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## Task Force Denounces U.S. Justice Dept. Ruling

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force denounced as "bad law and bad public health policy" the U.S. Justice Department's ruling that limits federal protection against discrimination based on AIDS.

In a highly controversial legal opinion released on June 23rd, the Justice Department declared that while AIDS is a disability, federal employment protections against discrimination based on disability could be waived if an employer was concerned about the spread of AIDS in the workplace.

The U. S. Public Health Service has stated repeatedly that AIDS is not transmitted through casual contact, such as in the workplace.

The decision affects challenges to AIDS discrimination under Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and covers federal employees and those working at institutions receiving federal funds.

Declared Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF Executive Director, "this ruling perpetuates false and irrational concerns about the casual contagion of AIDS - placing the views of unnamed non-experts above the scientifically based conclusions of the Public Health Service. The entire ruling is predated. Continued on Page 15



Featured performer Pamela Stanley wows the crowd at San Jose's annual Gay Pride Celebration, attended by an estimated 5,000 men, women and children from throughout the Bay Area. It was hot, hot, hot (95 degrees), but so was the entertainment. For Gay Pride stories, see Page 8. For more photos, see Pages 6, 7. Photo by Ted Sahl

## Top U.S. researcher predicts 40/50 % with antibodies will develop symptoms

by Gerard Kosovich

The heterosexual population of the United States will not face a "skyrocketing rate" of AIDS infection, according to an internationally renowned American expert on the disease.

The same researcher estimated, however, that 40 to 50 percent of all individuals infected with the virus will develop "significant" symptoms of disease in the future.

Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD, who shares credit with a French team for discovering the virus believed to cause AIDS, made his remarks recently during a classroom lecture at the Stanford University Medical School.

Referring to evidence of widespread heterosexual infection in Central Africa, Gallo said, "I don't think the United States will follow that pattern."

If AIDS were likely to spread significantly beyond the current risk groups in the U.S., Gallo asserted, "I think we'd start to get a feel for it now. At least, I'd like to believe that."

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta presently class sexually-active gay men and intravenous drug users as

those at highest risk in the U.S.

Most researchers point to direct contact between the bloodstream of a healthy individual and infected blood or semen as the means of transmission for AIDS.

"From what indication we have, it doesn't seem like (AIDS) is going to go with any skyrocketing rate through the heterosexual population in this country," Gallo said.

By contrast, Gallo characterized AIDS infection in the general population of Central Africa as an "extraordinarily severe problem that I doubt we can get on top of by any (medical) technology."

"I believe the virus is underestimated in Central Africa," Gallo added, "because antibody negative people are more frequently virus positive (there) than in the United States or Europe."

Health authorities have used the presence of antibodies to AIDS as a marker for infection with the actual virus.

The possibility of infected individuals who appear to have no antibodies in their bloodstreams calls this practice into question.

"How big of a problem it is not known," Gallo said.

"But it screams for the need for an antigen testing or a nucleic acid testing that would screen for the virus itself, rather than the antibodies," he continued.

According to Gallo, the AIDS virus, which he has named HTLV-II, has been isolated not only in blood and semen, but in saliva, tears, urine, plasma, cerebro-spinal fluid, lymph nodes, brain tissue, and bone marrow.

"There's only data for two for transmission: semen and blood," Gallo said.

"There is no evidence that the virus is transmitted by any other sorts of materials."

Responding to a question after the talk, however, Gallo asserted that, "it's pretty hard to determine routes of transmission" for the AIDS virus.

He pointed to kissing as a possible means of infection.

"I'm not 100 percent sure that heavy salivary exchange is not a mode of transmission," Gallo said, "who has done a study to rule out French kissing?"

Gallo estimated that 20 to 30 percent of individuals testing positive for the HTLV-II antibody "may develop AIDS over the latency period of eight years or so."

"However," Gallo added, "if you lump everything together that's somewhat related to this virus, maybe it's 40 to 50 percent get some kind of significant

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Sisters get the Spirit at dance held to commemorate the grand opening of the new Billy DeFrank (Gay/Lesbian - shhh!) Community Center at 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose's Gay Zip 95126. Photo by Ted Sahl

# Planned Parenthood local clinic harassed by fundamentalist pro-lifers

By Ted Sahl

Speaking on behalf of Planned Parenthood Association of Santa Clara County, 1691 The Alameda, San Jose, Public Information Coordinator, Sheila Scobba informed Our Paper of the picketing and general harassment by militant pro life groups in the San Jose area who are fanatically dead set against the issue of abortion.

Presently, Scobba said, "The clinic is having an upswing in the harassment issues." "Saturday is 'Abortion Day' here at the main San Jose Clinic site, and on that day we have regular pickets who show up."

"We have one group that is fairly consistent and are here faithfully."

Occasionally large groups will appear that have been organized by one of the local churches, or an exuberant, hard core picketer will drum up interest from another 'Right Wing' or from die hard friends."



"We have our own Clinic Alert Network who are people interested in update issues, and information."

"An amazing thing happened as a backlash was created in our favor, as supporters doubled their donations markedly."

"Our most serious harassment to date involved a bomb threat, in late spring."



"The most recent action," she said, "was initiated by a new group, we think: a letter was circulated in the neighborhood of Lynn Reynolds, who is the clinic's Executive Director."

San Jose Police Department was called in to search the building after it was evacuated, and searched, fortunately, it was just a scare tactic."

"In the past two weeks, as you must know, Abortion Clinics have been fire bombed in Saint Louis, Denver, and a clinic in Oregon received a letter bomb."

"We have to take all threats seriously."

O.P. "Do you have guard protection on the premises?"

P.P. "No, we do have an alarm

## Santa Clara County officials oppose LaRouche Initiative

Twenty-six Santa Clara County elected officials have announced their opposition to Lyndon LaRouche's AIDS Internment Initiative which recently qualified for the November ballot.

Said Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, "All medical and scientific evidence indicates that proposals in this initiative would further the spread of AIDS instead of reducing it."

San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, quoted as saying "there was no hesitation on our parts," was joined in opposing LaRouche by Vasconcellos, Congressman Don Edwards, and the following officials:

- State Senator Dan McCorquodale
- Co. Supervisor Susanne Wilson
- Co. Supervisor Dianne McKenna
- Co. Supervisor Rod Diridon
- Assemblyman Byron Sher
- S.C. Mayor Eddie Souza
- S.J. Councilmembers: Iola Williams, Susan Hammer, Blanca Alvarado, Shirley Lewis
- Palo Alto Councilmembers: Betsy Bechtel, Ellen Fletcher

- Los Gatos Councilmember Tom Ferrito
- Sunnyvale Councilmembers: Larry Stone, Bob Reese
- S.C. Co. Board of Education: V.P. Scott Strickland
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- Alum Rock School Trustee: Gary Serda
- S.J. Unified Trustees: Louie Barozzi, Mike Honda
- Eastside Union School Trustee: Tony Carrillo.

BAYMEC, a Santa Clara-San Mateo County gay/lesbian political action committee, will help coordinate the campaign locally, according to Ken Yeager, BAYMEC treasurer and a member of the statewide Stop LaRouche group.

Yeager, who also serves as chair of the Santa Clara County AIDS Task Force, said, "Our effort will focus on people who are unfamiliar with the consequences of the LaRouche Initiative."

"By taking away people's civil rights, LaRouche will make AIDS go underground, which is exactly where an epidemic should not go."

## East Bay organizes to defeat LaRouche AIDS Initiative



Pres. Tom Brougham speaking at EBL/GDC dinner June 8.

Photo by M.A. Brownstein

Declaring defeat of the LaRouche AIDS internment initiative to be its highest priority, The East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club at its June 16 meeting began organizing an ad hoc coalition and appropriated \$400. for initial publicity of its organizing efforts.

Most of the Club's energy at East Bay Lesbian/Gay Day, Sunday June 22, was devoted to this effort.

Club members passed out flyers and pledge cards at their booth and throughout the crowd.

Club president Tom Brougham addressed the crowd and urged donations of funds to begin financing the coalition.

