistic arrangements of their assorted collectibles, while others displayed sets, such as (left) this elegant hand-painted set of fish platters valued at almost \$2,000.

Photos by Black Oak Press



Insurance company forced to withdraw discriminatory guidelines

San Francisco— National Gay Rights Advocates, Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights, and the California Department of Insurance have successfully forced the Munich American Reinsurance Company to withdraw their underwriting guidelines for AIDS.

These guidelines had singled out unmarried applicants, those who choose beneficiaries other than a spouse or child, or those who lead "illicit lifestyles" for discrimination.

NGRA had challenged the guidelines before the California Department of Insurance and had threatened to sue Munich

American if they were not withdrawn.

"This is a landmark victory," declared Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"This is the first time that an insurance company has been forced to revise its entire underwriting approach to AIDS in all 50 states."

"The insurance industry has been put on notice that the gay community will fight for its rights and win," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary.

"We're pleased the gay community is taking a strong stand against discrimination," she said.

GAY ALCOHOLICS

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I think therapy is highly political — those doctors who say it is not are just not owning up to how their political attitudes, and possibly their attitudes towards minority groups like gays and lesbians, infiltrate their lives and get passed on to their patients.

Therapy involves coming to grips with who you are — and if you're a gay person in America, identifying yourself that way is definitely a highly political process.

Ellen: That's not to say, however, that we require everybody at Pride to take out public ads announcing that they're gay.

On the contrary, we're concerned that a lot of gays and lesbians might not feel comfortable coming to a treatment facility like Pride out of fear that their families, employers, or insurance companies will find out.



Claire Mix's Mom at Silver Fox on Apr. 11. Photo by Ted Sahl

Call A Lawyer Night

As part of Community Law Week, KQED and the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) present the ninth annual "Call-a-Lawyer Night," offering free legal assistance to the public Friday, May 2 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Lawyers fluent in several languages and specializing in various areas of law ranging from tenant issues to insurance, tax, and immigration law, are available all evening to take calls in the KQED studios from anyone seeking free legal advice or referral information.

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During breaks between Channel 9's regular Friday evening programming, legal affairs specialist William Turner hosts discussions with distinguished guests on legal issues targeted by the BASF as especially urgent to the community: the AIDS crisis, legal problems of the elderly, legal issues facing political refugees and immigrants, and retention of Supreme Court Justices.

The participating attorneys represent several Bay Area legal associations. They are all volunteering their time and expertise, and their legal assistance is provided in strict confidence — no call will be discussed on the air.

"Call-a-Lawyer Night" is part of a week-long series of activities comprising Community Law Week (May 1 - May 7), which is sponsored annually by the BASF to publicize the overall legal concerns of the community and meet some of the immediate individual needs for legal assistance.

Other activities for the week include free advice and referral clinics around San Francisco and a benefit concert at Wolfgang's Night Club also on May 2.

FALWELL

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know why. He can make more money accidentally than you can on purpose."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said:

It is no coincidence that the rise of right-wing Christian fundamentalism has been accompanied by the most serious outbreak of anti-Semitism in America since World War II.

When the head of the Moral Majority demands a "Christian Bill of Rights," when the president of the Southern Baptist Convention tells the Religious Roundtable that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew," there should be no surprise at reports of synagogues destroyed by arson and Jewish families terrorized in their homes. I do not accuse Jerry Falwell and Baily Smith of deliberately inciting anti-Semitism. But I do say that their preachments have an inevitable effect.

In the Oct. 14, '85 issue of People Weekly Magazine, Rev. Falwell is quoted as saying that Rev. Sloan had "duped the judge."

On Sunday, Apr. 13, '86, Falwell announced the formation of a Christian Anti-Defamation Committee similar to the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. He said, "All you need to do is make an anti-Semitic slur or statement today . . . and the wrath of the JADL and the Jewish community comes down on his head, and should."

Rev. Sloan said, "Falwell is constantly decrying attacks made against him, however, he doesn't seem to take into account the attacks or insensitive things he says about others."

Local Gay Activist Succumbs to AIDS

By Ted Sahl

He was the best father anyone could have and supported us and our lifestyle.

Dick Savage, after a long illness, lost his battle for life.

He was often in my home, dropping in with Lanny Revoir just to gab and look at pictures.

Savage was always visible in the politics of the Gay community.

