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Governor Cuomo at New York's Gay/Lesbian Service Center

New York—"Discrimination based on sexual orientation is wrong; to encourage it or allow government itself to discriminate against any of us would threaten all of us," declared Governor Mario Cuomo during a ceremony at New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center.

While nearly 500 supporters looked on, Cuomo signed an amended version of an Executive Order 28 that will place the responsibility for lesbian and gay rights in the Division of Human Rights.

The responsibility for enforcement was previously in the Office of Employee Relations.

"It must be made clear that discrimination or violence directed at someone because he or she is gay is as despicable as if directed at someone for any of the absurd reasons that are traditionally recognized by our human rights laws," Cuomo added.

Cuomo also surprised the audience and press alike by announcing that "the New York State Superintendent of Insurance will be issuing regulations that will prohibit the use of the HIV test as a condition for health insurance.

"I urge you to watch for the hearings and participate in them."

Cuomo, a strong proponent of banning the use of the test for health insurance purposes, was unable to gain legislative support for this position earlier this year.

Before signing the Executive Order, Governor Cuomo spoke of the later Peter Vogel, formerly chairman of the State Gay Task Force and vice chairman of his AIDS Advisory Council.

Cuomo remembered Vogel, who died last year of AIDS, "as someone who taught you lessons in gentleness, love, understanding and easiness.

"We will try to remember those lessons as long as we remember.

"This Center which Peter helped to create symbolizes his vision of the community.

"It will live on as an expression of love and service for the things that best characterize Peter, the things that enable us to call ourselves a family."

Cuomo explained that he is often reminded of Vogel's tragic death "when I read the grim statistics that recite the individual struggles of men and women and children with this incredible, frightening, tragic disease (AIDS).

"I think Peter is a powerful reminder that these statistics . . . represent real lives, real human beings . . . engulfing hundreds and thousands of friends like Peter."

Virginia Apuzzo, Deputy Ex-



ecutive Director of New York State Consumer Protection Board and liaison to the Governor on gay and lesbian affairs, recalled Vogel as one who "offered a commitment to getting the job done, whatever the task

at hand."

Apuzzo added "Peter's efforts went into building institutions that would stand long after the current crisis is resolved.

"When I reflect on the institutions that he helped mold — I

know we must push beyond the moments that would paralyze us with fear, or isolate us, thereby depriving us of the confirmation our lives lend to each other."

Irving Cooperberg, President of the Board of Directors of The

Center, remembered Peter's significant role in making The Center a reality.

"Peter's tireless and selfless efforts are, in large part, why we are able to have this Center.

"Peter and I, while committed to responding to the AIDS crisis, believed that we needed something to build for the future of our community.

"It is not unlike the Marshall plan to rebuild Europe that was already in motion during the final years of World War II.

"The Center is part of our community's Marshall Plan."

Richard Burns, newly appointed Executive Director of The Center, in his welcoming remarks to the Governor and the community, explained that "the Center now serves more than 150 groups who rent space on a temporary basis as well as having such groups as the Community Health Project, SAGE and the Anti-Violence Project."

Burns explained that "it now costs nearly \$2,000 per day to keep the Center open.

"To continue to serve our community we need to increase our community's financial support."

The Lesbian and Gay Community Center, located on West 13th Street in New York's Greenwich Village, was founded in 1983 as a charitable, non-profit corporation to provide space for groups delivering social, medical, and cultural services to the lesbian and gay community of the greater New York Metropolitan area.

NGLTF urges increased AIDS funding/payment for AZT

In testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force urged federal funding of nearly \$1 billion dollars for AIDS-related efforts in Fiscal 1988.

NGLTF Executive Director Jeff Levi focused his comments on the importance of federal funding for the cost of experimental treatments.

The Task Force will present testimony to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

"Until a cure and vaccine are developed, our only intervention for halting the spread of AIDS is education.

"In this area, the federal response has been particularly appalling.

"In the current fiscal year, less than \$80 million is allotted to this goal.

"It rises to \$120 million in the President's budget request; a sum triple that size would come closer to the need," testified Levi.

"AIDS prevention requires mass education—about a fright-

ening disease that requires millions of Americans to make dramatic changes in their lifestyles.

"And yet, we are spending less on this effort than companies spend to change consumer buying habits—or politicians spend on changing the vote of a small portion of the electorate," Levi continued.

NGLTF also faulted the federal response in the area of counseling those seeking the test, and pointed out the problems in the accessibility to the test at voluntary test sites.

"The Public Health Service has failed to provide the testing sites and counseling services to meet the demand that they have created.

"Backlogs at testing sites are considerable—as long as two months in some cities.

"This is a program that cannot be undertaken on the cheap: testing is only as useful as the counseling about behavior change that is associated with it—for people who are positive and negative."

Levi argued at length for the appropriation of special funds in the current fiscal year to pay for

the cost of AZT treatments.

"For many who were receiving AZT free of charge before it was licensed, a treatment that has been proven effective in prolonging life is now being withheld simply because they cannot afford it.

"The humane solution is for the federal government to purchase AZT for those individuals not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance that pays for prescription drugs," he said.

Aetna forced to accept applications without test

National Gay Rights Advocates has won an early victory against Aetna Life Insurance in a dispute over HIV antibody testing.

In a formal complaint to the California Department of Insurance, NGRA charged that Aetna would not accept Robert Machado's application unless he submitted to an HIV antibody test, even though California law specifically prohibits insurers from using the test.

Following an investigation, the Department of Insurance ordered Aetna to process Mr. Machado's application without requiring an antibody test.

NGLTF also urged Congress to press the National Institute of Health to move with greater speed in expanding the trials of drugs now underway, and to increase dramatically the number of people participating in them.

The Task Force called for the development of earlier interventions including the study of drugs for asymptomatic carriers of the HIV to determine if the disease can be stopped early in its course.

The department has further ordered Aetna to distribute a circular to all California agents and underwriters advising that it is illegal to require California applicants to submit to the HIV antibody test.

Aetna is under further investigation regarding other alleged violations.

"Aetna has been put on notice, and other California insurers would do well to take heed.

"Illegal HIV antibody testing of insurance applicants will not be tolerated in the state of

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NGRA releases AIDS study: policies of Fortune 1,000

In a major breakthrough, National Gay Rights Advocates released the nation's first study publicly identifying major American corporations and their policies on AIDS related issues.

American Corporate Policy: AIDS Employment surveys "Fortune 1,000 employers."

Areas addressed include mandatory HIV testing, medical benefits and employment discrimination.

Survey results are encouraging for persons with AIDS.

Sixty-seven percent of the corporate respondents prohibit AIDS related discrimination.

Virtually all of the responding companies reject mandatory HIV testing of any sort, and pay for employee's AIDS related medical expenses.

Respondents include corporate giants such as Citicorp, Chevron, Bank of America, CBS, DuPont, Westinghouse, Transamerica and GTE.

"The companies were virtually unanimous in their responses: employers have a moral and legal responsibility to protect

employees with AIDS or AIDS related conditions.

"Accepting responsibility means rejecting mandatory HIV testing, paying for AIDS related medical expenses, and developing company wide policies of non-discrimination.

"Unfortunately, policies of benign neglect or outright antagonism by other companies less willing to address the issue of AIDS in a compassionate manner remain an acute problem," commented Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director.

"When dealing with the AIDS crisis, the optimal approach is to educate more and litigate less.

"With American Corporate Policy: AIDS and Employment, NGRA hopes to educate corporate America to the fact that many leaders throughout the country have already developed compassionate, non-discriminatory policies on AIDS.

"We urge the rest to follow their example, because the unfortunate yet inevitable truth is that the AIDS crisis will touch every workplace in America.

"The time to prepare is now," noted Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

A 34-page report, American Corporate Policy: AIDS and Employment provides detailed

listings of companies and their individual responses to the survey, as well as a summary of total results.