Club members circulated among the crowd with money collection cans.

The Club's four-part resolution adopted states:

The East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club resolves:

We oppose the AIDS Initiative Statute proposed by the LaRouche organization and declare that defeating that initiative is our highest priority.

We support the creation of a broad-based, single-issue campaign coalition to defeat the LaRouche Initiative. We call on all political and community service organizations to join such a campaign coalition to defeat this massive threat to an effective approach to the AIDS crisis. Our Club will do its work to defeat the Initiative through such a coalition.

O.P. "I'm amazed, I never read that in the Mercury."

p.p. "But the Mercury is O.K. it's just that well right now, the hot issue is Abortion."

"Repeating some of the statements made in the letter they accused Planned Parenthood of promoting casual sexual contact, Homosexuality; that we are dedicated to a cause and view that has helped to shed innocent human blood."

O.P. "The standard Anti-Abortion, and Religious Cry."

P.P. "Absolutely," she agreed, adding the picketers invite people to join them on the picket line.

O.P. "Do you think all this harassment has anything to do with the organizations participating in the 'Welcome Wagon' Ad Hoc Committee that demonstrated against Jerry Falwell's speaking engagement at Los Gatos Church, last month?"

P.P. "We have been picketed off and on for two years," Scobba said, "Right after we moved into this building."

"We did expect a large picket the following Saturday after Falwell's visit, in fact a petition was being passed for a large action against the clinic on Mothers Day, by local churches, but never got support, only a dozen pickets showed up for a couple hours."

She said, "The best part of all of this was like turning lemons into lemonade."

"We immediately sent out a cover letter written by Lynn Reynolds, the director, to all our friends, and supporters explaining what has been going on, the picketing, and harassment."

"By the end of the year we will offer prenatal services."

O.P. "Are you saying this is a complete medical clinic?"

P.P. "Absolutely, we provide a full spectrum of reproductive health care for men and womyn of all ages."

"Aside from all that, we provide counseling for all areas, whether that's pre-marital counseling or personal counseling."

"The clinic provides speakers to talk at schools, or community groups, wherever needed."

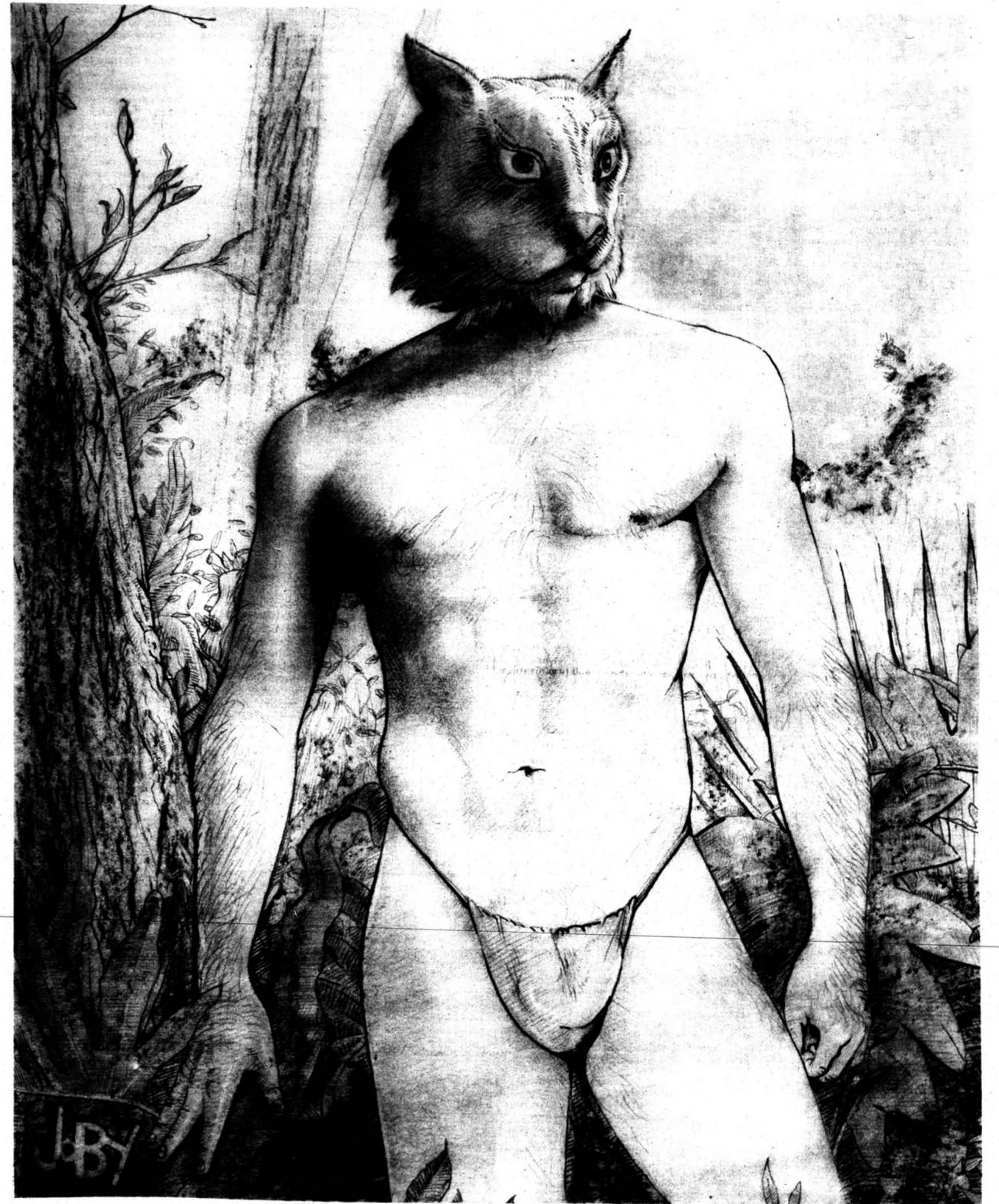
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# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

The Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is shocked and dismayed at the ruling of the United States Supreme Court that the Constitution does not protect the privacy and rights of consenting adults.

When the Law of the Land makes it illegal for two people to love each other and freely express that love in the privacy of their own homes - such a law is unjust and immoral.

It is a violation of the spirit of the framers of the Constitution whose dream it was to have a government that afforded citizens maximum protection from undue government interference in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

It is significant that it was such a sharply divided decision.

The lack of agreement within the court reflects the conflict surrounding this issue in America.

We are encouraged by the Justices who oppose this decision, and regret the action of the narrow majority.

It also gives a signal to Gay and Lesbian Citizens, and all who do not conform to court "Approved" sexual practices that they cannot expect to receive government protection for their rights.

It opens the door to further repression and backlash against the Gay and Lesbian community.

We will ask our membership to pursue remedy through the legislative process to ensure that the rights of Lesbian and Gay people are protected through the enactment of civil rights legislation.

We will also pursue the election of a President who will sign such legislation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ravi Verma  
Director of Administration  
Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches  
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste 304  
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Gentlemen and Gentlewomen:

Since the 1970s in the City of San Francisco an uncensored gay community has gained enormous political clout. Politicians must woo gay voters to win elections.

The gay community has a major political broker in San Francisco, however, seems to have ghettoized gay politics, thus discouraging the building of political coalitions.

Tragically, Harvey Milk's major legacy, the election of city supervisors by districts, seems to have faded as a gay concern.

In the Bay Area outside San Francisco, the gay community is largely integrated both residentially and socially, although the gay community itself is usually invisible because of its closetedness.

Here in the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa counties) positive attempts at political and socio-cultural coalitions have been launched.

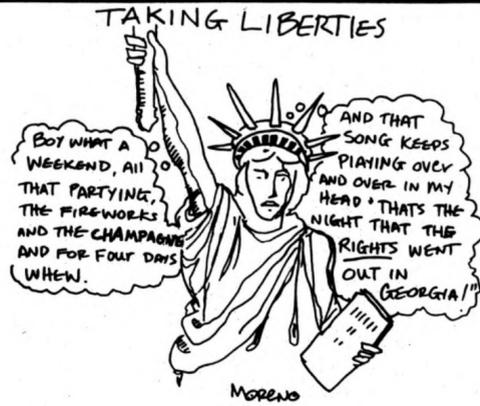
The East Bay Gay Men's and Women's Democratic Club has infiltrated the county-wide Democratic organizations in Alameda county from Albany to Fremont's Warm Springs, eastward to the Amador and Livermore valleys.

