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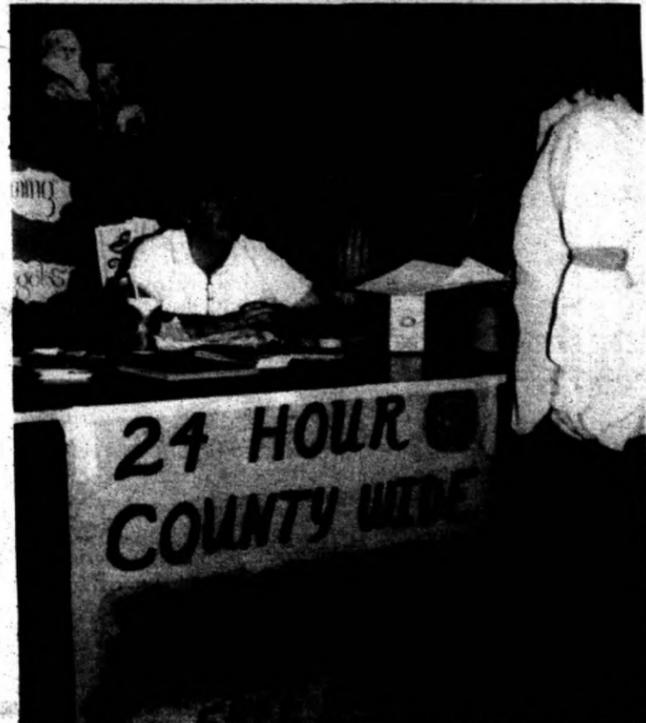
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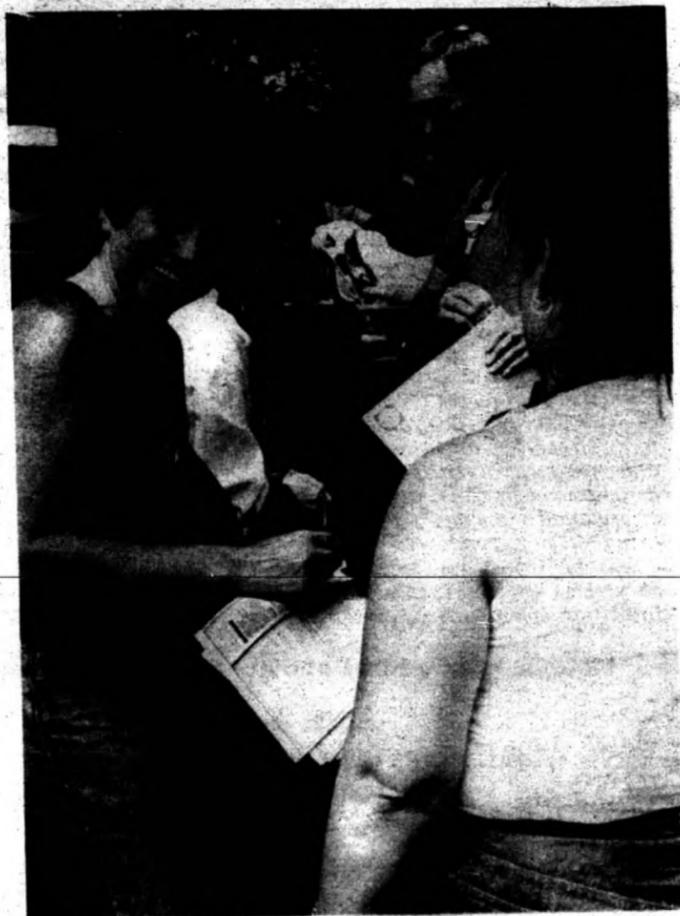
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### Court finds AIDS to be a disability

For the first time in the country, an appellate court has issued an opinion indicating that AIDS is a disability under a state handicap discrimination law.

The opinion in a New York case called Seitzman -vs- Hudson River Associates, represents the first time a court of this level has so strongly condemned AIDS-based discrimination.

The plaintiffs in the case, Peter Seitzman and Joseph Minola, are doctors who treat persons with AIDS.

They entered into an agreement to purchase a cooperative

apartment in New York City for use as a medical office.

When the selling agents for the building discovered that the doctors' practice included patients with AIDS, they refused to cooperate in the deal, deliberately impeding the doctors' efforts to buy the apartment.

Though the trial court had refused to issue a preliminary injunction in the doctors' favor, the Appellate Division for the First Department unanimously reversed the trial court and prevented the selling agent from selling the apartment to anyone else until the case is terminated.

The attorney for the doctors is Jay Lipner, a partner in the New York City firm of Silverstein, Langer Lipner & Newburgh.

Assistance was provided by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., which filed a friend of the court brief.

Lambda is the oldest and largest national gay and lesbian legal organization, and has been in the forefront of AIDS-related litigation.

Lipner argued that AIDS is a handicap as defined by the New York Human Rights Law.

As a result, he argued, the selling agent violated the law when it used AIDS as a reason to block the doctors' efforts to purchase the apartment.

"This is a tremendous victory because the court refused to acknowledge defendant's AIDS hysteria as justifying its refusal to sell the apartment," Lipner

said.

"The court sent a clear message that AIDS-based discrimination will not be tolerated in the State of New York.

"It is especially encouraging that he decision was not only unanimous but was based on the law and the facts," continued Lipner.

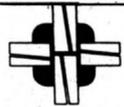
The court stated that preventing plaintiffs from establishing their practice in the building, which includes the treatment of persons with AIDS, would cause damage "not only to the health care interest of New York and its people, but also the public policy of this state."

The court went on to say that it is unlawful in New York "to discriminate by refusing to sell

commercial space to anyone because those premises will be used . . . in the furnishing of facilities of services to the disabled."

"The significance of this decision lies in the strength of the court's language and in this being the first decision from an appellate court affirming the fact that persons with AIDS are protected under state law," commented Lisa Bloom, Lambda cooperating attorney on the case and an associate at the New York City firm of Meister, Leventhal & Slade.

The case will now go back to the trial court for proceedings on the merits of the doctor's claims.



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### HRCG to hire three lobbyists for Manhattan Project

Making his most serious commitment to date, a member of the Congressional leadership has called for a federal "Manhattan" styled Project effort to defeat AIDS at the request of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Speaking at the sixth annual Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in Los Angeles, Rep Tony Coelho of California, Majority Whip in the House, and Duke Comegys, national co-chair of the Campaign Fund, both called for a Manhattan Project approach to AIDS as the only level of national commitment strong enough to achieve victory against the virus.

"There's broad bi-partisan support," said Coelho, "for a non-political national commission . . . that would coordinate Federal research, education and prevention activities, and also override existing bureaucratic roadblocks."

Coelho cited the 1940's Manhattan Project as the model for such a commission.

The original Manhattan Project was instituted to ensure American victory in the race to develop an atomic bomb.

"It has all the resources, brains and power necessary to overcome the never ending delays of our bureaucracy," said Comegys in his speech to the Conference, following his acceptance of a Community Service Award presented by the Health Foundation.

"The task of this agency will be to speed up research and drug trials and override the built-in slowness of the existing bureaucracy so that we can hasten the discovery of a cure," he said.

To mobilize greater Congressional support for the commission and for other AIDS-related legislation, Comegys announced at the conference that the Campaign Fund will hire three new lobbyists this spring to work on AIDS issues.

"We will also be bringing on additional staff immediately to do our part in Washington with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and AIDS Action Council," he added, "together we will make a great team."

The Campaign Fund has had one lobbyist on staff to maximize its close relationships with members of the House and Senate.

The additional lobbyists represent the Fund's commitment to increasing its non-election activities.

Coelho, long supported by the Campaign Fund, endorsed the

idea of intensified lobbying by the gay and lesbian community. "We can't wait until 1988; we're years behind already," he said.

"Congress needs to protect your jobs, your housing and your access to insurance from the threats that exist today."

"And most importantly, we've got to pressure the President to get the bureaucracy moving."

"This is the message I pledge to take back to Washington and to the Speaker of the House."

Calls for a Manhattan Project on AIDS have been heard from a number of circles for some time.

The Campaign Fund has been worried that present federal and institutional efforts to combat AIDS are proceeding too slowly, and that spending priorities favor vaccine research at the expense of treatment and cure research.

Delays and roadblocks in the development, distribution, and availability of experimental drugs have also outraged many,

particularly people with AIDS.

A Manhattan Project would, according to Comegys, have as its priority the acceleration of drug research and distribution.

"Our government must be made to recognize that this disease is not business as usual," Comegys said, "thousands and thousands of people are dying."

