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Democratic Party holds Issues Conference

by Ted Sahl

The issues conference chaired by Pete Carrillo and Sal Alvarez both on California Democratic Platform Committee was held at 70 West Hedding in the Supervisors chambers.

Democrats young and old gave testimony for six hours on what they perceive as important issues that must be addressed by their party platform in February '88.

Issues included bi-lingual education, teenage pregnancy, and drugs—business, high tech employment, international trade, race relations, and toxic waste were covered in the morning session.

On hand to answer questions during a lunch break, was Steve Westly, Second Vice Chair of Northern California.

Westly believes what happens in California strongly influences the national Democratic platform—the second half of the day was an open session with a variety of social issues again covered, from peace activists to stopping war production armament.

California citizens will have 3 more opportunities to let their party know what's on their minds: Cabrillo College Sept. 19; Belmont City Hall Sept. 12; and San Francisco Sept. 26.

One lone person spoke out on the AIDS crisis—Dr. Don Gartman past president of Santa Clara County Medical Society, and former member California State Governing Council of Cali-

fornia Medical Association.

"I'm here today speaking for myself and concerned that the Democratic Party and its platform should not overlook what is considered by polling to be the primary health question in the country today by a majority of Americans," said Gartman.

"I am appalled to see the administrations attempt to address the AIDS problem with a blue ribbon commission which is predestined to come up with no solution to the premiere health question in the country.

"The commission includes a Roman Catholic Bishop who feels that people who engage in homosexual or extra marital sexual activities should not be given the right of communion.

"The commission does not include anyone with any experience on AIDS, although here at the University of California and at San Francisco General Hospital we have developed prime programs to combat AIDS.

"The commission also includes a member of Mary Kay Products (a company that makes millions of dollars and gives it to the Republican Party).

"I believe organized medicine is in favor of a blue ribbon commission to address AIDS, but, it would have to contain experts on the medical and scientific aspects of AIDS.

"I don't think we will get that from the present commission which is soon to come forward with a report.

"We have a state problem as well—Gov. Dukemejian vetoed educational funds for developing education and training programs for school systems to train students relative to the risk and exposure to AIDS.

"Fortunately," said Gartman, "it was overturned by the state legislature.

"We have a responsibility in the Democratic Party to address AIDS in the National Health Policy Plank pointing out the errors made by the current administration."

Dr. Gartman believes the American people (many who might not have) would rally around the Democratic party because AIDS is such an emotional issue.

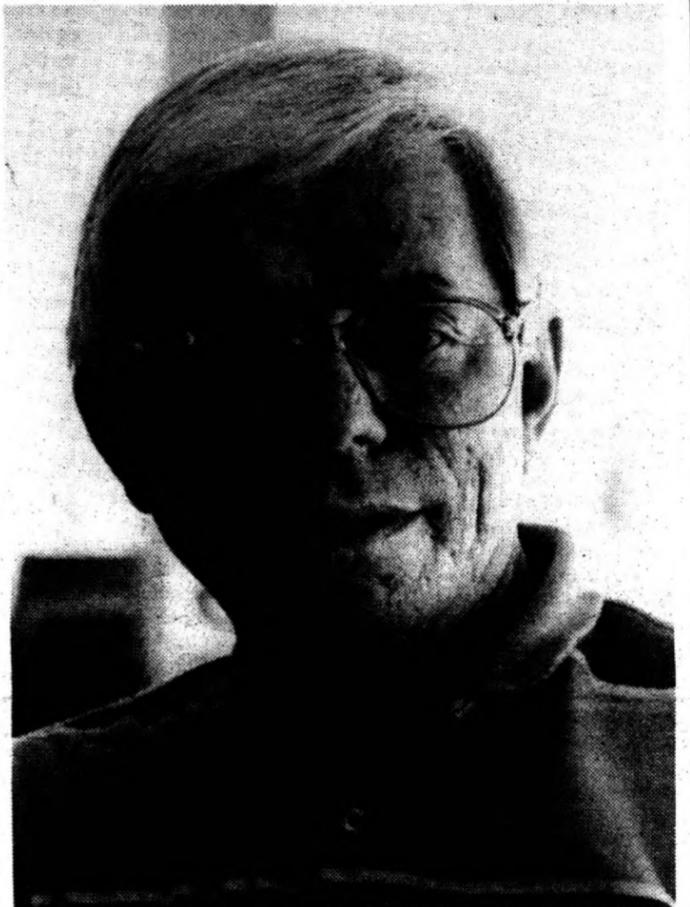
Gartman said "currently there probably are 1.5 million people infected presently with H.I.V. AIDS virus."

"Nationally," he pointed out, "there are 35,000 cases of AIDS reported with half that number dying in the past five years."

Dr. Gartman said if there is one decent appointee in the Reagan administration it is Surgeon General C. Koop.

"The Public Health Service now predicts in 1991 there will be perhaps 1/3 of a million people infected with AIDS and 200 thousand will probably be dead at the current rate, if nothing is done," Gartman said.

"In WWI, national government launched an attack on



Dr. Don Gartman.

Photo by Ted Sahl

syphilis—syphilis at the time could kill, but was not universally fatal.

"In the 50's and 60's especially during the Viet Nam War the number 1 sexually transmitted disease was Gonorrhea, in 1982 3/4 of the money spent on sexually transmitted diseases was spent on Gonorrhea research—both Federal and State spent

money on research and development of antibiotics to deal with resisting strains, but again this was not a lethal disease.

"The uniqueness of AIDS is, that at the current time once once a person is infected, once one does actually suffer from AIDS, not just a positive test;

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The Battle Over Bork

by John Follesdal

For several weeks the nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court has stirred considerable controversy.

The nomination, announced by President Reagan on July 1, has drawn predictable reactions from the liberals and conservatives, and lengthy confirmation hearings are expected this fall.

Immediately following the announcement, Senator Kennedy (D-Mass) released a scathing statement from his office denouncing the nomination.

According to Kennedy, "Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists could be censored at the whim of the Government, and the doors of the Federal courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens."

If successful, the nomination of Bork could decisively tip the balance of the Supreme Court to the right.

Justice Powell, whom Bork would replace, was a swing voter who helped to create a liberal majority in many 5-to-4 decisions involving the separation of church and state, affirmative action, abortion, and other civil rights and civil liberties issues.

In criminal law cases, on the other hand, Powell voted with the conservatives justices, thereby helping to steer the Court in a more conservative direction.

On the abortion issue, Powell consistently voted to affirm the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Bork, on the other hand, has on several occasions criticized the decision, but has never had the occasion to rule on the issue.

During his 1981 confirmation hearings to become a federal judge, Bork told the Senate that: "I am convinced, as I think almost all constitutional scholars are, that Roe v. Wade is an

unconstitutional decision, a serious and unjustifiable judicial usurpation of state legislative authority.

