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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church holds candlelight service for AIDS



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by Ted Sahl

St. Andrews Episcopal church in Saratoga responded to the AIDS epidemic with love, compassion, and understanding with a special candlelight prayer service.

Organized by David Query, the secretary of The Imperial AIDS Foundation, the special service was mandated by the Triennial Convention of the Episcopal church last fall. The presiding Bishop Edmond Browning has called on the

entire church to keep Sunday, November 9th as a day of prayer, reconciliation and healing for AIDS.

According to Query, "This was a gathering of faith of different backgrounds and of different religious beliefs who answered the call that Edmond Browning, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church sent out.

Query said, "Tonight we remember those who have AIDS or ARC, also we remember those who have died and most especially we remember those groups, organizations and individuals who minister to people with AIDS.

Query described the service a "very giving and hopeful service of light."

When asked what the official position of the Episcopal Church on homosexuality and the receiving of the sacrament is, Query replied:

"I am not an official spokesman for the Episcopal Church, so I can't really say."

However, Query did say, "The Church welcomes all baptized Christians to share in the table of the word, to share in the sacrament here.

"We pray constantly for all of



Photo by Ted Sahl

the churches who are dealing with AIDS, and with gay issues perse."

Query added, "You have to remember in the Episcopal Church it is no longer a means of barring anyone from ordination just because they happen to be homosexual or lesbian.

"Also, we pray and stand out in prayer for all those churches who do in fact denounce gay

people.

"We are becoming a more vocal presence in the community, rather than letting christianity be represented solely by the 'Vocal Minority' especially here, in Santa Clara Valley.

"I'm grateful to the entire parish of Saint Andrews, especially Father Roy W. Strasburger who is the rector of Saint Andrews.

Politics 1986

by Ted Sahl

There were so many battles going on throughout California. . . we saw a dramatic shift from the traditional debate kind of politics where you could watch your candidate on the "idiot box" along with his/her oppo-

nent to commercials about who they had or had not every supported.

Politics in '86 ushered in what I'm going to label the "Black Era" of no accountability: it used to be that the candidate would stand outside of throwing distance, politely insult each



Photo by Ted Sahl

Up with people and down with LaRouche



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(l-r) Paul Wysocki, Wiggys Sivertsen, and Ken Yeager from BAYMEC's No On 64/Stop laRouche Committee on Election night at the De Frank Center.

other and twist information around to suit themselves and hopefully convince the uninformed, illinformed and misinformed American public that they were looking at the man/woman with the "right stuff."

Enter: the new era of black mug slinging attacks by the governor's race. . . the comical, but bitter fight for the U.S. Senate seat that is still being written about between Cranston and his opponent who described himself as "A Zschou Far."

I must confess the Curb - McCarthy race for Lt. Governor sort of surprised me; but I guess when you want to the "BOSS" anything goes, even "Porno mud."

At the Gay/Lesbian

Community Center it looked good right from the beginning for the defeat of the LaRouche Initiative.

A good crowd added to the excitement of the evening as they cheered their favorite candidates (the good guys) and booed the opponents (the bad guys) with gusto.

Sheriff Winter being opposed by Asst. Chief of Police Stan Horton got boos.

Gays were forgiving of Horton's (in)famous remark about Melvin Truss who was shot by and SJPD officer who alleged the youth was a "transvite."

Horton apologized to High Tech Gays at their last meeting prior to the election. Whew!

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just in time.
 I have to admit that the Zschou - Cranston race was too close for comfort. . . add to that, the take over of the senate by the Democrats, who looked like "Freedom Fighters" for one night. sorry about that Gipper.

Of course who could not like Gray Davis!

I remember him in the "front line march" the day eavs and

cheers in his fight with Tom Legan.

If we can say that politics in 1986 can be remembered for one race, of course it must be the ousting of justices Rose Bird, Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin.

A death like silence came over the gays and lesbians when Rose Bird appeared on TV to concede to the vicious, distorted facts charged against her and her colleagues by the powerful special interest groups of the right wing.



Photo by Ted Sahl

lesbians marched on Sacramento for AB 1 - in the pouring rain no less.

Another favorite of the gays was Van de Kamp running against Bruce Gleason (never heard of him).

Many were close to tears as she denounced those groups who along with powerful political figures now in office wishing to control the decisions of the higher court for their own purposes, caused what she cal-

The most expensive campaign(s) ever were built on distortions in the various mud slinging contests.