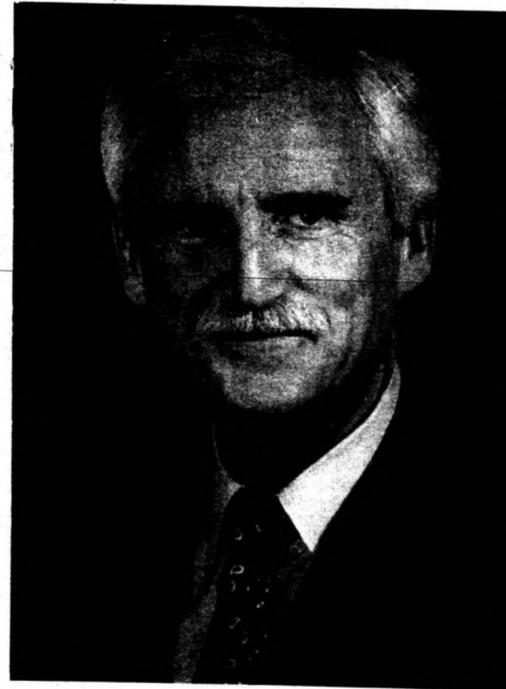
A member of Lambda Association and of the Susan B. Anthony Democratic Club, he worked on the Sexual Orientation Ordinances in 1979.

I took many pictures of Savage over the years.

While he was conservative in dress, he got a big kick out of being photographed with friends who might be in drag at a Gay function — always with a big smile.

Frank O'Reilly, another friend, said, "Savage in 1984 came to my house to attend Thanksgiving. I knew soon after that he was ill."

"He went to several doctors — gay and straight — but could not get a conclusive diagnosis, despite one gay doctor who definitely said he was ill with AIDS."



Dick Savage.

Photo by Ted Sahl

A close friend, Lanny Revoir, explained how Savage, fighting a drinking problem, entered a Gay AA meeting. It was through that experience that Dick Savage "came out" and lived as a proud gay man.

"We were close friends for three years. It was Dick who got me turned on to politics. He was a great influence on my life," said Revoir.

Savage was president of National Association of Tax Consultants, of San Jose, and edited a newsletter published quarterly for that group. He had his own tax consultant business for over twenty years in San Jose.

Dick Savage was a loving father to a large family.

A son, speaking in front of his father's bier, said, "He was the best father anyone could have and supported us and our lifestyle."

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By Gary Crawford, PhD

Hello: For those who do not know who I am, my name is Gary Crawford and I am a Public Health Advisor for the County of Santa Clara.

As part of your local Health Department, my goal is to link our Gay Community in Santa Clara Valley closer to your local Health Department on issues confronting our community.

Not only will you be kept abreast of the latest on AIDS, but other health issues that seem to be a concern in our everyday life.

This new column will be published monthly in Our Paper. Because this column is geared to keep our community informed on new and old issues, what could be a better name for this column than "YOUR HEALTH, OUR HEALTH."

If anyone would like to have a topic addressed, or questions that you may have answered, please feel free to write or call me. Remember, this column is for all of us. As part of our community you have a right to ask questions and express your views.

Along with addressing your comments and questions, I will bring you up-to-date information on what's happening on the AIDS scene here in Santa Clara County, along with the latest monthly statistics. We will cover information on health seminars, and STD's (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) that confront our community.

Each month there will be a feature article on a certain health subject, either by the Health Department or other health workers of our community. With all of us working together we hopefully will achieve the goal of a stronger bond between the Health Department and Our Community.

At this time I would like to thank all of you who came to the STD/AIDS SAFE-SEX Workshops that were held every Monday nite in March at the Watergarden. The turnout was fantastic.

There is a party being planned for Sunday, April 27th in the afternoon for all of you who attended the workshops, compliments of The Watergarden. Certificates will be given out at this time.

Due to the great response and request from people outside of the Watergarden, the Health Department has planned a Mini-Seminar on AIDS. It's called: "Public Health Seminar on AIDS for People at Risk."

The topics will be: Testing, Statistics, Prevention, Resources, Treatment, and Discussion. It will be held Tuesday, May 6, 1986, at 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. II (off Old Oakland Road) in the main auditorium. San Jose, Ca. The time will be 7:30pm to 10:00pm.

The panel will include, Barnadette De Armond M.D., Millicent Kellog P.H.N., Martin Fensterhsieb M.D., Gay Crawford P.H.A., Tony Puentes M.D., and David Burgess. I believe it will be beneficial to all and hope that many will attend.