Vivid illustration of Comegys' point can be seen in the situation regarding an emergency \$47 million appropriation last September to make anti-AIDS drugs "immediately" available to people with AIDS through expanded drug trials.

After a personal meeting between Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) and representatives of the Campaign Fund, congress approved the appropriation at Weicker's request.

But more than seven months later, much of the money is still tied up in the bureaucracy, thereby preventing more people with AIDS from participating in drug trials.

Coelho's speech was given to a gathering of local AIDS service providers who comprise the membership of the National AIDS Network.

### DOD sets trap

by Dick Gayer

Persons with access to classified information must now, on their own initiative, report "sexual misconduct" and other adverse information about themselves to their security office or face loss of clearance.

New policy applies to all persons, gay and non-gay alike.

On April 8, 1987 the DOD published new regulations on security clearances which apply to civilian government employees, military personnel, and (with certain exceptions) to employees of government contractors.

These regulations repeat procedures and disqualifying criteria from past regulations (including 'sexual perversion'), and include an updated Adjudication Policy to be used in making security clearance determinations.

But the new wrinkle is found in Section 154.60 (d) (2) on page 11239-9:

"(2) Moreover, individuals having access to classified information must report promptly to their security office: (i) Any form of contact, intentional or otherwise, with a citizen of a designated country. . . (iv) Any information of the type referred to in 154.7 or Appendix H."

Section 154.60 (e) requires co-workers to report such information about each other to

"their supervisor or appropriate security official" about anyone "with access to classified information or employed in a sensitive position," even if they don't deal with classified information (p. 11239).

Section 154.7 lists criteria for denial of clearance, and (q) refers to "Acts of sexual misconduct or perversion indicative of moral turpitude, poor judgment, or lack of regard for the laws of society."

See page 11222, Appendix H (based on (q)) describes the sort of "sexual misconduct" that disqualifies a person from having a security clearance (p. 11254).

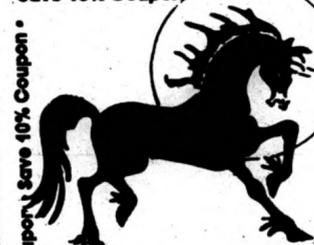
Such conduct includes acts in public, prostitution, self mutilation, spouse swapping, group sex orgies, certain adultery, and "i). Deviate or perverted sexual behavior which may indicate a mental or personality disorder (e.g., transsexualism, transvestism, exhibitionism, incest, child molestation, voyeurism, bestiality, or sodomy)."

While one might quibble about the reference to a specific act such as "sodomy," we all know from bitter experience with the DOD that all forms of homosexual conduct are included in "deviate or perverted sexual behavior."

Unless gay federal employees

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## OUTLOOK

by Rev. Larry Uhrig

It still occurs with as much frequency as ever, the great disappearing act of gay persons. It works like this: you see a person day in and day out, at work and around town, at parties, political functions, and at play.

This is nothing out of the ordinary or unusual until one day you notice that "so and so" hasn't been around for some time.

Where did he or she go? What happened?

The answer is not as dramatic or mysterious as one might think. There's no great mystery. It's just that dear old "so and so" fell madly in love and ran off with another "so and so."

It's the great gay disappearing act at work in the world, and every week or month it claims many would be activists and other contributing members of the gay community.

This is not a trivial matter. It's often more of a real tragedy, as great gaping holes appear in the social fabric and infrastructure of gay organizations.

"So and so" used to be chairpersons of "such and such;" now nobody is going to the job done.

"Such and such" was responsible for "you know what" but now "you know what" can't happen.

The machinery grinds to a halt and energies go into filling the gap, finding a replacement, retraining personnel, and so on.

All the while, "so and so" is off in wonderland, playing kissy face until happily ever after. This is fine until reality sets in.

The great disappearing act is one of the most painful manifestations of our distorted sense of what relationships are all about. Gay people prowl the bars and the countryside looking for that certain "so and so" to settle down with.

They find that one and only, and it's off to the little white cottage with the picket fence and drop-out time.

The doors close, the numbers change, and they devote themselves, totally oblivious to the world they left behind, the gaps left in the structures they abandoned, the social fabric they ripped.

Now, I'm not saying that two people should not devote time to one another or invest significant energy to their new relationship.

Of course they should, if they are to build a life together. The mistake is in thinking that more is better and total is perfect. There must be breathing room, space apart, and separate and individual lives and identities, or it won't work.

The mistake so often made is in thinking that "our relationship" is our alone and that it is a separate entity independent from the rest of the community.

The truth is just this: we all need the interaction and dynamics of the rest of the community as the context of our lives and our loves.

If the rest of the community is a threat to this "perfect love" and may take wonderful "so and so" from our arms, then we had better look again to see what this "perfect love" is built on.

The insecure and threatened person who just knows it can't last will often build such a high wall around the beloved (all in the name of true love and devotion) that the world can't get in—and more importantly, "true love" can't get out.

Well, I tell you, true love—or better said, real love—is not something you or I can hold in the castle or chain to the bed.

When the wall goes up, love's days are numbered; before long, we all see dear old "so and so" out on the street again, telling stories of how awful it was when "precious" flew the coop.

Out on the street again, looking for another "so and so" to take to another little white cottage. Only this time, it will be the right "so and so" who will, of course, stay forever.

If you see yourself in this, then stop and think about what come next. Relationship needs community and support; that's where the nurture comes from. Shutting out the world means that you devour one another.

Investing all your energies in the other is a sure bet on a disappointing result.

Beware of promises like "let me take you away from all this;" respond with "but this is my life, how about us living in all of this together?"

The goal is like "full employment." The health of the community depends on all of us using all our energies and ourselves to make a whole community without gaps created by the great gay disappearing act.

If the lover is as wonderful as you think, then we all need to know the benefits of his or her gifts and creative energies; and you get the joy of sharing.

One last word, if you have a lover in tow, and you're about to go off to hibernate, don't disappear! Call a hot line, call a rap group, call a gay bridge club, but stay with us.

You need us and we need you!

## Letters

Couples, LA/Couples, Inc.?

Dear Friends:

You were recently sent a press release on Couples/LA letterhead in an attempt to clarify the relationship between Couples/LA and Couples, Inc.

Regrettably, the press release has actually caused even worse confusion.

In an effort to get this release to you quickly, the author neglected to verify all of the information and obtain approval for its contents from the entire Operating Committee of Couples/LA.

As the incorporator of both groups, I believe I can best explain the official purposes of the organizations.

Couples/LA is a nonprofit public benefit organization incorporated in the State of California for charitable purposes.

The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide a social and educational outreach to Gay/Lesbian couples, and to have no specific religious or partisan political affiliation.

Couples, Inc. is a nonprofit public benefit organization incorporated in the State of California for social welfare purposes.

The specific purpose of this corporation is to advance Lesbian and Gay couples.

That is to obtain full legal and social status for same-sex couples with the same rights and privileges as married heterosexual couples.

The legal name is Couples and

Couples/LA supports Gay/Lesbian relationships as a vital part of our lives.

The legal name is Couples/LA but the group also owns the name Couples/Los Angeles through dba registration with Los Angeles County.

The Articles of Incorporation were filed by the Secretary of State on December 8th, 1986 (No. 1548910).

Because of the restrictions on political activities of Couples/LA, several couples have formed an independent political action group called Couples, Inc.

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The legal name is Couples and

it also owns the name Couples, Inc. through dba registration with Los Angeles County.

The Articles of Incorporation were filed by the Secretary of State on January 26, 1987 (No. 1397584).

Basically, Couples/LA is an educational and social organization for Gay and Lesbian couples.

Couples, Inc. is the national organization for the advancement of Lesbian and Gay couples.

I hope this letter clarifies the purpose and legal status of these organizations.

As President of Couples, Inc. and Co-Chair of Couples/LA, I should be able to answer any questions you may have about these two important organizations.

Please call me at 213/271-2455 if you have any questions or want additional information.

Sincerely,  
Walter L. Wheeler  
President,  
Couples, Inc.

## Praise the Lord for Jimmy and Tammy

Personal Opinion:  
by R. W. Woodson

Evidently the Lord has become troubled by the arrogance of His favorite folks, the TV Evangelists.

Perhaps it is through His wisdom that a stumbling block was set forth before Jim Bakker.

This man sinned, and the sin was sexual in nature, what should be done?

May I humbly render several suggestions:

First, publicly brand Jim Bakker as a sinner; this of course has already been done; however, God's people have not been nearly so critical of Jim as the pagan element of society.