You don't need love - all you need is money.

For my last political word for

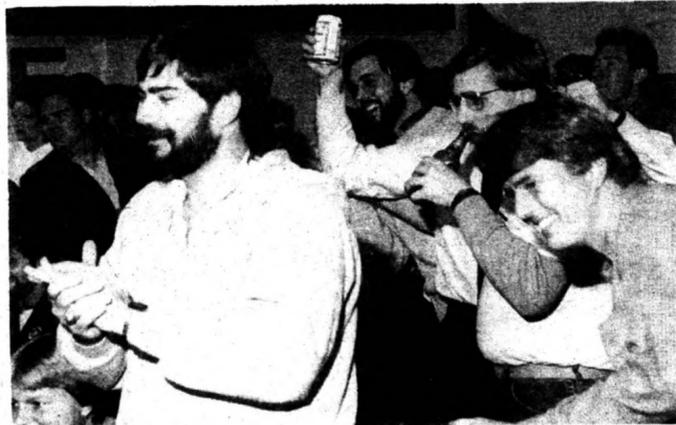


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The night wore on. . . inbetween coke and pretzels. Another big favorite was Dan McCorquodale, who got lots of

led "a black day of death." For a lighter moment - what about the Mansion Hotel in San Francisco where voting booths

1986, Joseph P. Kennedy winning the former congressional seat "owned" by Thomas (Tip) O'Neill. "Here we go again folks!" You should've been there.

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LETTERS

Congratulations

Dear Friends

Congratulations to California's lesbian and gay community for their work in smashing Proposition 64, the LaRouche Initiative that could have meant mandatory testing and quarantine of AIDS "suspects." The campaign to defeat Prop 64 holds two lessons for the nation's lesbian and gay communities. First, in addition to being a medical reality, AIDS is also a

political crisis.

The Radical Right does not miss the point - our failure to do so would be tragic.

And second, as with the defeat of the anti-gay Briggs Initiative eight years ago, California's gay and lesbian community has demonstrated that only a high profile, grassroots, coalition effort can win and defend our rights.

Accommodations and depending exclusively on our "liberal friends" have always been politically stupid approaches - now they are literally lethal.

As history reviews the gay movement the question may be asked of all of us, "What did you do during the epidemic and the witchhunt that followed?"

Thanks to the dedication and work of those who defeated Prop 64 in California, more of us are likely to be around to answer that question.

Again, congratulations and thank you to California's lesbian and gay community.

Yours Truly,
David Scordras
Boston, MA

Kentucky Sodomy Law found unconstitutional

A county judge in Lexington, Kentucky, has ruled that Kentucky's criminal sodomy statute is unconstitutional.

Fayette District Judge Lewis Paisley held that the statute, which makes it illegal for individuals of the same sex to engage in either oral or anal sex, violated Kentuckians' right to privacy under the state's constitution.

Ernesto Scorsone, ACLU cooperating attorney and lead counsel for defendant Jeffrey Wasson, stated that the ruling was a victory for all Kentucky citizens.

"Judge Paisley's ruling recognized Kentucky's rich tradition of protecting individuals' right to privacy.

Kentucky's court system has steadfastly defended an individual's rights and protections within the home," Scorsone

said.

"This is the first state court ruling striking down a sodomy law since the Supreme Court's regressive decision in the Georgia case," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the national ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"We appreciate the courage that was required for a Kentucky state judge to apply the law of privacy in such a principled way."

The charges against Wasson were the result of an undercover investigation in downtown Lexington, conducted by police detectives who were wired for sound.

The undercover detectives positioned themselves in a parking lot and engaged in conversation with people in the area.

After extended conversations, some officers were invited home by unsuspecting gay men.

In Jeffrey Wasson's case, as in the other cases, there was never an attempt or suggestion to commit a sex act in public.

All individuals involved were adults and there were no offers or requests for money.

All invitations were to take the undercover officers home.

In declaring the Kentucky statute invalid, Judge Paisley considered the June, 1986 decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Bowers vs. Hardwick*.

Judge Paisley noted that in *Bowers*, the Supreme Court scrutinized a Georgia sodomy law in light of the U.S. constitutional protections of a right to privacy.

As the Kentucky judge correctly pointed out, "Judicial construction of the Federal Constitution in no way limits the rights and protections of the State Constitution."