The survey also includes comments and excerpts from written policies on AIDS penned by

corporations throughout the United States.

Copies can be obtained from National Gay Rights Advocates at 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, or 8380 Santa Monica Blvd., 202 W. Hollywood, CA 90069.

Cost is \$15.00 per copy, and volume discounts are available.

Update: Meese Commission Exposed

Alan Sears, executive director of the Meese Commission on Pornography, is now a staff attorney for Decency Through Law. CDL was founded by Charles Keating, a minority member of the last presidential obscenity commission; its initials formerly stood for Citizens for Decent Literature.

Attorney General Meese has appointed H. Robert Showers — architect of the infamous North Carolina obscenity statute — as Director of the Justice Department's new Obscenity Enforcement Unit, a prosecution task force with staff attorneys in Washington and around the country.

Federal prosecutors, reluctant to spend resources on obscenity cases, are being pressed by the Justice Department to prosecute. Organizations such as Morality in Media are urging supporters to write district attorneys and U.S. attorneys, demanding prosecutions.

Meese has also created a Center on Obscenity and child Pornography to serve as a speakers' bureau, a training center, and provide legal assistance in obscenity prosecutions.

Bills modeled after Meese Commission recommendations are pending in numerous states. Video dealers are being harassed and prosecuted, publishers and booksellers continue to be greatly concerned. A number of important new obscenity cases are now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mother's Day Action

by Ted Sahl

Tow other journalists and myself headed for Las Vegas to join in a gathering for mothers and others to support a comprehensive test ban on nuclear weapons May 8 - 10.

On Sunday, Mother's Day, 800 women crossed the white line at the Nevada test site—committing non violent, civil disobedience and were arrested.

In one magnificent human wave, holding hands in solidarity they marched directly to the police to be handcuffed and placed on buses.

When the sheriffs were up to their eyeballs arresting people, a second wave of women climbed over fences and headed into back country.

Pandemonium broke out as the sheriff's dune buggy patrol raced into the desert to contain the trespassers—three helicop-



testing.

While the call was to take your protest to Washington, D.C., Washington came to the Nevada test site.

At the February 5th action six members from the House of Representatives were there to show support for a nuclear test ban at the site.

The delegation included House Democrats Tom Downey (NY), Mike Lowry (WA), Jim Bates, Leon Panetta and Barbara Boxer (CA), all of whom sponsor with 142 other House members HR-12.

The feeling in Congress is that Reagan bugling of the summit meeting with Russia calls for action; "it's time for Congress to take the initiative and move the world away from the brink of destruction," said Carl Sagan.

The Mother's Day action was sponsored by America Peace Test, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Loretto Disarmament Economic Conversion Committee.

You should've been there!

ACLU/SC hails court ruling on AIDS test secrecy

The ACLU/SC applauds a Fourth District Court of Appeals decision which ruled that the secrecy of AIDS test results is inviolable in California, even when the test subject is suspected of intentionally attempting to transmit AIDS.

ACLU/SC Volunteer Attorney Thomas Homann, co-author of the amicus brief with ACLU/SC San Diego Chapter Legal Director Greg Marshall for the ACLU/SC Foundation and the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), hailed the ruling as a "healthy, forward-looking decision."

the Airline case.

The Court ruled that a contagious disease is a handicap under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Although the decision involved a tuberculosis case, the ACLU believes it will lead to favorable decisions regarding AIDS efforts.

ters raced into view trying to corral the protesters so the sheriffs could arrest them.

A mass of women on the roadway (200 yards long) took four hours to be handcuffed and booked.

Earlier this year, 33 similar demonstrations were held across the country and in 16 foreign embassies—over 1500 protesters were arrested, including scientist Carl Sagan, actors Kris Kristofferson, Robert Blake, Martin Sheen, and Daniel Ellsberg of

Pentagon Papers fame.

Martin Sheen was arrested today Betty Thomas of Hill Street Blues.

In September of 1986, 139 people were arrested; again on November 17, 70 more were taken into custody and 1500 demonstrators were arrested including Carl Sagan, Martin Sheen, and Kris Kristofferson.

The Reagan administration continues to ire anti nuclear activists by testing weapons despite a Russian moratorium on



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DON'T BE MEESE-LED.

The Meese Commission Exposed is must reading for everyone concerned about creeping censorship in our society. Literary, artistic, social, religious, intellectual and political freedom of thought is being threatened.

The biases and abuses of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, appointed with the charge of "controlling" what our laws do not even define, have aroused the concern of many Americans.

On January 16, 1986, the National Coalition Against Censorship brought together well-known writers, feminists, actors, psychiatrists, lawyers and psychologists at a Public Information Briefing to answer the Meese Commission. Actress Colleen Dewhurst, author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. and feminist Betty Friedan among others spoke out fervently on the growing wave of attacks—on the national, state

and local levels—on sexually related expression. This booklet presents the vital information covered in this historic public information briefing. It is must reading for all who cherish freedom of thought, expression and choice in our country, and wish to see these freedoms preserved.

To order The Meese Commission Exposed, write to: National Coalition Against Censorship, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 or call (212) 944-9899. Postpaid copies are \$6. Bulk rates on request.

The NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST CENSORSHIP, founded in 1974, is a broad-based non-profit, non-partisan coalition of religious, educational, professional, artistic, labor and civil rights organizations. The Coalition opposes censorship and advocates First Amendment rights.

THE MEESE COMMISSION EXPOSED

Colleen Dewhurst: "The government should not have the power to rule art."

Kurt Vonnegut: "I bet my government to delete from my works all thoughts which might be dangerous."

Betty Friedan: "To introduce censorship in the United States in the guise of suppressing pornography is extremely dangerous to women."

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Romanovsky and Phillips: Gay Lives in Song

By Steve Warren

Lyrics by Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, used by permission

We shared all our secrets
Round an open fire
And wrestled with each other
As we wrestled with desire...
We were best friends
Doing things kids do
And no matter what you'd
like to think
We were lovers too...
—Best Friends



Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips sing of their lives and ours in original songs that are sometimes sincere, sometimes satirical, always entertaining. After nearly six years of performing together and a few months more of being lovers, they are foremost in the very limited field of openly gay male artists on the concert and recording scene.

In case anyone wanders into their show by mistake, or because a particular town or campus has no other live entertainment that night — they don't just play big cities — Romanovsky and Phillips will open with a song like "Let's Flaunt It!" which leaves no doubt as to where they're coming from.

Frequently sharing the bill with lesbian entertainers, they have always been close to the women's movement in music and politics.

"Women come up to us when we perform," according to Paul, "and say, 'You use the word lesbian more than Cris Williamson does'."

...as I grew older
Still I wished to be a lady
Not so I could have a man
But so I could have a baby!
—Womb Envy

Ron was inspired early on by Holly Near, who he says "was using 'the L word' a lot at the time. I realized I was afraid of performing because I was gay, so maybe I wouldn't be so afraid if I performed for gay audiences."

Paul claims he "came out from reading feminist literature, from *The Female Eunuch* to *Lesbian Nation*... I think because I'm an effeminate man I've suffered a lot of the same oppression women have, even within the gay male community."

Heterosexuals aren't immune to R&P's charms either.

You don't have to be Argentinian to enjoy *Tango Argentino* or a cat to like *Cats*. While their songs are never coy about gender when a pronoun is called for, many deal with basic emotions that cross boundaries of sexual preference.

Not all of us who dreaded sports as kids turned out gay (maybe 99 percent?), and that's what "Outfield Blues" is about:

They split us up into teams
No one wanted to get stuck with me
So I'm as far as I can be
I'm in the outfield

"Wimp," which Ron says is "totally autobiographical in how I deal with life," could be about anyone who flunked out of assertiveness training:

The waiter was rude and so was the food
But I tipped him thirty-five percent

"Lost Emotions," a song about missed opportunities ("I

want to reach out for his hand/But that would break the rule"), is so universal that they follow it in performance with something blatant like "He's My Lover" to get the show back on track.