Second, disfellowship him from the Church; after all he has tarnished the image of God's people before the sinful world.

Third, brand him on the rump as a fornicator; William Buckley had originally come up with this idea to brand AIDS carriers, so this insight is borrowed.

To Buckley's credit, he later

repudiated the idea, however, I believe that there may be some merit in this case for a branding.

Fourth, prohibit Bakker from ever teaching; this man is a sexual sinner who is not in control of his carnal nature.

This argument has been used for years as to why gay people should not be permitted to teach, likewise, perhaps this punishment would be in order.

Fifth, restrict him of his social rights; since it is the case where his sin is sexual it is only natural that he should forfeit his social right and dignities.

Columnist Jim Buchanan called gays "sinners against nature" and that AIDS was "nature's retribution" to gays; let us pray that Jim Bakker not be befallen by some sort of venereal disease because of his sin of the flesh.

Sixth, take away the millions from the Bakker bank accounts and move him and Tammy out of their house; after all, one is only richly blessed by the Lord for being a faithful

servant.

Surely the wicked servant must be made to suffer; is not Falwell being too generous by permitting Bakker to remain on the PTL payroll?

Seventh, have a Papal encyclical written up to publicly condemn Jim and his sin; after all, the Papacy has seen fit to take issue with the gay community.

Perhaps the merciful thing to do would be for us to let Jim and Tammy live in peace.

True, he is a public figure who adheres to a fundamentalist world view and criteria for ethics, and he should account for his public actions, however, I would like to think that it would be the gay community that would be in the forefront of the battle for forgiveness and mercy.

If it could only be the case where the Fundamentalists were as considerate and open to the gay community as they appear to be with Jim Bakker how much more peaceful this world would be.

The problem of hatred is one with the Fundamentalists, not the gay community.

## The Lavender Hill Mob

On Wednesday, April 29th, two members of the Lavender Hill Mob, Marty Robinson and Michael Petrelis, submitted testimony before the Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Human Resources.

The hearings were called by Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) to discuss the Food and Drug Administration's proposed new rules to regulate the availability of experimental drugs.

The Mob's testimony accused governmental agencies of institutional stagnation and prejudice, and included some interesting new proposals.

Testifying for the FDA was Commissioner Dr. Frank Young, whom Petrelis was able to meet.

He was able to get a commitment from Dr. Young to attend a conference with the Lavender Hill Mob in May to discuss Mob proposals.

Regan Cabinet Officer Zapped by the Mob

On Thursday, April 30th, Secretary of Education William Bennett, speaking at a forum at Georgetown University, was confronted by two members of the Lavender Hill Mob.

In protest of President Reagan's "Just Say No" and "Family Values" cure for AIDS, Marty Robinson and Michael Petrelis passed out leaflets which

proclaimed: "Secretary of Education Bennett says, Just Say No To Education."

After Bennett had completed his remarks and questions were invited, Robinson and Petrelis unfurled the Lavender Hill Mob banner.

Television cameras from all the networks and CNN converged on the Mobsters.

Robinson yelled, "If you want an education, educate yourselves as to how the federal government has used AIDS as a political weapon, instead of working to find a cure."

"It took President Reagan six years to say the word 'AIDS,'" shouted Petrelis.

As security moved in to eject the Mobsters, the two shouted, "Test drugs, not people," while TV cameras continued to roll.

Outside the auditorium, the security officers tried unsuccessfully to confiscate the Mob banner.

As Georgetown students gathered, the mobsters were hustled into a security room where they were pressured to sign a statement saying that they had entered the building illegally.

Knowing their rights to attend an open forum, they refused.

The Mobsters, after giving their names and addresses, were subsequently released.

## DOD

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in "sensitive" positions or any gay persons holding security clearances turn themselves in to the security office on their own initiative, they face loss of clearance, loss of employment for lack of clearance, or loss of "sensitive" employment directly.

Of course, all persons, independent of their sexuality, face the same losses for failure to promptly report their "misconduct" to the appropriate security official.

Clearly, this is a trap for all such people, and the DOD's new regulation allows the government to get rid of almost anyone it views as undesirable, based on a "failure" to do the required self-reporting promptly.

We urge the media to disseminate this information widely so that literally millions of United States citizens will not suffer needless losses from yet another covert governmental policy.

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## Interview

by Ted Sahl

(Interview is with John Campanasano aka John Boy, former assistant manager of The Landing)

My name is John Campanasano, and I would like to comment on our community in San Jose:

I have been a member of the gay community for 12 years and during that time have seen, heard and experienced a lot of things in our community.

Some things have happened that I agree with and some that I do not agree with and I feel there are things we should be doing and are not.

Since 1980, we have held a very negative attitude towards our own, who are suffering with AIDS; the community (and this may sound very nasty) has not done a damn thing to deal with our own.

We're looking to everybody else and saying: 'you accept us; you support us,' and that's not where the emphasis should be; I believe the obligation is each of ours to take care of each other.

Ten years ago when the San Jose gay community was emerging, the 'Drag Queens' got together with 'Leather Boys' who got together with 'Cowboys' to fight for a common cause.

The first Gay Pride Day which wasn't even a rally was sponsored through the Lesbian Feminist Alliance and the Gay Student Union at San Jose State—we seemed to be all together—things seemed a bit easier...

We became lackadaisical only to wind up fighting John Briggs through the No On 6 campaign—Anita Bryant made her stand in



Florida and John Briggs took his cue from her—together, we beat them both!

Before long, it seemed as though we were back in the same old groove—we don't have anything to worry about!

The realization has to come from our community, as a gay community, yes, we have to fight; all of the time; each and every day.

When some attacks someone who is gay and they win—that's a reflection on you and me; we cannot let this happen.

I feel that's something we must learn; they've learned it in New York on Christopher Street and they learned it in San Francisco during the May 21st riots.

Sure, when the going gets rough, we stick together and fight and usually win—we have

in the past.

But the problem is: we must not allow ourselves to be "set up," we must be a united community—not just you, not just me, not just them.

It probably will be another 10 to 20 years before it's ok to be a gay community—unless we reach a point where we are all together, we're just not going to get any place.

Sure, there will always be those who will say "it won't work, it's no good," and sure, there will always be bigotry within our own community, maybe even more than the straight community can throw at us.

My point is: if we continue to show bigotry among ourselves and continue the infighting we are not going to get any place.

I really respect this commun-

ity, but the way the community treat's itself is stupid.

Presently we have the ARIS Project, the Imperial AIDS Foundation and even though I don't agree with some of the courts' actions, they are us and I will support them.

Put aside what you think is wrong in a person or an organization; look at the over all good—we remain so bigoted and prejudiced against our own—we are all gay.

Who you like, who you don't like is really not important—if someone acts like an a-hole, that's the person, not the organization.

It's not me, it's not you Ted, or Bob Colton, or Rachel—we must begin to look at the over all picture and start taking care of ourselves.

San Jose has not realized its power as a community—not a power to hurt, but a power to protect; we can protect our own all we have to do is 1) think like a community; 2) avoid people who organize within the community and take advantage.

We must be wary of those who come from out of the blue with promises instead of track records—it's really sad when one of our own abuses us.

Too often we are blind; now we must keep our eyes open there are those proposing legislation that would put us in places comparable to concentration camps; we have a drug problem; we have health problems—who's paying attention?

San Jose is an up and coming metropolitan city—within 5 to 10 years the city will have grown up—we, the gay community can be a force to be reckoned with,

we are not few, but many; our place is up front—not sitting behind the scenes.

Yes, you may jeopardize your job, you may jeopardize a lot of things, but in the long run you can live as you like not as others think you should.

Don't be ashamed to be gay—be willing to get out there and say, "I am a person!"

O.P. Do you have ideas of how to go about uniting the community?

J.C. Yes, every business person, every organization, all the "powers that be" must get together. Not get together to talk about their individual problems, but to talk about dealing with the problems of the community as a whole. Look for positive solutions not dwell on negative acts or persons.

O.P. Do you think we have power right now; say in BAYMEC?

J.C. They are accomplishing very positive things on a purely political level—what I really think would be "powerful" is to have a group made up of people from the DeFrank Center, ARIS, the IAF, the businesses, and the court system plus three people not affiliated with any of the above—they then could form an executive board representing the entire community.

I don't care if they wear a dress, leathers, or a cowboy hat—that's not important; the non-gay community has enough to say about our attire, we don't need to do it!

My entire point is to be for each other—to become united—for as the old saying goes, "United we stand, divided we fall."