The judge went on to state that, "The authority cited by the Defendant indicates that the right to privacy under the Ken-

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tucky Constitution is broader than that provided by the Federal Constitution."

As a result of this ruling, the charge against Jeffrey Wasson was dismissed, along with the charges against four other individuals charged under the same statute.

It is unlikely that the matter will end at the District court

level. The prosecutors have indicated their desire to appeal the new ruling.

A District court's ruling does not bind the entire judicial system in Kentucky.

If the case is appealed, however, the ruling by the higher courts will be binding throughout the state.

Unlawful use of HIV antibody test by insurer

A complaint with the State of New Jersey Department of Insurance charging a life insurance company with unfair discrimination against gay men has been filed by Lambda Legal Defense.

The company requires gay men to submit to a specialized test as a prerequisite to issuing insurance coverage.

The test helps to identify antibodies to the AIDS virus, called HIV.

The complaint was filed on behalf of Mr. Laird Ehlert, a Jersey City resident, who was asked to take the HIV test by a fraternal benefit association, Aid Association for Lutherans.

Mr. Ehlert sought to exercise a conversion privilege on life insurance issued to him by the association.

But upon filing an application form which indicated he was a gay man, Mr. Ehlert was advised that the Association would not further consider his application unless he submitted to certain tests.

These tests included the HIV antibody blood test.

Ehlert's application and his medical records which accompanied it did not contain any indication that Mr. Ehlert is ill, has AIDS, or that he has any symptoms of AIDS or ARC.

In addition, Mr. Ehlert has never had any history of sexually transmitted diseases.

"The insurer's action is an unfair practice prohibited by state law and is contrary to the policy embodied in guidelines adopted earlier this year by the New Jersey Insurance Commissioner," states Lambda's Legal Director, Abby R. Rubinfeld.

The policy, issued in April, sets guidelines for insurance underwriting in connection with AIDS-related conditions and is intended to prohibit the use of the test for discriminatory purposes.

The guidelines prohibit the use of the test to screen group health insurance applicants, and restrict its use in connection with individual health insurance applications to instances in

which the applicant has a medical condition associated with AIDS or ARC.

Says Thomas B. Stoddard, Lambda's Executive Director, "If insurers can require this test, a large group of New Jersey residents - both heterosexual and homosexual - will be unfairly denied insurance."

"Indeed, any single man suspected of being gay and who declines to take the test may become uninsurable."

Lambda has asked the Insurance Department to hold hearings regarding similar practices by the association and other insurers, and to strengthen policy guidelines prohibiting such practices.

The guidelines already recognize that life insurers may not use blood tests in a discrimina-

tory manner, and that blood testing may not be required solely on the basis of information concerning an individual's lifestyle.

The HIV antibody test is primarily designed to screen donated blood.

It is widely accepted in the scientific community that the test is not a diagnostic test.

"We have had an increasing number of complaints from all over the country that insurance companies are unfairly discriminating against gay men," states Rubinfeld.

"The New Jersey Insurance Department has recognized the potential unfairness in broad use of the test."

"We urge them to begin investigations and hearings on the matter at once."



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Theatre Review



Hello Dolly! unready

by Rick Rudy

Jerry Herman's musical *Hello Dolly!* opened November 14 at the Saratoga Civic Light Opera Theatre, but the case of this production by the West Valley Light Opera was far from ready for opening night.

From an orchestra out of tune and sync, to actors stumbling over their lines and lyrics, to finales which ended so mysteriously that the audience didn't know when to applaud, this show seems to be in serious need of rehearsal.

This is the story of Dolly Levi, matchmaker, who is determined to marry herself to Horace Vandergelder, the famous half-millionaire from Yonkers, NY.

As she maneuvers her way, three other couples fall in love and into various adventures.

The show was a vehicle for Carol Channing on Broadway and here have Katie Hassett in the title role.

Hassett has a charm and warmth which could make the show a hit, but she seemed so ill prepared for opening night that it was constant anguish to watch.

Her opening song, "I Put My Hand In" was mechanical, and even "Hello Dolly" the hit number of the show was stiff and tense.

Doug Baird, however is a marvelous Horace Vandergelder, grumbling over money and constantly dismayed by the ladies he is supposed to be interviewing for marriage.

Vandergelder's clerks Cornelius and Barnaby are a mixed blessing.

Cornelius, played by Bill Heiser, is the love interest, but Heiser has trouble singing on pitch and overacts everywhere.