I also think that Roe v. Wade is by no means the only example of such unconstitutional behavior by the Supreme Court."

Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights League, recently told the San Francisco Chronicle that the nomination of Bork poses "the biggest threat to legal abortion since Roe v. Wade was handed down in 1973."

Groups like the National Abortion Rights League have been galvanized by the Bork nomination and have mapped out strategies of how to defeat it.

Bork's view on race discrimination has also generated heated discussions.

Bork stand on civil rights

In 1963 Bork wrote an article for the New Republic in which he passionately denounced a civil rights bill, later passed, that barred racial discrimination by owners of restaurants, hotels, and other public accommoda-

tions.

Bork called the bill a "dangerous departure from freedom of individuals to decide with whom he will deal."

According to the article, civil rights protesters were a 'mob' that was "disturbing and coercing private individuals in the exercise of their freedom."

Bork also argued in the article that the majority, who opposed discrimination, should not impose its anti-racism values on the minority.

The idea that it had a right to do so, Bork wrote, was a principle of 'unsurpassed ugliness.'

Bork later repudiated the article in Senate confirmation hearings in 1977 after he had been appointed Solicitor General by former President Nixon.

He has not, however, repudiated his views on homosexuality.

Bork on gay rights

In a 1978 faculty debate at Yale, Bork, who was teaching there at the time, was a vocal opponent of a proposal (eventually adopted) to bar from the

school's recruiting facilities employers who discriminate against gays and lesbians.

In the debate, Bork argued that the faculty should not 'ratify homosexuality,' which according to Bork, was "obviously not an unchangeable like race or gender."

Bork again vented his views on homosexuality in Zech v. Dronberg, a 1984 gay rights case.

Joined by Antonin Scalia, Bork ruled that the military had an absolute right to fire gays and lesbians no matter how good their military record.

The language and the tone of that opinion reveals much about Bork's attitude towards gays and lesbians: according to Bork, Dronberg's discrimination claims were 'frivolous' and 'untenable.'

The tone of the Dronberg decision is quite different from the language Justice Powell used writing the Gay Olympics decision.

Although anti-gay in its result, the opinion was not viciously anti-gay like Bork's opinion in

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AFL-CIO ends 10-year boycott of Coors Beer

Gay bar owners hesitate to sell Coors again

By John Follesdal

The Adolph Coors Company and the AFL-CIO announced on Aug. 19 that they had reached an agreement ending a 10-year-long boycott of Coors beer.

The labor-led boycott was based on claims that the brewing company discriminated against blacks and gays, that it forced its employees to take lie detector tests, and that the company, since 1960, had prevented unions from organizing workers at its brewery.

In addition to labor groups and the gay community, the boycott was joined, over the years, by a variety of groups opposed to the outspoken political conservatism of Coors family patriarch Joseph Coors.

Despite the AFL-CIO agreement, it is not clear whether the boycott is over in the gay community.

The fact that the AFL-CIO has called off the boycott will have no effect at the popular Club St. John in San Jose, said the owner

Jon Snell in an interview with this reporter.

"As far as I know, Coors still discriminates against gay people and still contributes money to anti-gay campaigns," Snell said.

Stressing that "Coors will not be sold at Club St. John," Snell concluded by saying that "the boycott, as far as I'm concerned, will continue."

Snell, who owned Desperados until it closed last year, explained that, "Many years ago we were carrying Coors at Desperados, but when the boycott began in 1977, we threw it out and have never had it since."

Sebastiani wines are also not served at Club St. John due to the voting record established by the owner of that winery when he served in the California State Assembly.

Don Sebastiani, who represented the Sonoma Valley area (District 8) from 1980 until 1986, repeatedly voted against gay rights measures and AIDS funding measures.

According to Snell, Desperados stopped carrying Sebastiani wines after he learned that Sebastiani was voting against gay rights. Snell said that he has no plans to begin carrying Sebastiani wines or Coors beer again.

As for the gay bars in San Francisco, Jim Bonko, administrator and secretary of the San Francisco Tavern Guild, told this reporter that "there are a few bars here that are selling Coors."

Bonko explained that the Guild settled its boycott of Coors beer in 1984 after several of its members met with Coors officials in Golden, Colorado. After the meeting, the directors of the Tavern Guild felt that the boycott was not necessary because Coors had changed its hiring practices and was no longer discriminating against gays.

"We went through their plant and went through their hiring policy, and we found that they were not really discriminating against having gay people working for them," Bonko said.

Although the Tavern Guild lifted its boycott, it took a neutral position on the sale of Coors beer by its members.

"We did not recommend that people purchase Coors," Bonko said, "and the following month Coors came back and said, 'What do you want us to do?'"

responded, "What can you do?" Coors responded by offering the Tavern Guild a \$12,500 financial commitment to start a health plan for bartenders and waiters in the gay bars in San Francisco.

The Tavern Guild rejected the offer as insufficient, and "since then, Coors has made no further contact with the Tavern Guild," Bonko said, adding that "unfortunately, we haven't seen a great amount of progress in the Adolph Coors Company and the local distributor providing financial support in the gay community in the San Francisco Bay area."

The boycott against Coors originated in 1977, when Brewery Local 366 called for a strike, claiming that Coors had refused to negotiate a new contract. Coors responded by firing the strikers and hiring new workers who voted against having union representation.

Within a week, the executive council of the AFL-CIO approved a nationwide boycott of Coors beer.

In the course of the 10-year-long boycott Coors lost a considerable part of its market share in the western states.

According to figures the AFL-CIO gave to the Wall Street Journal, Coors' market share in the Colorado beer market dropped from 47% in 1977 to 22% in 1984. In the California beer market, its market share dropped from 44% in 1977 to 14% in 1984.

Coors company officials, however, disputed the AFL-CIO figures, claiming that it had lost considerably less of its market share in the two states.

Nevertheless, a Coors official told the Wall Street Journal that the boycott had hurt sales, and that the negative image caused by the boycott, coupled with increased competition and the lack of a national marketing program for Coors beer, had made it difficult for the company to compete in the beer industry.

According to news reports, the agreement that ended the boycott provides that the brewing company will "reaffirm" the right of its employees to choose union representation.

It also states that Coors will allow its employees to vote on union representation if 30% of its workers seek such a move, and provides that Coors will use a specifically negotiated labor agreement in hiring workers for the construction of any new plants.

The agreement does not, however, provide that Coors must only use union contractors at construction sites.

Master of Gay Satanic Cult To Stand Trial for Murder

By John Follesdal

The master of a gay satanic cult has been ordered to stand trial in San Francisco for the 1985 murder of an unidentified man.

The mutilated body of the unidentified man was found rolled up in a rug and dumped in the South of Market district after a satanic ceremony of ritual sacrifice.

San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Lenard Louie ruled on Aug. 19 that the prosecution had presented enough evidence during a two-day hearing to order the 45-year-old Clifford St. Joseph to stand trial for forced sodomy, false imprisonment, and murder.