The Pacific Center has reached out throughout the two counties with educational and counseling services, co-operating with public health, public education, and religious leaders.

New Life Metropolitan Community Church of Oakland has co-operatively joined with Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Congregationalist clergy persons in the East Bay's first AIDS Healing Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Oakland on June 7th.

This necessary coalition building in the East Bay offers the blueprint to defeat the LaRouche Initiative.

The public hysteria concerning the AIDS virus is rooted less in homophobia than in self centered and parental fears of this publically little



### Supreme Court revokes liberty!

Dear Editor:

For 210 years, the United States has held that the right to privacy for each of its citizens is inalienable.

Reading through American history, one can find event after event where we have fought dearly to maintain that freedom.

On Monday, June 30, 1986, the Supreme Court of the United States without batting an eye, revoked that guarantee.

The ignorance of Justices, White, Burger, O'Connor, Powell, and Rhenquist has resulted in the removal of the most basic human right which had been the envy of the world: the right to live one's life privately.

The devastating impact of the twisted beliefs of 5 people on the 225 million people in this country must not be allowed to happen.

Every man, woman and child in this country should be filled with rage that something like this has even been allowed to be considered, let alone given the blessing of these reprehensible men and women.

Lest anyone falsely comfort themselves with the belief that this ruling will be applied only to the Gay and Lesbian community, it should be noted that the law which this mockery of justice has upheld allows the state to define what is illegal in the privacy of one's own home.

With the Supreme Court's blessing, Georgia (and 49 other states) is free to impose additional restrictions

Sincerely,  
Max Schultz  
Menlo Park, CA

in our homes.

Our Supreme Court has concluded that the state does, in fact, have a right to dictate what can and cannot be done between consenting adults in private.

On the 4th of July, this country celebrated our 210th year of freedom and honored the 100th birthday of our most treasured symbol, the Statue of Liberty.

How was this possible to do with any conviction, knowing how swiftly our rights can and will be stripped away?

And with how much pride could we celebrate when the rights of all are so efficiently and appallingly severed at the whim of 5 unforgivably ignorant and unbelievably evil people?

I can only hope that this outrageous travesty of justice is recognized by everyone as this nation's darkest and most humiliating defeat and that in time and with work we can undo the damage that this has done.

This 4th of July must not be allowed to become the 1st anniversary of the death of 200 years of liberty.

Hopefully as we congratulated ourselves on that day, we were wary of the controls that our country's leaders are quite skillfully introducing to our lives.

Let us unite in our outrage and make it known that this cannot and will not be allowed to happen.

Sincerely,  
Max Schultz  
Menlo Park, CA

### Boston condemns Justice Department

In a sharply worded resolution, the Boston City Council has condemned the June 23, 1986 Justice Department memorandum which suggests that AIDS-related employment discrimination is not contrary to federal law.

Submitted by openly gay Councilor David Scondras, the resolution states the opinion from the Justice Department

Passed on an 8 to 4 vote, the resolution was opposed by homophobic Councilor Albert "Dapper" O'Neil who asserted that "nine people in City Hall have AIDS, and I'm not even considering voting for this until I find out who they are."

"We have right here on the Council floor," Scondras rebutted, gesturing to O'Neil, "a living example of why anonymity is so important and why the Justice

### Gay & Lesbian Elected Officials Blast

Justice Department  
In an unprecedented move, the national coalition of lesbian and gay elected officials issued a statement strongly condemning the recent Justice Department opinion suggesting that AIDS-related discrimination is not counter to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which protects people from discrimination on the basis of disability.

It is the first such statement adopted by the officials since their conference in West Hollywood last November.

Calling the decision "a calculated attack on the civil rights of people with AIDS and those perceived 'at risk' and 'counter to the interests of public health and social justice,'" the resolution urges those concerned to contact and insist the Department of Justice Helath and Human Services issue an opinion forbidding AIDS-related discrimination:

Secretary Otis Bowen  
Dept Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
(202) 245-6296

Letters and records of phone calls are requested to be forwarded to:  
Elected Officials Call To Action  
NGLTF  
1517 U Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

"This decision by the Justice Department," one of the officials stated, "clearly demonstrates that there are those in the administration more interested in

Department's action is so frightening."

Strongly supporting the resolution was the Council's only female member, Maura Hennigan: "What the Justice Department seems to be saying is that fear that someone has AIDS, or fear that someone may give someone AIDS, is justification for firing them. That makes no sense - it's really terrifying what this could mean."

"The federal administration must be made to understand that civil rights and public health go hand in hand," said Scondras.

"When people fear for their jobs how can they be expected to seek the help and information they need?"

"How can they participate in the tests and trials that are vital to all of us?"

Scondras reports that several other cities have expressed interest in the Boston resolution and that he plans to send out copies to colleagues in other cities urging they consider similar measures.

As in most opera, the thinnest of plots is drawn out for the sake of the music, happily, in this case, for both Nemorino and the audience.

The star of this opera is Nemorino, sung by Randall Cooper (alternating with Daniel Holstrom).

Cooper's red hair and orange outfit make him almost as much a pumpkin as a bumpkin, but either way, he sings the lovely tenor arias, which fill his role, with grace and beauty.

He could be cited for overacting in places, but that is so much better than not acting at all.

Adina trifles with them both, until Nemorino desperately buys a love potion from the charlatan Dr. Dulcamara to try to capture Adina's affections.

Adina's sidekick Giannetta is charmingly sung by Jennifer Little (and Karne McVoy), especially the gossip song where she tells the chorus of women that Nemorino has inherited a small fortune.

The chorus of peasants and soldiers is solid and clear, only one or two always looking nervously down at the conductor.

The set is cramped but effective and nicely decorated.

The music, under the baton of David Rohrbough is very well done, and very rarely does the orchestra overpower the singers.

This delightful production played through June 15 at the Montgomery Theatre, downtown San Jose.

attacking civil rights than in attacking the AIDS virus.

"What will this decision mean for public health initiatives which require trust and confidence among voluntary participants?"

"How can the government say 'you should help us, but we reserve the right to fire you if you do'?"

The elected officials' statement also calls upon lesbian and gay people to involve themselves locally to combat AIDS hysteria and protect the civil rights of those with AIDS and those perceived at risk.

The statement goes on to label the Lyndon LaRouche initiative "a means to further extremist ultra-right wing ideology at the expense of public health."

Signing the statement are San Francisco City Supervisor, Harry Britt; Minnesota State Representative Karne Clark; Minneapolis City Council Member Brian Coyle; Lunenburg (MA) Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer Bob Ebersole; Laguna Beach City Council Member and former Mayor Robert Gentry; West Hollywood City Council Member and former Mayor John Heilman; Santa Cruz City Council Member and former Mayor John Laird; Rochester City Council Member Tim Mains; Dane County (WI) Board Member Kathleen Nichols; West Hollywood Mayor Steve Schultz; Boston City Councilor David Scondras; Minnesota State Senator Allan Spear; and Dane County (WI) Board Member Richard Wagner.

The next conference of openly gay and lesbian elected officials is planned for late November.

# entertainment & EASY LIVING



Opera San Jose season closed with Donizetti's comic opera, L'ELISIR D'AMORE with Iris Fraser as Adina and Randall Cooper as Nemorino.



## Theatre Reviews

By Rick Rudy

### Cyrano wins (by a nose)

With a fine flourish, San Jose Rep has ended their season with the romantic drama "Cyrano de Bergerac," the poetic tale of the gallant swordsman with the huge nose.

This production of Edmond Rostand's 1897 classic work, in a 1923 translation by Brian Hooker, is full of lavish costumes and sets and high style acting.