Barnaby, played by Joe Fincher is the buffoon role, which Fincher takes full advantage of, to our delight.

Heidi Casper is Mrs. Molloy the milliner who hates hats and

wants a night out on the town. Casper is fun in the dialogue scenes, but cannot keep in tune for her "Ribbons Down My Back" ballad.

Barbara Cowie, though, is a delightful Minnie, the milliner's assistant who falls for Barnaby. Christine Calcagno is a shrewish Ermengarde, Vande.gelder's daughter, constantly shrieking.

Brian Mahoney is long suffering as Ermengarde's artist boyfriend Ambrose, but dances up a storm.

The choreography by Barbara Valente is bland, except for the

No new twists in this Oliver

by Rick Rudy

Lionel Bart's 1963 musical *Oliver!* an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, is the season opener at the San Jose Civic Light Opera.

But despite the big cast and lavish set, it is a rather dull rendering of a show which tends towards dullness.

Oliver Twist is a little boy in London in 1850, who is sold from the orphan's workhouse to an undertaker, whence he escapes into the hands of Fagin, king of the pickpockets.

On his first excursion out to try his new skill, he is caught and taken to the home of a wealthy gentleman (who turns out to be his long lost grandfather).

Amidst various adventures, he ends up happily ever after.

The large set features a turntable which seems always in motion and often upstages the performers.

And with a few notable exceptions, that's ok.

Beth McVey plays Nancy, one of Fagin's girls who takes Oliver under her wing despite the obvious dangers in doing so.

McVey is easily the hit of the evening, bringing down the

use of roller skates on the waiters during their "Waiter's Gallop."

Only one waiter managed to do any acrobatics; the number could have used a lot more.

The sets by George Costa are the most inventive part of the show.

Huge letters spelling "Hello" and "Dolly" open up to form all the set pieces.

This is a wonderful and most delightful approach.

The direction by Lee Garay Toney, outside of the use of these set pieces, is pedestrian.

The orchestra, under the baton of Philip Garay, is disjointed and has a hard time staying together with the singers.

But community theatre often has trouble getting it all together for opening night, and it is likely that the show will overcome many of these defects as the run progresses, weekends through December 13.

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house with her moving and "As Long As He Needs Me."

She has a fine voice, impeccable diction, and a wonderful sensitivity which glows.

John Wylie is Fagin without the necessary weasel like qualities.

He is impish but timid, and displays an uncomfortable fey mannerism which seems to imply that he is more interested in his young boys than their loot.

His one fine moment is his solo "Reviewing the Situation."

Mr. Bumble and Mrs. Corney, Michael Cone and Tammy Nelson, are fun as the comic relief characters, though Cone hasn't the vocal range for his solo "Boy For Sale."

T.J. Espinoza is a cute and acceptable Oliver but without any special charisma.

He even keeps quite close to the right notes in his songs.

Gary S. Martinez is fine as the undertaker Mr. Sowerberry, and tussy as Dr. Grimwig in act two.

But Jeff Bryant is a lackluster Artful Digger, and Ron Hogan a wooden and totally unconvincing Bill Sykes, the "terror of London."

None of the big production numbers have much life, though some, like "Consider Yourself," have lovely tableaux.

The "Pick a Pocket or Two"

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The Palo Alto Players: will be holding auditions for the warm and humorous *The Octette Bridge Club* on Sunday, December 7 and Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. *The Octette Bridge Club* is a delightful, funny and moving glimpse at the eight Donovan sisters who, on alternate Fridays, from 1931 to 1944 meet to share an evening of bridge, gossip and gibes. Roles are available for eight females from the ages of 35 to 65 and one male age 25 to 35. Piano playing females are encouraged to audition.

In-Synch Projects: presents a program of half hour documentaries: *The Flapper Story* by Lauren Lazin; *Silver into Gold* by Lynn Mueller; *Sanctuary: A Question of Conscience* by Wynn Hausser and *Living With AIDS* by Tina DiFeliciano at the New Varsity, 456 University Ave., Palo Alto on Thursday, December 4th. **In-Synch Projects** is the brainchild of four Bay Area filmmakers: Nancy Brink, Tina DiFeliciano, Wynn Hausser and Lynn Mueller. The four met while students in Stanford University's award winning graduate film program. They are committed to producing and promoting films which educate, increase awareness of important issues and can serve as organizing, fundraising tools for related organizations. "The Flapper Story" takes a provocative look at the proclaimed "New Woman" ideal of America's Roaring Twenties. San Francisco's marathon-running nun Marion Irvine and Master's swimming champion Gail Roper both 55, are portrayed in the film *Silver into Gold*. *Sanctuary: A Question of Conscience* is a testimonial to the motivations of four who have responded to the needs of Central American refugees through involvement in the Sanctuary Movement. *Living With AIDS* tells the compelling story of Todd, a young man with AIDS, and the five people who provided him with practical and emotional support. For more information on these films, contact Tina DiFeliciano at 415 / 282-2409.