For more information call; (408) 299-5858 or 299-5919. I will also be gearing up more Safe Sex Workshops to be held at various sites in the near future. As well as holding another set of workshops either in September or October at the Watergarden.

As for today 116 cases of AIDS have been reported in Santa Clara County, with 67 deaths. We still our averaging around a 50% death rate.

Our feature article for next month will be on the HTLV-III Testing here in Santa Clara County. We will discuss confidentiality and how it is being kept, and the pros and cons of this test.

Again I'd like to stress that if anyone has questions or topics to be addressed you can either write me at; the STD CLINIC 976 Lenzen Ave. San Jose Ca.95126 or call me at; (408) 299-5919.

So remember play it safe and I will talk to you next month.

South Bay Eight Ball League

As we near the final accounting of South Bay Eight Ball League's season, The League Board members wish to congratulate every person who played this year.

Every one played very well and every game won or lost was an exciting experience for many of the players.

Entering the last three weeks of this season the 641 team and the Daybreak team are in competition for the title of 1985-1986 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

We hope that every one will attend the matches and cheer on these fine players.

The final standings for this season are as follows:

- North Division Teams:**
 First Place - The Daybreak
 Second Place - Buck's
 Third Place - T.D.'s 2
 Fourth Place - Revenge
 Fifth Place - The Interlude 1
 Sixth Place - The Savoy 1

- North Division Individual Titles:**
 Most wins in a row - Brook Crosby from the Daybreak
 Most sweeps - Dee Washburn from Bucks
 Most Wins - David Solsbery from the Interlude and Bonnie Bullivant from the Daybreak
 Highest Average - Marlin Kaldani - from T.D.'s 2

South Division Teams:

- First Place - 641
 Second Place - T.D.'s 1
 Third Place - The Interlude 2
 Fourth Place - Deaparados
 Fifth Place - The Savoy 2
 Sixth Place - Kevas

South Division Individual Titles:

- Most wins in a row - Johny Argander from 641
 Most sweeps - Frank Rose from 641
 Most wins - Jason Harris from 641 and Darrin McCulloch from 641
 Highest Average - Mark Lopez from T.D.'s 1

The schedule of events until the end of the season is as follows:

April 22 -7:30 pm The second match for the Championship at the Daybreak

April 29 -7:30 pm The third match for the Championship at the 641 (if necessary)

May 3 The AWARDS BANQUET at the Champion's Team bar. (for more information as to time and place call Dee Washburn at 370-2684 or 286-1176 or Pat Drennan at 247-7109 after April 29.)

1986 Annual Armory Softball Classic III Atlanta, GA July 3-6

Greg Toia, Tournament Director of Armory Classic 3, has announced details for this year's annual Softball event.

The tentative schedule is: Thursday, July 3rd Registration, competition, welcome parties.

Friday, July 4th - Competition continues, champagne reception.

Saturday July 5th - Championship Games, Armory Classic 3 Banquet.

Sunday July 6th - Closing Brunch.

"The addition this year of a Ladies Division adds another first to this year's edition of Gay Softball's most exciting Tourney," said Troia. "All events will be held together and at the same locations.

"The Ladies Division will have true parity with the men, this is not a junior or secondary effort. We are hoping for a big turnout from the Ladies."

Troia also announced that "For the first time, the Armory Classic will be an ASA-Sanctioned Tournament."

"In addition to the obvious prestige attached to this sanctioning," he said, "it will offer all players, coaches, and managers a \$1 million insurance policy. This, of course, is a part of the registration fee paid by each team and covers players during Tournament play."

"We will be using the facilities of Atlanta's Southside Park once again this year and are proud to have available this ultra-modern facility with professionally maintained fields," Troia continued.

"The park offers four lighted, fenced fields with dugouts, scoreboards, and bleachers; also restrooms, locker rooms and a concession stand. Viewing is easy and convenient for everyone, with no long walks or drives between fields."

Interested coaches, managers, or team sponsors may write to: Armory Classic 3, 336 - 5th Street, Suite 3, Atlanta, GA 30308, or call (404) 873-4332. □

GAY GAMES BENEFIT

A Cabaret & Comedy Evening is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 9 to 11 p.m. at Kevan's Lounge, 1205 The Alameda, San Jose, to benefit the Gay Games II.

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From these preliminary results, we conclude that the AIDS virus may be transmitted through vaginal intercourse, although factors which influence this transmission remain unclear.