The only drawbacks are the play's length (3 1/2 hours), the overly verbose romantic style of the verse, and the poor acoustics and ventilation of the Center for Performing Arts.

Rostand sets "Cyrano" in 1640, with our hero madly in love with his cousin Roxanne, but ashamed to declare his feelings because of his "ugly" appearance.

So he woos her through the person of the handsome Christian de Neuvillette, creating, in the process, some of the most florid and eloquent love poetry in the world.

She succumbs to Cyrano's poetry, but thinking it is from Christian, marries him, while Cyrano protects the man from the villainous Comte de Guiche.

Christian falls in battle and Roxanne retires to a nunnery, visited weekly for fifteen years by Cyrano.

Only as Cyrano lies dying does she discover his romantic interest and comprehend who wrote all of Christian's letters, so full of passion.

Cyrano is played with gusto and panache by Barry Kraft.

He handles the difficult role, with its enormous number of lines, with a flair that makes Cyrano come alive.

From his self ridiculing speech about big noses ("How do you drink with such a nose? You ought to have a cup made specially!") to his ballade of the duel ("Then, as I end the refrain, thrust home!" killing his opponent on the final line) to his balcony scene with Roxanne ("Love, I love beyond breath, beyond reason, beyond love's own power of loving!"), and many others, the role envelops the play and the audience.

Lynnda Ferguson is the beautiful, brainless Roxanne who loves only the poetry and not the man, until too late.

Ferguson plays the pre-liberation role with genuine coolness and devoted detachment.

three are dominating and elaborate and quite lovely.

The sudden shift to a simple set for act four, and none at all for act five seems jarring and not to suit the scheme of the earlier realism at all.

The direction, shared by David Lemos and Kenneth Kelleher is slow at first, but builds strongly throughout the show.

The characterizations are fine and consistent, and the stage movements clean and appropriate.

Overall, this Cyrano is a hit and a wonderful ending for a



(L. to R.) Lynnda Ferguson and David Maier play the lovers in the Merrill Lynch Grand Performance of CYRANO DE BERGERAC, produced by San Jose Repertory Company at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts. Photo by Chas I. Savadell

Al Blair is great fun as the pastycook/poet Ragueneau (who writes his recipes in verse), and Gary Martinez is very affecting as Le Bret, the Captain of the Gascoyne Cadets.

There is a huge cast of cooks and soldiers and poets, musicians, nuns, thieves and citizens to fill the large stage at the CPA.

The sets for acts one, two and

Billie has been made a silent partner and uncomprehendingly signs all kinds of papers to shield Brock from taxes.

But Billie meets journalist Paul Berrall who encourages her to read and become more educated, which she does, with amusing and satisfying results.

The hit of this production is Pattie D. Ford as Billie, the girl who proves that a little education can be a dangerous thing.

Ford is perfect as the devil-may-care, uneducated pawn, and remains compelling as she grows intellectually and emotionally, and in control of her own destiny at the end. Bravo!

Also excellent is Bill Burton as Brock's shady lawyer, Ed Devery.

They have come to Washington, D.C. to pay off Senator Hedges, to arrange for

Brock to have the sole right to the junk steel left over in Europe after the war.

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# Gay Pride Everywhere — 1986

## SAN JOSE GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION

By Ted Sahl

It was a new place, but the same old gang relaxing in the sun, drinking cool cokes and beer celebrating who they are: Gay, Lesbian, and Proud.

The annual Gay and Lesbian Celebration had to find a new location this year, because "straights" thought they had troubles down town in 1986.

But all things ended well as the day progressed with a wonderful and funny guy as master of ceremonies, by the name of Tom Ammiano, who kept them laughing all day.

People never stopped passing through the gate.

Lots of proud dads and moms brought the kids to enjoy their gay pride with.

There were booths galore, Gay Fathers, High Tech Gays: The Watergarden: our local bars providing good food like The Savoy's turkey legs, Imperial AIDS Foundation's super Tacos.

The sun got hotter than Hell and shirts became umbrellas for protection or sun bathing if you chose.

It certainly didn't slow down a certain lady named Tacky Tina,

who chased the hell out of bare chested hombies, who posed alittle sheepishly, not knowing what to do with such a great lady, as I took their picture.

"I'm sure you heard about the "Killer Bees," well the "Killer Bees" invaded the celebration with water pistols and kept squirting the crowd, themselves, and yours truly: Ahhh, cool for a second.

A special treat, the San Francisco Gay Marching Band played a melody or three.

Another great comic, Danny Williams performed with lots of laughs.

Claire Mix, and Mom did a great job...with the La La song. Karen Shoemaker got everybody up to dance, rock, and roll.

Paula Martinez, song writer and singer, did her thing on stage.

more booths: Dignity offered cookies, Santa Clara County Health Department was there to remind everyone of "safe sex" and Santa Clara County Lesbian and Gay employees shared a

booth, which was a first, I think, for that one.

Definitely a first time booth was "Our Connection," a group of people trying to unite Gay Businesses to hook up with each other and the community.

Also be sure to look for more information in the best Gay newspaper in town, "Our Paper" that's doowwntown San Jose.

Talk about down town San Jose, actually, I think the City Council ought to just sell the down town area to the Gay Community for one dollar and show the idiots how to turn the down town horror into a viable community for human beings.

What can I say!!! I met lots of friends, met new lovers, said hello to old lovers and said hello to old friends and royalty....no, we haven't forgotten you, but jeez I sure would love to see an old fashioned "Closet Ball."

But time marches on, cokes, Italian sausages, free balloons, and free copies of Our Paper in every booth, well almost.

Who could ask for anything more, You should have been there.

## SAN FRANCISCO PARADE

By Jimmy Joe

The last Sunday in June marks an important event: The day when Gays fought back at Stonewall Bar in New York City.

In celebration of that landmark event, Lesbians and Gay men marched down Market Street in San Francisco for the 17th year.

It was clearly a beautiful day, and clearly a day of celebration.

The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade was headlined by the now-famous Dykes on Bikes. As they came roaring down the street, cheers arose from the crowds lining the streets.

Estimates of the parade watchers number in the hundreds of thousands.

Another crowd pleaser was the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band of San Francisco, with their flashy red and black uniforms and rainbow trim and feather plumes: they would make a man with a wooded leg want to step out and join them.

This unit was also a favorite at our own Gay Day Rally the week before here at the San Jose State Athletic Field.

The most noteworthy theme that wove itself throughout the entire parade of more than three hours was the "No on the LaRouche AIDS Initiative."

Most of the groups carried these signs with them, and many of the spectators also were waving these "No" signs denouncing the LaRouche Initiative.

If this initiative did pass in November, all confidentiality laws would be replaced by a mandatory obligation to "turn in" to health authorities anyone suspected of having AIDS, ARC, or who tested HTLV-III positive.

The South Bay was represented with a number of groups.

ARIS Foundation was one unit that was easy to spot with their huge banner and enthusiastic band of marchers.

There were also special interest groups such as Gay & Lesbian Vegetarians, S & M Safe Sex units, Mr. International Leather, and several hospice groups that dealt with AIDS.

A noteworthy theme that was seen several times in the parade was the safe sex concept.

There was one giant phallus, which was sheathed with a condom that was a spectacle in itself.

The huge dick was about a half block in length. One thoughtful lesbian was overheard to say, "I believe in safe sex, you'll never catch me touching one of those awful things!!"

The Dignity unit was well represented, as Gay men and Lesbians who are Roman Catholic. Their group handed out condoms along the parade route.

The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade, with its array of speakers and musicians, performing in front of City Hall, had a definite note of celebration. In all of our diversity, there is still a strong surge of unity.

## AND NOT TO FORGET SANTA CRUZ

By Al Rattee, Editorial Assistant

The month of June is a time of gearing up for and celebrating Gay Pride by having parades, rallies and parties.

June 1986 was no exception to the rule in northern California.

Santa Cruz was the first to start the Gay Pride Celebration off on Saturday, June 21st by having both a parade and rally.

The parade started out small with several "Dykes on Bikes" leading the way, several floats, (two entries by the bars; the Blue Lagoon and The In Touch Lounge) and a group of people marching as well.

