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Tom Bradley visits San Jose

by Rick Rudy



"I give you the next Governor of the State of California!" and with those words, San Jose City Council member Iola Williams introduced Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to a crowd of well wishers at a noon rally on Friday, August 8 at the Peralta Adobe in downtown San Jose.

Bradley arrived at this fundraiser as part of his campaign for the State's highest office.

He shared a quick Mexican style lunch and watched "traditional" dances, and listened to a mariachi band before speaking briefly to the estimated 150 supporters.

"I want to be a Governor for ALL the people," he said referring to Governor Deukmejian's seeming indifference to minorities, seniors, school children, and AIDS victims.

"I called on Governor Deukmejian to debate me openly in a series of 14 debates across the state, but he has been ducking me," Bradley asserted.

In response, State Senator Alfred Alquist presented Bradley with a plastic blowup Donald Duck wearing a large sign "Duke the Duck."

This was the highlight of the rally.

Bradley did not speak to gay issues although he was made aware of a contingent of BAYMEC and High Tech Gay members in attendance.

Bradley has previously spoken out against Prop. 64, the LaRouche Initiative, while Deukmejian has refused to take a stand either way.

However, Deukmejian has vetoed the gay rights bill AB 1, and vetoed the AIDS victim's rights bill, amply proving that he is no friend of the gay community.

Bradley is being generally supported by the gay community statewide, even gay Republicans.

Bradley has been showing improvement in the polls (an 11 percentage point improvement since May), though he is still significantly behind Deukmejian's lead.

He promised to close the lead and win in the "only poll that really counts, on November 4."

State Senator Dan McCorquodale made opening remarks and introduced Iola Williams.

Most San Jose politicians were absent, sent representatives to the event.

It was remarkably low key, for a major race appearance in a major city.

NGRA wins insurance coverage for man with AIDS

San Francisco-National Gay Rights Advocates successfully forced an insurance company to restore the health and life insurance coverage of a man with AIDS.

The man, Jeffrey Rick, is a 32-year-old resident of San Diego who was insured by Sentry Life Insurance Company of Wisconsin.

When Mr. Rick lost his job, Sentry repeatedly ignored his attempts to "convert" his group coverage as guaranteed by California law.

After NGRA filed a formal complaint with the California Department of Insurance, Sentry contacted NGRA and agreed to reinstate Mr. Rick's coverage.

"This is an important victory, not only for Jeff, but for all

people with AIDS," said Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"Once again NGRA has shown the insurance industry that if they try to take away our rights, we're prepared to fight back and win."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said: "Jeff's case shows that it is more important than ever for gay and lesbian people to know and stand up for their rights."

O'Leary urged all gay and lesbian people to write to NGRA for a free copy of their comprehensive 8-page booklet, "AIDS and Your Legal Rights."

For copies, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to NGRA, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Eu applauds Judge Ford's ruling

Sacramento-Secretary of State March Fong Eu called Sacramento Superior Court Judge James C. Ford's decision to remove false and misleading ballot pamphlet statements proposed by backers of the AIDS Initiative, "a victory for California voters."

Dr. Eu praised the judicial determination as a "landmark for voters' rights and taxpayers because the legal system declared it will not tolerate tax-funded publications to misrepresent facts upon which voters rely to make their ballot decisions."

Dr. Eu brought suit against three statements contained in the rebuttal to the argument against

the AIDS Initiative, Prop 64 on the November ballot, which she felt were clearly false or misleading.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 provides that any voter may challenge the contents of the ballot pamphlet when they are publicly displayed for 20 days prior to their being printed if clear and convincing proof establishes the statements are false or misleading.

Judge Ford struck from the Prop 64 supporters' arguments the words, "... AIDS is not hard to get; it is easy to get;" "... potential insect and respiratory transmission has been established by numerous studies"; and "...

there is no evidence for the assertion that AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact."

This is the first time the secretary of state has sued to remove language from an argument which she believed to be false and/or misleading.

Written testimony from four internationally recognized doctors who are experts in AIDS research was submitted in behalf of the secretary of state's contention.

Oliver Cox, staff counsel to the secretary of state's elections division, represented Dr. Eu in court.

Levi & Thurmond discuss homosexuality at hearing

The following is a transcript of a July 31 exchange between Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Jeffrey Levi following Levi's testimony against the nomination of William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States.

Thurmond: Mr. Levi, are you an officer in the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force?

Levi: That is correct. I am Executive Director.

Thurmond: Executive Director?

Levi: That is correct.

Thurmond: And how many members do you say you have?

Levi: We have about 10,000 members, and we also represent various organizations around the country.

Thurmond: I was interested in one statistic you gave, that one-tenth of the population are gay or lesbian. I am shocked to hear that, if that is true. Are you sure that figure is correct?

Levi: Well, those are not my figures. Those are figures that have been around for some 20 to 30 years. The Kinsey Institute first

put forward that 10 percent of American adults are predominantly homosexual in their behavior. A much larger figure would fall into the category of bisexual and those with relatively smaller numbers of homosexual experiences.

Thurmond: Does your organization advocate any kind of treatment for gays and lesbians to see if they can change them and make them normal like other people?

Levi: Well, Senator, we consider ourselves to be quite normal, thank you. We just happen to be different from other people. And the beauty of the American society is that ultimately we do accept all differences of behavior and viewpoint. To answer the question more seriously, the predominant scientific viewpoint is that homosexuality is probably innate; if not innate, then formed very early in life. The responsible medical community no longer considers homosexuality to be an illness but rather something that is just a variation of standard behavior.

Thurmond: You do not think lesbians and gays are subject to change? You do not think they could change?

Levi: No more so, Senator, than heterosexuals.

Thurmond: You do not think they could be converted to be like other people in some way?

Levi: Well, we think we are like other people with one small exception. And, unfortunately, it is the rest of society that makes a big deal out of that exception.

Thurmond: A small exception? That is a pretty big exception.

Levi: Unfortunately, society makes it a big exception. We wish it would not, and that is why our organization exists.

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UCCL/GC adopts resolution against states with sodomy laws

Cambridge, MA-Delegates to the Sixth National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC) adopted a resolution urging the United Church of Christ to refuse to hold national meetings in states which have laws prohibiting sodomy.

"Sodomy" laws prohibit specific adult consensual sexual activities and are often used to discriminate against lesbians and gay men.

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

The group gathered here July 3-6 for an annual national gathering that featured speakers, workshops, worship, business sessions and an evening concert.

The resolution reads in part, "UCCL/GC calls upon the General Synod, the Executive Council of the UCC, all of the Boards and Instrumentalities of the UCC henceforth, to support full human freedoms for all the members of the UCC and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by refusing to hold any national or regional meetings in those states which retain sodomy laws."

General Synod, the UCC national assembly, meets every two

years. The next three General Synods are scheduled for Ohio, Texas, and Virginia.

In other business, the group developed strategies to have at least 25 churches declare themselves to be "open and affirming" of lesbian and gay persons by the next General Synod, June 1987.

"Open and Affirming" UCC churches officially welcome lesbians and gay men into full membership and follow the example of "More Light" Presbyterian Churches, "Reconciling Congregation" Methodist churches and "Reconciled in Christ" Lutheran churches, all of which have declared themselves to be open to all persons regardless of sexual orientation.

UCCL/GC plans to be visible and to make a powerful witness at the 16th UCC General Synod, June 25-30, 1987, in Cleveland Ohio.

The UCCL/GC Seventh National Gathering will be held in Cleveland immediately before Synod, June 23-25.

The group will celebrate its 15-year history at a special dinner to be held during Synod.

For information on UCCL/GC or on "Open and Affirming" churches in the UCC, write: UCCL/GC, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701 or call (614) 593-7301.

Testimony of Jeffrey Levi

Mr Chairman, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force joins its colleagues in the civil rights community in opposing the nomination of Justice William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States.

Justice Rehnquist in his career on and off the bench, has demonstrated a singular disregard for the fundamental constitutional principles.

He has approached major cases involving civil liberties and civil rights with one end in mind: the furtherance of his political and social agenda.

In the press, he has disregarded - indeed trampled upon the constitutional rights of all Americans.

This record of dangerous judicial activism should not be rewarded by elevation to the highest judicial post of our nation.

Gay and lesbian Americans have not been exempt from Justice Rehnquist's efforts to limit the rights of minorities.

He has supported restrictions on free speech and free association rights of gays and lesbians and he has endorsed denial of the right to privacy for homosexuals.

These positions are threats to all Americans, not just homosexuals, because once we start making exceptions to fundamental constitutional rights for one group, it becomes increasingly easy to allow the government to intrude on the freedom of others.

I want to focus today on two cases in which Justice Rehnquist participated that demonstrate his support for restricting the rights of minorities; in these cases, gay and lesbian Americans.