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## Nonprofit Organizations

NOTE: To list your organization meetings or other functions in Our Calendar, contact the OUR PAPER office at 408/286-2670 or 408/289-1088. Send press releases / calendar listings to Our Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. Next deadline: MAY 20.

**May 13, 20, 27: Peninsula Woman's Group:** A support and networking group for lesbians meets Weds at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ on Arroyo St. in San Carlos (2 blocks west of El Camino), second floor, first room on right. For info and a calendar, call Diane 415/349-5189 or Pat 415/969-4731.

**May 13: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays:** San Jose chapter meets at 7:30 pm on second Wed of month in the lounge of the First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton, San Jose. Call 270-8182.

**May 14: BAYMEC:** Forum on legal issues for gay and lesbian couples, featuring Hayden Curry, co-author of *A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples*. 5:30-7:30 pm at Radisson Hotel, 1471 North First Street, San Jose. \$15 donation. Call 297-1024.

**May 14-17: 12th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men:** Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Call 305/467-7117.

**May 14-17: 4th Annual International Gay Travel Association Convention:** New Orleans. Call 303/467-7117.

**May 14, 21, 28: Men's Support Group:** An informal support and social group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

**May 14, 19, 21, 26, 28: El Camino Recorders:** Beginner's class on Thursday nights, advanced group on Tuesday nights. Call for details: Marilyn 408/996-3788 or Jim 408/984-8132.

**May 15: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse:** Book Swap, bring your used women's books. 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale admission charge. Call 293-9372.

**May 16: Monterey Bay Women's Alliance:** Gay Talent Show to benefit AIDS, 8 pm at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Call 475-0251.

**May 16: Calvary MCC:** Fundraising dinner, featuring Harry Britt. \$20. 7:30 pm at Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188.

**May 16: Feminist Lesbian Social Group:** Monthly potluck, 7 pm at Linda's house near Valley Fair. Call 248-9610 for directions.

**May 16: Peace Center:** Traditional Navajo Rug Show in support of native culture, sovereignty, and resistance at Big Mountain. 2-6 pm, 7 pm showing of "Broken Rainbow," Academy Award winning documentary, at 48 South 7th Street, San Jose. Call 297-2299.

**May 16: National March on Washington:** Northern California Steering Committee meeting, 11 am to 3 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

**May 16, 23, 30: March Committee:** Planning meetings for a Santa Clara County contingent to attend the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights this October are being held every Saturday at 12 noon at Gay/Lesbian Alliance at Stanford. Call David Horne 415/493-4205.

**May 17, 24, 31: Youth Group:** Slightly Younger Lesbians and Gays: An informal support group for men and women under the age of 25 meets every Sunday from 1:30-3:30 pm at Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

**May 17, 24, 31: Holy Trinity Church:** A Christian Church for All People, member of the Independent Christian Church network, meets every Sunday from 10:00 am to noon at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 292-3071.

**May 17, 24, 31: Sunnyhills United Methodist Church:** Proclaiming grace and freedom for all. Sunday morning worship at 8:30 am and 11 am, Sunday school at 9:30 am, at 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas. Call 262-1486.

**May 17, 24, 31: Calvary Metropolitan Community Church:** Sunday worship at 5:00 pm at 2124 Brewster Ave, corner Brewster & Lowell, Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188.

**May 17, 24, 31: Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose:** Sharing God's Love with All People. Services every Sunday at 8:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church building, corner 10th & San Fernando Streets. Call 279-2711.

**May 17, 24, 31: Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group:** Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto.

**May 18: DeFrank Center: Troubled Childhoods, Troubled Lives,** workshop for adult children of alcoholics, adults abused as children, adults raised in violent homes. Elaine Brady, MFC, facilitator. Free. 7-9 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 259-8382.

**May 18: Jun 1: Cabrillo Lesbians Together:** Weekly meetings on Monday evenings 7:30 pm at the Cabrillo College Womyn's Center, 6500 Soquel Drive. Apts. Also drop-in on Friday afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm. Call 479-6249.

**May 18: DeFrank Center: Gay Skate Night,** at Skate World Roller Rink, Stevens Creek Blvd corner of San Tomas Expwy. \$5 at door. Call 293-1403.

**May 19: Slightly Older Lesbians:** Dating, facilitated by Dottie, at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

**May 19, 26: AIDS Support Group:** All are welcome. Meets 7-9 pm every Tuesday at Christ The Good Shepherd Church, 1550 Meridian Ave, San Jose. For details, call ARIS Project 370-3272.

**May 20: Imperial Grand Lies Court of San Jose:** Meeting at DeFrank Center 3rd Wednesday each month.

**May 20: Rally Committee:** Meeting 7:30 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose.

**May 20: Peninsula Business and Professional Association:** Luncheon at Longdens, 370 Bridge Parkway, Redwood Shores. Speaker Peter Petrouski, broker and owner of Peter & Associates Real Estate, on topic Mid-Peninsula Real Estate. Call Joel Berman 415/348-8717.

**May 20: High Tech Gays:** Dinner at Victorian House Restaurant. \$14 chicken, \$16 beef. Call 993-3830.

**May 21: Peninsula Business and Professional Association:** Meets 3rd Thursday each month at the Social Hall, 2124 Brewster Ave, at Lowell. Speaker this month: George Deabill, therapist, on "Lowered Risk Sex."

**May 22: Santa Cruz SOL:** Slightly Older Lesbians meet regularly in private homes on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Call Dana at 423-1147 for details.

**May 22: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse:** Informal coffeehouse and game night. 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale admission charge. Call 293-9372.

**May 22-25: Gay/Lesbian Press Association:** 7th Annual Convention, San Diego. Attorney Gloria Allred, keynote speaker. Call 818/880-4139.

**May 25: Memorial Day Holiday**  
**May 25: ARIS Project:** Candlelight Memorial for People With AIDS, at San Jose City Hall, 8 pm. Call 370-3722.

**May 26: Slightly Older Lesbians:** Acupuncture, guest speaker Jan A., 7-9 pm at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

**May 29-31: National Organization for Women:** California State NOW Conference, Airport Hilton. Call 415/598-0423.

**May 30: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse:** *Grandma Never Earned a Nickel*, Mother Tongue Readers Theatre. 8:30 pm (doors open 8:00) at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale admission charge. Call 293-9372.

**May 30: Slightly Older Lesbians:** Monthly potluck, 7 pm at Gretchen's house in San Jose. Call 225-8542 for directions.

**May 30: Cabrillo Lesbians Together:** Lesbian Community, day-long conference for lesbians at Cabrillo College, 8500 Soquel Drive, Apts. Call 429-6767.

**Jun 3: High Tech Gays: Torch Song Trilogy,** special benefit performance at San Jose Stage Company. \$22. Call 993-3830.

**Jun 5: DeFrank Center: Romanovsky & Phillips,** songwriters. Tickets \$8 at Sisterspirit, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

**Jun 6: Peninsula Business & Professional Association:** *Tour of Filoli Grounds & Mansion*, meet there at 10 a.m. \$6 fee. Reservations, call Marvin Shaw 415/593-5544 before June 1.

**Jun 6: DeFrank Center: M-m-massage, or How to Make 'em Purrrrr,** class taught by Lee Stanford, certified massage therapist. \$25 fee. Noon to 4 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 720-4127.

**Jun 11: DeFrank Center:** Workshop with Pat Hart, MSW, of Bill Wilson Center, addressing the needs of homeless youth. 7 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

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**Jun 20: San Jose Gay Pride Rally:** *Strong, United & Proud!* Celebration at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Volunteer help, call 993-3818.

**Jun 20-27: Women's Sobriety Camp:** *From Power to Empowerment: Shifting from Conflict to Community*, at Harbin Hot Springs (20 miles north of Calistoga). Camping, storytelling, performances, outdoor activities. Psychic readings, massage and body work. \$495, deadline June 1. Sponsored by Women's Alliance, P.O. Box 1882, Nevada City, CA 95959. Call 916/477-1064.

**Jun 25-26: Gay/Lesbian Film Festival:** Morris Daley Auditorium, San Jose State University. Call 993-3830.

**Jun 28: San Francisco Gay Parade.**  
**Oct 10: The Wedding:** Two o'clock in the afternoon, Washington, District of Columbia.

**Oct 11: National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights!**

## Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Radio/TV

**May 13, 20, 27: Fruit Punch:** Gay radio every Wed. 10-11 pm, KPFA 94.1 FM.

**May 17, 24, 31: Women's Radio Hour:** With Mary Jeffries, every Sun. 11 am - noon, KKUP 91.5 FM.

**May 18, 25: Closet Free Radio:** Programming for the Santa Cruz lesbian and gay communities, from 8:30-10:30 pm on KZSC 88.1 FM every Monday.