Ron Romanovsky, the dark-haired one who plays guitar and writes most of the songs, was raised in Pittsburgh, PA. He escaped to San Francisco shortly after high school because the fog "suited my manic depressive personality so well."

After Ron and his music came out, he advertised "to start a gay men's music collective. I didn't know what that would be."

Before he could find out, he met blond Paul Phillips, the perfect yin for his yang. Born in New Jersey and raised in West Virginia, Paul spent three years at Wheaton, the "Christian college" Billy Graham attended.

From there, Paul moved to Bloomington, IN, and then New York City.

"Even there I was treated like an outsider," he recalls, "I think because I'm bubbly, not reserved."

That's putting it mildly — the man could carbonate an ocean!

Once they were both in San Francisco, it was only a matter of time until fate brought them together, one July afternoon in Golden Gate Park. "Not in the bushes," Paul hastens to add, "although I'd been to the bushes that day."

They cruised each other without quite connecting.

...hot and cold, then cold and hot
Really drags out the chase
And I've begun to think
Perhaps you're just a basket case

—Cat and Mouse

If a movie is ever made of their lives, the scene where they finally meet will be highly cinematic. Paul gets on a bus to go home. Ron jumps on his bike

the title song of their second album, *Trouble in Paradise*:

...love is never easy, it's a lot of give and take
And it's learning to forgive each new mistake
But any love worth having's gonna take some sacrifice
Don't run away from trouble in paradise

"The act has kept us together at times," Paul says, "but the relationship has kept the act together at times, too."

Last August, Paul and Ron moved to Santa Fe, NM. Paul calls it "the Marin of the desert," Marin being the mellow, artsy county North of the Golden Gate from San Francisco.

"I only wish we could stay home for the next three months to enjoy it!" writes Ron, embroiled in travel plans.

Just by performing together as they do, Romanovsky and Phillips are making a political statement, but they don't stop there.

Their songs rail against everything from homophobia ("...it seems to me my dear/That we've seen straight folks flaunt their sexuality for years" — Homophobia) to macho militarism ("We've got a president who's so confused.../He thinks...weapons make us strong/...that kind of rationale/Will only make us dead/I wish that when he runs the country/He would use his other head" — Don't Use Your Penis (for a Brain) to political correctness in the gay community ("I don't brunch on Sundays, don't own a set of weights/I wouldn't dream of screwing 'til after several dates" — What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?).

"We're not coming from a place that we're a gay Everyman," Paul says, "but we've discovered a commonality."

Romanovsky and Phillips have been discovered, too, by predominantly gay audiences in more than 50 cities in 31 states. The current tour can only increase the number of their fans.

After another year Romanovsky and Phillips created the Fresh Fruit label on which they released their first album, *I Thought You'd Be Taller*.

The record's ten songs included "Closet Case" ("...you get your kicks in tearooms from ten-minute love affairs") and "Paint by Numbers," Ron's song for Frances Farmer:

Frances wasn't satisfied
With all the money and the fame
They tried to teach her all the rules
But she refused to play the game

In the summer of 1985, Romanovsky and Phillips went through a trial separation, which led Ron to rewrite what became

Romanovsky and Phillips will be appearing June 4 at Moraga Hall in Santa Cruz, June 5 at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose, and June 7 at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco.

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AIDS hospice is planned by coalition

By Dick Egner
Mercury News Staff Writer

Plans for a hospice for up to 20 seriously ill AIDS patients were announced Monday by the AIDS Hospice Foundation of Santa Clara County, a citizens coalition.

The hospice would be the first of a projected chain of such facilities, coalition members said.

The coalition also announced it is planning a \$500,000 fund-raising drive to open the hospice and operate it the first year. Of that amount, \$100,000 has already been pledged.

Former San Jose Mayor Janet

Gray Hayes, who announced the project at her home Monday, said the hospice chain would provide "an alternative to hospital critical care which will save tax money."

Appearing with her at a news conference was Dr. Roger Kennedy, chairman of an AIDS study committee for the Santa Clara County Medical Society, who said there is a "significant lack of housing for those in their last days of battling AIDS."

Santa Clara County has approximately 100 AIDS patients, he said. But the county is projected to have 900 by 1991, with 360 of them need-

ing hospice care, according to a projection by a Hospice Foundation task force.

"Our aim is to provide a caring, humane place for AIDS patients to die with dignity," Kennedy said, adding that the task force has referred its findings to the county Board of Supervisors.

The foundation has a potential site, but it depends on real estate

arrangements, said Diana Miller, a foundation spokeswoman and former Los Altos Hills City Council member. She declined to identify the site, which already has a building, but said it is not in a neighborhood of single-family residences and has some open space around it.

The foundation expects to know later this week whether that site will be used. If it is, the hospice could open this fall.



Counselor's Corner

Depression

By Marta Hiatt, PhD

Depression is the most common element of emotional problems; it is estimated that between 20 and 30 percent of the adult population suffers from some form of depression.

Although a depressed mood — that is, feeling sad, blue, tearful — is a predominant sign of depression, it is not always present. Sometimes the person may not realize he or she is depressed, even though other people in that person's immediate environment sense that something is not quite right. Underneath the apparently happy facade of a "masked depression" is a tormented person who is so out of touch with his or her feelings that s/he is consciously unaware of a pervasive feeling of sadness.

It is important to be aware of some of the signs of depression, such as:

- ✓ Poor appetite and weight loss, or increased appetite and weight gain;
- ✓ Sleep disorders;
- ✓ Loss of interest or pleasure in one's usual activities, such as work, recreation, friends or sex;
- ✓ Persistent irritability (agitated depression);
- ✓ Feelings of excessive guilt or self-condemnation;
- ✓ Diminished ability to think or concentrate;
- ✓ Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide, or any self-destructive behavior;
- ✓ Feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.

Depression comes in two forms: Situational and chronic. Situational depression can be the result of a run-in with your boss, a break-up of a relationship, an illness, or the death of someone close to you. Situational depression is one that has a specific and identifiable cause, and is appropriate to the severity of that cause.

Mourning over the loss of a loved one is a necessary form of normal, adaptive behavior that often prevents a later, more severe depression. Much depression is caused by repressing feelings of grief or anger. Indeed, one school of thought believes that depression is anger turned inward against the self.

Chronic depression, on the other hand, may seem inappropriate to the severity of its cause, or it may appear

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF SAN JOSE

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The City of San Jose exists to serve and represent all persons residing within the city regardless of their race, creed, sex, or sexual preference; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America guarantees all citizens equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS: The gay community seeks opportunities to foster self-worth and dignity within their community and, at the same time, provide an atmosphere where all people can feel free to live and work together harmoniously; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas McEnery, Mayor of the City of San Jose, do hereby proclaim June 20, 1987 as Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Day, and commend and pay tribute to your efforts in building a community without prejudice.



Attested to by:
Andrus Parnes
Clerk of the City of San Jose

Tom McEnery
The Honorable Thomas McEnery
MAYOR

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May 27, Jun 3, 10, 17, 24: 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 28, Jun 4, 11, 18, 25: 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 28, Jun 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30: El Camino Reelers: Beginner's class on Thursday nights, advanced group on Tuesday nights. Call for details: Marilyn 408/996-3788 or Jim 408/984-8132.

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

May 30: Memorial Day 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 Gréchen'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, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Registration 9:00 am, Forum Building 450. Sliding scale \$5-25. Speakers, workshops, rituals. Concert: Debbie Fier. Call 429-6767 or 479-6421 (TTY).