In 1978, Rehnquist dissented from a denial of cert; in a case involving a gay student group at the University of Missouri.

The university had refused recognition to the student group. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, in a decision the Supreme Court chose to leave standing, said that the denial of recognition had violated the free speech and free association rights

of the students. Justice Rehnquist did not see it that way at all.

Because the state of Missouri had made sodomy illegal, the state "may prevent or discourage individuals from engaging in speech or conduct which encourages others to violate those laws," Justice Rehnquist said.

This was despite a formal statement from the students that they would not advocate illegal activity and the false assumption that the only reason for homosexuals to associate is to advocate sodomy.

In other words, Justice Rehnquist was saying that simply because of their status - being homosexual - these students could be denied the right to free speech and free association.

He likened the gathering of gay and lesbian students in a social and political organization to "those suffering from measles."

... in violation of quarantine regulations. . . . associat(ing) with others who do not presently have measles, in order to urge repeal of a state law providing that measles sufferers be quarantined.

"The very act of assembly under these circumstances undecruts a significant interest of the State. . . ."

Our country has long had a tradition that conduct not status, is punishable; it seems Justice Rehnquist would like to reverse that tradition.

By the logic he expressed in this dissent, the state could restrict the association and speech rights of any group that might support directly or indirectly activity that is illegal.

Would Justice Rehnquist therefore also outlaw all radical political parties or forbid any group from gathering that advocated civil disobedience? Justice Rehnquist continued this attack on the fundamental rights of Americans, and in particular those Americans who happen to be gay or lesbian, in last month's decision in Bowers -vs- Hardwick.

He joined in Justice White's

majority opinion that is a rhetorical attack on homosexuals and homosexuality rather than a cogent legal analysis of the case presented to the Court.

The Court ruled that homosexuals, simply because of their status as homosexuals, do not have a right to privacy in the conduct of their private, consensual sexual activities.

Even though the law before the Court outlawed sodomy for homosexuals and heterosexuals, the Court focused only on homosexuals - using social and religious views rather than the law to justify their opinions.

As Justice Blackmun pointed out in his brilliant dissent, "this case is about 'the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men', namely the right to be let alone."

He stated later that "it is precisely because the issue raised by this case touches the heart of what makes individuals what they are, that we should be especially sensitive to the rights of those whose choices upset the majority."

That certain, but by no means all religious groups condemn the behavior at issue gives the State no license to impose their judgment on the entire citizenry."

This case raises fundamental issues for all Americans.

If the Court can whittle away at the privacy rights of some, they can soon move on to reverse the trend to protection of privacy rights for all.

A nominee for Chief Justice of the United States whose views are so antithetical to those embodied in the Constitution must be carefully scrutinized.

Mr Chairman, Justice Rehnquist has not been an impartial judge; he has demonstrated prejudice against significant portions of the American population in an ill-disguised attempt to impose his personal social agenda—a most dangerous form of judicial activism.

Therefore The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force urges this committee to reject the nomination of William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States.

Jesse Helms strikes again!

The U. S. Senate on August 1 approved a rider to the debt ceiling bill that would overturn the District of Columbia's recently passed legislation that prohibits discrimination by insurance companies against those who are at risk to AIDS.

Among other provisions, the bill placed a five-year moratorium on use of the new HTLV-III anti-body test and banned redlining practices that might seek to identify those who are in high-risk groups.

The amendment was offered by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) and passed by a voice vote after a motion to table the rider failed by a vote of 53 to 41.

A similar effort the previous week engineered by Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) failed in the House of Representatives.

When the Senate completes action on the debt ceiling bill it will go to a House-Senate conference, where most of the amendments added by the Senate are expected to die.

led by the Metropolitan Committee on AIDS Issues, a

coalition of national and local organizations lobbied the House and Senate on this issue.

Commented Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "while cheered by our success in the House, the Senate vote shows how much more organizing and work we have to do."

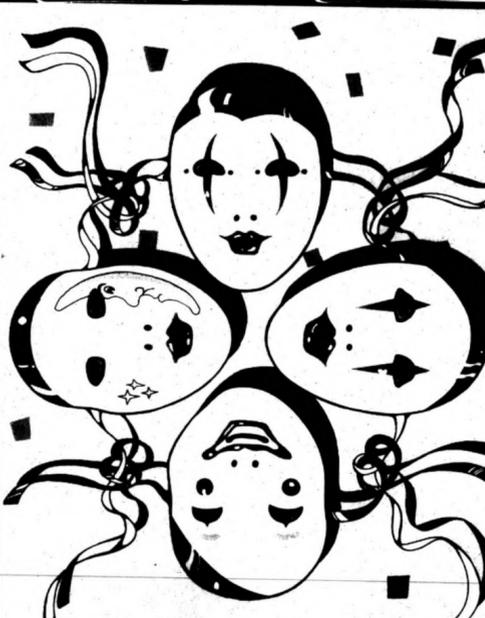
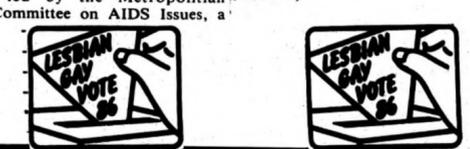
"The anti-gay and anti-home rule forces are still strong in the Congress."

"There are members of the Senate whose support we should have gotten who voted against us - and those members in particular should be held accountable."

"Similarly, those who voted with the gay/lesbian community should be thanked by their constituents."

Members of the U. S. Senate can be written at the U. S. Capitol, Washington, D. C. 20510.

(Editor's Note: Senator Alan Cranston voted "YES" which supported the gay community; Senator Pete Wilson voted "NO" which supported Helms' position.)



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The President's Son

A Washington Insider Spins a Tale of Intrigue

By Andy Laventure

Sitting in his back yard, Krandall Kraus looks like anything but a Washington BUREAU-CRAT.

He is cordial, relaxed and wears vintage grey pleated trousers and a black t-shirt.

"This is my new look," he says, grinning.

"I call it 'reformed gangster.'"

Kraus has just published a new novel, which has Washington buzzing.

It's about a popular entertainer who rises through the political ranks to become President of the United States.

He happens to have a gay son (conveniently married to a female friend) and when re-election time rolls around problems develop around the son's male lover, who has had it with the charade they have all been living for four years.

Before long, the White House finds itself in the middle of a murder, blackmail, international intrigue and assassinations.

Kraus is a handsome man with salt-and-pepper hair and a mustache which always seems a little crooked.

His face is distinctively set off by his penetrating green eyes and a Roman nose which he says comes from his mother's side of the family.

I ask him why he has chosen San Francisco after the glamour and intrigue of a political life in the nation's capital.

"This is home," he says, pouring more decaffeinated coffee into my cup.

"I grew up in Calistoga and Benicia and spent my summers here in the City working in my aunt's hotel on Nob Hill.

I never really meant to stay away."

After completing graduate school in Ohio, Kraus moved to Washington, D.C.

"I sat in Washington for sixteen years with my eyes trained west.

Finally, after my first two books sold last winter, I made my escape."

"Then there's no truth to the rumor that you are hiding from people after publication of 'The President's Son?'" I ask.

"Absolutely not," he answers emphatically.

"Any similarities between the characters in my book and the First Family are purely coincidental.

But there's nothing wrong with people making comparisons. Readers are bound to do that. My book is pure fiction."

Kraus' novel is filled with events which some critics say are direct parallels to events that have taken place in the Reagan administration.

Since the author moved in Washington's inner circles for over ten years and at one time worked in the White House, the rumors have been given much credence by those "in the know" within the federal government.

"Actually," he continues, "the book started out as an exercise in plot.

I had written poetry for about twelve years and wanted to broaden my literary horizons, so I decided to try fiction.

When I started the book I had no intention of trying to publish it, but when it was finished and a few of my friends read it, they convinced me to submit it to publishers on my own.

The first publisher who read it called me from his home one cold November night and told me he wanted to publish it.

Naturally, I accepted."

Kraus calls that week in November his "Truman Capote" week.

Capote had his first three published pieces accepted for

publication in the same week.

"On Sunday evening the novel was accepted, the following Wednesday my agent sold my nonfiction book, 'How To Get a Federal Job,' and two days later a Tuscan paper bought a newspaper article I had sent them.

These were the first fiction pieces I had received money for in my adult life."

In Washington, Kraus taught at a community college before going to work with Nelson Rockefeller at the White House.

"People always want to know what Washington, D.C., is really like.

They want to know if it's as corrupt as people say it is. I tell them to read my novel; it's exactly like that.

"I'm just an average guy who fell into the right place at the right time and got an inside look at how the government is -- at least in the Executive and Legislative Branches.

I have no axe to grind, no vendettas.