St. Joseph, a San Francisco waiter, was identified by a witness as the man who slit the lip and neck of the unidentified victim and carved a pentagram on the victim's chest before castrating the victim and letting

him bleed to death. Much of the testimony at the hearing was given by 26-year-old Maurice Bork, who stated that he had been at the apartment when the murder occurred. Bork testified that he had seen St. Joseph and another man murder the victim after they had handcuffed and chained the victim to a bed.

A second witness, 22-year-old Richard Hunter, testified that he had been lured to St. Joseph's South of Market apartment by a former roommate to get high on speed.

Hunter testified that when they got to St. Joseph's apartment, he was taken into a bedroom, chained to a bloodstained mattress, and repeatedly sexually assaulted. He was rescued when police showed up to investigate a complaint of loud noises coming from the apartment.

St. Joseph was scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 2.

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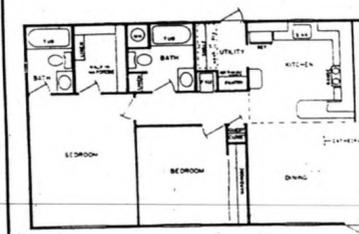
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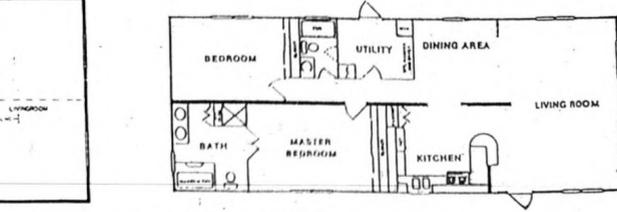
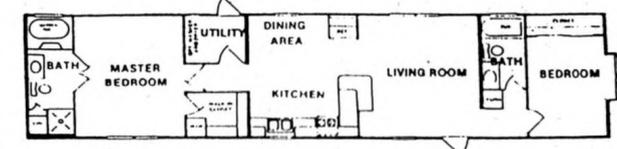
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Interview with Rich Nichols

by Ted Sahl

(Nichols is a gay man newly appointed to the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission.)

O.P. What is the Human Relations Commission?
R.N. The Human Relations Commission is a member body that works in conjunction with the Dept. of Human Relations and acts as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors, handling everything from neighborhood disputes/arbitrations, to major policy issues in regards to discriminatory policies in the County.

There is a two fold situation going on: in Section 1 under the Commissions Declaration of Policy, sexual orientation is not included; in Section 2, under Power and Duties, H.R.C. can investigate complaints or initiate its own investigation of discrimination or instances of prejudice against any person or group because of age, race, religion, or national origin.

When the commission was created in the mid 70's the ordinance was aligned with the 1964 Civil Rights Act and was amended to include handicapped people—sexual orientation is not included.

I live in District Number 5 which happens to be Dianne McKenna's district; Mc Kenna had an opening for a person to fill a remaining term on the Human Relations Commission and I received the appointment.

O.P. I understand you are a member of BAYMEC; can you elaborate?

R.N. BAYMEC has an educational aspect to it even though it is a political action committee, and one of the ways that BAYMEC feels that we can best serve ourselves, i.e. the gay community: is to show people by example that we are just like everyone else.

We're not necessarily interested in legislative victories, court decisions are nice, but they don't really convince anyone.

What really convinces people is to really know a gay person, to see with their own eyes, touch with their own hands, a person who is no different than they, except in their choice of sexual partners.

BAYMEC announces slots that are open on city and county commissions; the Human Relations Commission was one of those slots.

McKenna is a friend of the Gay Community; she has been involved in activist politics—low key style for a number of years.

She was a Mother of Peace, protesting the Viet Nam war. As a working politician, she knows there are times when you must walk a fine line between what is politically acceptable and what she really believes.

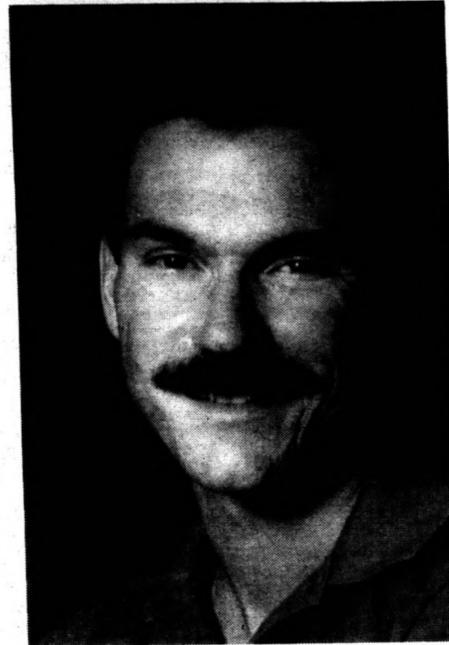
The political realities are that a fine line must be tread without compromising one's values, and I think that Dianne has done that quite well.

I will also have face issues that in which I may have to tread carefully—I am not a gay commissioner, I am a commissioner that happens to be gay and I will be looking for gay issues to bring up before the commission; in particular, AIDS discrimination and education.

I am not a political person, I am a political appointee, the H.R.C. is really a citizens group comprised of 15 members with a good cross representation.

O.P. Were you involved in politics while living in San Francisco?

R.N. In the mid 70's I spent 10 years in San Francisco in the Haight Ashbury district involved in politics as President of Haight Ashbury Improvement Association, which was a property and



Rich Nichols, new HRC commissioner. Photo by Ted Sahl

merchant association.

There was another property association, an adversary; I convinced both groups to dovetail activities and we became a strong political force.

That coincided nicely with Harvey Milk's election as supervisor.

I met Harvey and Scott Smith at a leather follies at Bimbo's in North Beach—during intermission there was Harvey Milk and Scott handing out leaflets; Harvey was running for supervisor.

I had just opened a photo store on Ashbury—at the same time Harvey was also looking for space to open his own photo store. (he would be able to run a campaign; using the store for his headquarters.)

Meanwhile Harvey opened his own photo store, lost the campaign and later ran for Assembly; he lost that race also.

In the meantime Harvey and I became friends, doing business together and watching politics change in San Francisco.

The city voted in district elections—Harvey's district was the Castro, Haight, and Fillmore.

He ran as a very strong candidate against another gay man, Rick Stokes, a business man; who I think owned 6th Street Baths at the time and had a lot of money behind him.

Harvey had a lot more clout!—Harvey was a businessman involved in the Business Merchant Association, helping the Haight Ashbury with some of its problems; of course he won! Once he got elected it was great.

I accompanied Harvey to several civic functions as his date, which was fun—we would go to a Chamber of Commerce dinner, we went to the preview opening of Pier 39, I accompanied him because he was between lovers at the time.

O.P. When did you first move to San Francisco?
R.N. In 1971 after college I decided to come out, I moved to the city in the fall—actually it took six months to come out, I went to work for one of the early gay liberation papers called Gay Sunshine.