As the parade moved through the down town Mall the parade really picked up in spirit and numbers as scores of people joined the parade as it moved steadily toward a nearby park for the afternoon rally.

The rally was filled with Gay Pride as speakers told what being Gay and Proud meant to them.

The Mayor of Santa Cruz addressed the rally and gave awards to some of the gay people for their outstanding work and dedication to the Santa Cruz community.

The speeches were followed by some entertainment by local talent.

After the entertainment was over the rally drew to a close with many hugs and goodbyes.

If I were to try to sum up this whole event I would say that number one, that day, Santa Cruz was Gay and Proud and the people were absolutely beautiful as they moved "forward together" in their celebration of Gay Pride.

The next day San Jose celebrated Gay Pride with a huge rally near Spartan Stadium.

A crowd of close to 3,000 people attended this event and had a really good time.

San Jose had all sorts of booths, sponsored by different groups that sold everything from food and drinks to tee-shirts and ice cream.

Two notable groups that had booths for the first time were: Holy Trinity Community Church and Our Connection.

Holy Trinity is an independent non-denomination church that was founded on Gay Pride Day last year.

Our Connection is also fairly new and provides the community with a phone-in message service that keeps people updated on what's happening.

Besides the booths at the rally, there was a lot of entertainment.

The Silver Spurs of Ryders put on an impressive show of square dancing. The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band marched and played a medley of tunes.

The San Francisco band performed in full dress uniforms in the sweltering heat. I commend them for enduring the scorching heat to play for us.

Other talent at the rally was comedian Danny Williams, Claire Mix and Fast Trax (with Mom, etc).

To sum it up, I would say it was an extravaganza of food, drink and Gay Pride entertainment.

The following Sunday was the parade in San Francisco.

As usual the parade had many floats and groups in it. This year the parade had more of a militant and political flavor.

The two overall themes were Stop AIDS and Stop LaRouche. The one thing apparent to me was that the crowd was smaller. Yes, the crowds were actually smaller this year.

As for the parade being political, it was really good to see gays



uniting to fight two enemies.

In summing up the San Francisco parade, I would say that it was a positive expression of militant and political Gay Pride "moving forward together" in a positive direction.

As for all three events, Santa Cruz, San Jose and San Francisco, they were indeed celebrations of Gay Pride. So as we continue to be Gay and Proud, let us strive to remain Gay and Proud.

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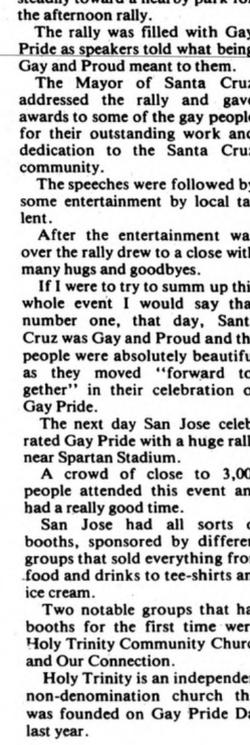
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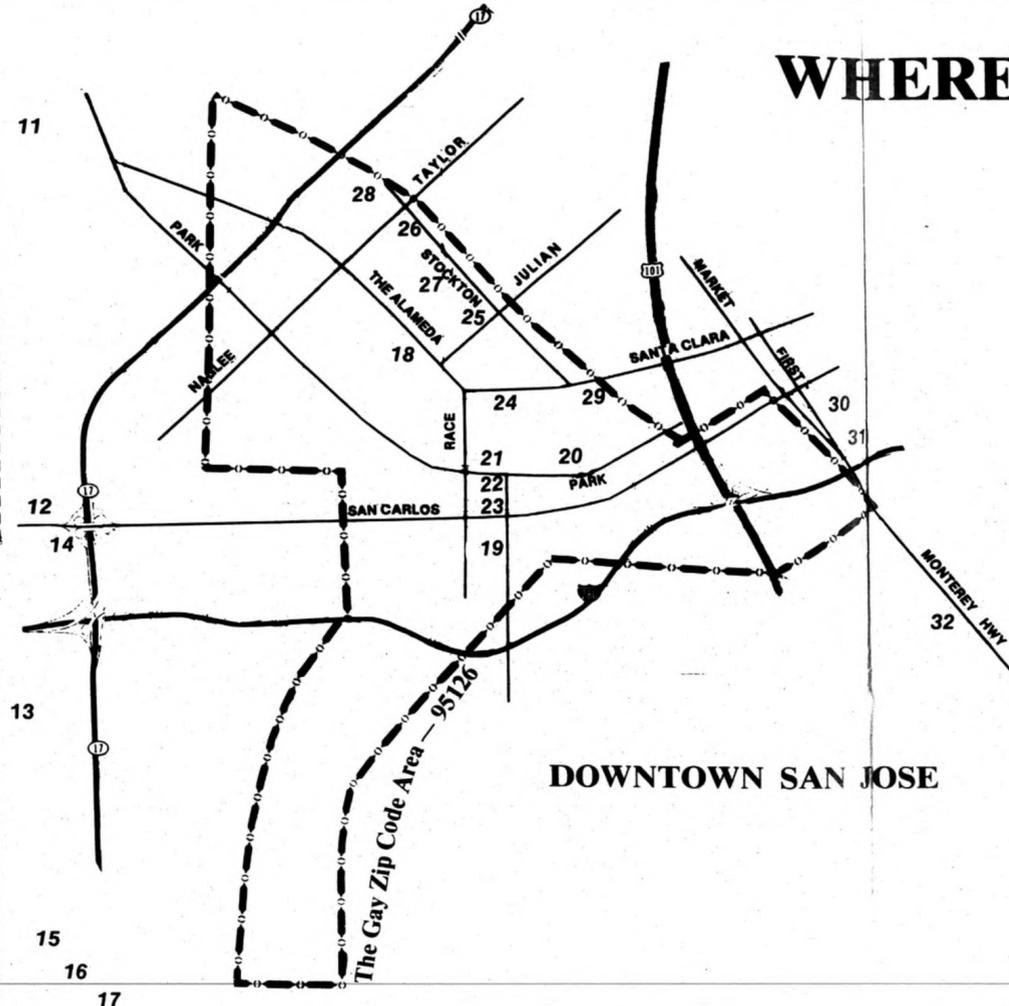
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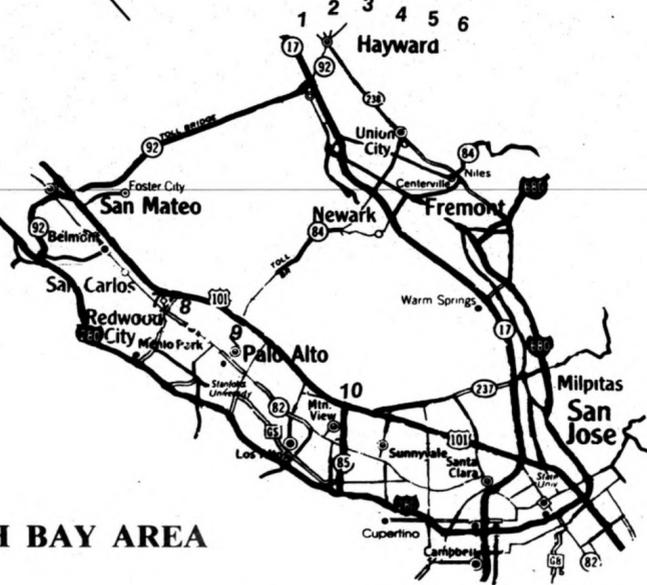
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**Update on the Gay Games**

San Francisco-Gay Games II, to be held in San Francisco August 9-17, will feature not only competition in 18 sports and spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies, but also a sweeping array of gay cultural events.

Known as "Procession of the ARTS," 25 different events will showcase the talents of the lesbian and gay community in such diverse fields as music, theatre, opera, art, poetry, literature, dance and film.

Starting August 1 and continuing through August 17, the events will be held at various locations in San Francisco with performers coming from around America and the world.