May 30-Jun 6: Santa Cruz Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration: See insert ad for events.

May 30, Jun 6, 13, 20, 27: 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 Home 415/493-4205.

May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: 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 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: Holy Trinity Church: A Christian Church for All People, member of the Independent Christian Church network, meets every Sun from 10:00 am to

noon at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 292-3071.

May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: 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 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: Calvary Metropolitan Community Church: Sunday worship at 5:00 pm at 2124 Brewster Ave, corner Brewster & Lowell, Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188.

May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose: Sharing God's Love with All People. Services every Sunday at 6:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church building, corner 10th & San Fernando Streets. Call 279-2711.

May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Friesland Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto.

Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Cabrillo Lesbians Together: Weekly meetings on Monday evenings 7:30 pm at the Cabrillo College Womyn's Center, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Also drop-in on Friday afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm. Call 479-6249.

Jun 2: Slightly Older Lesbians: Commitment in Interpersonal Relationship - What Does It Mean to You? Peer facilitated support/discussion group for lesbian women over 30. 7-9 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 293-4525.

Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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 AIRS Project 370-3272.

Jun 3: National Organization for Women: Women's rights group. Meets the first Wed every month at the First Unitarian Church, 460 N. Third St, San Jose. For details, call 259-6294.

Jun 3: High Tech Gays: Torch Song Trilogy, special benefit performance at San Jose Stage Company, 8:00 pm. \$20 per ticket. To order, send check or money order to HTG, PO Box 6777, San Jose, CA 95150, or call Voicemail 993-3830 to hold tickets at door.

Jun 5: DeFrank Center: Romanovsky & Phillips, songwriters. 8 pm. Tickets \$8 at Sisterspirit, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-2429.

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 Purr, class taught by Lee Stanford, certified massage therapist. \$25 fee. Noon to 4 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 720-4127.

Jun 6, 7: Sequoias Family Nudist Park: Open House at rustic, secluded 80 acres at the end of Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley; for people of all ages and backgrounds. For information, call Sequoians at

415/582-0194.

Jun 6: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse: Entre Nous, classic French film about the friendship between two women in postwar France. Plus new videos by Kathy Wolfe. 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7. Call 293-9372.

Jun 9: Slightly Older Lesbians: Join SOL for pizza at Giorgio's, 1445 Foxworthy Ave, near Cherry, San Jose. 7 pm SHARP. Call Ginny 415/749-1688 for reservations.

Jun 10: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays: San Jose chapter meets at 7:30 pm on second Wed at month in the lounge of the First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton, San Jose. Call 270-8182.

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.

Jun 11: Feminist Reading Group: Meets 2nd Thursday each month. For details, call Linda 248-9610.

Jun 12, 26: Santa Cruz SOL: Slightly Older Lesbians meet regularly in private homes on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Call Dana at 423-4147 for details.

Jun 13: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse: Jennifer Berezan, singer-songwriter. 8:30 pm (doors open 8:00) at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7. Call 293-9372.

Jun 13: Feminist Lesbian Social Group: Monthly potluck, 7 pm, at Marjorie's in San Jose (near 280 & Meridian). Call 292-2278 for directions. To receive Entre Nous newsletter, send \$12 subscription to FLGS, POB 70933, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Jun 14: Flag Day. Jun 14: High Tech Gays: Monthly meeting and potluck supper. 6:30 pm, followed by business meeting at 8:00 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Guest speaker, Brian Mavrogeorge of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR), gay Republican club. Bring a dish to share. Call Voicemail line 993-1830.

Jun 16: Slightly Older Lesbians: Share a Humorous Personal Experience Peer facilitated support/discussion group for lesbian women over 30. 7-9 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 293-4525.

Jun 17: Imperial Grand Lion Court of San Jose: Meeting at DeFrank Center 3rd Wednesday each month.

Jun 18: Peninsula Business and Professional Association: Meets 3rd Thursday each month at the Social Hall, Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City, 2124 Brewster Ave, at Lowell.

Jun 18: Feminist Writers Group: Meets at 7:30 pm on 3rd Thursday each month. For details, call Vera 245-0589.

Jun 19: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse: Anne Hills, singer-songwriter, folk guitar. 8:30 pm (doors open 8:00) at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7. Call 293-9372.

Jun 20: Women & Children Together: Support group for lesbian parents and co-parents. Meets at 7:30 pm on 3rd Saturday each month. For details, call Wendy 415/328-5825.

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

Jun 20: Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus: That Kinda Love, spring concert consisting of works by Ned Rorem, Randall Thompson, Sigmund Romberg, Arthur Sullivan, Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, Jerry Herman, et al. Tickets \$5. 8 pm at First Unitarian Church, 160 N. 3rd St., San Jose. Call 415/327-8392.

Jun 20-27: Women's Solstice 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 21: Father's Day. First Day of Summer. Jun 22: BAYMEC: Eroticism Safe Sex, workshop. 7:30-10:00 pm. \$10 donation. Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 297-1024.

Jun 23: Slightly Older Lesbians: From Lovers to Friends, Cindy Shapira, PhD. Support/discussion group for lesbian women over 30. 7-9 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 293-4525.

Jun 24: BAYMEC: Lobbying for AIDS Legislation, speaker, Rand Martin, full-time AIDS lobbyist. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$15 donation. Radisson Hotel, 1471 N. Fourth, San Jose. 297-1024.

Jun 25: Us Girls Dance Party: Viva Brasil with Joyce Cooling, Jacque Barnes and dancers. Third annual Gay Pride Dance Party at the

Trocadero Transfer, S.F. Tickets \$10 at door.

Jun 25: Feminist Art Group: Meets 7:30 pm on 4th Thursday each month. For details, call Vera 245-0589.

Jun 25-26: Gay/Lesbian Film Festival: San Jose's first, including gala opening with champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Morris Daley Auditorium, San Jose State University. Call High Tech Gays, Voicemail 993-3830.

Jun 26: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse: Casino Night, without the gambling. 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale \$1-3. Call 293-9372.

Jun 28: San Francisco Gay Parade: Join the San Jose contingent.

Jun 30: Slightly Older Lesbians: Touching: A Basic Human Need. Peer facilitated support/discussion group for lesbian women over 30. 7-9 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 293-4525.

Jul 4: Slightly Older Lesbians: Monthly potluck at Ginny's in Fremont. 3:00 potluck/stay and see fireworks. Call 415/749-1688 for directions.

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 27, Jun 3, 10, 17, 24: Fruit Punch: Gay radio every Wed. 10-11 pm. KPFA 94.1 FM.

May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28: Women's Radio Hour: With Mary Jeffries, every Sun. 11 am - noon, KKUP 91.5 FM.

Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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 30: The Savoy: Bubbles Dupla & Richard Kendall present Silicon Country II, all your favorite country entertainers. 9 pm.

Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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 wel-

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Winner 1986 Cable Car Award The Billy DeFrank Community Center Presents An Evening With Romanovsky & Phillips DeFrank Community Center 1040 Park Avenue San Jose (408) 293-2429 8:30 p.m., June 5, 1987 \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door

Dignity/USA

Members of Dignity/USA, the organization of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics and their friends, will gather from July 23 to 26 for their Eighth Biennial Convention at the Sheraton Bal Harbour Hotel in the Bal Harbour area of Miami, Florida.

The Pope will visit cities across the Southern United States and along the Pacific coast in California.

A final stop in Detroit is planned on the return to Rome. The theme of the convention is "Celebrate the Freedom of the Children of God," and the keynote address will be given by Dr. John Boswell of Yale University, New Haven, Ct., noted historian and author of Christianity, and Social Tolerance: Gay People in Western Europe from the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Fourteenth Century.

Boswell will relate his discovery of early Church services that united same-sex couples.