It was the era of gender f—k which is of course men wearing women's clothing and jewelry, but still keeping their beards and

little bit and perhaps subvert and show people that, hey! guess what?

I'm gay and you didn't know it, and now I caught you because you accepted me as a human being already; and just because I'm gay you can't turn me off.

That's still pretty effective, I think I'm still up on the old fashioned style of doing things.

I don't see anything happening today that is unique and positive—I'll probably cling to my beliefs of being effective working with, subverting when ever possible, always with a positive goal in mind, trying to do the best for the community because it's really doing the best for myself too.

O.P. Do you think the death of Harvey Milk might have something to do with that?
R.N. Partially that, yes, because that certainly was an era.

That was a time we gays/lesbians were in a position of power—we were able to accomplish things in the neighborhood which were very positive, to some extent we kept big business at bay, obviously the Pac.Tel. discrimination suit was part of that.

Harvey jabbing at the political establishment, poking, jabbing at the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and me just doing my job in the neighborhood, and being a gay person but still doing my job, was a big breakthrough, in many ways—trying to tie the two together was very positive.

There are some ties that go back to the past, part of it is the death of Harvey, part of it is the rise of Reagan.

Everybody predicted that a conservative wave would take place, even though they didn't know what that meant.

O.P. do you think Reagan is the wave?
R.N. Yes, in the 60's the repressive forces were kept at bay—the nonsense of the 60's kept them away.

People can't deal with spontaneity—we lost a lot of that spontaneity; that sense of nonsense.

I don't see any of that happening now but we're in an other wave cycle, and will come back.

A sense of humor must be retained, that's something I learned from Harvey—it allows you to fit in, be independent, and allows you to accomplish things.

O.P. What can we expect from Rich Nichols today?
R.N. Being raised in the county, being away for awhile, and

coming back is a good experience, the County changed as I did.

Even with all the changes it still has a "backwater" mentality that exists here, in the middle of all it's diversity.

There's no excuse, this is not a "backwater" city or county anymore; now is the time for everyone to face that.

What I want to do is two major things: to get the commission to include sexual preference in the legal ordinance that defines the commission; and to enact a non-discrimination ordinance in the County to include sexual orientation.

Gay people in the valley must realize we have lots of friends with political power and we have enemies—we have friends in the bureaucracy of the county and some enemies—we have some friends in the community, and we have lots of enemies.

I'm not saying this to make us suspicious of one another, but that pretty much sums things up.

I think the people in political power know what's inevitable when it comes to human rights, therefore, they're more likely if not to be our friends, they will be neutral and good civil servants.

I'm not a civil servant, I'm not in a bureaucracy, I'm an appointed official; so I can swing a little more freely with my approach to things.

We have to deal with our enemies, but you must know your enemies to fight them—they don't know us!

They don't want to know us; that automatically gives us the edge because we can get to know them, and whether they know it or not, they will know gay people.

Not every gay man is wearing a pink dress, not every gay woman is wearing a black motorcycle jacket.

They're going to be surprised when they do find out who is gay, and at some point they obviously will; and they need to address the fact.

If they're coming from a religious perspective then they are obviously way off base—Christianity has nothing to do with discrimination.

They are flat wrong and politicians realize that; the bureaucracy knows that.

If they have some other built-in prejudice that is not religiously based then those are the things we must deal with on a logical and informed basis.

A lot of prejudice is due to

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The Cruiser Benefit Dinner

by Ted Sahl

On August 22nd the 2nd Annual Italian Dinner held at the Cruiser Lounge and Bar in Redwood City was a great success. All monies raised (upwards of \$2000.00) were presented to Ellipse, a non profit organization based in Redwood City.

According to Maureen O'Neal L.C.S.W. a registered nurse, said, "Ellipse is designed to give support services to people with AIDS/ARC illnesses".

Four years and many volunteers later, Ellipse became official 1 year ago when Beacon of Hope and Buddies, two main support groups, joined in a single effort to fight AIDS in San Mateo County.

"Other components include, a person with AIDS Group, HIV positive group, a bereavement group, and a significant other group" explained O'Neal.

The most recent addition to Ellipse is it's skilled nursing facility with 16 beds for AIDS patients located next to it's



Dick Gianoli of Beacon of Hope (right) presents check for \$2000 to Brian Dobrow, exec director, and Chris Coppola, board president of Ellipse. Photo by Ted Sahl

headquarters in Redwood City.

Recently Ellipse has instituted a home delivery meal program sponsored by Community Action Core, and a home care attendant service for those patients who wish to stay home.

All of the food, wine, and dining space for the annual event was donated by Danny McNeely owner of the Cruiser,

and all waiters donated tips to the cause.

Dick Giovoli, chief volunteer for Beacon of Hope said "200 cases of AIDS have been reported in San Mateo County, half of which have died."

Anyone who wishes to become active with Ellipse can drop by on Monday evenings at 631 Woodside Rd. Redwood City.



Force Five Annual Beer Bust

by Ted Sahl

The Force Five Annual Beer Bust included all the chili, hot dogs and salads and all the beer you could drink.

Your truly laid down a five dollar bill and had a hearty meal - you should've been there!

Photo by Ted Sahl



Grand Duke and Duchess Ball

by Ted Sahl

Grand Duke Frank, Grand Duchess Josie of Imperial Grand Golden Lion Court San Jose, held a royal ball at the Red Lion Inn. The ball was a black tie affair - the court in all its glory posed for a formal portrait.

Photo by Ted Sahl

Volunteers BBQ & Beer Bust

By Steve Lakey

Over a hundred people attended a backyard barbecue at the 641 Club on Aug. 29, sponsored by the Gay Pride Celebration Committee to thank volunteers who worked on this June's rally.

Over 150 lbs. of beef was consumed (donated by Joe Mead), and a dozen chickens, plus salads, were brought in by Dan & Nelson.

The 641 Club donated 3 kegs of Budweiser. Many who attended helped with the food preparation, including shucking two cases of corn and simmering baked beans.

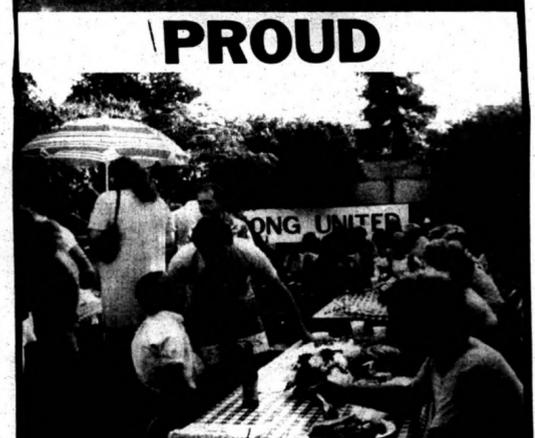
The Celebration Committee plans to continue its fundraising efforts throughout the coming year.