## Gay Events / Night Life

**May 19, 26: San Jose Spurs:** Country & western dance group, traditional and modern music, practice at Buck's, 301 Stockton Ave, San Jose, every Tuesday night 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome to come by and watch. Call for information, Steve Century 279-8398, or write San Jose Spurs, P.O. Box 21895, San Jose, CA 95151-1895.

**May 23: Darlene's Bay Cruise:** 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Golden Gate Bridge, 8:00 pm - midnight, cruise leaving from Pier 39, S.F. Disco, Mexican buffet, door prizes. Limited tickets, \$27.50. Call Savoy 247-7109.

**May 24: Visions:** First Anniversary Party "In White." Complimentary champagne 8-12. Midnight buffet, \$3 cover. 393 Lincoln Ave (at Auzerais), San Jose. 288-6464.

## Sports

**May 22-25: Softball:** Emerald City Cascade Cup, a four-day softball tournament hosted by Seattle's Emerald City Softball Association, billed as "the largest gay and lesbian athletic event in the Pacific Northwest." Call Gail Britto 206/938-0373 or Mike DiMartino 206/232-3542.

**May 13-May 31: Volleyball:** Southbay Gay/Lesbian Volleyball League spring season. Open to players of all levels. \$10 entry fee. Write Southbay Volleyball League, 1063 Lackawanna Ct, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or call Tim 374-3737 or Tom 732-2306.

\*PLEASE NOTE: All events are subject to change, check with sponsoring organizations when possible.

## Cinco de Mayo at Mac's Club



## Seattle Gay Sports Festival expecting 1,000 athletes

Seattle-Team Seattle, organizer of the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival scheduled for July 3-5 in Seattle, is now expecting more than 1,000 athletes to participate in the 13-sport festival, making it the largest multi-sport gay and lesbian athletic event since Gay Games II.

Competitions will be held in soccer, volleyball, running, softball, swimming and 1-meter diving, power lifting and bench press, tennis, billiards, racquetball, bowling, English croquet, soft tip darts, and water polo.

"We're excited to showcase several new sports to the gay and lesbian athletic scene," said Team Seattle Co-Chair Rick Peterson, "including water polo, English croquet, a bench press contest, and soft tip darts. We'll even have a 2.4 mile walk."

"Festivals like ours provide a perfect opportunity for emerging sports to get some exposure and develop a network," Peterson commented.

"We've gotten inquiries from gay and lesbian athletes all over the country and Canada."

"People are looking for the opportunity to meet and compete and grow between now and Gay Games III in 1990 in Vancouver."

All sports at the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival will accept entries for both men and women.

The Festival begins Friday, July 3rd, with competition in racquetball, soccer and tennis. On Saturday, eight more

sports are added. Sunday sees action in nine sports, followed by a huge All-Athletes Celebration Banquet Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

Athletes will begin registering in Seattle on Thursday night, July 2nd.

"We're trying to house every athlete who needs or wants billeting," said Team Seattle Co-Chair Danette Leonhardi.

"And we also have a good package deal at the downtown Seattle Sheraton for those who'd rather stay in a hotel."

Information about housing, banquet and scheduling accompanies entry forms.

entry deadlines for all sports is June 15, except volleyball, which is June 10, and bowling, which is June 20.

Entry forms for each sport are available by writing Team Seattle, 600 E. Pine Street, No. 515, Seattle, WA 98122.

"If you phone, please leave your name and address and tell us what sport you're interested in," said Team Seattle Co-Treasurer Scott Lewis.

"It lets us put information directly in the mail to you, instead of spending money on long distance phone calls plus the time it takes to catch you at home," Lewis continued.

Team Seattle can be reached for information about the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival by calling the Post Option Business Center at 206/322-2777.

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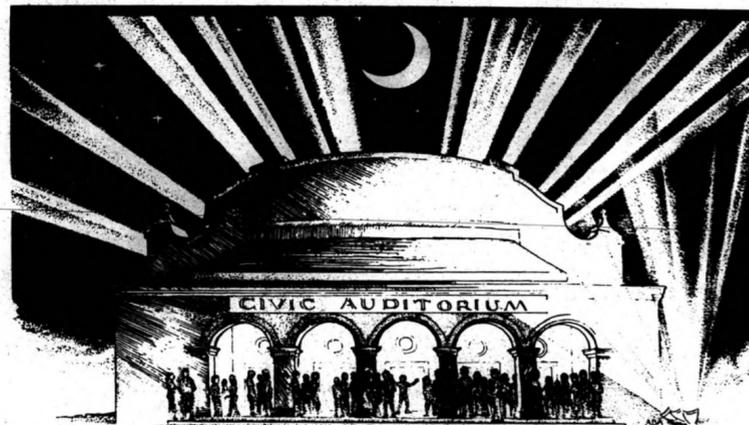
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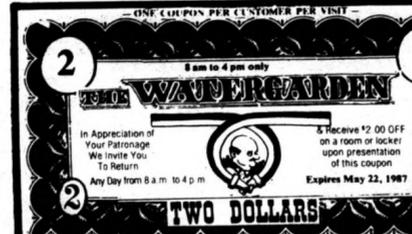
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## Open Forum

by J. Dillon



The changing face of television. As our lives have changed, so too has television changed. Television responds to our needs and our concerns.

Although American television may not be as sexually explicit as European stations, it is a medium that is capable of responding to public sentiments and capable of forming public sentiment. To steal from a cliché, if each day you lead a horse to water, one day he will drink.

In recent times, AIDS has slowly found its way into the heterosexual population and it has created a fear unknown before. The knowledge now exists that AIDS is not a gay disease nor is it limited to drug addicts or hemophiliacs.

Television has responded to this newest of fears. As we come into an era where it may become more chic to become a member of Club NEG than Club MED, television is responding. Condom ads can now be accepted. The surgeon general has appeared on television numerous times, urging Americans to educate themselves about this disease.

Producers and writers have been creating dialogue to deal with the AIDS issue in television's most watched shows. Television has discussed with over 50 million viewers condoms and AIDS and death.

On *Valerie*, which stars Valerie Harper (of *Mary Tyler Moore* show fame), David (Jason Bateman), is forced to deal with contraception when his girlfriend insists that it is his responsibility to buy condoms. The show did not mention the word AIDS, but by placing birth control responsibility solely on David, I think they implied that there were other things at risk in a sexual liaison besides an unwanted pregnancy.

A recent episode of *Mariah*, a show that deals with prison issues (in the tradition of *Hill Street Blues*), a black man died of AIDS while the viewer watched. It was one of the most dramatic scenes on television in recent history. They should receive an award for this one.

And as America watched this man face his death on national television, we also watched an old-fashioned preacher re-examining his own bible based values about AIDS. When America watches men and women questioning their own values. In other ways television is

changing. The news is changing or at least we are beginning to question what is news. Geraldo Rivera seems to know what news is. Geraldo seems to possess all the machismo of the lower east sides of all the ghettos in America.

Standing in front of a TV camera saying, "This is live," he toys with a submachine gun, blasts walls down with live dynamite, outs drug addicts and runaways from the cracks in which they've hid. All this to save America, he says.

We watch as Rivera makes a live drug bust with San Jose cops as his back-up or berates a lone mother, preaching to her his own values. This is the news, he says. Other journalists accuse him of being an ego maniac in search of a bigger thrill. Rivera says he's doing it for us. When he fires that submachine gun, we are to receive the pleasure.

He adds, "What kid never dreamed of shooting a submachine gun?" I didn't! But it is this live action, commandos of the screen that keeps boosting the ratings and keeps Rivera coming back.

Meanwhile, only twenty minutes into the future, we keep getting a little head on our television. M-M-Max Headroom has an uncanny ability to pop in anytime he wants for a commentary on the news at hand.

Maybe Geraldo Rivera should team up with TV 23's rival station, Break-Thru News. They don't just report the news, they make it. For ratings, nothing could be finer than a bomb (in Carolina in the morning), being reported live as it happens. Terrorist selling advance notice of explosions to the networks. You say it couldn't happen, just ask Rivera.

And so as our lives change, so does TV. Television is an unrivaled power in this country. Television sets trends, makes fashion, elects presidents, and teaches us how to deal with crisis.

Television works best when it is responding to our needs. In turn, we have power over television. We can turn it off or we can turn it on. We can support the advertisers or we can boycott their goods. Television. It's not so bad after all.

Till next time, this is Open Forum. Write soon c/o Our Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126.