I loved my work for the most part and liked living in Washington.

But after a while you have to ask yourself if it's really living. People are easily seduced by power and once that happens they lose touch with reality.

People in Washington tend to forget the other two hundred million people in the country.

That can't be allowed to happen. Americans work too hard to be abused or ignored by the people they elect to office."

Kraus says he left the White House after a trip to China.

"We were driving along a dirt road in a motorcade and came upon a group of people riding home from work on bicycles.

Instead of moving over and giving them room, the motorcade ran them into a ditch.

I'll never forget turning around in the back of the limousine and seeing all those people lying in the dirt.

I thought, 'This is abuse of power.

We're supposed to be helping those people, not running them over.'

So before I became further seduced by the power of the White House, I resigned."

A good friend of his who was with him on that trip to China describes it this way: "There are two kinds of power a person can

achieve.

Power of position and power of person.

Power of position is given to you and can be taken away.

Power of person is something you build for yourself.

It is character and integrity and no one can ever take that away.

Krandall decided to devote his energies to increasing the power of his person."

Besides working on a new novel about an Indian woman who lives in the Sonoran Desert and begins to have divine revelations about the end of the world, the author is nearly finished with a book on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

It is a book with photographs and interviews with people with AIDS, their loved ones, the health care professionals who serve them and public officials in the cities where they live.

It has been an intense experience for both him and his partner in the project.

"We've met some wonderful people during this project, young men and women fighting valiantly for their lives.

Some of them will make it because their attitudes are so positive.

Others simply give up as soon as they hear the diagnosis."

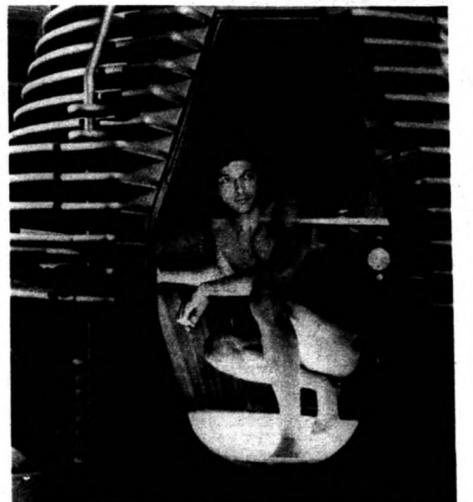
Meanwhile, Kraus is enjoying his new home.

"I love being back in the City, especially after nine months in Phoenix where I was doing research for the novel.

San Francisco and the Napa Valley will always be home to me and I hope this is going to be my final move.

I intend to prove Thomas Wolfe wrong: you can go home again."

--by Andy Laventure



JEFF GOLDBLUM (shown here before his terrifying transformation) plays a scientist whose atoms are scrambled with those of a common housefly during an experiment in matter transmission, in Twentieth Century Fox's horror-thriller "THE FLY," directed by David Cronenberg. Photo by Attila Dory

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Theatre Reviews

By Rick Rudy

Candide sparkles at Foothill

Candide, Voltaire's wonderful 1758 satire, first made it to Broadway in 1956 with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Richard Wilbur; but it was not a success.

The Broadway impresario Hal Prince revived it in 1973 with additional lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a new book by Hugh Wheeler, and that time it was a smash hit.

It is this new version, which restores the "commedia del'arte" flavor, which is being presented by the Foothill College Drama Department, and with wonderful results.

This version calls for acting areas to be built out over the seats, so that there is a sea of audience with islands of stage areas, all interconnected by ramps.

The Bernstein score is beautiful and complex, requiring singers of opera quality, who must act as well. Fortunately, this production has managed to find several such singers, thanks, in part to the resurgence of interest in opera locally, spurred by Opera San Jose.

Also, through a generous grant, money was made available to hire a professional actor, John-David Keller, for the pivotal role of Dr. Pangloss.

This good professor teaches the philosophy that, "Because we live in the best of all possible worlds, it follows that everything that happens is for the best."

But given the story line, of battles, rape, torture, infidelity, greed and power, *Candide* and Cunegonde finally are driven to adopt a new philosophy: that hard work and devotion to family are what counts.

John-David Keller starts slowly but warns to his roles (he also plays the narrator, Dr. Voltaire, the Governor and a Sage) and manages the many costume changes and character changes with tremendous energy and style.

Keller is an actor of considerable talents, though not much of a singer, and his performance is a marvel.

Our hero, *Candide*, is played with boyish charm and wide-eyed innocence by Ravi Atlas.

He has a fine tenor voice, and except in the haunting, "It Must Be So" which was slightly sharp, he told his part in the demanding music quite well.

Caryn Hartglass is the virginal Cunegonde, who falls from grace with the assistance of the Bulgarian army.

Hartglass is an accomplished soprano and revels in the spectacular "Glitter and Be Gay".

Her acting is adequate.

Lynn Moeller is the impish servant Paquette, singing and acting prettily; and William S. Wilson is the vain aristocrat Maximilian, who seems to have trouble with both his

Hot Mikado is revived in D.C.

"Aside from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?"

That old line went through my head as I visited the notorious Ford's Theatre in Washington to see the "Gentlemen of Japan" in 1940s zoot-suits, a small time hood Poo-Bah, and a tap dancing Mikado.

All these and more are currently in an all new *Hot Mikado* patterned after Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta and inspired by a "hot Mikado production done in 1939 at the New York World's Fair.

This production has dialogue revisions and lyrics changed by Director/Choreographer David H. Bell and musical arrangements by Rob Bowman who claims to have written this whole business in three weeks.

Bowman has taken Sullivan's music and twisted it to the 1940's styles of jazz, blues, gospel and swing.

Some of the arrangements are brilliant and some rather pedestrian.

Some (like "Tit Willow") are left almost untouched; some like "A Wandering Minstrel" move far afield and only bear slight resemblance to the original.

Sometimes the updated harmonies add new color, and sometimes they just point out how perceptive Sullivan was in choosing harmonic structure way back in 1885.

About 75 percent of the lyrics and dialogue remain as Gilbert wrote them, but Bell has taken

liberties with the rest.

Some changes, such as Nanki-Poo's description of his father (the Mikado) as "the J. Edgar Hoover of his race" or Ko-Ko's lament over Katisha's appearance "I could take her face, put it in dough, and make gorilla cookies" are very much to Gilbert's intent.

Steve Blanchard is a tall, handsome, blonde Nanki-Poo, who plays a blues trumpeter in "A Wandering Minstrel" while the chorus does a tap routine.

Poo-Bah is played as a slick, black, con-man by Raymond Bazemore.

He is fun and has a fine bass voice, but none of the pomposity which makes Poo-Bah such a wonderful hypocrite.

Frank Kopyc is Ko-Ko, acting and looking, for all the world, like Dom DeLouise.

He has Ko-Ko's meekness down pat, but little of the impishness.

In 1939, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson played the Mikado, and here we have Lawrence Hamilton who brings down the house with his long solo tap number, during "The Punishment Fit The Crime."

The show, according to Bowman is still evolving, but may, after its successful D. C. run, either go on tour or move to Off-Broadway.

It deserves a viewing, as does the historic theatre in which it is playing.

to catch the action at the various different playing areas.

The set by Eric Landisman is flexible and fanciful enough to accommodate all the exotic locales, and the costumes by Janice Cortez are wonderfully evocative and plentiful.

The orchestra, under the direction of Nile Norton, works very hard to play the extremely difficult score.

Sometimes Norton slows the tempo down to help and occasionally they show weak spots.

For those *Candide* cultists who grew up with the original Broadway album, there will be a noticeable absence of some of the delightful original songs.

Yet, for a theatre piece, rather than a concert performance, this re-write holds together much better, and its two hour running time (without any intermission) goes by very fast.

Bravo to Foothill College for this delightful evening of theatre!

Street Talk

by Richard Kendall



The continuing Clambaker Chronicles... the street has been a flame with rumors that Miss Clambaker and Miss Best were departing for the big city... rest easy please! the girls are not, I repeat are not moving to the city. As a matter of fact, Miss Clambaker was seen crawling into her van as late as July 19 with a very handsome young man, far be it for me to say the van was soon swaying ever so gently... who was that handsome creature???... as for Miss Best, she must be laying low as I haven't seen her graceful form out and about lately...

I made it to the city for the opening of Gay Games. I was impressed by the size of the crowd and the spectacular extravaganza.

A show this size even in S.F., took a lot of time and effort. Congratulations to the organizers. I feel I got my money's worth. The entrance of the four thousand athletes was a very moving moment.

To actually see that many gay men and women together in one place at the same time. It's reassuring to know that gay men and women can come together and make a statement for the world to see and hear...

On Sunday, Richard and I watched the wrestling matches and some of the weight lifting activities.