The next event is scheduled for Oct 4 at the 641 Club — Jack's 3rd Annual Pig Roast, with all the roast pork and fixin's you can eat for \$7. What a deal!

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It's Not What Happens To Someone Else
Keynoting with his address "It's Not What Happens to Someone Else," Mark de Wolfe will set the tone for the conference "On the Challenge of AIDS for Unitarian-Universalists" at the First Unitarian Church, 685 - 14th Street, Oakland, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 and lasting through the day. The minister of the congregation at Missisauqua, Ontario, de Wolfe is a person with AIDS. Prior to de Wolfe's speech, there will be a showing of the AIDS video by Surgeon General Everett Koop and several workshops. There will also be a choir concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 16. For info, call Marilyn Gentile at 525-5653.

NOTE: All telephone numbers are Area Code 408, except as noted.

Nonprofit/Social Organizations

NOTE: To list your organization meetings or other functions in Our Calendar, send press releases / flyers to Our Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. Next deadline: SEP 16.

- Sep 8: Bay Area Network of Gay/Lesbian Educators: Newly formed South Bay chapter of BANGLE meets 2nd Wed each month at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose.
Sep 9: 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.
Sep 10: Feminist Reading Group: Meets 2nd Thursday each month.
Sep 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29: El Camino Reelers: Beginner's class on Thursday nights, advanced group on Tuesday nights.
Sep 10, 17, 24: 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.
Sep 11: Gay Spanish Club: El Grupo Social meets in Hayward the second Friday of the month at 7:30 pm.
Sep 11, 25: Santa Cruz 50L: Slightly Older Lesbians meet regularly in private homes on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.
Sep 12: Feminist Lesbian Social Group: Monthly potluck, 7:00 pm at Sue's house in Los Gatos.
Sep 12: Sisterspirit: Debbie Fier, piano and song. Doors open 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose.
Sep 12: Bay Area Career Women: Gatsby Mania dance, come as your favorite flapper, gangster, or other 20s character.
Sep 13: High Tech Gays: Monthly potluck starts at 6:30, followed by business meeting at 8:00 pm.
Sep 13, 20, 27: 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.
Sep 13, 20, 27: 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.
Sep 13, 20, 27: Sunnyside Unit. d Methodist Church: Proclaiming grace and freedom for all.
Sep 13, 20, 27: Calvary Metropolitan Community Church: Sunday worship at 5:00 pm at 2124 Brewster Ave.
Sep 13, 20, 27: Metrolitean Community Church of San Jose: Sharing God's Love with All People.
Sep 13, 20, 27: Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church.
Sep 14, 21, 28: Cabrillo Lesbians Together: Weekly meetings on Monday evenings 7:30 pm at the Cabrillo College Women's Center.

BORK

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Droenbrug. Powell, who voted against the Gay Olympics organizers, also voted against striking down Georgia's sodomy law. However, in The School Board of Nassau County v. Arline, seen by many commentators as indication of the Court's position on AIDS discrimination, Powell voted to protect people with tuberculosis against discrimination. Overall, in the eight gay rights cases where his vote is recorded, Powell cast pro-gay votes in five. With Bork there is no chance of such results; Bork is clearly opposed to gay rights. Study of Bork Decisions In addition to focusing on Bork's views on abortion, race issues, and gay rights, the nomination hearings are likely to focus on a study of Bork's decisions that was recently published by a liberal lawyer's group. After examining more than 400 court cases that Bork had voted on, the study concluded that Bork's record as a federal appellate judge showed a pervasive bias in favor of businesses and against individual rights. The study found that in the cases where the judges had disagreed, Bork had consistently voted against consumers and workers and in support of government agencies and businesses. But when the cases pitted businesses against government regulators, Bork sided with the business every time. The study also found that Bork invariably ruled against demonstrators claiming freedom of speech rights. It strongly suggested that Bork used a double standard in applying his philosophy of 'judicial

restraint,' a guiding principle that, in most cases, would prevent a judge from interfering with government decisions. The conservative views displayed by Bork in these decisions are difficult to reconcile with the views he held as a youth. In a recent San Jose Mercury interview, he recalled that his boyhood friend was Eugene V. Debs, the socialist labor leader and presidential candidate. Later as a law student, he handed out campaign leaflets for Adlai Stevenson. He changed his mind about politics in 1953 when he began studying with economist Aaron Director at the University of Chicago. "I learned some basic economics for the first time, and it gave me a free-market orientation rather than a socialist one," Bork told the Mercury News. After completing law school, Bork worked for a prestigious Chicago law firm for years before becoming a Yale law professor in 1962. He left Yale in 1973 when Nixon's Solicitor General He left Yale in 1973 when President Nixon appointed him Solicitor General, the no. 3 job in the Justice Department. It was in this position that Bork was thrust into the national limelight in what became known as the "Saturday Night Massacre." The "massacre" that occurred on October 2, 1973, was the culmination of months of legal maneuvering between the White House and Archibald Cox, the Watergate Special Prosecutor, over whether Nixon should surrender nine tape recordings of conversations in the White House. On October 19, Nixon refused to accept an order by a federal appeals court to surrender the tapes and ordered Mr. Cox to drop the investigation.

- Aptos. Also drop-in on Friday afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm. Call 479-6249.
Sep 15: Slightly Older Lesbians: Guest speaker Louise Ratkin, editor of Different Daughters: Interviews with mothers of lesbians.
Sep 16, 23, 30: Peninsula Women's Group: A support and networking group for lesbians meets Weds at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ on Arroyo St.
Sep 16, 23, 30: In Touch: Mens Night every Thurs.
Sep 17: National Women's Political Caucus: Election Years - Plus.
Sep 18, 25: The Landing: El Dana's Extravaganza Show featuring Jessica and Jacleen.
Sep 20: The Savvy: Watch Out! rock-n-roll dance.
Sep 21: Renegades: Drag Queens Washing Cars & Beer Bust.