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## Hints that Heloise hardly hints at

(This essay is taken from the book *To All The Girls I've Loved Before: An AIDS Diary*, copyright 1987 by J.W. Money. The book will be in bookstores in June (\$6.95); or order by mail from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118/\$8.00 postpaid)

I've learned a few practical management techniques that any AIDS victim can practice. Having had pneumonia three times, I've learned how to suppress coughing. I had to learn because coughing fits make me very short of breath, dizzy, and made my limbs feel numb, as I'd been campaigning for President.

When I feel a cough coming, I tense my lips and take quick shallow breaths, concentrating on my breathing. This usually works. If you have to cough, use the trick of heart surgery patients; tightly hug a pillow. This helps keep the stomach muscles from getting sore. When I yawn, I don't let air get part my throat — a deep breath brings on coughing, so I yawn with my face and mouth and don't inhale. This always works.

When I'm tired, I quit. I have violated this rule only a few times, and I have always paid for it. You may want to hang on and see the end of that late movie, but if you tire yourself too much, you may feel the next day like you were visited by one of the lead characters: the vampire.

Exercise is important for everyone, but if you think you are going to get right back to your weight lifting regime after you've lost fifteen pounds and almost died of PCP, you're looking for trouble. The body doesn't build that fast. I had a miscreant friend who fits this description, who was back doing workouts while still on Septera. He was very foolish, and is now sick again.

For the ill or elderly, exercise is a slow process of building. I've been bedridden and very weak, but I could still put on a tape and wave my arm or move my legs to the music. It definitely helps. As you feel better, walks are excellent, and if you can't increase your distance, then step up your pace.

I know there's a lot of opinion on the subject of running, and here's another one. Notwithstanding all those one-legged octogenarians who finish the Hawaii Marathon, running is for the hearty — and the risk takers. You take a chance of injuring yourself everytime you jog. My older cousin gave up the sport after a knee injury that left him with a limp and a \$3,000 doctor bill. He walks now and is healthy.

Try slow ballroom dancing. Or cooking. If standing is too tiring, do it from a stool. Be creative. Do what you can and don't allow yourself to be an invalid. Once, with a temperature of 104 and flat in bed, I got the want ads and called on articles I was interested in buying. I know that interest in something besides myself helped bring down the temperature.

No matter how good you feel, remember that there is no cure for AIDS, and though you think you're Bjorn Borg one day you can easily be transformed into Don Knotts the next. **Don't Overdo It!**

An electric blanket is a godsend. If you have the chills and fevers aspect of this illness, a blanket is one way to warm up fast. I used to be very skeptical of these devices since, when I lived next to a P.G. & E. substation, an article appeared saying that it had been proved that people who lived within 300 feet of strong magnetic fields were adversely affected by them. I wondered if I'd wake up one morning, my blanket on "10," and have a strong desire to repair a Zenith. So far, so good. Down blankets don't work, because unless the body is



generating heat, there's nothing for those little feathers to reflect back.

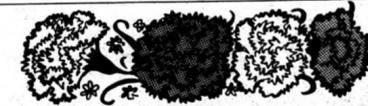
Night sweats are a great problem. If you wear pajamas, you get trapped in wet pajamas. If you sleep naked, you wet the sheets and they get very cold. I've had sweats now for eight months, and the only system I found that works is to sleep with one towel under me and another on top of me, with replacements handy by the bed. This works, and it keeps the sheets dry.

I'm not trying to sound like Pollyanna, but I believe it's possible to manage this illness. If terminal cancer patients can go into transmission, surely it's possible for us to prolong our lives. Your body's doing triple duty to fight off this virus. Give it a break and don't enter the pentathlon until someone finds a cure. If you stay alive one extra year, that might be all that's necessary to enjoy the benefits of a new, life-sustaining technique.

\*Every AIDS or ARC patient should read *Anatomy of an Illness* by Norman Cousins. It is also available from Books on Tape.

John Money, author of *To All The Girls I've Loved Before: An AIDS Diary* (Alyson Publications) This photo, from his *scrapbook*, was taken in 1981.

## Candlelight Memorial for People with AIDS



The front steps of San Jose's City Hall will be the site for a Candlelight Memorial in support of People with AIDS on Memorial Day evening, May 25 from 8 to 9 p.m.

According to Robert Sorenson, Executive Director of the ARIS project, the Candlelight Memorial will be part of the Fourth International Candlelight Memorial in support of People with AIDS.

The International Candlelight Memorial will be held in over 100 cities on four continents.

The Memorials are organized internationally by Mobilization Against AIDS, a San Francisco-based organization which works to lobby all levels of government and the medical establishment to cause a more effective effort in the war against AIDS.

Paul Boneberg, Executive Director of Mobilization Against AIDS said, "We are particularly pleased to learn that for the first time a city in South America, Rio de Janeiro, will be participating."

"We are sure that the 1987 candlelight events will be diverse and moving actions in support of People with AIDS."

"The San Jose Memorial will be a time for all of us to acknowledge each other as individuals who are fighting this battle and to keep ourselves mindful that AIDS is a growing problem," stated Sorenson.

"People close to us here in San Jose who have contributed to the community are living with AIDS," continued Sorenson.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and will last about an hour; the program includes speakers and singing.

A wreath of wild flowers will be left in front of City Hall to commemorate and celebrate the lives that have been lost to AIDS.

The public is invited to attend; attendees are asked to bring a candle to light and hold during the program.

City Hall is located at 801 North First Street at the corner of Mission.

The local event is being coordinated by the ARIS Project, a non-profit agency which provides volunteer services to People with AIDS and their loved ones, and by the Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose, an interdenominational christian fellowship with an outreach to the gay community.

Further information is available from the ARIS office 408/370-3272.



## Joey 'N' Joey

by Ted Sahl  
Emperor VIII Joey and his friend Joey put on a Tupperware party at Buck's. Joey (the

female) operates under the DBA of High Time Sales in the San Jose area (292-9492). If you missed this one, they plan on another one at the Landing. Call Joey at Buck's or Joey at the above number for details.



The WATERGARDEN

## Faustus in Hell is HOT

Review by Rick Rudy

The old tale of Faust, the man who makes a pact with the Devil for the good life, in return for his soul, has surfaced again in a new and hot version of the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco.

This time it is *Faustus in Hell* by Nagel Jackson, who, in addition to being a playwright, has directed at ACT and is the Artistic Director of the McCarter Theatre at Princeton where *Faustus* premiered in 1985.

Under the banner of "Theatre is hell, and Hell is theatre," Jackson has woven a work which takes us from Dr. Faustus' study into the depths of an underworld filled with surprises such as devils portrayed as punk rockers, three angels cloned from the Supremes, a fop dressed as Charlie Chaplin, and a man who could be the twin of W.C. Fields.

Helen of Troy appears as Marilyn Monroe; and the Pope, and Archbishop and a Cardinal become The Three Stooges.

Our tour guide is Mephistophilis, played with wonderful style by Drew Eshelman in the guises (sequentially) of Groucho Marx, Adolf Hitler, Count Dracula, Ed Sullivan, a hippy surfer, the Ayatollah, and finally back to Groucho again.

Each is handled with skill, perception and good humor.

Peter Donat is Faustus who bargains for 24 years of delights with his soul.

Donat is delightfully himself, as always.

Lawrence Hecht is a particularly enchanting Don Juan, always chasing women, then leaving them for another, and all accomplished with a hilarious Castilian lisp.

The second act is *The Show of the Seven Deadly Sins* where each sin (greed, wrath, pride, envy, sloth, lechery, and gluttony) is played as a short skit on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Jackson managed to coerce seven modern (and famous) playwrights each to write one of these little scenes: so they are each in a very different style of theatre and dialogue.

Some of the highlights: "Greed" (by Amlin Gray) features Laurel and Hardy; "Wrath" (by Romulus Linney) is crusty preacher Savonarola, closed captioned by a delightful Harpo Marx; "Envy" (by Edward Albee) is a transvestit; and "Gluttony" (by John Guare) is a Messiah who eats himself to extinction at his last supper, under the reproachful eye of a cute angel.

The direction by Michael Smuin, formerly Director of the San Francisco Ballet, is fast paced and full of dance movement. He utilizes magic tricks, trap doors, and bits of pop songs to make a sizzling show, and proves that ACT is once again moving in the Faust lane.

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## Summer for Joey

"Summer for Joey" is the story of a sensitive boy growing up in the summer of 1920.

Written by Lyle Glazier and published by Allen Young of Millers River Publishing Company, "Summer for Joey" is set in a traditional Connecticut River Valley farming community.