We both were impressed by the professionalism and the caliber of those competing. Congratulations Pat. I will keep my ears open for the results of San Jose's contingent.

I was disappointed in the small contingent from San Jose who were competing. I applaud those who are there and wish them the best.

With a gay population the size of ours I'm sure we could easily match the one hundred or so athletes from cities such as Sacramento or San Diego.

Come San Joseans, get yourselves out of the closet. Be proud to be gay... I was very pleased to stand and cheer our brave group.

Darlene's cruise was a big success. Two hundred people enjoyed the four hour cruise complete with full bar service, hors d'oeuvres and dancing.

Hats off to Mary for a great disco despite the ups and downs as we cruised the bay. The evening was overcast and cool giving the city lights a wonderful glow.

I do have two complaints, the boat served Coors beer and ran out of schnapps before we got out of the marina.

Dan should have known to lay in a good supply especially with John the schnapps queen on board. I beginning to believe him when he says he doesn't drink enough.

I'm sure Darlene will take care of these minor complaints before her Christmas Cruise on December 6th. This one will be complete with gifts for everyone and a visit by Santa. Call Dar at the Savoy for more information.

The No on 64/Stop LaRouche campaign is gearing up. The headquarters are being set up at the DeFrank Center on Park Avenue. If you have office supplies to donate/loan the effort, they would be appreciated. They need everything. Even a box of paper clips would help! Volunteers are also needed, call 408/292-0370 today.

The official grand opening of the headquarters is scheduled for September 7th. The opening will

feature a guest speaker (as yet unnamed) and a buffet, all for a \$10 donation. Call me at 408/293-8361 for your tickets today.

There will be a community wide open meeting on Monday, August 25th, to discuss the campaign at the DeFrank Center starting at 7 pm. Come on out and get the facts yourself. This may be your last chance to salvage what rights you now have.

The BAYMEC people tell me that they have run into a brick wall in trying to get B-Street to assist them on the No on 64 effort in San Mateo. The bar continues to give a flat "NO" to any proposal. This kind of non-cooperation is shameful. Remember this when you are up that way and need a drink...

The Mayor's Council had a very successful fund raiser for Gay Games II at Ryders on July 20th. The Cabaret Comedy Night raised \$420 for the games.

Contrary to the photo captions in the last paper, the Mayor's Council was responsible for this event and succeeded with the help of the Gay Games personnel and the generosity of the Ryders folks.

I believe in giving credit to those who worked diligently to put on the event, the driving force was Mark Bannick. Thank you Mark!

The Mayor's Council is undertaking one of the biggest projects to date by agreeing to coordinate a casino weekend to coincide with Ryders first year anniversary. The Ryders casino will be open three nights starting on September 19th.

BAYMEC/Stop LaRouche campaign has been designated the beneficiary of the proceeds. Sponsors are needed to help defray the cost of renting the necessary equipment. Eight tables will be rented at \$75 each for the three nights. Sponsors may advertise at their table. Donations of prizes are also needed. Call me for details or to make a donation.

Ryders is planning a bang up weekend of entertainment for their anniversary. Besides the casino, the Barbary Coast Cloggers, the S.F. Saddletrams, the Savoy Stompers, the San Jose Spurs and a Saloon style drag show are planned.

The Council is also looking for responsible individuals to run for the Mayor of San Jose during the month of October. The campaign kicks off on October 12th with a beer bust and introduction of the candidates at Renegades.

A ball will be held on November 8th to announce the new Mayor. The Billy DeFrank Center will be the recipient of the proceeds.

Last year we had six candidates who raised three thousand dollars. I'm sure we can top that this year. Call me if you have any questions.

The IAF wants you to know that the Cut-A-Thon at Hair 200 was cancelled at the last minute by the owner for reasons yet to be revealed... stay tuned for more details. Watch for their next fundraiser, Comedy night at Visions in September.

The final Rally budget is being worked on, so keep the faith, we may even break even.

Until next we meet... have fun and remember to play safe...

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"Our new name will give us greater visibility to the diverse community we serve," says Noreen McKeon, Project Director. Through professional staff and trained volunteers, the AIDS Project of the East Bay provides educational services through outreach to health care workers and the community at large to sensitize institutions and educate the public about AIDS.

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For further information contact Corinne Lightweaver at (415) 420-8181.

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Over Forty.

Gay men and lesbians over forty and their friends, meet for a potluck the second Friday of each month at the Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street, Soquel beginning at 7 pm. Upcoming potlucks are scheduled for Saturday, September 13th; Friday, October 10th; Friday, November 14th; and Friday December 12th.

For more information call (408) 479-1029.

Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG)

The FLSG meets once monthly in the South Bay for a potluck. To receive the FLSG News which announces the potluck as well as other activities of interest to women in the South Bay, send \$12. for a one year subscription to: FLSG, P.O. Box 70933, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

South Bay Slightly Older Lesbians (SOL)

SOL meets every Tuesday at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose for an informal discussion/support group. For information call 293-4525 and leave a message for SOL. We will return your call. Newcomers always welcome. Once a month SOL has a social at someones home.

Fall Trips with SJSU

Photography buffs can travel on photo field trips with San Jose State University this fall to the following destinations: Kings Canyon and the Sequoia landscape, September 15-19; The Outback of Death Valley and Western Nevada, November 24-26; Sovlang and the Sea, December 26-29; San Juan Bautista and Monterey, January 17; Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Hunt, October 25; Point Lobos, November 15; San Francisco by Day and Night, December 6. For complete information on these trips, call 277-2182 or write: Extended Education, SJSU, Office of Continuing Education, San Jose, CA 95192-0135.

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Lesbian and Gay People of Color Conference

Efforts are now underway to host an International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Conference in Los Angeles, and volunteers with various talents and skills are being sought to aid in this event. "Joining Our Struggles; Making Our Future" is the theme for this gathering, in which American Indian, Asian/Pacific, Black and Latino lesbian and gay organizations from throughout the country will meet to address common issues, educate on diverse concerns, and build towards a stronger support network. The conference committee meets as a general body every Thursday of the month at Councilman Mike Woo's district office, 4640 Hollywood Blvd. from 7 to 9 pm. All interested are invited to attend or contact the committee at (213) 665-1485 or write to ILGPOCC, 859 Virgil / Station D-145, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

The No on 64/Stop LaRouche Santa Clara County Chapter, will hold a grand opening fundraiser at its new headquarters in the Billy DeFrank Community Center, on Sunday, September 7th from 2 to 4 pm. The Campaign, which is being spearheaded by BAYMEC, will focus on voter registration and distribution of information on Prop 64, the so called "AIDS" initiative.

Many local businesses will be holding fundraising events in support of the effort. Any one interested in getting involved should attend the campaign headquarters opening. The cost is \$10 per person. Door prizes will be given away and raffle tickets will be on sale.

For further information, please call, 408/290370.

Holly Near

BY Tina Marie Carroll

It was a night filled with "Love Songs" as singer Holly Near informed her audience.

That promise was kept. Throughout her performance at The Center for Performing Arts on Friday, August 8, the woman held the diversified crowd in awe.

The show, sponsored by Sisterspirit, a local women's organization, was very much a success according to Karen Hester, a collective member.

The opening act was Hunter Davis, a well known solo/singer/guitarist.

She was very well received by the audience and seemed to be genuinely excited to be there performing.

Then Holly Near took the stage.

She began to unveil a cache of love songs, political ballads, and women's music of every form.

Joined on stage mid-performance by Ronnie Gilbert (Surprise!) the two broke into a couple of wonderful duets and we had the privilege of hearing Ronnie belt out a few of her own.

One gets the feeling that these two women truly love their work.

Holly and Ronnie are featured together on the album entitled "Singing With You" and Holly is in the process of putting out a new album early in 1987.

After the concert, Sisterspirit hosted a reception for Holly and guests at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose.

After mingling with her fans and taking time to view the new bookstore/coffeehouse within the walls of the Center, Holly, the woman in the neon green boots, white jumpsuit and her ever popular strawberry blonde hair disappeared into the night; but not from our memory. Nor from our hearts...