Political Organizations

- Sep 12, 19, 26: March Committee: Planning meetings for a Santa Clara County contingent to attend the National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights.
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- Business School Building. Call Dan 287-1916.
Oct 10: The Wedding: Symbolic ceremony to dramatize need for legal recognition of gay/lesbian coupling.
Oct 11: National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights!
Sep 15, 22, 29: AIDS Support Group: All are welcome. Meets 7-9 pm every Tuesday at Christ The Good Shepherd Church.
Sep 16, 23, 30: Fruit Punch: Gay radio every Wed.
Sep 16, 23, 30: In Touch: Mens Night every Thurs.
Sep 17: National Women's Political Caucus: Election Years - Plus.
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- When Mr. Cox defied the President and said that he would seek a court order to force Nixon to turn over the tapes, Nixon ordered the Attorney General, Elliot Richardson, to fire Cox. Richardson, who had appointed Cox five months earlier and who had made a commitment to the Senate not to fire Cox, resigned instead, and the second ranking official in the Justice Department, Deputy Attorney General William French Smith, was then called to the White House and asked to carry out the dismissal of Cox. Ruckelshaus wrote a letter of resignation instead, but the White House did not wait to receive it, announcing instead that Ruckelshaus had been dismissed. The resignation of Richardson and the dismissal of Ruckelshaus left Robert Bork, the Solicitor General as Acting Attorney General. He dismissed Mr. Cox on the President's orders, a move that ignited a storm of criticism from Congress and set the stage for impeachment proceedings against Nixon. Nine years later, at Senate hearings on his nomination to become a federal appellate court judge, Mr. Bork explained that he had fired Mr. Cox "to contain a very dangerous situation, one that threatened the viability of the Department of Justice and other parts of the executive branch." According to Bork, any 'massive resignation from the top levels of the Department of Justice' would have caused the Department to 'have effectively been crippled.' Bork's role in the 'Saturday Night Massacre' as well as his views on a variety of issues, will become central in the Senate hearings to start on September 15. In anticipation of a long fight,

Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Radio/TV

- Sep 13, 20, 27: Women's Radio Hour: With Mary Jeffries, every Sun. 11 am - noon, KKUP 91.5 FM.
Sep 14, 21, 28: Closet Free Radio: Programming for the Santa Cruz lesbian and gay communities.
Sep 16, 23, 30: Fruit Punch: Gay radio every Wed.
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Sports

- Sep 13: Southbay Gay/Lesbian Volleyball League: Fall season starts.
Sep 15, 22, 29: San Jose Spurs: Country & western dance group.
Sep 16, 23, 30: In Touch: Mens Night every Thurs.
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movement, the Senate rejected President Hoover's nomination of John Parker because of his anti-union rulings as a lower court judge, and because he thought that black political participation was "a source of evil and danger." (See Henry Abraham, "Justices & Presidents," Oxford Univ. Press, 1985, p. 42-43). More recently, in 1968, 19 Republican Senators, including Howard Baker, Jr. and Strom Thurmond declared that they would vote against President Lyndon B. Johnson's nomination of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice. In the fight over the Fortas nomination, conservatives like Sam Ervin of North Carolina, Strom Thurmond, John L. McClellan of Arkansas, and Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois lambasted Mr. Fortas for his liberal views on law enforcement, obscenity, free speech, capital punishment, and other issues. Strom Thurmond, now senior Republican on the Judiciary Committee, used the occasion to filibuster against Fortas, with the result that the nomination was withdrawn. Lyndon B. Johnson did not send another nomination to the Senate, leaving that job for his successor, President Nixon (who nominated Warren Burger to fill the position). If the Democrats, who control the Senate, are successful in blocking the Bork nomination, President Reagan will submit another nomination. Given his track record, it is likely that he will nominate another conservative, thus ensuring that the Court will shift to the right.

the White House is trying to shift the spotlight away from Bork's views on specific issues to and towards his credentials as a legal scholar and jurist. One Reagan administration strategist told the New York Times that "We've got to show he's not Attila the Hun. We're citing some of the cases he's been fairly liberal on, such as the First Amendment." The Hearing Process To be approved, Bork first faces hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee has eight Democrats and six Republicans. A tie vote, which could occur if a member abstains, would send the nomination to the Senate floor for a vote: an 8-7 vote against him would kill the nomination. Observers believe that the key votes in the committee will be Democratic Senate Majority leader Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) moderate Pennsylvania Republican Arlen Specter, and two conservative Democrats: Howard Hefling of Alabama and Dennis DeConcini of Arizona. At least five committee Democrats—chairman Joseph Biden of Delaware, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Howard Metzenhaus of Ohio, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, and Paul Simon of Illinois—are likely to oppose Bork. The five votes considered solidly for Bork are GOP Senators Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Alan Simpson of Wyoming, and Orrin Hatch of Utah, Charles Grassley of Iowa, and Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire. The Senate has rejected Supreme Court nominees 26 times since the founding of the nation. In 193, for example, as a result of opposition by the NAACP and the other labor

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Theatre Reviews By Rick Rudy

Keegan and Lloyd: Passing through San Jose

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy Lovers and collaborators for the past ten years, Tom Keegan and Davidson Lloyd have created a unique and entertaining blend of humor, poetry, dance, music, and shtick, which they brought to Silicon Valley at the San Jose Stage Company on September 3 and 4. They performed two one-acts "Crawling Off-Broadway," a frenetic look at two performers trying to become successes on Broadway and "Passing on the Right and Other Accidents of Life," a day by day account of a cross country auto trip. The first, "Crawling..." is more of a curtain raiser that warms up the audience to the off beat, avant-garde, quixotic style of these men. They bounce from parlor ma-

bling, lashing out, and then coming closer together than before. It is a very emotional and satisfying piece. Both Keegan, red headed and boyish, and Lloyd, dark and wiry, are intense performers, though one would be hard pressed to say that they are good actors or singers or dancers. At least, based on these two pieces. Too many times the dancing is ungraceful, awkward and too drawn out, the acting too ped-

gic to oratory to clumsy ballet to story telling, often overlapping one another. The theme, achieving success, is hammered home by Lloyd's inability to speak the word "success" without stuttering, until the last moment of the act. The second, "Passing..." is a much more accessible piece, as it illustrates the problems of taking a six day cross country car trip. Lloyd is the manic driver, pressing on, taking only 15 minutes for meals. Keegan is the passenger, trapped in a steel box, needing his own space and not getting any. "Passing..." hits close to home for any couple cooped up together for several days, getting on one another's nerves, squab-

ghan is often inventive, and uses the minimalist set well. He also has a good sense for taking gay performers and themes and making them open to non-gay audiences without ever sacrificing their emotional honesty. Keegan and Lloyd stopped in San Jose on their way from New York to a run at The Fifth Estate in Los Angeles, and we should be thankful to them and the San Jose Stage Company that they did. There are enough of these wonderful moments to make the evening emotionally satisfying as well as entertaining. The direction by Dan McK-

A Gay Man and His Lists

"If you ever start a homo household," Leigh Rutledge remembers his mother once telling him in a rare moment of asperity, "don't ever expect me to set foot in it." His parents had found out from his sister that he was gay. His father, recalls Rutledge, took the news of my sexuality in a self-congratulating "I always suspected" sort of way. He had always preferred Leigh's older brother, and this latest information further justified that preference in his mind. Rutledge's mother on the other hand, was devastated: she contemplated seeing a lawyer to disown her son, and she taped newspaper articles on hepatitis and rectal cancer to the dashboard of his car. ("Thank God this was before all of the publicity about AIDS, or the inside of my car would have looked like a supermarket bulletin board," comments Rutledge.) The result, he goes on, was "to set me on the search for identity that ended, perhaps predictably, with my owning a 20'by 4' walk-in closet lined with file cabinets and book cases full of clippings, articles, and whole publications - both rare and

common - full of almost everything I could ever get my hands on about homosexuality, gayness, gay life, gay men, It's said that a man who hoards gold must have a heart of stone; so what then can be said about the heart of a man who hoards trivia and history's gossip, all of it centering around the subject of his sexuality? He's been looking for himself, that's for sure. Haven't we all?" From that massive collection has come The Gay Book of

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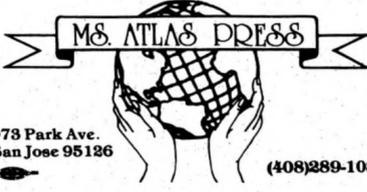
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HIS LISTS
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Lists, a fascinating compendium of information about a great many aspects of gay life.