Joey is 11 going on 12, and his world is slowly changing. His routine that summer included fishing, swimming, and his chores.

But his world was expanding with new people such as the mysterious, delicate, frail Raymond who lived in the cottage and sinister, sexy 15-year-old Cliff from the big city.

As the events of the summer unfolded, Joey wasn't sure what it all meant—the sly jokes and talk of peep shows, the "darkie" who got his teeth knocked out at the county fair, the day Mr.



Wheeler died in Mrs. Burns' bedroom, the sermon of the blind preacher—but slowly these things became a part of him.

Lysander Kemp, poet, translator and former editor-in-chief of the University of Texas Press has praised this charming story as "sensitive told but sturdily

unsentimental." This book is the result of an unusual and surprise collaboration between a gay writer and a gay publisher, who came together because of their mutual interest in the sensibilities of rural New England.

Lyle Glazier is a retired English professor (State University of New York at Buffalo), now a resident of Bennington, VT.

His poems, stories and essays have been published in *Country Journal*, *Mouth of the Dragon* and numerous other periodicals.

Allen Young was well-known in the 1970s as a gay activist and author. He is co-editor with Karla Jay of "Out of the Closet," "The Gay Report" and other books.

Young now lives in Royalston, MA and is founder of Millers River Publishing Company. The boo is available by mail from Millers River Publishing, Company, Box 159, Athol, MA 01331.

## "Master Harold" rings true

Review by Rick Rudy

"Master Harold" . . . and the boys, Athol Fugard's 1982 drama, is the current work of the San Jose Rep, and it is a brutally truthful and strikingly fine piece of theatre.

Fugard, a South African, sets the play in that racially tense country in 1950, but the themes are more universal: friendship, compassion, maturity, racism, and society.

"Master Harold" is Hally, a seventeen year-old white boy, whose mother runs the St. Georges Park Tea Room in Port Elizabeth.

than Hally himself. Wright displays tenderness, humor, towering anger, and compassion with brilliant insight.

And Steven Anthony Jones is Willie, who beats up his girlfriend, but wants her back so they can win the upcoming ballroom dancing contest.

Jones portrays the quiet, subservient worker, with dignity. The play is really a blend of allegories which leave their message without the heaviness of diatribe.

Hally proposes to write a



"The boys" are Sam and Willie, two black men in their forties, who work at the restaurant.

Hally has grown up with Sam and Willie and shared most of his emotions and school lessons with them.

When a call from his mother causes an emotional crisis, Hally turns viciously on Sam, revealing the bigotry and hate underlying the whole South African society.

Hally is well played by James Bundy, who nicely blends the innate superiority of the seventeen year old, the warmth of long friendship, and the vilence of the immature adult.

Unfortunately, he also struggles with the South African dialect.

Wendell W. Wright is Sam, the man who was more of a father to Hally than his own drunken, crippled father.

Sam is bright and absorbs Hally's schooling more easily

school assignment on the ballroom dance contest which he sees as an extension of the black primitive dance rituals; but which really shows a sophistication in the blacks which Hally's racial blindness prevents him from seeing.

Another episode tells of Sam's making a kite for Hally out of old wood scraps and brown paper.

The miracle of the kite flying gives Hally a sense of freedom, which is balanced against Sam's lack of freedom as Hally sits unwittingly on a "whites only" park bench.

The set by Vicki Smith of the inside of the Tea Room is nicely crafted, the constant stream of rain on the large glass windows a wonderful and realistic effect.

The direction by Kenneth Kelleher is well paced, bringing out the layers of emotion with clarity.

"Master Harold played through May 10 and should not have been missed.

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## Affirmed by the Spirit:

### Coming Home and Coming Out!

"Affirmed by the Spirit: Coming Home and Coming Out," will be the theme of the Seventh National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC), to be held June 23-25 on the Case Western Reserve University campus in Cleveland.

The event will be held immediately before the Sixteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, scheduled June 25-30 in the same city.

UCCL/GC is an officially recognized special interest group within the United Church of Christ (UCC) committed to ministry with the justice for

lesbians and gay men, their families and friends.

The National Gathering will feature speakers, workshops and small group sharing, and will include time for strategizing and organizing for the work of the Coalition during the coming year.

Resource persons include Mary Jo Osterman of the Kinheart Women's Center Program on Sexuality and Homophobia, Evanston, Illinois; and John E. Fortunato, former head of Integrity International and author of *Embracing the Exile: Healing Journeys of Gay Christians*.

Participants will share with each other in small groups,

focusing on the importance of "coming home" spiritually as a part of "coming out" as lesbian, gay or bisexual persons.

National Gathering organizer, Cyril Colonius, says, "For most gay and lesbian Christians, coming out to ourselves and others is the most fertile soil for spiritual growth."

"The Seventh National Gathering will be a time of celebration and exploration of our whole selves, to find our spirited center so that we can move out into the church and the world, empowered not by anger or fear but by the spirit."

"In sharing our stories, both the joys and struggles, we hope to free ourselves from personal homophobia and

heterosexism." UCCL/GC plans an active and visible presence at the UCC Sixteenth General Synod, to be held at the Cleveland Convention Center.

In addition to staffing a booth in the exhibition area, supporting events such as films and workshops, the Coalition will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary at a June 29 dinner.

Participants who plan to stay in Cleveland after the National Gathering for the UCC Synod will attend Synod orientation sessions during the National Gathering.

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## 11th San Francisco International Film Festival

Dates have been set for the 11th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

The 1987 Festival will take place June 19-28 with film screenings at the landmark Castro Theatre June 19-27 and video screenings June 25-28 at Video Free America and the Roxie Cinema.

Sponsored by Frameline, a non-profit lesbian and gay media arts organization, the annual Festival is the world's oldest and largest event of its kind.

This year's event will include over 100 film and video works representing a dozen different countries.

The Festival's Opening Night will feature the North American premiere of *The Most Be Seeing Things* by New York director Shiela McLaughlin.

Ms McLaughlin will attend the premiere which will be

preceded by a champagne reception at the Castro Theatre.

Other films confirmed for the Festival include two films by Berlin filmmaker Lothar Lambert, *Drama in Blond* and his latest work, *Desert of Love*.

Also representing West Germany will be *The Wolf Girl* by Dagmar Beiersdorf.

The Festival will also be presenting *The Passion of Remembrance* from Great Britain and *Simone*, an impressive first feature by 19-year-old French director Christine Ehm.

The Festival's Video Program will include the North American premiere of *Across the Rubicon*, a satirical look at contemporary South Africa with stage personality Pieter-Dirk Uys.

*Gertrude Stein and a Companion* starring Jan Miner and Marian Seldes is an exciting combination of theatrical, cine-

matic and video techniques and will be a highlight of the Festival's video program.

Special programs during the Festival will include a tribute to Women Make Movies, a New York based distributor of films and video tapes by women.

Lesbian vampires will be the subject of a lecture and film clip presentation by author and filmmaker Andrea Weiss.

Ms Weiss is currently writing a book on lesbian images in cinema.

San Francisco filmmaker Marc Huestis will be honored with a program of his work which will include the first San Francisco screening of the film version of *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age* (screened in video at the '86 Festival), *Whatever Happened to Susan Jane? and Unity*.

The complete Festival schedule will be available May 29th when Frameline opens its Festival Ticket Outlet.

## Women Blockade



by Ted Sahl

On Easter weekend, 300 men, women and children marched from Avila to the gates of

Diablo Nuclear Power Plant to demonstrate on the anniversary of Chernobyl—their message, "it

could happen here!" There were 19 arrests including a 14 year old.

## AIDS Education and Support Services to Minorities

The National AIDS Network released its report on "AIDS Education and Support Services to Minorities: A Survey of Community Based AIDS Service Providers."

The report was compiled by Gilberto Gerald, Director of Minority Affairs for the National AIDS Network.

"Minorities with AIDS are victims of a health care system that has always put minorities at a great disadvantage, as documented in the federal government's Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health (Jan '86).

"This creates a very bleak picture for the future of the minority community with respect to the AIDS crisis," says Mr. Gerald, "a Black woman is

thirteen times more likely than a white woman to contact AIDS. "There is a desperate need for risk-reduction information tar-

geted at minority communities."

Copies of the report can be obtained by sending \$25. to the National AIDS Network, 1012 14th N.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20005.