Other highlights will include an address by Father John McNeill, S.J., author of The Church and the Homosexual. McNeill is a Jesuit priest who

was silenced by the Vatican for speaking on gay and lesbian issues and was recently expelled from the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for the same reason, although the expulsion is under appeal; an address by Sister Jeannine Gramich, SSND, a co-founder of New Ways Ministry, a pioneer ministry to Catholic gays and lesbians; a panel discussion on Sexual Ethics and addressing such questions as what is sexual ethics?

How can Dignity members contribute to a sexual ethic that is both Christian and gay?

Billed as the largest lesbian and gay religious conference ever held, Dignity delegates will be joined by members of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) for an historical evening of ecumenical worship.

This special evening will include a liturgical service, a featured speaker and a dinner/dance, to be held at MCC Convention headquarters, the Deauville Hotel.

More than twenty convention workshops and seminars will cover a variety of topics built from Dignity's areas of concern.

For further information, registration, etc., please call or write Dignity/USA Convention, 1500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 11, Washington, D.C. 20005 or 202/861-0017.

Lay Caring Ministry

An introductory workshop on lay caring ministry and the Stephen Series will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Daly City, on Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Conducting the workshop will be the Rev. Gary Voss of St. Louis, Program Director of Stephen Ministries, not-for-profit religious and educational organization administering the Stephen Series.

The Stephen Series is a model for pastors and congregations to

use in setting up a lay caring ministry system in their own congregations.

The Stephen Series is currently being used by over 1500 congregations across the U.S., Canada, Australia, the Panama Canal Zone, Germany, and the Middle East.

The workshop, which is designed for both clergy and laity, contains a variety of activities as well as presentations aimed at sensitizing and familiarizing the

participants to the great potential of a congregation when a number of its laity become involved in caring for one another.

A highlight of the day will be a presentation of one of the Stephen Series training topics "Ministering to those Experiencing Grief."

Also included in the workshop will be a look at some of the basics of Christian community from a theological as well as practical perspective.

For further information about the workshop, contact the local coordinator, the Rev. Roger Hedstrom at 415/991-4673.

Calvary MCC

Effective June 7, Sunday worship at Calvary Metropolitan Community Church in Redwood City will change to 6 p.m. from the current time of 5 p.m.

Calvary MCC meets each Sunday at 2124 Brewster Ave., in Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188 for more information. Calvary is a non-denominational Christian church open to all people with an outreach to the lesbian and gay community.

The church also sponsors weekly events at 7:30 p.m. Thursday as well as other special events. Call for further information.

Unitarian Universalists see a great need to organize for sponsoring education and offering care for AIDS sufferers.

The concern they have about AIDS will be developed into a program guided by a task force, Orloff Miller, Crisis Minister for the Unitarian-Universalist Association announced. Miller is currently recruiting volunteers and planning for a conference to be held at the Oakland Unitarian Church September 18-20, 1987. Attendees would be from the denomination's Pacific Central District, which extends from San Luis Obispo to Oregon and includes Reno and Honolulu. Contact can be made with Orloff Miller, Human Perspectives, 11 High Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

"God's Power is Ours!"

Evangelicals Concerned Western Region presents their spirit-lifting heart-healing annual conference July 2 through 5 in sunny Santa Cruz, California.

This annual event attended by gay and lesbian Christians, their friends and families is devoted to the reconciliation of Christianity with each and every attendee's total being.

Evangelicals Concerned is a national organization with re-

gional affiliations in the Midwest and East along with Western Region.

Providing Christian education, fellowship and spiritual growth, ECWR has local affiliate groups in twelve western cities from Dallas west to San Diego and north to Seattle.

For registration information call (714) 556-0592, leaving your name, address and phone number.

MCC San Jose presents:

First Love, gospel trio

Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose is proud to announce the California premiere performance of First Love, a gospel trio from Las Vegas.

The group will appear in concert at 4 p.m. on the afternoon of June 7, in the Grace Baptist Church Building at the corner of 10th and San Fernando in downtown San Jose.

This presentation is sponsored by the local congregation of MCC and is open to all people in the community.

There will be no admission

charge for the concert, although a love offering will be taken for the group.

First love is a relatively new gospel trio directed by Mr. Ron Guthrie.

For the past six years, Mr. Guthrie has served as Minister of Music at MCC Las Vegas.

Prior to that time, he served in various choral capacities with a number of other churches in Las Vegas.

Guthrie also has impressive experience in professional and community music, including

Metropolitan Community Church San Jose The Rev. Denis E. Moore, Pastor Come Join Us for Worship Sundays at 8:30 pm Sharing God's Love With All People Grace Baptist Church Building Corner 10th & San Fernando Streets (408) 279-2711

Holy Trinity Community Church (A Christian Church for All People!) Sunday Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, SJ Rev. Randall (Randy) Hill, Pastor 1449 Hester Avenue San Jose, CA 95126-2513 (408) 292-3071

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Pamela D. Cummings, Pastor Morning Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas 408/282-1488 Proclaiming grace and freedom for all

performing on a regular basis with both Paul Anka and Barry Manilow, directing and soloing with Voices Community Chorus for three years and directing music for a Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Department production of "Alaska," a melodrama.

A concert by First Love is sure to be an exciting event.

Their program consists of upbeat songs made popular by some of the top names in gospel music.

First Love has already appeared in concert in Las Vegas and Phoenix and has other concerts scheduled in Los Angeles and Palm Springs.

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus presents June 20th, 8 PM THAT KINDA LOVE First Unitarian Church 160 North Third Street San Jose Tickets \$5.00 at the door or call (415) 327-8392



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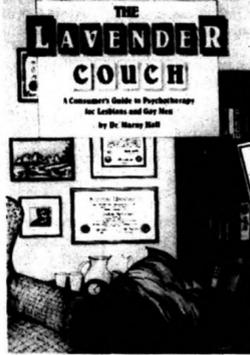
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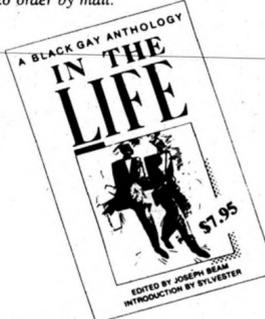
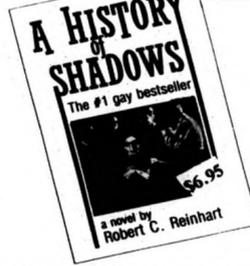


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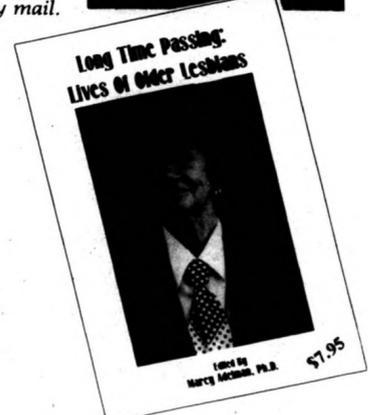


Move over, Socrates

For two years, Eric Rofes taught school as a closeted gay man. During that time he earned a reputation as an unusually innovative and effective teacher; after helping his students write The Kids' Book of Divorce, he won national attention in Newsweek and appeared on The Phil Donahue Show.

Then he decided to come out. In his new book, Socrates, Plato and Guys Like Me, Rofes describes his life teaching from the closet, his decision to come out, and what the consequences were.

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NGLTF testifies before Violence Task Force

Calling for the passage of gay rights protections in New York State and for more educational, service-oriented, and law enforcement programs to address violence, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force testified before Governor Cuomo's Task Force on Bias-Related Violence.

Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project presented the testimony.

The mandate of the Governor's Task Force is to look into and make recommendations on how to address the growing problem of violence motivated by ethnic, religious, racial, and anti-gay prejudice.