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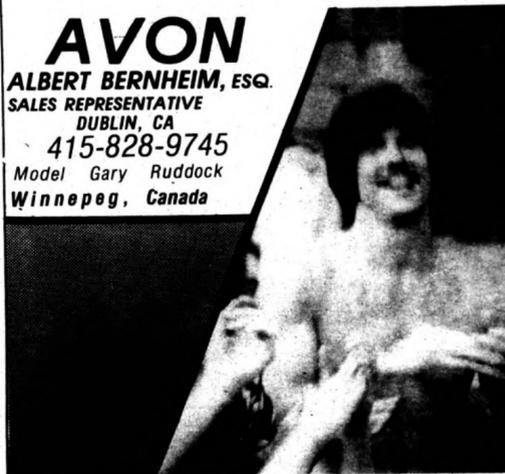
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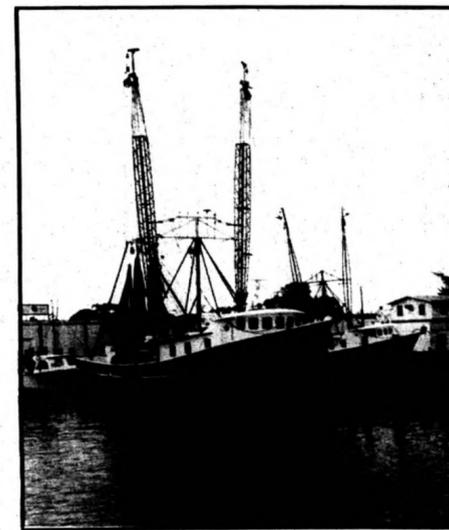
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History

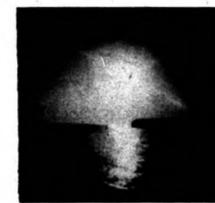
Key West's history reads like a swashbuckling Flynn movie.

Beginning with the Indians, when the discovery of mountains of bones caused the island to be named Cayo Hueso (Isle of Bones) from some past massacre, supposedly.

Ponce de Leon passed through, as did Jean Lafitte.

From the era of pirates sprang another industry just as daring: the wreckers.

As dangerous, maybe



more. . . they would move the markers around the reef to lead treasure laden ships astray, and then claim the wreck for themselves.

Then came a period when the Tories left the United States for the Bahamas, planting large pineapple and coconut plantations.

When their endeavors failed, they migrated once more to Key West, many bringing their dismantled homes with them on barges.

Later, ship's captains called Key West home, and while waiting to ship out again, contributed much to the unusual architecture of the island by using their carpenters to build lovely homes graced with gingerbread trim.

This accounts for Key West's many Victorian, Bahamian, and even New England styled homes.

Cuban settlers arrived, bringing the cigar industry and revolutionists such as Jose Marti, who addressed his people from the balcony of the old San Carlos Theatre still under renovation on Duval Street.

The battleship Maine was a tragedy that saw many of the casualties brought to Key West. . . a memorial tomb stands today in the famous old cemetery here, where coffins and mausoleums sit above ground in New Orleans style.

In the Depression, Henry Flagler attempted one of the most daring projects in America's history by trying to build a railroad across the mainland to Key West, culminating in his magnificent hotel, the beautiful Casa Marina resort.

When hurricanes wiped out the railroad, U.S. 1 was eventually built over the old railroad bed and bridges.

Meanwhile, Key West, once the nation's richest city, became bankrupt.

Harry Truman's interest, plus his love of his "Little Whitehouse" on the naval base, brought about what now seems an inevitable industry: tourism.

At this period, the Presidential Gate onto the base was built off of Whitehead Street and was used only during John F. Kennedy's term, when America was poised to fight her neighbor Cuba, only ninety miles off Key West's shore.

Since the discovery of Key West by some of the leading

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Arun Valley: Nepal Trek

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Bonnie Bordas, also announced the fall departure of an arbor-powered rafting trip for women through the Grand Canyon.

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Bonnie Bordas, Director of Womantrek in a remote village of Nepal, talking to a Tibetan woman as other villagers look on. Photo by Bonnie Bordas/Womantrek

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The city is full of talented carpenters and artisans with ideas springing from Bahamian, Cuban, and New Eng-

land culture.

Perhaps you'll be staying in one of these cultural fortresses turned guesthouses.

Many of these historic relics survived periods when Key West went through being the wealthiest city in the country, bankruptcy, and tropical depressions, including "The Depression."

Gay entrepreneurs have been the frontrunners in revitalizing the historic "Old Town" section of their city, carefully restoring their stately Victorians or Bahamian houses.



Water Activities

This is truly the meat of the menu, for Key West's greatest resource is its two aquatic representatives: the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

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beauties in briefs and bikinis.

A chance meeting with a friendly sailor is also quite common, for Key West has its share of salty sea captains.

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One need not fear of the life below the surface as long as you don't molest.

To see Key West's spectacular reef one must use a boat, and if one is not accessible for your personal use there are several excellent snorkeling and scuba vessels that take groups of people out to the reef daily at a minimal expense.

Several sailboat captains, they themselves gay, cater to private parties of four, six or eight people.

Every Friday an all-gay snorkeling trip labeled "Reef Madness" takes 30 to 40 people to the reef for snorkeling.

You'll come back with experiences of a lifetime worth sharing with all of your relatives when you get back home; so many fish - so many colors... and that gorgeous, magnificent coral!

One may even encounter a sunken ship, or even discover treasures paralleling Mel Fisher's fortune!

Lobstering can be quite a challenge, but should only be done during the proper season and with the appropriate attire and regulations at hand.

Please check with local dive shops for seasonal and legal limitations on lobster, crab, and other laws governing marine activity; all of the coral is protected in the Keys.

A trip to the local dive shop, and a few questions to one of the experienced salespersons will also help prepare you for your underwater adventure.

For those unfortunate few that just can't be coerced under any circumstances to get into the water, all is not lost!

Being land-ridden does have its focal advantages.

One may observe bathing

History

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 writers and artists in America, the climate has ripened into a delightful blend of the place to work and the place to play.

Among the distinguished list of creative people are Hemingway, Audobon, Hotchner, Dos Passos, Tennessee Williams, Phillip Burton, James Leo Herlihy, Roy Scheider, Jimmy Buffet, Nancy Friday, James Kirkwood, Phil Caputo, Calvin Klein, Jerry Herman... all who have helped lead to the increased attention of the rest of the world, especially the gay world with its high awareness of taste and quality leisure.

Trax Unlimited

a gay full service travel agency, (associated with the Go Travel Company) is celebrating its first anniversary with the onset of September.

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Trax Unlimited features an array of Gay/Lesbian trips and vacations all over the world, including Williams' specialty...The Marti Gras.

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The Copa

As your walking down tourist lane (Duval Street), there stands what seems to be a small, but beautifully restored old theatre finished in a modern day design, with the front of the theatre done in classic neon-pulsating lights.

Greeted by a staff of doormen, you enter "The Copa", (623 Duval Street).

If you carry a membership card, the Copa allows you to move to the beginning of the line without waiting, without cover charge.

As you move through the doors of the Copa, you focus your eyes on a tropical scene of a blow-up figure paradise of palm trees among other blow-up configurations.

The Copa carries a different atmosphere for every mood, for every type of person.

Tropical Disco, which features the best in progressive soundware, neon lights, and video.

The neon lights cover the ceiling of the Tropical disco in every color, size, and shape imaginable.

It draws an excited crowd, and the dance floor remains packed to the ecstatic sounds of today's hottest music and mixes.

The Tropical Disco bar features three full service bars along three walls, on the fourth is a large theatre stage where almost all performances are held, including female impersonators doing their weekly cabaret shows on Thursday nights (which are second to none), Theme parties, and free bar cocktails

from 10 to 11p.m. (Thursday nights in the Copa Tropical Disco bar).

On leaving the Tropical Disco bar, we enter the Pitts, which is the Copa's conch style western pool bar, featuring slides, pool table, video games, and a complete full service bar.

The Pitts also hosts the entrances to the Tropical Garden bar, the Piano bar, and the Balcony bar.

Upon entering, a breeze suddenly brushes across your face and forces you to take a deep breath in awe at the moon-lit beauty of the Tropical Garden bar.

Set on a wooden deck, with a large round full service bar (specializing in tropical drinks), this tropical wonderland lit by the moon, stars, and candles, is a lovers paradise with easy listening love song type music filling your ears softly.

The Islandish dressed waiter seats you as he presents you with leighs, lights the candle on your table and leaving you a menu of sparkling tropical drinks, which are served tropically dressed.

The atmosphere of the Garden bar leaves you stunned, you almost have to save it for last, because once discovered, your compelled to remain in the breath-takingly romantic atmosphere.

The Copa features live national entertainment, National recording artists, special events for men and women, shows, and concerts.

Sunday, the Copa features a complimentary buffet.

The Copa is the largest disco bar in Key West, and is a must for all Gays and Lesbians.

Once accomplished, the Balcony bar is close at hand.

The Balcony bar seats comfortably with large plush sinkable style chairs, and also features a full service bar.

As we leave the Balcony bar, and the music from the lower Tropical Disco fades, you walk down the stairs and follow the hall leading to two french glass doors.

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Traveler's Tips

Pack lightly; you'll need plenty of room for all of the gifts you'll be bringing back with you.