We are now interested in enrolling the opposite sex partners of any individual who is seropositive, or who is diagnosed with AIDS or ARC.

Study results should strengthen our knowledge of heterosexual transmission and provide important information for women of childbearing age.

If you can help, or would like more information, please call Linda at (415)621-5996 or Fern at (415)464-0307 for details on participation, or Nancy at (415)642-5512 for information regarding study design.

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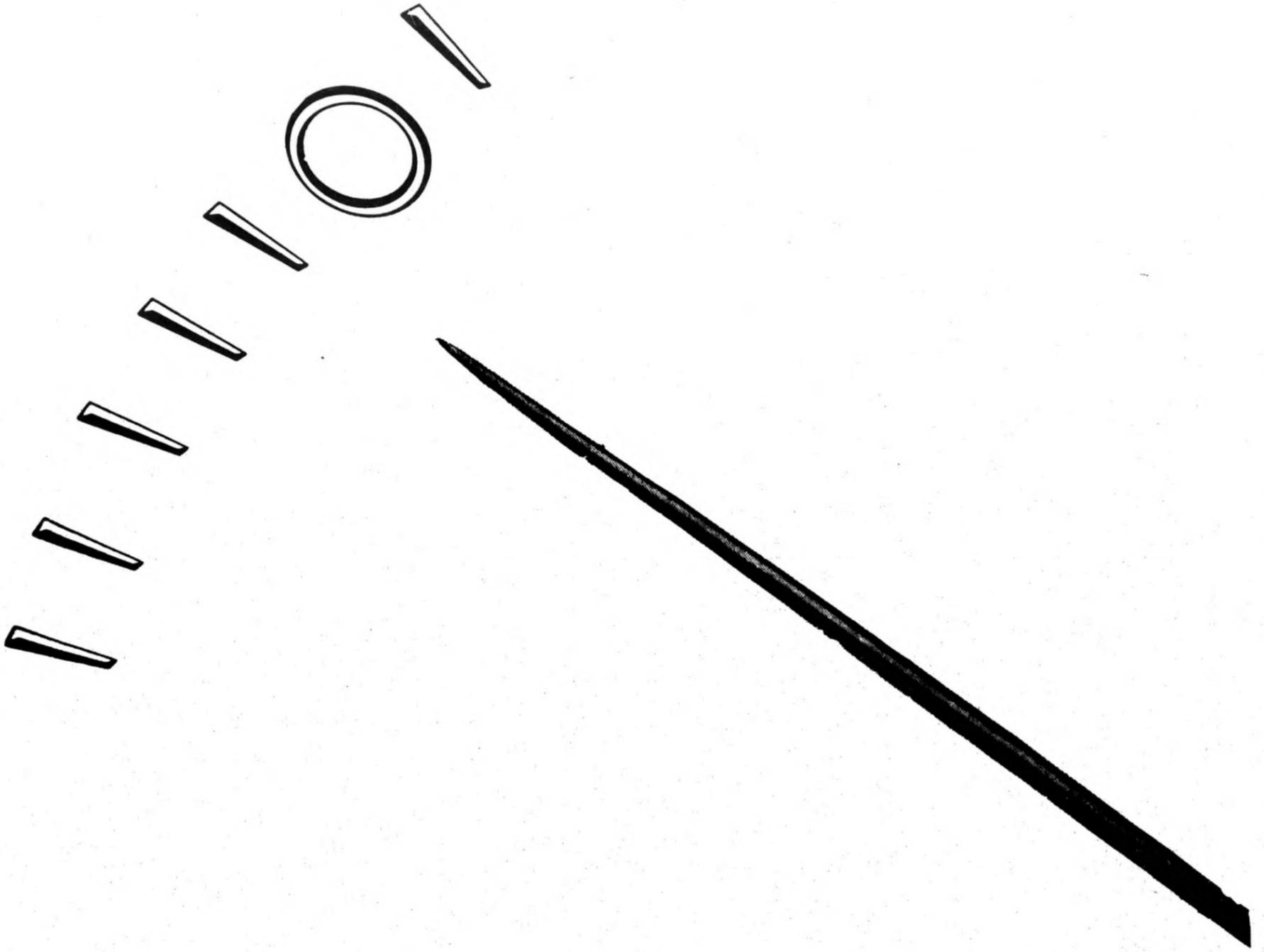
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