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Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus: presents a program "Let the Holidays Be Gay" on December 5th and 6th. The program will take place in the Unitarian Church of San Jose at 160 North Third St. The tickets are priced \$3.50 for Friday and \$5.00 for Saturday. There will be a no-host reception on Saturday following the program for the chorus and the audience. The Saturday event will benefit ARIS. Tickets are available at the door.

International Ms Leather Contest: The S.F. based "MST Enterprises" has announced it's association with "Up Your Alley Productions" to present **BLACK ELEGANCE**, a benefit for "The First Annual International Ms Leather Contest." Held on Wednesday, December 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 3749 17th St., San Francisco a donation of \$15. will be requested at the door. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The contest was created by a group of concerned individuals in the Leather Community to enhance a positive image of women in the Leather Lifestyle. The contest itself will be held Saturday, March 21, 1987. All proceeds from this event will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home Hospice, AIDS Alternative Health Project, AWARE, and Women's AIDS Network.

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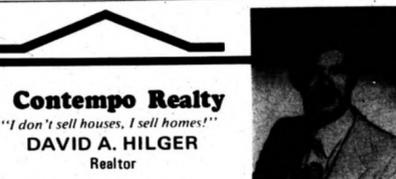
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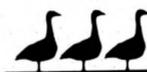
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Affirmation sets triple focus for outreach and advocacy

Washington, D.C.-Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns is committing itself to an expanded, three-prong focus in its work in the lesbian/gay community and in the United Methodist Church.

The organization has decided to increase its regional and local organizing efforts across the United States; to begin concentrated work preparing for the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church; and to strengthen the Reconciling Congregation Program, through which local United Methodist churches publicly affirm their commitment to inclusive ministries with all persons, including lesbians and gay men.

Affirmation made these commitments at its annual fall national meeting, held here September 19-21.

Affirmation groups have been growing rapidly in cities and rural areas across the United States.

In the last 18 months, the number of Affirmation groups has tripled, from 7 to 21.

Six additional areas were selected at the Washington meeting as priorities for organizing in the coming months.

In addition, a special networking conference was planned for Kansas City in early March 1987.

At that meeting, participants will work to build contacts among lesbians and gay men and with other United Methodists in the central United States.

Special emphasis will be put on developing a stronger Affirmation presence in Missouri, Kansas, southern and central Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska.

A special committee was set up to begin planning Affirma-

tion's involvement at the United Methodist Church's next General Conference, or denominational congress, to be held in St. Louis in April 1988.

The committee will work to develop proposals calling for ways in which the denomination can be more inclusive in its ministries, especially with lesbians and gay men, and can better serve the needs of persons with AIDS, their friends, and family.

The committee will also plan challenges to existing policies of the denomination - including the church's ban on ordaining or appointing clergy who are "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals"; its denial of denominational funds to organizations that "promote the acceptance of homosexuality"; and the statement in its Social Principles that "the practice of homosexuality (is) incompatible with Christian teaching."

Finally, Affirmation made plans for a consultative gathering of representatives of United Methodist Churches that have joined the Reconciling Congregation Program.

The gathering, to take place in late March 1987 in San Francisco, will discuss future directions of the program and ways to strengthen local-church ministries with lesbians and gay men.

Since the program's inauguration by Affirmation in April 1984, 16 United Methodist churches across the United States have become Reconciling Congregations, and several others currently are working toward joining the program.

Four of the denomination's annual conferences have passed resolutions commending the Reconciling Congregation Program to their local churches, and earlier this year the northern Illinois Annual Conference, which includes the Chicago area, specifically declared itself a "Reconciling Conference."

Affirmation's membership includes lesbians and gay men, bisexuals, and heterosexuals who affirm the inclusive presence of all persons, regardless of affectional/sexual orientation, in the United Methodist Church.