The bare essentials are all that you need when visiting the Keys; shorts, sandals and t-shirts are all that's required for street attire.

Most all of the shops and restaurants require shoes and a shirt to be worn, and even men are required by city ordinance to wear a shirt around town.

A light jacket or sweater and slacks are handy to have for night activities during the winter here.

Proper planning and information will inevitably make your stay here all the more enjoyable.



KEY WEST

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Key West Annual Events

(January) **Key West Literary Tour and Seminar:** Professional and amateur writers, publishers, reviewers, and scholars from around the world gather for this seminar. Tennessee Williams, Hemingway, and other Key West authors are normally the focus.

(January) **Fl. Lauderdale to Key West Yacht Race:** Now in its 11th annual running.

(January to March) **Old Island Days:** A celebration of the city's historic heritage, with art shows, theatre events, and food festivals. "Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet" and tours of fabulous, old, restored homes.

(April) **Conch Republic Challenge:** The first of ten national offshore powerboat races. In November they return to Key West for the World Championship Race.

(June) **Swim Around the Island:**

(June) **Key West International Gay Film Festival:**

(July) **Hemingway Days:** Zany, macho mania from beer chugging to arm wrestling, tournaments, short story contests, a food fair, art shows, and a Hemingway look-alike contest commemorating his birthday.

(July) **Lobster Sport Season:** Two days open for sport fishing before the commercial season begins.

(October) **Fantasy Fest:** The biggest of them all: Fantasy Fest. This is Key West's own week-long celebration for Halloween; seven days and nights of conch Mardi Gras costumes, contests, parades, and fun!

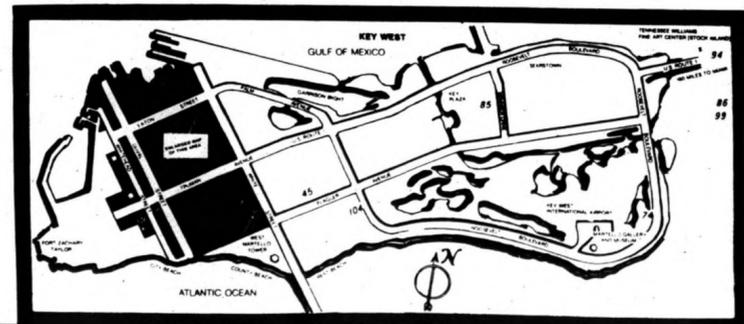
(November) **Rambunctious Ruff Race:** A twelve-mile race around the island in homemade rafts.



(November) **World Championship Offshore Powerboat Race:** Key West hosts the biggest collection of high performance, ocean racing boats assembled anywhere in the world. For a week, boats, drivers and crew race to determine the world offshore champion.

Attractions

What is there to do? "As little as possible" seems to be the prerequisite activity upon entering Key West. While in the deepest south, casual exploration will be your main concern. Here are a few suggestions: Of historical interest are the Audobon and Hemingway houses. John James Audobon visited Key West, and for six months during 1832 he painted the birds of the Florida



Dear Traveler:

Key West is one of the most popular gay resorts in the world... for both American and international visitors.

It is estimated that some two million visitors come to Key West each year, 20 percent of whom are gay.

The Key West Business Guild is here to help you, the visitor, fully discover the things our island paradise has to offer. Gay-owned and operated businesses play a major role in every aspect of our community.

The majority of our members have settled in Key West from other parts of the United States and the world because here we are offered a place where we can be ourselves. Key West is more than just another resort; it's a sense of freedom and detachment combined with relaxed charm.

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We cordially invite you to enjoy our endless holiday.

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Daily Events

Key West has become well known for its daily ritual sunsets at Mallory Dock. Acrobats and performers of talents line the dock to exhibit their skills, and caterers wheeling hors d'oeuvres make the experience all the more enjoyable. Sunrises are equally pleasing, but most of us need that time to rejuvenate from the previous night.

Weekly Events

Every Sunday there are two tea dances which are a must for both tourist and locals. The first is from 4-8 pm at La Terraza de Marli (La Te Da), 1125 Duval Street. The second is from 8-10:30 pm at the Atlantic Shores on the water (just off South Street). Both are held outside and are very "Key West" in their party atmosphere.



Keys. The Audobon House - one of Key West's first restoration projects, features a collection of eighteenth and nineteenth century antiques.

Ernest Hemingway's Spanish, colonial mansion is located on Whitehead Street.

Hemingway, the first important writer to make Key West his home, lived here from 1931 to 1961.

Most of the author's major works were written in this house, which is inhabited by 42 cats descended from Hemingway's pets.

The southernmost point in the continental United States lies at the corner of Whitehead and South Streets.

Other places to see include several Civil War forts, The Cigar Factory, Mel Fisher's Treasure Exhibition, The Lighthouse Museum, The Key West Aquarium, the shrimp docks and Turtle Kraals, the Oldest House Museum, and Truman's Little Whitehouse.

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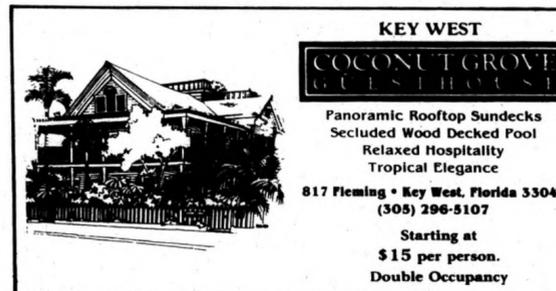


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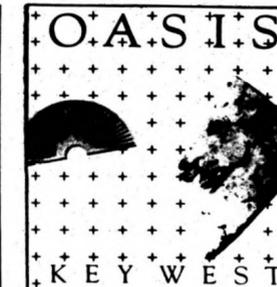


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Beaches

Key West Beaches are not extensive, and they tend to be a bit rocky.

The coral reef that surrounds the island keeps the waves from crashing against the shore, so the water is relatively quiet.

The beaches are great for picnics, and barbecue grills are provided.

Catamarans, windsurfing boards, and other small craft can be rented.

One of the most popular gay areas is officially known as Higgs Memorial Beach; it is located at the end of Reynolds Street, next to the Casa Marina.

You'll know you are in the right place when you see the "notorious pier" that extends out into the water - it's always swimming with men.

Check out the newly opened beach at Ft. Zachary Taylor.



Shopping

Mallory Square, Duval and surrounding streets offer an amazing array of trendy shops, stores, and art galleries.

Many young, talented fashion and jewelry designers live, work, and sell their wares here.

Key West is considered to be one of the most sophisticated small towns in the world

and a shoppers utopia for tastes that run from the ultra sophisticated to downright funky.

Unusual and artistic t-shirts, often hand-painted, are available at every turn.

Whether you're looking for trinkets, clothes, fine jewelry, art or gifts - you'll find it all!



Weather

Key West is protected from the harshness of the seas by the only living coral reef in North America.

Just beyond the reef is the Gulf Stream.

this current brings with it hundreds of varieties of fish, and a warm, tropical climate. The average year-round temperature is 77.6 degrees.

The average annual rainfall is 39.9 inches.

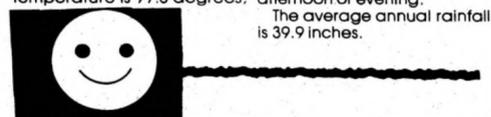
varying from 69.9 in January to 83.3 in July.

The sun shines brightly nearly every day of the year.

In summer, Key West days are much cooler than the Florida mainland, and in winter they are much warmer.

Summer is the rainy season, with bright days and short tropical showers in the afternoon or evening.

The average annual rainfall is 39.9 inches.



Food/Restaurants

Culinary specialists of world renown share their wealth of delectable skills with your palate.

Seafood Never tasted better. Cuban style, Creole style, whatever style.

Local delicacies a la conch - fritters and chowder - are a must.

And one mustn't forget the ever-famous Key Lime Pie!

You coffee lovers must try a cup of dark, rich Cuban espresso (bucci), or for something a little bit milder,

cafe con leche (bucci with scalded milk).

It's available all around town.

A cool mimosa (champagne, cointreau and orange juice) never tasted better than in one of the many Key West tropical, garden cafes.

Of all the joys offered visitors to Key West, the abundance of fresh seafood and the wealth of good restaurants have to rank right on the top.

Key West ranks fifteenth among the top sixty seafood ports in the United States. The three main catches are

Tortuga shrimp, spiny lobster, and stone crab.

For fish lovers there are six kinds of snapper and eight kinds of grouper to provide that delicate, white meat, not to mention trout, snook, hogfish, dolphin, wahoo, tuna and the ever popular grunt.

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A flight over the Keys is quite breathtaking, especially in some of the smaller aircraft that service Key West from Miami.