Beginning in this issue, and continuing for several more issues, we'll be publishing selected excerpts from Leigh Rutledge's lists for your enjoyment.

- 8 Famous Men who have publicly denied being gay**
- 1. Boy George (b. 1961), English pop singer**
 The androgynous pop star told a London newspaper in 1984, "I'm not gay, and I'm not a transvestite, no matter what anybody thinks."
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 "I'm basically very much a man."
 At other times, Boy George has variously described himself as 'bisexual,' 'very confused,' 'not confused,' and 'not really all that keen on sex.'
 - 2. Jon-Erik Hexum (1959-1984), U.S. actor**
 Shortly before the gun accident that killed him in 1984, the 25-year-old television star said that while eighty percent of his friends were gay, he was not.
 He told Playgirl magazine: "I would rather people didn't think I was gay, but I don't 'rather' it a whole lot."
 - 3. Michael Jackson (b. 1958), U.S. pop singer**
 Jackson held a national press conference in 1984 to refute insinuations that he is a homosexual.
 Calling the rumors a "terrible slander," he threatened to sue any periodical that printed "new fantasies."
 "The Los Angeles Times later commented; "There does not appear to be any precedent for a celebrity going to such lengths to proclaim his or her heterosexuality."
 - 4. Jack Kemp (b. 1935), U.S. representative (R.-N.Y.)**
 As an aide to California Governor Ronald Reagan, Kemp worked for an official who resigned from office in 1967 amid allegations of homosexual conduct.
 "My name got mixed in tangentially," Kemp told Newsweek magazine several years later, "and that little piece of poison just stays there."
 Kemp has flatly denied rumors that he is gay.
 - 5. Ed Koch (b. 1924), Mayor of New York**
 During the 1977 mayoral primary between Mario Cuomo and Ed Koch, posters appeared through New York City with

the slogan, "Vote for Coumo, not the homo."
 Reacting to long-standing rumors that he is a homosexual, Koch told Playboy magazine in 1982: "No, I am not a homosexual."
 If I were a homosexual, I would hope I would have the courage to say so.
 What's cruel is that you are forcing me to say I am not a homosexual.
 This means you are putting homosexuals down.
 I don't want to do that."
 Asked if he had ever had a homosexual experience, Koch replied that he would not discuss his private life in public.

6. Carl Lewis (b. 1961), U.S. track and field star
 Lewis won four gold medals in track-and-field in the 1984 summer Olympics.
 Responding to post-Olympics rumors about his sexual preference, he told an interviewer, "I could be sleeping with a horse for all they know."
 I'm not homosexual."

7. Richard Thomas (b. 1951), U.S. actor
 In a 1985 interview in Us magazine, Thomas denied persistent rumors he is gay.
 "I think that's been said about everybody," he remarked.
 "It's just jealousy.
 People disappointed they couldn't get any, that's all.
 But I have a large gay following and I cherish it."

8. Wayne Williams (b. 1958), convicted U.S. murderer
 Convicted of killing two of twenty-eight young blacks in Atlanta between 1979 and 1981, Williams denied on the witness stand that he was a homosexual, despite testimony that he had once fondled a fifteen-year-old boy through his trousers and had been seen holding hands with another boy on a downtown street.
 Williams later said he thought homosexuals were "sick".
 (Excerpted from a longer list in *The Gay Book of Lists*, by Leigh Rutledge, published this November by Alyson Publications, Boston, Mass.)

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fear; a lot of it is due to "old Tales"—that's ok, they are fearful due to ignorance.
 They have reason to be fearful of something they've been taught to fear and despise.
 If someone is genuinely ignorant that can be dealt with.
 I think blacks and other racial minorities are well aware of discrimination that lurks in the county, regardless of the laws that are passed; regardless of law suits that are won.
 That's why education is important—legislation and judicial decisions alone do not change opinions—apparently time won't either.
 Certainly we know discrimination is not born in us, it's not a natural thing; so, it must come from some sort of education and we will counter that with another form of education.
 I intend through my membership in BAYMEC and High Tech Gays and my term on the Human Relation Commission to educate people.
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Let's go to the movies!

(The following article was submitted to Hosanna, a periodic publication of Holy Trinity Community Church, by a person with AIDS. It concerns death and dying. As you read it, put yourself in his place.)

Submitted by: F. Randall Hill
What the hell do you mean when you say to me, "Tell me what it's like to be dying?"
The answer should be self-evident, but stick around. Instead of telling you, I'll show you; and my god! why insult me again by saying, "Tell me what it's like to be terminally ill."

Please forgive my procrastination, I'll show you, later; I don't want to be laid out on display, not just yet.
Are you seeking vicarious thrills? If it's thrills you want, go to the movies.

You can see a well-polished and professional technicolor performance, shot for your viewing pleasure.

You won't even have to see the unpleasantness of what has been edited from the film.

You can experience the fantasy of death without the finality of it.
You could even write the actor and compliment him on his fine performance, and with luck even receive a reply along with an autographed picture of the death scene.

I won't give you a reply after I give my performance, it won't be edited for viewing, and it won't be in technicolor; it will be in black and white.

Either I'll be dead or I'll fail at showing you a fine performance, and make you satisfy your curiosity elsewhere.

Feel assured there will be sound effects, you can hear me gasp and wheeze, you may even see me jerk.

But if I succeed, you will see me become quiet when I become drained of my life.

so if it's thrills you are after, then bring your popcorn and your chair, it'll be free, I won't charge admission.

I already bought my ticket, and I'll share with you—but the cost of thrills is a real life performance, a performance with no re-takes.

Is it misguided curiosity that makes you ask these questions of death?

The healthy seem fascinated with these morbid experiences.

The dying experience fear of experiencing less; less sunny skies peeking around clouds, less sounds of heavy rain hitting against windows, less frustration of the evening commute, less touching, less touching, less touching...

The curious should remember what they heard as a child, curiosity did kill the proverbial cat—why not learn from that proverb, I didn't ask to become your teacher.

Yesterday, I met someone new, he has the glow of health about him—he's young, about 55, and is looking forward to retirement in about eight years.

He asked me what it was like to be dying—I didn't answer him.