It serves both as a personal support network for lesbian and gay United Methodists and as a center for advocacy and information in the United Methodist Church.

The Fourth Annual Mayor's Ball

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NGRA takes action against insurers in 11 states

San Francisco-In an unprecedented move, National Gay Rights Advocates has simultaneously filed complaints with Insurance Departments in eleven states against two insurance companies.

The two companies, Kentucky Central Life Insurance Co. and Protective Life Insurance Co., require applicants to say whether they have tested positive for HIV/HTLV-III antibodies.

The eleven jurisdictions in which complaints are being filed: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin - all forbid insurance companies to ask applicants about prior HIV antibody test results.

Many of these states banned questions about prior testing as a result of pressure by NGRA.

"This is not just an attack against two insurance companies - it's an assault on the ability of the entire insurance industry to ask applicants whether they have taken the HIV antibody test," explained Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"Once insurance companies realize how many states forbid the question, we expect that many will be forced to abandon it everywhere," he added.

"This is not just a civil rights issue, it is a public health issue," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary.

"If insurance companies are allowed to ask applicants whether they have taken the HIV antibody test, people who wish to take the test voluntarily will inevitably be deterred from doing so."

"The test must not be misused as a tool for discrimination by insurers, employers, or others."

Four jurisdictions - California, Maine, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin - presently have specific laws which forbid insurance companies to ask applicants about prior HIV antibody testing.

Insurance Departments in seven other states: Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota and South Dakota - have indicated to NGRA that they too prohibit such questioning.

NGRA is presently corresponding with insurance departments in all fifty states and hopes to convince others to follow suit.

NGRA is the nation's leading public interest law firm defending the rights of lesbians and gay men.

Kentucky Central Life Insurance Company is based in Lexington, Kentucky.

Protective Life Insurance Company is based in Birmingham, Alabama.

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number is remarkably inept.

The set is all roughcut wood slats, which are reminiscent of beach house at Pajaro Dunes, but serve just as well here.

The costumes are period and attractive.

The body mikes are surprisingly well behaved, and the orchestra under Joel Fried is fine.

The show is written with "dramatic" endings to both acts, rather than the more usual big song finales.

It's not CIO's fault that the show is written that way, but making it dull is their burden to bear, and that's not the mark of polished theatre.

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FORTUNES By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-Your partner's business activities may be pulling him/her away from the snugly warm home the two of you have been enjoying so much. An unusual change in your work will be interesting, at least. Plan to be together on Friday nights.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-Self appreciation leads to self discovery. Saying yes to your wants and needs opens several new doors. The fun of surprising yourself means more fun with others. The possibilities for satisfaction and rejuvenation are many.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)-Taurus too will have interesting things happening on the work front. A part of the usual routine could be transformed, as much by your approach to it as to any visible difference. You're seeing things in a different light.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-Your mind is moving so quickly that you may have difficulty slowing down enough to read this. Your thoughts don't weigh you down. They're playful and enchanting. Do check in with the physical world from time to time. Someone may miss you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-Your thoughts and feeling are perfectly in tune. This is a time in your life of deep emotional satisfaction. Definitely take it moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day. Savor the taste of love, sweet love.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-Sundays should bring a good change. Preparations for and excitement about the holidays begin to replace the confrontational agenda you've been dealing with. Others will thrill at the spark of your renewed spirit.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Take a walk down memory lane. The approaching holiday season triggers visions of the past. Don't hesitate to make long distance calls or write a letter to a lovingly remembered friend. Rekindle the flame of love and friendship.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-You're ready to get the holiday season going. You won't need to wait until Thanksgiving to gather friends and relatives together. Memories of past joys and the delight of what is new combine to make for a special time.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-Your private life and your public life are somehow at odds with each other. Coming out, becoming who you truly are is an ongoing process. Let the guilt go. Treasure the new you. Reconciliation is the key word.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-While for many members of the zodiac this is a relatively quiet and private time, it's standing in the spotlight time for Capricorns. The intellectual and emotional intensity you're experiencing requires an outlet. Let it shine.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-An understanding of conflicting feelings should come within seven days. This may require a confrontation with the one these feelings are about. If honesty is allowed to prevail, you'll both be the better for this. Making up feels so good.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-The excitement of recent extravagance gives way to your usual compassionate intelligence bordering on wisdom. Ah, Pisces. Jupiter shines its lucky light on the fishes. What could Tycho tell you that you don't already know?

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