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Two have jet service. By car, it's a 3 and one-half hour drive from Miami to Key West.

By bus, it's five hours. You may stop anytime, any-

where along the Keys, venture into the many gift shops, and stop for a large basket of fried shrimp when you refuel.

You'll enjoy scenic views of palms, sand, and the ocean.

None are as spectacular as driving into Key West just as the sun is setting except maybe driving across the magnificent Seven Mile Bridge at night during a full moon, the moonlight reflecting off of the calm Atlantic on one side, the Gulf of Mexico on the other.

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The Russian River Valley is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty and offers a variety of things to do.

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The Lodge is the focal point of our 18 acres of beautifully landscaped meadows and creeks.

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Our weekend brunches, served outdoors on the deck or inside by the fireplace, have become a local tradition.

During the week, both breakfast and lunch are available.

Each night, Fife's dinner menu offers a wide variety of specially prepared entrees highlighted by fresh seafood and veal dishes.

The wine list includes many of Napa and Sonoma Counties' best offerings, as well as a fine European selection.

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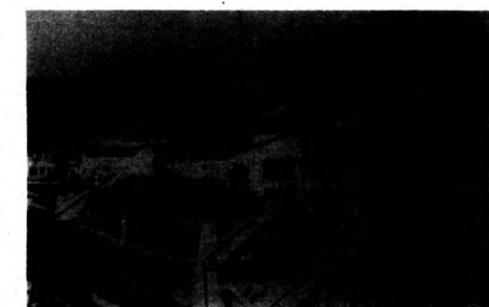
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They will be showing video highlights of last February's cruise and will be available to answer questions about next

year's cruises. All attendees will be able to register for a drawing to win a free cruise, as well as other door prizes.

For more information about the party or the 1987 cruises, call or visit Now, Voyager Travel, 4406 18th Street, San Francisco. (415) 626-1169.



National Freedom Boycotts

Reno, Nev. There is a need for the lesbian and gay community to know about individual acts of discrimination and harassment.

Everyone is telling us that after the recent Supreme Court decision on the Georgia sodomy case, it could take us 40 to 60 years to overcome the damage to our civil rights.

The Justice Department ruling, a week or so before that of the Supreme Court, has helped to remove what rights we did have.

In fact, the ruling asks that employers only need to establish "fear in the workplace" as grounds for firing a gay person.

This does not leave out lesbians because the employees or the employer need only "fear" that one could transmit AIDS or otherwise cause harm to fellow

workers. This fact alone, that "fear" exists is cause for termination.

The social and political climate being what it is and discrimination against lesbians and gay men growing in acceptance, bring into focus the area of economics in which we might take a strong stand.

Our goal is to develop an effective support base to apply, through letters, telephone calls and outright boycotts, economic pressure on companies, organizations and individuals who discriminate.

All information collected will be computer edited and passed on to members and organizations in the lesbian and gay community.

A "HotLine" has been established in Reno at (702) 329-5496. Reports and requests for investigation may be forwarded to National Freedom Boycotts, 350 Center, No. 350, Reno, NV 89501.

"Already, we have calls about discrimination in the Reno area," said Fred Schoonmaker.

"One involves a soft drink company and the other a large casino. We will contact the public relations departments of these companies and their parent companies, and make reports to the lesbian and gay community nationwide," stated Mr. Schoonmaker, "the use of economic sanctions to gain our civil rights is a timely idea."

Planning conference called

Minneapolis. Lesbian and gay leaders in Minneapolis-Saint Paul have called for a national conference of grassroots lesbian and gay leadership "to organize and develop leadership at the grassroots level for dramatic and sustained action in months and years ahead."

The conference is planned to "enable joint action in areas where there is broad agreement as to priority and strategy through an identified and empowered leadership network."

The Conference, entitled "Forward in Unity: Charting the Course," will be held October 24-26 in the Twin Cities.

Organizers said the conference agenda would include recognized national leaders as keynoters and as "inspirational speakers" at a closing celebration brunch.

The conference plan also calls for a "unique process" of alternating small group and plenary discussion to determine shared priorities for action.

Participants will also be able to choose from among about a dozen workshops emphasizing personal, political and pragmatic concerns of lesbian and gay leaders.

Announced workshop topics include: Building Coalitions; Internal and Spiritual Resources for the Struggle; The Right To Privacy; Building the Community Response to AIDS; and Recognizing and Addressing Internalized Homophobia in Our Organizations; Leadership for a New Age; and Can Activists also be Friends and Lovers?

Co-coordinator Emma Hixson described the event as "an im-

portant resource for both emerging and experienced leadership."

She said, "Without discounting the importance of actions and ideas originating on the East or West coasts, most of the gay men and lesbians in this country live somewhere between the two coasts."

"We think this conference offers us a particular opportunity to be heard, to share ideas with one another, to interact with national leaders and to participate in strengthening our movement."

"We see this meeting as a catalytic event in the development of our movement."

"When we began meeting in May," commented co-coordinator Morris Floyd, "we viewed this event as a time when we could come together to build an agenda and, in the context of that agenda, decide whether another March on Washington would serve our movement well at this time."

In mid-July, however, an "initiating meeting was held in New York City to begin planning for a march," commented Floyd.

Along with openly gay Minneapolis City Councilmember Brian Coyle, Floyd attended the New York meeting.

"I don't dispute the need for a March, but I was disappointed by the group's failure to understand the necessity of broad consultation prior to the decision."

He noted that fewer than a third of those at the July meeting were from outside the greater New York area.

Floyd stated that the "Forward in Unity" conference might well

provide a broad base of support for the national march, "but even more importantly, it will be a start at planning for the long term follow up that will be necessary to consolidate whatever gains may result from the March on Washington."

Coyle underlined the importance of both the march and the conference.

"The AIDS crisis and the recent Supreme Court decision confront us with a real challenge."

"It's of vital importance not only to plan action at our legislatures and in Washington, D.C., but also to develop a variety of tactics and new leadership to reinvigorate our movement."

Emma Hixson added, "We hope that this conference will be as broadly reflective of the lesbian and gay communities as it can be."

"We are committed to full participation by women and by people of color, and we are working to keep costs at a level that will not be a barrier."

Complete details of the event will be available by Labor Day, organizers said.

Those wishing to receive information as soon as it becomes available should send their names and addresses to Morris Floyd or Emma Hixson, P.O. Box 300171, Minneapolis, MN 55403-3171.

LaRouche Initiative: what it means to you!

The Facts

Transmission of AIDS

According to all information from reputable medical sources, AIDS is not highly contagious or spread by casual contact.

This virus is most easily transmitted person to person through the direct exchange of bodily fluids, primarily blood and semen.

The AIDS virus is transmitted through anal or vaginal intercourse, the sharing of intravenous needles, blood transfusions and possibly by oral sex involving semen.

At Risk Groups

Anyone can get AIDS - it's not a discriminatory disease.

But because of certain sexual practices common to some groups, some are at higher risk than others.

Currently, those at high risk include:

Bisexual or homosexual men

Users of intravenous drugs who share needles

Heterosexual men and women with multiple partners, or whose sexual partners fall into one of the previous categories

Hemophiliacs and others requiring frequent blood transfusions

Children born to mothers carrying the HTLV-III virus

The Initiative

The LaRouche Initiative will make the following requirements law, if passed, and possibly have the following effects:

Requires: Reporting Suspected Carriers Persons with or suspected of having or carrying AIDS must be reported to local health authorities. Existing confidentiality protections would be superseded and public health officials might be required to investigate each person.

Possible Consequences:

1. Increased spread of the virus because people will fear seeking medical care.
2. Discrimination without medical justification
3. Interference with meaningful efforts to control the spread of AIDS

Requires: Dismissal of Food Service Workers Even though AIDS is not transmitted by handling food, cooks, waiters, flight

attendants, and possibly bartenders will be prevented from working if they are even suspected of being HTLV-III carriers or of having AIDS.

Possible Consequences:

1. *Huge financial losses to individuals through lost wages, and to employers through the loss of valued employees and unemployment costs.*

Requires: Dismissal of Teachers and Barring of Students Exclusion from school will probably be required for students and staff who are HTLV-III carriers or have AIDS, or who even reside with such a person.

Possible Consequences:

1. *Emotional trauma suffered by students of any age as a result of being isolated from their peers.*

Requires: Travel Restrictions Travel restrictions may be imposed by law enforcement or public health officials against HTLV-III carriers or persons with AIDS.

Requires: Utilization of Quarantine and Isolation Quarantine and isolation procedures might be more readily used by law enforcement and public health officials to confine HTLV-III carriers or persons with AIDS.