Citing the results of NGLTF's ground-breaking survey of anti-gay violence in 1984, Berrill noted that "out of nearly 500 gay and lesbian New Yorkers surveyed, more than one in five men and nearly one out of ten women reported having been punched, hit, kicked or beaten because of their sexual orientation."

Berrill also cited the newly released NGLTF report on anti-gay/lesbian violence in 1986, which showed that nearly 5,000 incidents of violence were reported by gay people across the country.

"Our statistics do not tell the whole story," Berrill said, "they do not measure the anger, pain, and loss experienced by the victims."

"Nor do they account for

expansion of services now available to victims of anti-gay violence. And finally, NGLTF called for increased educational programs in churches, synagogues, and schools to combat prejudice.

Noting that violence against a host of racial and ethnic communities was on the increase, Berrill stressed the importance of a coordinated effort to address bias motivated violence.

"Educational efforts to combat prejudice must not be value neutral," Berrill said, "rather, they should stress that respect for individual and group differences is a fundamental American value; indeed it is the cornerstone of our pluralistic society."

"It should stress that victimizing gay and lesbian people—or members of any other minority group—is illegal, immoral and intolerable in our society."

Copies of the NGLTF testimony may be obtained from the Task Force Violence Project, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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NGRA files complaint against Los Angeles developer

National Gay Rights Advocates, a national public interest law firm, has filed a complaint of anti-discrimination against Indian Wells Estates, a Los Angeles Developer.

NGRA represents Gary Lawe, a Los Angeles resident who answered an Indian Wells ad for a designer.

According to Lawe, and two witnesses, Indian Wells interviewer Wayne Siggaard said, "I've heard that almost all people who are male and in the design business are gay, and we have a very conservative clientele."

Indian Wells refused to hire Lawe when they learned that he is single and a former resident of San Francisco.

"Marital status has no bearing on sexual orientation, and neither of them have any bearing on job performance."

"The relevant question in Lawe's interview should not have been 'are you single,' but rather, 'can you design,'" said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "Siggaard's anti-gay state-

ments place Indian Wells in direct violation of sections 1101 and 1102 of the California Labor Code.

"Employers cannot lawfully discriminate against gay men and women in the state of California, and they will not—as long as NGRA is here—be allowed to get away with it," said Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director.

NGRA's complaint has been filed with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, department of Industrial Relations.

The agency is charged with investigating claims of sexual orientation discrimination in employment.

The Department has been handling these claims since 1979 when the California Supreme Court held, in Gay Law Students -vs- Pacific Telephone, that it is unlawful to discriminate against gay men and women.

NGRA settled that class action lawsuit for a record breaking \$3 million last December.

Violation of the Labor Code is a misdemeanor and could subject Indian Wells to prosecution.



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Open Forum

by J. Dillon



Life is Hell, part 1

Charlotte Maillard was unable to convince Bill Graham Presents to bring on the show, namely Huey Lewis and the News. So what's new? Certainly not Tony Bennett, who left his heart and not mine in San Francisco. Mine's locked away in a water tight vault somewhere out in the Mediterranean until Lloyds of London can issue a policy.

The Reagan Administration claims that the Stark, which was struck by Iraqi missiles can be repaired. This is unheard of. Perhaps he wants to save his buddies, the Iraqis a few bucks. I think the American public deserves a lot of answers on this one. How is it possible with today's technology for this to happen? The ship's top officer claimed that his ship had no warning, but the Iraqi missiles were locked on. It is indeed difficult to understand when it is still vague why the U.S. and Russia are posting vessels out in the Gulf so close to countries at war. Is our nations oil interest so great that they can risk all those lives not to mention the 38 gone?

The Stark was named for Harold R. Stark, chief of Naval Operations at the time of the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The Iraqi aircraft has locked its missiles on the Stark, of which a lock usually calls for open fire on the hostile aircraft. This all comes at a time when the Reagan Administration has been outspending all others on military defense. Where has the money gone if not to protect ships whose crews depend on the government to assure their safety at sea?

Proclamation
Thanks to BAYMEC and the Rally Committee, San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery issued a proclamation proclaiming June 20th, Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Day. This is sort of a first (the first proclamation was issued by acting Mayor Jim Self when then Mayor Janet Gray Hayes went to China) and indeed a cause to celebrate. So, be at the Rally; be seen and heard. You can dance right into the evening with music of Chris Howard, laugh the afternoon away with comics, Danny Williams and Monica Grant, sing along with the fabulous Lucy Manhattan. On top of all this you and a friend may not only win a trip to Hawaii, but also hotel accommodations, a chauffeured limo to the airport and two hundred bucks CASH.

Black woman gets keys to KKK home
A Black woman now hold the keys to the door and the deed to the headquarters of the nations largest KKK organization. In 1981, her 19-year-old son was murdered and left hanging in a street in Mobile, Alabama. One of the men convicted in that murder is awaiting execution and the other is serving a life sentence. Meanwhile, under the terms of a federal court verdict last March, Beulah Mae Donald of Mobile, was given the property deed to the 7200 sq. ft. brick and metal building and 6.5 acres of land which she will turn over to a real estate agent immediately to sell. She received the property as part of a 7 million dollar judgement against the KKK. It was an all white jury that made the settlement and it appears that this property was all that could be found. Many believe the Klan is on the

decline, there is no proof. Donald's attorneys stated, "This is pretty much of death blow."

San Jose Trolleys
San Jose's transit project is the largest of its kind to be built in over fifty years. Last Tuesday, with Supervisor Rod Diridon at the controls, the first trolley set out for a joy ride up North First Street and back again. All the county supervisors were on board. When Diridon went the wrong way on the tracks, no one complained and, transit officials promised riders that with regular operators, the trolleys will run the right way on the right tracks.

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

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For nearly 20 years, Dignity has been the national organization fighting for equal rights for lesbians and gay men in the Catholic Church. In over 100 chapters across America, Dignity sponsors the Mass and Sacraments, along with educational and social programs, and a Biennial Convention.

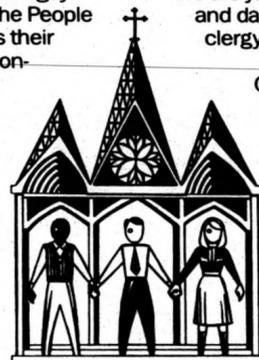
But now, Dignity chapters are under attack. Ultraconservative forces in the Vatican and in America are seeking to turn the clock back to pre-Vatican II days. They are forbidding us to worship on Church property. Priests are prohibited from ministering to us. A whole group of the faithful is being ignored, discarded and despised—because of its sexual orientation.

But the Church is more than a building or a small group of men. The Church is black and white, women and men, gay and straight. The Church is the whole People of God.



Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons," October 1, 1986. See Dignity/USA, "Statement of Position and Purpose."

When an institution as powerful as the Catholic Church discriminates, all people suffer. You know someone who is gay or lesbian. We are your brothers and sisters, your sons and daughters. We are lay people and clergy. We, too, are the People of God.



Dignity calls on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to speak out against the expulsion of Dignity chapters, and to dialogue with us on the pastoral care of lesbian and gay Catholics.

Oppressive measures strengthen Dignity. We will continue our struggle. We invite you to join us.

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Not All Parents Are Straight

(Gay parenting focus of "Not All Parents Are Straight," airs Sunday, June 21 from 10 to 11 on most PBS stations)

"Not All Parents Are Straight," a one-hour documentary airing Sunday, June 21 (check local listings) profiles six families in which children are being raised by gay and lesbian parents.

Using the child's perspective, "Not All Parents Are Straight" provides a candid description of the complex social and emotional issues these unique families face.

Thirteen-year-old Satya, who lives in upstate New York with her mother, Anne, and her mother's lover, Claudia, has grown up knowing that her mother is a lesbian.