**Friday, May 15-Right and Wrong: Are these concepts useful?** This will be the topic at the Humanist Forum. John David Webster, IV and Peter Bishop will present a dialogue treating the question from slightly different points of view. The doors will open for refreshments at 7:30 p.m. The dialogue will begin at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga. The public is cordially invited and there is no charge. John David Webster, a minister, is currently Executive Director of the Morrow Foundation, an organization devoted to increasing the ability of individuals to solve their problems. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Association of Santa Clara County. Peter Bishop is President of the Humanist Community of San Jose, and a technical software manager in the semi-conductor industry. Both speakers have devoted many years of thought and study to the topic of the dialogue.

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By Tycho

**Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)**-Contemplating beauty is one thing. Making something beautiful is another. You have the energy, the inspiration, and the ability to create something that is very special and very beautiful. Make it real. make it happen.

**Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)**-The insight and help that you've given to others lately has been heartfelt and generous. Now you are able to do the something for yourself. A deep, long look into who you are and where you're going will be significant.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**-A kind and gentle friend can help steer you clear of difficulty. Being impulsive and rambunctious can be fun and exciting, but without your gentle friend life could get weird and wobbly. Feel the strength of a shoulder, the warmth of a smile.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**-Making up your mind will make all the difference. Something in your life that you've been unable to make a decision about is settled. And it's only through your own sense of necessity and resolve that it happens.

**Leo (July 23-Aug 22)**-A sense of idealism is interjected into work and play. Since you're giving your all to both of them why not raise your sights and perspective to a higher level? When another's urgency conflicts with your calm, consider the big picture.

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)**-Combining ambition, intelligence, and your psychic awareness will make for a very important time. If you were a machine all of your buttons would have been pushed. But you're human, very human. A friendly Taurus will be glad to confirm that.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)**-The discoveries made by you and your partner have changed your world. Things appear to be moving at an accelerated pace. Two heads, bodies, souls are better than one. Now the two of you can turn your attention to far reaching vistas.

**Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)**-You're very aware of the way in which your life is inextricably combined and merged with others. This is a good time to settle any disagreement that has lingered over time. You're able to see others in a clear and honest light.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)**-It's springtime and Sagittarius continues to know it better than anyone else. There is something special in the air and you want to be outside and a part of it. All sports and games are highlighted. Get out there with your good buddy.

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)**-You're not known as the most lighthearted member of the zodiac. While you're feeling that way let others know how you're feeling. Don't be afraid of not being taken seriously. Be silly and playful. Delight in the dance of life.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)**-Someone who is jealous may try to cause some trouble. Don't worry. The confrontation will be a minor one but you could learn a lot from it. Take pleasure in a fresh look at who you are and what you have.

**Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)**-The possibility of a big change on the work front would be unsettling to many. But not to Pisces. The power of love is so strong in your life that you can deal effectively with virtually any situation.

**1987 GLPA National Convention:** to be held in San Diego, May 22-25. The workshops scheduled will attempt to address the profound changes in the political, legal, social, economic, and technological issues facing the lesbian and gay press from the viewpoint of publishers, writers, advertising people and production members of the working press. If interested in a registration packet, call (818) 880-4139. Leave your name and address — materials will be mailed quickly.

**Gay Skate Night:** Monday, May 18th from 7 to 9 p.m. The Billy DeFrank Center is once again hosting a Gay Skating Party at Skate World Roller Rink. Tickets are on sale in advance at the Center for only \$4 (skate rental included) and \$5 at the door. Skate World is located on Stevens Creek at the corner of San Tomas Expressway. For more information call the Center 293-1403.

**A Taste of Love:** a flavor gel to eliminate the harsh rubber taste of condoms for those who enjoy oral sex is being introduced. Jeff Satkin, a volunteer with Gay Men's Health Crisis, created the gel. Available from A Tasty Kind of Love, Inc., P.O.Box 2596, Muhlenberg Station, Plainfield, NJ 07060-0596.

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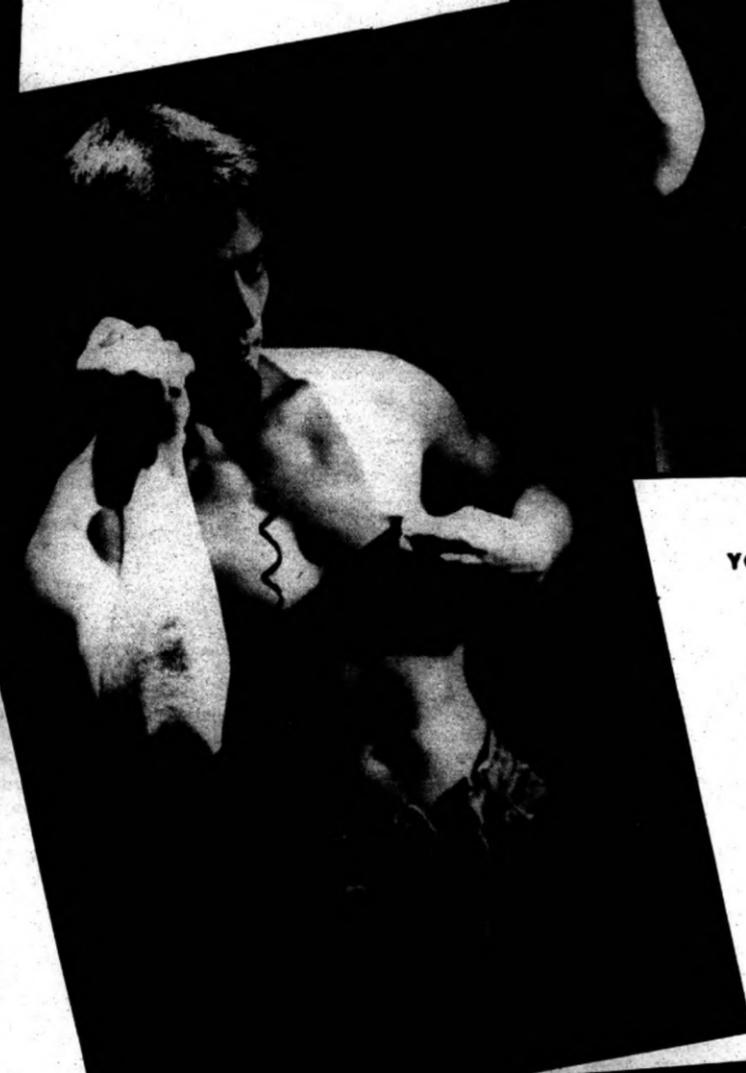
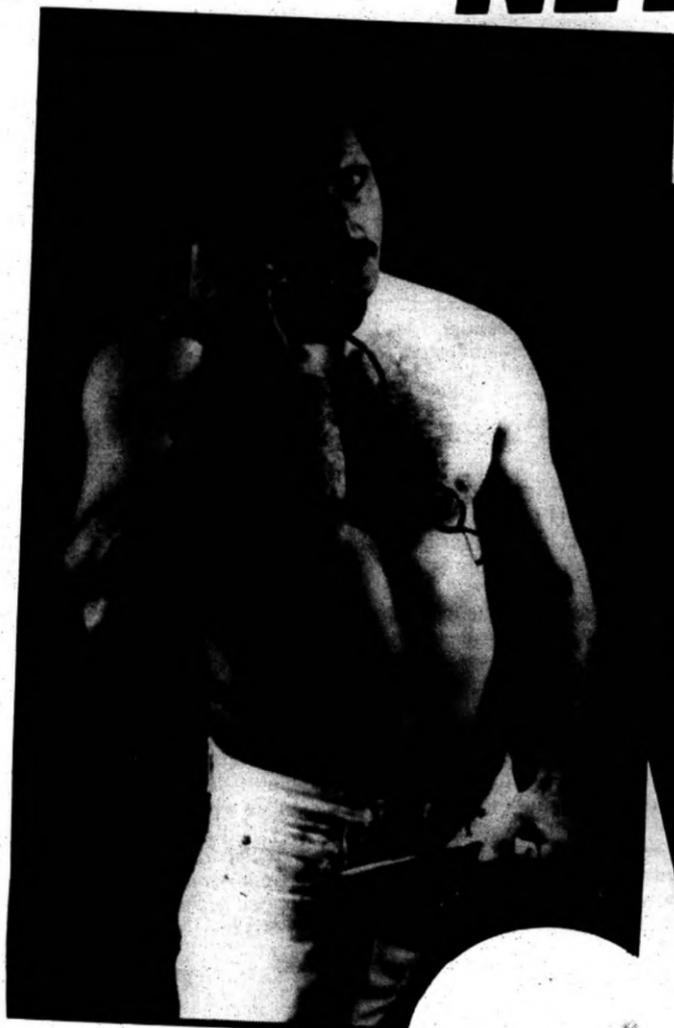
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