"Our 'Procession of the Arts' will be perhaps the most exhaustive and diverse collection of gay cultural events in any one place at the same time," according to Michael Clark, Gay Games II cultural director. "It gives gay men and women even more reason to want to come celebrate Gay Games II in San Francisco this August."

A blockbuster big top band concert featuring gay bands from more than 15 cities will highlight "Procession of the Arts."

On the evening of August 12, an estimated 400 instrumentalists, flag corps personnel, baton twirlers and tap dancers will gather under a tent pitched in Collingwood Recreation Park, one block from Castro Street. General tickets are \$15 and sponsor seats are \$50.

The kickoff event for "Procession of the Arts" is the Inaugural Concert on August 1.

The concert, to be held at First Unitarian Church in San Francisco and repeated August 5, is jointly produced by the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco and the Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers.

Proceeds will equally benefit those groups and the Stop-AIDS Project. Tickets include a reception with members of the chorus and the composers.

A cabaret evening, with performances by several cabaret artists at local night clubs, is being planned for August 11.

Other musical events include chamber music on August 8 with a concert by flutist Margie Cole and a recital August 10 featuring piano, string, wind and vocal chamber music.

Sue Fink, a noted recording artist, will do a concert at Great American Music Hall.

A marathon concert featuring choral, instrumental and dance artists, will take place August 16.

It will feature groups such as the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Vocal Minority, the Tap Troupe, the San Francisco Lesbian Chorus and the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco.

The Vocal Minority, which features songs from the 40s and 50s, will also appear on August 8.

"Evening with Eleanor," Pat Bond's staging of her one-woman show will be one of the dramatic highlights.

Performed the same evening will be Mother Tongue doing a dramatic reading accompanied by guest women musicians.

Theatre Rhinoceros is restaging its widely acclaimed "Unfinished Business - the AIDS Show," a sensitive and humorous work which helps dispel the fears and myths that surround AIDS. It will run August 7-10 and 14-17.

Other theatre events include a Japanese shadow play which deals with homosexuality in Japan during the past 300 years. An all male cast of Jean Genet's "The Maids" produced by Carol Graham, also is planned.

Reading from gay literary works is scheduled for August 3 and 10 at the Walt Whitman Bookstore.

On August 16, Western Dance

groups from the San Francisco Bay Area will host similar groups from around the United States.

The groups will give an exhibition of Western dancing, from square dancing to clogging, and a mass dance lesson for the uninitiated in the audience.

Another dance event will be a modern dance by three men from Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

"Procession of the ARTS" as well as Gay Games II, is being organized by San Francisco Arts and Athletics. Each of the groups involved in the cultural events is producing its own event and will derive much needed funds from the proceeds.

Tickets, which will be limited for all events, are expected to go on sale in July.

A few of the events are still in the planning stages and are subject to change. Some additional events will be announced later.

For further information contact the Gay Games II office at 526 Castro Street, S.F. 94114, (415) 861-8282.

**Jennifer Holliday**



**Featured at Gay Games**

Award-winning entertainer Jennifer Holliday will be the featured performer at the Closing Ceremonies of Gay Games II, Saturday, August 17, 1986.

Ms Holliday will be capping off a week of athletic and cultural events in San Francisco (August 9-17), for the gay and lesbian community from across country and around the world.

Jennifer Holliday first leaped into national prominence in her Tony-winning performance in "Dreamgirls" one of the most successful shows on Broadway in recent years.

Ms Holliday also won a Grammy for one of the singles released from "Dreamgirls."

Most recently she has appeared in a national touring company of "Sing, Mahalia, Sing" packing houses all across the country.

The Closing Ceremonies for Gay Games II will be held at Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate

Park and will include an array of gay dancers, cloggers, singers and 500 members of the 15 Lesbian/Gay Bands of America.

Over 20,000 spectators are expected to attend. The gates will open at 10 am with warm-up festivities set to begin at noon. The Ceremonies will run from 1-4:30 pm.

The Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, August 9th, are also to be held at Kezar Stadium and will feature author Rita Mae Brown as Master of Ceremonies.

The opening will be highlighted by the triumphant entry of over 3,500 gay and lesbian athletes from around the world.

Event information is available by calling the Gay Games Ticket Hotline at (415) 861-5686.

Tickets are available from BASS. General admission seats are priced at \$20 for one ceremony or \$30 for both.

**Women involved in Gay Games II**

"It takes 10 times as much effort to get a female athlete to participate in the Games than a male athlete," claims Sara Lewinstein, Co-Sports Committee Chairperson for the Gay Games, "that's why we've been putting on so many events and working extra hard."

The women's involvement in Outreach and fund-raising has been an integral part of the development of Gay Games II.

Their efforts don't stop at fund-raising.

Rose Mary Mitchell, Development Facilitator, Program Chairperson of Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and Board Member has been busy coordinating activities, tournaments, and events to raise money and spread the word: the Gay Games are coming soon.

"Organizing Gay Games II means spending 15-20 hours a week at committee meetings in addition to your job," states Chris Puccinelli, Board Member and Business Sponsorship Coordinator.

"We're more organized that we were in 1982," said Puccinelli who has witnessed the evolution of the Games.

Another woman taking on an incredible task is Katherine Krebs, Opening and Closing Ceremonies Chairperson.

More than any of the other events, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies will attract the most

media attention. Krebs says signing a headline entertainer for the ceremonies has been by far her greatest challenge.

Expecting 20,000 spectators and 5,000 athletes to fill Kezar Stadium, Krebs will be busy directing a staff of 30 plus 400 volunteers.

Sara Lewinstein volunteers 25-30 hours a week to the entire organization.

In addition to being Co-Sports Chairperson, Lewinstein works with both the Development and Outreach Committees.

Susan Quillin is another all-around volunteer for the Games but concedes her major responsibility lies as Housing Chairperson.

Quillin estimates she must find homes for nearly 2,000 visiting athletes.

All these women have extended great efforts in different capacities for the Games, but they share a common goal - getting women to participate as athletes, volunteers or spectators.

The majority were involved in Gay Games I, and know how exhilarating the Games can be.

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As Katherine Krebs put it, "The Gay Games has made an impact on Gay History - to be a part of that is a very moving experience."



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### Mental Health and the AIDS crisis

by David P. Steward

This is the first of a series of three articles on the health and well being of the gay male community.

This first article will deal with the impact of AIDS and the fear of AIDS in the gay male community.

This impact has been both overt and subtle.

Our deepest self-doubts and self-abnegation are activated in this health crisis.

The gay male community is presently evaluating both sex and relationships in light of AIDS.

In bars, one notices the awkward phenomena of "accordian" encounters.

That is, one approaches, becomes aware of possible health dangers, retreats, and moves closer again.

Hence the accordian-like movements, often ending in a hasty and clumsy retreat.

Traditionally, the non-gay community seemed afraid of catching "it" (homosexuality).

Now, both gay and non-gay people are afraid of catching "it" (AIDS), despite ample medical evidence that the disease is not transmitted casually.

Many ask, "how can I be gay if I can't have sex?"

Evidence indicates that preventive measures are working.

The gonorrhea statistics for 1985, in San Francisco, show an over 80% decrease.

Still, there is that nagging question of meeting sexual needs, of nurturing and developing a relationship, and of meeting new people.

How does one meet one's sexual needs in the Age of AIDS? Very carefully.

In the gay male community we now see a broadening of social outlets, the development of easy, non sexual friendships, and new definitions of what constitutes "gay make sexual behavior."

Note the JO clubs in the City, which, years ago, would have been as discomfoting as the proverbial bastard at the family reunion.

The bottom line in defeating AIDS is the continuation of preventive measures, the development of a vaccine and the discovery of a cure.

It probably should be stated here that no one has yet been able to stop a sexually transmitted disease.

At a BAPHR (Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights) meeting in April, the topic of a vaccine for AIDS was discussed.

There are strong indications that a vaccine can be developed.

One of the roadblocks is that of insurance for the company that produces the vaccine.

Lederle Laboratory was almost bankrupted by lawsuits resulting from a vaccine and many American companies, so forewarned, have stopped production of all vaccines.