Satya is comfortable with her family, but she does feel hurt and angry when teased by peers in school and neighbors regarding her mother's lifestyle.

In fact, she thinks it's unfair that her family is treated differently from others.

"It's not fair that a straight couple can go to the city health club and get a family membership and a lesbian couple can't."

"What makes them more of a family?"

"We are as much a family if not more than anyone else; we have a real family unit here."

"We've got people who love each other, who care about each other; we're friends," says Satya.

Other children interviewed express similar frustration at being isolated and even taunted because of their parents' homosexuality.

Despite the problems, there is a keen awareness and acceptance of their parents' lifestyle.

"It took a long time for me to realize my mom wasn't a monster because she's gay; I really like the family I have now, which is mostly my mom," says 12-year-old John Jillion.

Sabina, who moved in with her gay father, Paul, when she was 15 years old, says, "I think we have the best relationship of parent to child of anyone I know; we get along the best."

Three years later, after Paul died of AIDS, Sabina talks about her love for her father and the grief she is experiencing.

"Not All Parents Are Straight" also reveals special problems parents of these children endure.

As a result of her lesbianism, Jeanne Jillion was put through a long court battle to gain custody of her son Jon, only to be devastated when her child was kidnapped by his father and taken to Italy.

Although Tony and Alan, another gay couple, have made a comfortable home for themselves and are raising Tony's son, Jon, an adopted son, Scott, who has cerebral palsy, and a foster child, Mike, they've received criticism from neighbors and school administrators in their community.

"Because I'm gay, as a parent, I'm scrutinized more carefully," Tony says.

After proving his ability as a parent, the family has now integrated into the neighborhood and schools.

However, when asked whether it matters to him if his sons grow up to be straight or gay, Tony remarks, "It's easier to be straight."

(Not All Parents Are Straight is produced by Full Frame Productions and is presented by KQED in San Francisco. Director and producer: Kevin White. Coproducer: Annamarie Faro.)

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come 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.

Jun 3: Birthday of Jefferson Davis, 1808.

Jun 7: The Cruiser: Summer Kick-Off Party & Beer Bust. Bar opens 10 am. Brunch 11 am - 2:30 pm. Featured at 3 pm, San Francisco's hottest country-western band, Wanted, plus outdoor Brew & Schnapps and Leo's "Moon over the Cruiser." 4 pm Swim Suit & Hat Contest. Adrian's "Burst a Balloon." 7 pm Peter's Penny-Guess Jar. Prizes.

Jun 14: Flag Day.

Jun 21: Father's Day.

May 27-Jun 7: San Jose Stage Company: Torch Song Trilogy, by Harvey Fierstein. See review by Rick Rudy in this issue. The Stage, 560 So. First Street, 293-2140.

May 29-Jun 13: Palo Alto Players: The Dark at the Top of the Stairs, by William Inge, at Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo

Alto. Call CAPA Box Office at 415/329-2623.

May 29-31: New Albion Brass Quintet: with guest artist Danny Montoro, tympnist, 8 pm, 5/29 at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. 7 pm, 5/31 at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 39th and Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Tickets \$6. Call 415/547-7569.

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May 27-Jun 30: Music at the Sainte Claire Hilton: Flamenco Dance Night 7:30-10:30 pm Mon; Broadway Showcase 8-11 pm Tues; Jude at the Piano 5-8 pm, followed by the San Jose Jazz Society 8-midnight Wed; L! Big Band 9:00 pm - 12:30 am Thurs-Sat; Opera Night 7-10 pm Sun. 302 So. Market St., San Jose. 295-2000.

Jun 5-30: Paul Masson Summer Concert Series: Open-air weekend

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Jun 6-21: Opera San Jose: The Merry Widow, by Franz Lehár, in English. Call for dates. Sunday Showcase Series presents: Elizabeth Enman, mezzo-soprano (Jun 14) 3:00 pm. Montgomery Theater. 288-8882.

Jun 7: Great Performances: Presents the Irish Rovers. Two shows, 2 pm & 7 pm. Center for the Performing Arts. 277-5277 or 374-0568. Tickets 998-BASS or 415/762-BASS.

May 31-Jun 30: San Jose Symphony Auxiliary: Showcase '87: House and Garden Tour, The Trapani Estate in the Saratoga Foothills. Parking and shuttle at the corner of Saratoga-Los Gatos Road and Glen Una, Saratoga. Proceeds benefit the San Jose Symphony Orchestra. Information 354-7606.

Jun 13, 14: Heavenly Productions: Glass, China & Pottery Show, largest West

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May 27-Jun 21: Volleyball: Southbay Gay/Lesbian Volleyball League spring season. Open to players of all levels. \$10 entry fee. Write Southbay Volleyball League, 1063 Lockawanna Ct, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or call Tim 374-3737 or Tom 732-2306.

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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 21)-Creative compromise is definitely the name of the Aries game now. Use that fine intelligence and see what's truly important and what isn't. Don't get involved in a struggle that isn't necessary. With the right approach you can accomplish wonders.

Taurus (Apr 22-May 20)-Who is that handsome devil (or beautiful angel) in the mirror? You're seeing yourself in a new way and you're liking what you see. You're not the only one. Renew an old relationship or begin a promising new one.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-Flex and stretch your mental muscles. Being firm without being rigid is tricky business but you're up to it. An old Aries or Leo friend could be most helpful in this situation. It's more than alright to change your mind.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-You might win a big prize. At the very least you'll receive some well deserved recognition for doing well what you do. The person bestowing the accolade is most sincere. Be gracious in your acceptance.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-All over the zodiac people are making smart decisions and wise compromises. Accepting another's point of view can be fine as long as it doesn't cause you harm. In the name of peace don't let your self get run over. Stand up and roar.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Things look very good on the business front. If you're involved with sales you could set a record: Smart moves on the investment front could have excellent long term effects. Act decisively on decisions.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-Shouldn't you be travelling? Well of course you should. If you can't go right now this is a good time to do research on your destination. Learning all you can will make the trip so much more interesting.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-The relationship with the main man in your life is vital and exciting. However, there's a problem in an important relationship you have with a woman. Working at it and showing confidence and trust will make all the difference.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-All of those members of the zodiac who are making important compromises and decisions should first consult a Sagittarius. Your sense of balance and fair play serves as a model to others. A calm detachment provides great insight.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-Creative ideas seem to come out of nowhere. Magic is alive and well wherever Capricorn is. What does that impish smile that lights up your face mean? Who knows better than you that hopes and dreams do come true?

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-While you shouldn't be letting your fantasies get the best of you, you should be getting the best out of them. Let them enhance reality, not overpower it. You do tend to get carried away sometimes, don't you?

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-You've come to know the power of love in a new way recently. And now the power of romance is in the picture. The flames of an old love are rekindled, or the sparks of a new love catch fire. Either way, you're swooning.

Movie Review/Interview

River's Edge

By Steve Warren

I've been afraid to walk past schoolyards since I saw *River's Edge*, a deeply disturbing drama whose impact is greater than the sum of its parts.

Based on an incident that occurred in Milpitas in 1981, it concerns a youth (Daniel Roebuck) who kills a girl and shows her body to their mutual friends.

Everyone is strangely unmoved by her death, but it turns into a game of Scruples as they wrestle with what to do about the killer in their midst.

Layne (Crispin Glover) wants them to cover up the crime and leave the state. Matt (Keanu Reeves) won't confront his friend but secretly reports the murder to the police.

Their role model is the nearly brain-dead Feck (Dennis Hopper). The kids go to him for dope, which they call "Feckweed" in his honor.

Many of the young actors in *River's Edge* should be heard from again, with Reeves a particular standout.

Glover, the father in *Back to the Future*, is too crazed as Layne. He should have observed how Hopper stays on the edge without going over.

Joshua Miller is perhaps the most chilling as Matt's 12-year-old brother, already committed to drugs and violence.