Possible Consequences:

1. *Enormous expense for new government reporting and monitoring bureaucracies. Also applying to the reporting of suspected carriers.*

What Can You Do?

Find out how you can join a campaign against Proposition 64 in your area. Locally, in Santa Clara County, you can contact the BAYMEC-Stop LaRouche committee at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126.

Speak Out!

Make copies of this article and send it to family and friends. Talk with others.

Register & VOTE!

The last day to register to vote in the November election is 30 days prior to the election. If you have moved since last voting, you must re-register. Registration forms are available at the Our Paper office, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose.

Parent's Forum

A forum on "Your Child and AIDS," sponsored by the AIDS Project of the East Bay, will take place on September 25, 7-9:30 pm, at the West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Avenue in Berkeley.

Issues to be addressed will include: what AIDS is and how it is transmitted; guidelines for children in the schools; talking about AIDS with your children; implications of the LaRouche Initiative (Prop 64); how families are dealing with a child who has AIDS; foster care and other childcare issues; and parenting issues for lesbian and gay parents.

"Parents need to be able to talk with their children about AIDS and give them an opportunity to ask their questions at home," says Cheri Pies, and Oakland health educator and one of the panelists.

"We want to prepare parents

for responding to their children's concerns and identifying their own fears and misconceptions."

The forum will address concerns of future parents as well.

Women who are considering becoming pregnant and think they may be at risk for AIDS should talk with a health care worker or doctor who is knowledgeable about AIDS, says Dupree, since babies can become infected with AIDS in the womb if the mother has been exposed to the virus.

Through professional staff and trained volunteers, the AIDS Project of the East Bay provides educational services through outreach to health care workers and the community at large to sensitize institutions and educate the public about AIDS.

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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-Completion is the key word now. Something is ready and needs to be finished. The process can be difficult or delightful, depending on your attitude. Something new is about to begin, and in order for it to happen, something else must end.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)-Now that you and your partner have worked so hard to make things right between you, you can enjoy the reward of going out to play together. Gambling could be in the picture. How about a day at the races?

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-Recent money concerns seem to have faded from importance. A person or an event does or says something that turns one of your basic beliefs around. While the eventual result of this could be wonderful, you may feel dazed for a while.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-Combative is not a word one would usually apply to a Cancer. But something that started last week has not abated and your usual calm approach is simply not appropriate or effective. A fellow water sign (Scorpio or Pisces) could help with this.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-Your mind is flooded with the past. The emotional experiences that you've been going through have set you on a sea of things forgotten. Waves of past experience wash over you, taking you to old shores. Enjoy the voyage.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Are you someone who has the opportunity to talk with children? If so, you can both enjoy and earn a lot from the experience. Their unfiltered honesty and clear perception can be truly inspirational.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-You are the hostess par excellence. Bringing people together for everyone's enjoyment is what you can do extremely well now. An important conversation at such a gala could bring delightful, unexpected results.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-You're so involved in a big decision making process that you've out everything else on hold. By the 24th everything should be clear. What is done will be done and you'll be feeling fine. How about a candlelight dinner at home to celebrate?

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-Recent advertisements for yourself are paying off. Business conversations are highlighted now. Make extra attempts to understand exactly what your associate's needs and positions are. You'll be gathering a lot of valuable information.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-There's a man that you know that you're going to get to know a lot better. Things click between the two of you as they never have before. You'll be communicating at a very deep level of understanding.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-Recent health or energy problems clear up; possibly as a result of this you're feeling mighty sexy. You and your partner may try something new. Fantasy could make you both feel fantastic.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-You won't need a flirt or even bat an eyelash to get what you want. Your special Piscean dynamic is unmistakable to anyone who sees you. And since you're feeling so social, you'll be seen a lot. Enjoy the attention.

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Governor's veto will cost lives and dollars!

Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) issued the following statement on the Governor's veto of AB 3667, a bill dealing with the AIDS public health crisis and patient care needs:

"Once again the Governor has reflected his extraordinary and incomprehensible isolation from the world that requires his attention.

"Ab 3667 represented the finest consensus and broadest coalition yet created in our state's battle against the AIDS epidemic.

"Obviously, it is a battle being fought without him.

"There is no mystery about AIDS discrimination - it kills and maims alongside with the virus itself by causing people to avoid medical treatment because of fear.

"But while the disease itself has no known cure, the epidemic of fear and discrimination is one we can conquer today.

"That was why this bill had the support of every major medical organization in the state, including the California Medical Association, California Nurses Association, California Hospital Association, the American Red Cross, and the Health Officers Association.

"It is also why this bill was supported by the California Manufacturers Association, which asked the Governor to sign this bill to combat hysteria and make a clear statement to employers and employees.

"AB 3667 was also endorsed by the Most Rev. Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Rabbi Allan Freehling, President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, and the Rt. Rev. Oliver B. Garver, Jr. Acting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, as well as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"No AIDS legislation ever passed anywhere in the nation enjoyed such universal support from such distinguished and diverse medical, religious and business organizations.

"But the Governor rejected this consensus and has issued an hysterical invitation to discrimination.

"He has rejected the advice of every medical organization and official in the state - including his own Director of Health Services - who told him in no uncertain terms that AIDS discrimination is raising the AIDS death toll in our state, and will also end up in increased Medi-Cal costing hundreds of millions of dollars to California taxpayers.

"His total lack of comment on whether AIDS discrimination is acceptable to him as a policy in our state now speaks louder and destroys all the work his own Department of Health Services has done, as well as those who joined so strongly with us on this legislation.

"This kind of leadership is unbecoming of the Governor of California and clearly has placed him in an extremist position.

"He now stands alone

with the Committee on Moral Concerns, our state's Moral Majority outlet, and with those Lyndon LaRouche followers who are inciting panic over this crisis.

"The best the Governor can manage is to say that this issue ought to remain 'flexible.'

Since AB 3667 maintained all the protection of expert medical safeguards, the only "flexibility" the Governor has added is the "flexibility" to discriminate and drag the dying people through the courts for the next decade.

"Those facing discrimination will die before their case is heard, and meanwhile their medical costs will be picked up by the taxpayer each time a person is fired.

"It is ironic that Governor Deukmejian has consistently recalled the image of former Governor Jerry Brown as being indecisive and flip flopping in the midst of various crises that face the Governor of a state as big as ours.

"No matter how great Jerry Brown's worst indecisiveness of five years ago, it never cost a single Californian their life or threatened the lives of thousands of innocent people, as does Governor Deukmejian's own record on AIDS.

As Governor Deukmejian seeks his place in California history, this veto along with other similar cruel blows to our state's AIDS programs, in the face of overwhelmingly conclusive medical fact, and the accumulation of lost human lives, will become the scourge of his political career.

"As his political advisors penetrate his isolation to make him aware of its effect on his career, I predict that within 60 days, just before the end of the campaign, he will announce his opposition to the LaRouche initiative and then claim that he is a leader.

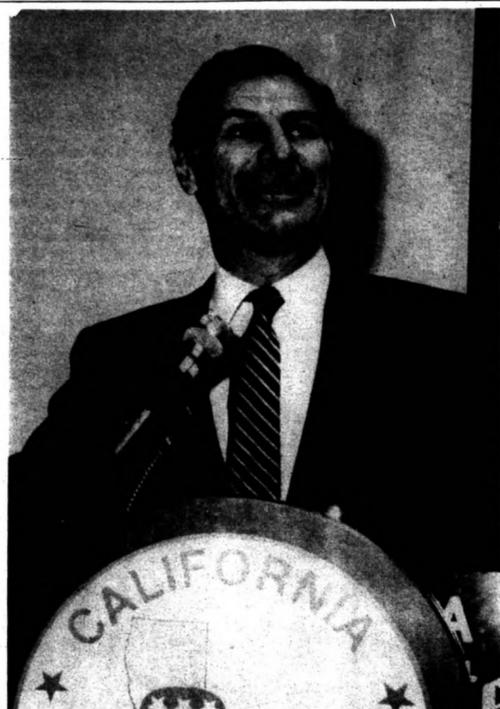
"This time the Governor's action endangers not just the rights but the lives of all Californians.

"His own Department of Health Services indicates that the state cannot identify as many as twenty percent of those with AIDS, and that by far those most likely not to confront a possible AIDS diagnosis are married men in heterosexual relationships.

"Tragically, the AIDS crisis, which has killed 2,600 people in our state and 13,000 in our nation, is going to continue and will be increased by the epidemic of fear which the Governor's action sets in place in our state.

"One man stands responsible for rejecting the public health needs of all the citizens of our state, one man stands responsible for the mismanagement of the biggest health crisis our state has faced in modern times, and that is Governor Deukmejian.

"My heart goes out to all Californians who are sick... who will become sick... and to their families and loved ones in this dark hour for our great state.



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