Federal and State backing of drug companies would be a move that would accelerate progress toward the vaccine.

One such bill is currently before the California legislature.

As a therapist with many gay male clients, it used to be easy to tell gay men who were just coming out to "go for it," i.e. to take advantage of the sexual freedom that gay men are (were) supposed to have.

Casual sex was considered just part of "getting to know you."

I do not give such advice today.

"The times, they are a changin' " The manner in which gay men relate to one another has changed in that "safe-sex" practices are only half believed, and sexually intimate relationships now carry the possibility of death.

As a result of this troubling fact of life, the community is finding alternatives.

For example, there are emerging groups of gay men with activities with a non-sexual focus.

Examples of these are: playing cards, sports, and outdoor activities.

Pacific Ventures in this county exemplifies this approach to group fun.

Another is telephone sex. Ten years ago would we have thought that we would be substituting pinocle for sex?

No gay man is untouched by the spectre of AIDS.

Even those in "monogamous" relationships are beginning to question the monogamy of their relationships, as several men have been diagnosed with AIDS, who had sincerely believed that their relationships were totally monogamous, "closed."

As a psychotherapist I am confronted with gay men who were getting some foothold on their problems with self-esteem and self-image, before we became the modern day "lepers."

This epidemic has been quite effective in dredging up long-submerged homophobia in the gay male population.

In a primitive way, those who have felt "liberated" and reasonably good about themselves, now feel that they are being "punished."

It is easy to forget that AIDS is a disease of people, all people. It is not exclusive to gay men.

The "Buttons" of the gay male community are getting pushed in four vulnerable areas:

1). Sexual Freedom as a Point of Identity. To many, if not most, gay men, sexual freedom is not peripheral to their identity, but central, the "sine qua non" of identity as a gay male.

In the AIDS crisis, gay men have handled their sexuality in various ways, from being celibate, learning the nuances of "safe-sex" to "acting out" in a driven, very compulsive fashion.

2). The Fear of Death in the Gay Male Community: There have been countless observations on the fact that the gay male community is more concerned (terrified?) of aging, than even the heterosexual female community. This fear and non-acceptance of aging, in my opinion, barely and poorly masks a profound fear of death.

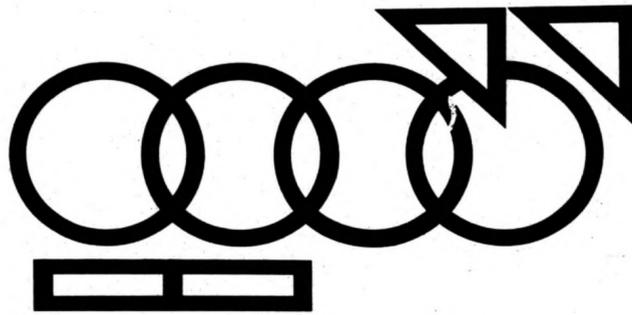
Comments about "wrinkle rooms" (bars that cater to over 40's) or attempts to cover up gray hair show more a fear of what gray hair and wrinkles symbolize than any distaste for either gray hair or wrinkles.

Gay men privately, and quietly, often admit to liking gray hair.

The "Marlboro Man" of the 80's is clearly closer to age 50 than twenty.

But, officially, the "party line" is that everybody likes young "twinkies" and that all our sexual fantasies involve puerile young pretties.

3). Loss and Grief: Questions of loss and grief are not handled well by anyone, especially not the loss of several friends and loved



ones over a short period of time.

There is also a loss of freedom, potential loss of jobs, housing, security, friends, as well as the danger of the loss of the ability to take care of ones self.

Fear, loss, and grieving have become a hallmark of the urban gay male in America today.

The stress on the gay male community and our families have been monumental.

Consequences of this chronic stress is unknown.

What we know from the Vietnam War teaches us that severe stressors will affect people and communities for years to come.

The question is yet to be answered: can anything good come out of all of this?

On one hand, we are inspired by the few church groups who have ministered to those affected by AIDS, it is also easy to see that most churches, including "mainstream" denominations have buried their heads in the sand, as they did during the A and B ordinance battle in Santa Clara County.

4). AIDS as an Attack on the

Self Worth/Self Esteem of Gay Men: The AIDS issue, with its attendant hysteria touches on aforementioned area of self-esteem.

AIDS has provided a vehicle for modern day homophobes such as Sen. H.L. Richardson, and pseudo-psychologist Paul Cameron, who issue bitter and ignorant statements that are only "trying to protect people's (which people, I wonder) health."

The justifications for homophobia used to be legal in nature, (but it's against the law you know).

When sexual activity between consenting adults in private was decriminalized, new rhetoric was devised, either religious or pseudo-psychological in nature.

There is a clear realization that the vicious legislation of Sen. Richardson, or that of Sen. Doolittle, is mainly intended "to stop the spread of homosexuality, "rather than to 'stop the spread of AIDS," as they contend.

5). The Spiritual Vacuum: (not to be confused with religion) in

much of the gay male community.

Spiritual issues have to do with the essence of life, (and death), and has no necessary connection with clergy, rituals, buildings and organizations.

When on faces one's own mortality, or the impending death of loved ones, a person begins to ask questions about the meaning of life itself.

Although gay people, I believe, are highly spiritual by nature, we have not been prepared for the present reality in which large numbers of previously healthy, young, vital, gay men are dying.

The learned ability to "live in the NOW," and to appreciate the smaller things of life has come about easily, for me nor for anyone else.

In today's world it is very easy to fail to "stop to smell the roses."

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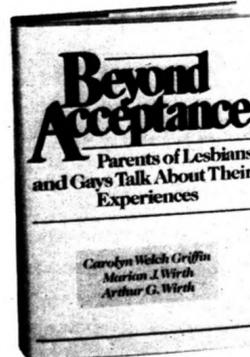
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This growing popularity is what prompted this video production so that the many people outside the sphere of Sybil's cable audience could discover, and enjoy the phenomenon that is Sybil Bruncheon.

### NGTF

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cated on the notion that AIDS can be casually transmitted, and thus should be rejected out of hand."

Levi further warned that the Justice Department offered no protections at all to those who have ARC or HTLV-III infection.

"The federal government is saying in effect, that people who are in a risk group or are HTLV-III positive have no federal civil rights protections" even though numerous state laws forbidding discrimination based on disability or handicap have been interpreted to protect all those perceived to be disabled.

"The Justice Department seems so frightened of extending protections because they might indirectly protect gays, that is has ignored both the letter and the spirit of the law," Levi said.

"One of our worst fears associated with testing," Levi continued, "has come true: than an agency of government would say that employers have the right to fire someone based solely on a positive antibody test. This underscores the need for absolute confidentiality in any antibody testing program, and that means

only anonymous testing until legal guarantees are clarified."

NGLTF announced that it would be pressuring the Department of Health and Human Services to challenge the Justice Department's interpretation of the law and their statements on transmission of AIDS. Congressional oversight on this issue will also be pursued.

"We fully expect the gay/lesbian legal organizations to challenge this interpretation in the courts," Levi said.

IN the meantime, however, "state and local anti-discrimination laws are still in effect and are being successfully used to combat AIDS related discrimination. All this ruling does is close off an additional avenue to fight discrimination - it is not the end of the battle at all. Local organizations should make sure that their human rights agencies hold to the correct interpretation that AIDS is indeed a disability and those at risk to AIDS are also protected from discrimination."

Gallo and his team are testing chemotherapy with "Compound S," a drug that interferes with reverse transcriptase, the enzyme that facilitates genetic reproduction of the AIDS virus.

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"This compound seems to be about the only thing to have an effect on the disease," Gallo said. "(It's) not a cure, (but) this is a beginning."

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disease, not necessarily fatal." The most recent CDC figures show that over 20,000 Americans have been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS but not yet revealing symptoms range from one to two million, according to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

According to Gallo, he and other researchers "are very much trying to develop inhibitors of the (AIDS) virus to treat the disease."