The ending offers a ray of hope for some characters — enough to keep *River's Edge* from being totally depressing but not enough to keep it from being a shattering experience.

"I'm the anti-Hughes, the un-Spielberg," boasts director Tim Hunter about his function on *River's Edge*.

He likes some of John Hughes' work — *Sixteen Candles*, "except for the racist part," and *The Breakfast Club* — but thinks he's off base in

focusing on problems of class consciousness. "You just don't have that in public schools."

Initial screenings have found some people unwilling to admit the startling events of *River's Edge* could be rooted in reality, although they are.

It wasn't filmed in Milpitas — aside from four days of locations outside of Sacramento, the rest was shot near Burbank — and that city's mayor has reportedly kept it from being shown there.

The screenplay, written by then-student Neal Jimenez, was "inspired by, rather than based on fact," Hunter distinguishes. "Neal has never been to Milpitas...He read newspaper

stories but didn't talk to the people involved."

Neither did Hunter, who did enough research on teenage problems when he and sometimes-partner Charlie Haas were working on their first produced screenplay, *Over the Edge*.

Although sex, drugs, and rock and roll are part of the lives of the *River's Edge* kids, Hunter cautions against simplistic answers:

"We were very conscious when we were making it of Reagan's anti-dope campaign...a blanket condemnation of problems much too complex just to condemn or legislate against. We wanted to stir the pot a little bit."

He didn't have the President in mind, he insists, in relation to Clarissa's (Lone Skye) description.

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Our Paper News/Ad Deadlines

The following is the schedule of Our Paper copy deadlines for remaining issues of Volume VI (1987 calendar year) and Volume VII (1988 calendar year).

PLEASE NOTE that because we publish two issues each month, there will occasionally be THREE weeks between issues, instead of the usual two.

This happens when there are five Wednesdays in the month, instead of four. The paper is NOT a week late when this happens - we are following a schedule that was set up at the beginning of the year for the whole year.

We realize this may create confusion for some readers, but it also gives us a reasonable schedule with an occasional break from the pressures of production.

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Depression

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not to have one. It may be difficult to identify, because it may have become a part of a person's temperament rather than a passing mood.

Chronic depression is often disabling and will complicate a person's life in many ways. Sometimes chronic depression has a biological cause and may need to be treated with anti-depressant drugs or lithium therapy.

Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) has a side effect of depression. The answer to this is to stop eating refined sugar, get off caffeine, and eat a number of small meals during the day, rather than two or three large ones.

Hormone deficiencies, such as low thyroid or low adrenal function, can also cause depression. Many prescription drugs can cause depression as a side-effect.

According to the National Institute of Health, reserpine and some other drugs used to control hypertension, barbiturates, and some antibiotics can trigger depression. So can alcohol and cocaine.

Improper nutrition may also be a factor in depression, particularly in light of the fact that depressed people generally don't eat well. Both coffee and alcohol deplete the body of essential B vitamins, and this nutritional deficiency may be a cause of depression as well as a symptom. Studies are showing that for many people, chronic depression appears to be related to a change in brain chemistry. A change that is treatable by proper nutrition.

Exercise also alleviates depression. Scientists are discovering that vigorous exercise encourages the release of mood-elevating chemicals in the brain called *endorphins*, which are similar to morphine in their chemical make-up and in their effect. What we can do physically to avoid chronic depression is very encouraging.

Depression is not only a highly common way of reacting to stress, but also an opportunity — when acknowledged and dealt with — for people to redefine themselves, take a

serious look at their lives, and resolve long-standing destructive conflicts within themselves and their relationship to the environment.

The positive aspect of depression is that it can provide us with an impetus to take a good look at the way we have been living our lives. With the help of a competent therapist, a person can be successfully treated for depression and learn more effective ways to improve the quality of his or her life.

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tion of Layne, the charismatic speed freak: "Everybody follows him like he's got some kind of special power or something."

When Hunter was promoting his first feature, *Tex*, he told me he was working with Santa Cruz author Carter Wilson on a screen treatment of Wilson's gay novel *Treasures on Earth*.

He now says that was never intended for the screen, but that they've collaborated on other projects:

"Carter and I are still very close friends and looking for something to do together. We crossed in the air this morning. As I was coming up here he was flying South to pitch a story to Disney (about Humphrey the whale)."

Just before the American release of his new film, Hunter and his family spent a month in France at the home of producer Sandra Schulberg, whose *Waiting for the Moon* beat *River's Edge* for the top prize at this year's U.S. Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Co-producers Midge Sanford and Sarah Pillsbury chose *River's Edge* as their second feature, after *Desperately Seeking Susan*.

Sanford says Hunter, a writer himself, stuck to the script and consulted the author if he wanted to make changes, while on *Susan* the script was constantly changing and there was more conflict on the set.

"Conflict isn't necessarily a bad thing," she adds diplomatically.

The women hope their next picture will be *Eight Men Out*, about the Black Sox World Series scandal of 1919. John Sayles adapted the script and will direct Emilio Estevez, D.B. Sweeney and maybe Richard Dreyfuss, if plans work out.

At this point, it's "almost a go," Sanford says, although "it requires ensemble acting, it's a period piece, it's about baseball and it has a downbeat ending. Those are four reasons not to make it."

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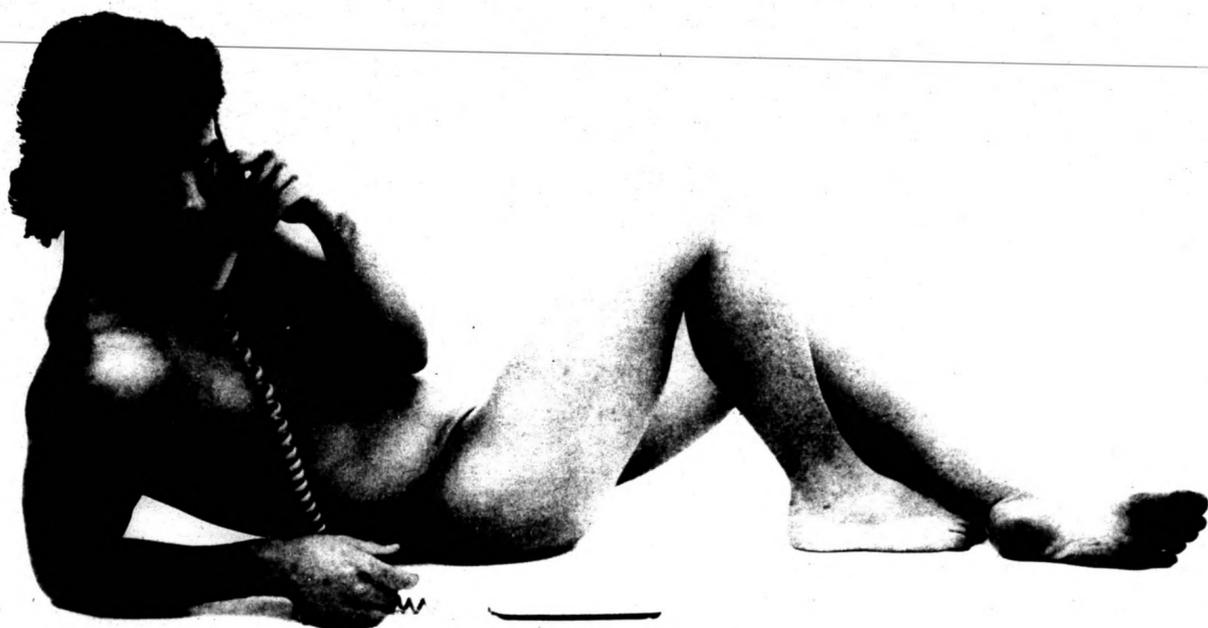
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