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By Tycho
ARIES (March 21 - April 20) You've had to be on your toes so much lately that just standing with both feet firmly on the ground feels unusually good.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)

You are gaining a new appreciation of the people you work with. With your own position and role secure you are able to look around and see clearly what others are doing.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20)

Have your parents or close relatives ever for a quiet dinner. Even though your energy level continues to be extremely high try to keep the evening low key.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You've got some speaking up for yourself to do. This is probably a work-related matter that can range from telling someone you work with what's really important to you.

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OUR DIRECTORY

Mayor's Council hosts Body Builders



Novice competitor, Bill Boucher, age 33, poses in preparation for Gay Games II. In the light-weight category, this will be Boucher's first major competitive event.

By Jimmy Joe

The Mayor's Council of Stockton Strip hosted a roller skating party featuring a Physique Show by body builders. This recent event was a fund-raiser to benefit Gay Games II to be held in San Francisco in mid-August.

Gay Games II event coordinator, Rose Mary Mitchell, came up with the idea of featuring a few of the body builders to pose during the intermission at the skating party at CalSkate in Milpitas.

Three competitors showed up for the pose-down: Bill Boucher, George Birimisa, and Joe Tolbe, all from San Francisco.

Mitchell announced the posing exhibition which was well-attended by South Bay body building enthusiasts.

Representing the light-weight category, Boucher weighed in at 153 pounds. He is a novice to competitive physique events, having been in training for only one and a half years.

Boucher is a massage volunteer with the SF AIDS Hospice, and he enjoys hiking, jogging, movies and Milpitas!



Veteran bantam-weight bodybuilder, Joe Tolbe, posing at Cal-Skate in Milpitas. Tolbe is a silver medalist from Gay Games I.

The second contestant was a gift to anyone over age 30! Birimisa at age 62 was an inspiration to many of us. He is living proof that senior citizens do NOT need to look old and flabby.

Birimisa teaches a writing workshop and rap group for GLOE (Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders).

GLOE is a social service group sponsored by the Commission on Aging, where George has volunteered for over 4 years. He will enter the Master's category in the Physique Contest next month.

The most experienced contestant was Joe Tolbe, age 34, who will compete in the bantam-weight category. At 135 pounds, Tolbe has been featured as a model in many magazines, such as In Touch and Advocate Men.

Joe won a silver medal in the first Gay Games in 1982. He has an excellent track record of keeping a lover in his life, and seems to know how to make a good relationship get even better, according to his lover of 3 years.

Joe loves to show off his body beautiful and is also proud of the fact that his father is one of his most loyal fans.

The last bodybuilding show for Gay Games I was held at the Castro Theater. Next month's Physique Show will be held at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, and the officials of Gay Games II are expecting a standing room only crowd.

Watch this paper for further information on how to get tickets and other details.

This year's Gay Games II promises to be even more exciting than the first one, and the pre-registration statistics indicate that there are more than triple the number of contestants from Gay Games I. See You There!

BORN YESTERDAY

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Burton plays a convincing inebriate, a man whose better judgement and morals have been forced underground by working for Brock.

Harry Brock, the loud, slovenly junk dealer is played by Bob Ray in a sprawling, shouting style that generates the necessary friction very early.

Even for two mink coats, it is hard to imagine anyone living with this man for eight years.

Richard Gaylor plays the journalist Paul Verrall a bit too wide eyed and innocent, but he is charming enough to win the girl.

Walt Schneider does a masterful job in portraying the subversive and obsequious cousin, Eddie Brock.

Schneider stretches this character's 25 lines into a full dimensional person with an entire repertoire of traits and habits which seem truly natural.

San John Smith is Hedges, the best Senator money can buy, and Torchy Hunter is the Senator's primp wife.

Hunter mugs her few moments on stage into a Tony for best Upstaging in a Straight Play.

The play has many good laughs that transcend the years, and the compearance that Brock gets at the end, brings a glow to our hearts.

Virtue triumphs over evil, just as America triumphed in the war. Of course, there are some overdone bits of self righteousness, but that was in style in the 1940s.

The direction by Rebecca White is tight and well controlled, the characters fit their patterns nicely, and the acting is very much an ensemble effort. This kind of community theatre effort goes a long way to dispel the notion that "amateur" theatre cannot be "professional." 487-08-2747

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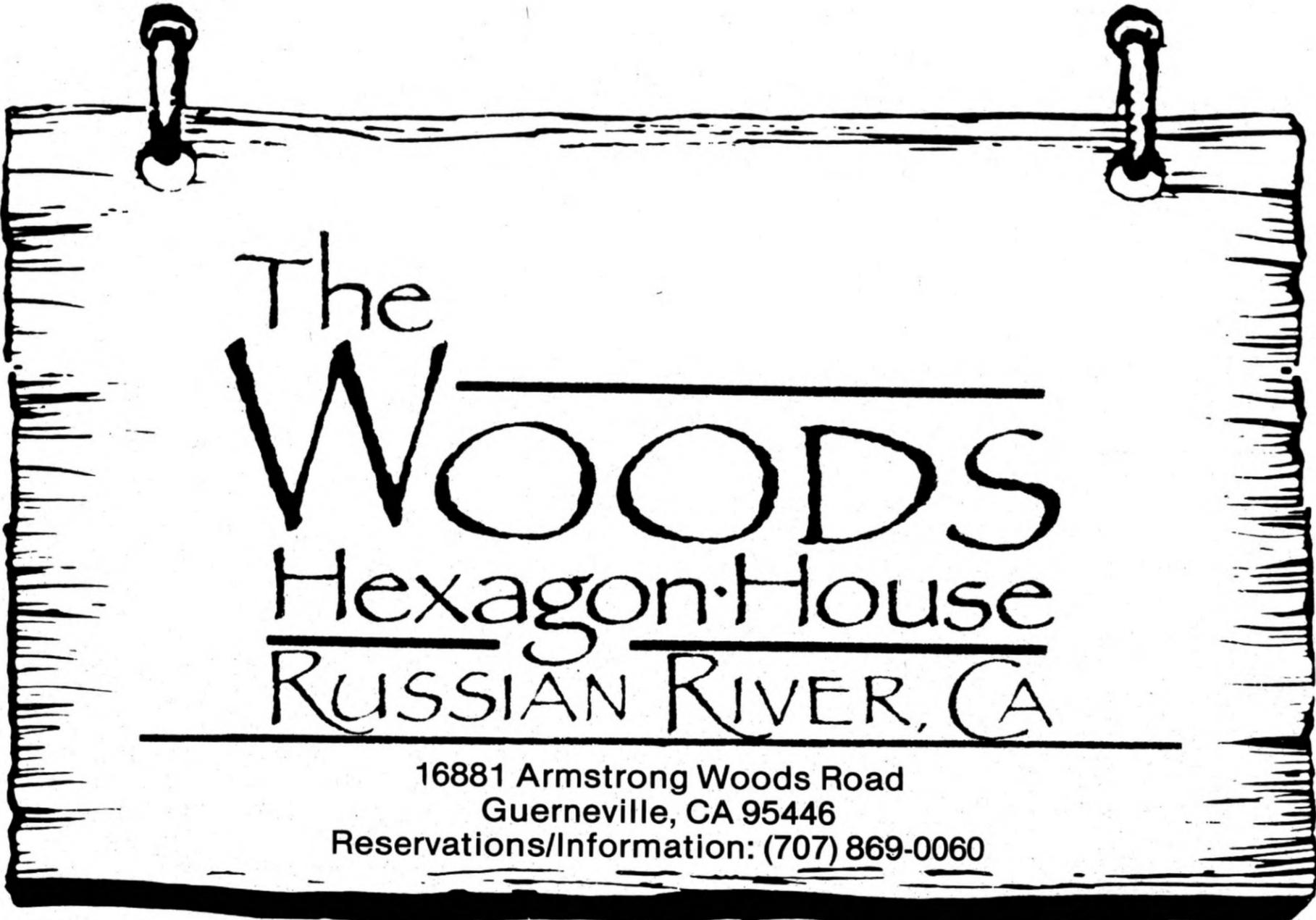
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