I looked him straight in the eye and asked him to tell me what he had done with himself that day—he skimmed over the high points.

Then I asked him what he planned to do over the coming holidays and followed that question with how he would feel if he was unable to experience those plans.

He said he would make other plans—my reply was direct, "What would you do if you couldn't make other plans?"

He had a blank look on his

face—he looked slightly behind me and told me I asked too many questions.

I smiled and said, "Don't worry!" then he asked how I felt knowing I might die soon—I offered him my telephone number, but he apologized saying he did not want to intrude.

What he was really saying was he didn't have the time to call—I guess I'm the one with all the time—it takes me only a few heartbeats to reach the phone.

Don't ask me what it's like to be dying if you aren't willing to take the time for some sort of follow-up.

A well meant phone call won't take but a few minutes—it could even be self serving—you won't experience any of the "I should've done..." that so many of the living feel when someone else dies.

but then, people that are well can plan on doing things next month or even next year.

I plan on as much as I can, even if it's watching the Twilight Zone on TV, I'd even enjoy a poorly directed movie; one that is as poorly directed as that man's intrusive questions of experiencing death.

I am not amused—I'd rather watch reruns.

We have a different perspective on life—that's what's different between you and me.

You might consider building your muscles with a two year membership at the health club, and for one dollar more you can get the third year of vanity free.

The terminally ill might fantasize about rebuilding their muscles or even using the three year membership—but, it remains fantasy.

We'd gladly pay more that one dollar for the use of that third year—and you continue to ask what it's like to be dying.

Why don't you go see "Death of a Salesman?" I saw it previewed in the paper—it starts playing six months from now.

Instead of asking me what it's like to be dying, ask me what it's like to experience the intensity of life.

The ask me how you can contribute to that intensity, or keep your curious questions about death to yourself and go to the movies.

Why not celebrate my life with me rather than focus on my death? If you want to be rid of me, then tell me so—I will leave you alone; if not now, then eventually.

If you are trying to express concern, then say, "I am concerned for you, call me during the week and let me know how you are feeling that day or what you have been able to do."

We may even go to the movies together—I like comedies—there are so many funny things in life, I don't want to miss any of them.

—A Person with AIDS
In working with through the experience of death, the above person shared his writings. Each person experiences differently and relates differently. As a caring person, be sensitive to the needs and desires of each.

A new book just out is highly recommended: AIDS The Spiritual Dilemma by John E. Fortunato, from Harper and Row. The following quote is taken from there:

In his book Sister Death, O'Kelly Whitaker reminds us that dying people have four major concerns first, that they will be free of pain; second, that they will die with dignity and not grotesquely; third, that they will die with loving friends around them; and finally, that they will find some answer to the question, "What happens to me

when I die."

I should think every single Christian could contribute something of this or her time or resources to ensure that those needs are met for every single PWA.

There is nothing magical required, no special technical skill.

Were you at a dying man's bedside and the painkillers had reached their limit—and were he still in pain and feverish, would it require much of you simply to put a cool compress on his head?

To add just that much relief from the pain?

Would it require special training for you to visit a person with AIDS who might well be feeling grotesque—emaciated, with lesions from head to foot and tied

to every kind of machine—and just to chat, helping him or her know the human dignity that transcends any physical deterioration?

Would you need to be a specialist to befriend a gay man who had been abandoned by everyone he knew to die in some antiseptic ward?

It would require only asking the ward nurse which patient never had visitors.

And could not any compassionate person listen and be supportive as someone attempted to answer for him/herself those frightening questions about being and death?

There is nothing magical required of us... it is my conviction that when we stop

trying to blame the victim and when we give up trying to make God's ways seem human reasonable, then it is precisely through our acts of loving—of tending the sick and dying, of comforting the bereaved, and of striving to find a cure—that we spiritually feed and heal one another and so bring in the kingdom of Loving.

Loving as a verb, the act of loving—is the only way I know to bear the pain.

In fact, I am convinced in the doing of it, we shall find that charity in the midst of incomprehensible anguish is its won and sufficient comfort. (pages 116-118)

ARIS Project seeks members to Board of Directors

The ARIS Project, a non-profit corporation providing volunteer support services to people with AIDS, is seeking individuals interested in serving as members to the corporation's Board of Directors.

People with AIDS or AIDS-Related Conditions are encouraged to apply.

The current board has identified specific skills and background experience as priorities in considering qualifications of applicants for board membership.

Applications are encouraged from people who hold experience in fundraising, public relations or fiscal administration.

The board welcomes applications from persons sensitive to, or interested in service provision to women, Latinos, Blacks, youth-at-risk and intravenous drug users.

An application process is utilized for selection of new members to the board.

Application materials can be obtained by contacting the ARIS Project office at (408) 370-3272.

Application materials or names to be placed in nomination for board membership may be directed to Maryanne Wakefield, Chair of the Nominating Committee, c/o ARIS Project, 595 Millich Drive, Suite 104, Campbell, CA 95008.

The ARIS Project provides volunteer support services to people with AIDS and their loved ones in Santa Clara County.

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Ability and willingness to serve on Board subcommittees and task forces.

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DEMO PARTY

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one is at that time condemned to death.

"I would urge some basic precepts regarding sexually transmitted diseases be adopted in the platform—these would include, health and education, disease detection, appropriate treatment, contact tracing, clinical services, and training in research.

"I believe the AIDS crisis presents one of the most compelling challenges that will face the United States between now and the year 2000.

"It has the potential, as it seems to be doing in San Francisco to bankrupt the city, the county, and the nation if we do not re-organize our priorities to research programs that led to the control and practical eradication of other sexually transmitted diseases in the past.

"We must get away from the

"We must get away from the emotional game playing with the issue of bigotry and prejudice against people of other persuasions."

Gartman ended with a plea to the Democratic Party to seriously address considerations introduced by the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association Task Force Study in the party platform.



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Dignity Challenges Catholic Hierarchy

San Francisco—Dignity, a national organization of Gay and Lesbian Roman Catholics, has adopted a resolution that strongly delineates its differences with the Roman Catholic hierarchy and demands a re-examination of church teachings on homosexual activity.

The resolution was adopted by the House of Delegates on July 23, 1987 at Dignity's biennial national convention.

Co-Chair of the San Francisco chapter of Dignity, Tom McLoughlin, praised the statement as clarifying Dignity's advocacy role on behalf of Gay

and Lesbian people within the Catholic Church.

"For more than a decade, we have been the only organized "loyal opposition" of any kind within the Catholic Church.

The latest example of official church teaching on homosexuality is contained in a letter issued by the Vatican in October of 1986 on the "Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons."

The letter called homosexuality an "objective disorder" and addressed a host of other Gay issues. Even as it re-affirmed the worth of all God's children, it rationalized violence against

Gays and Lesbians, blamed the spread of AIDS homosexuals, and singled out Dignity for expulsion from church facilities.

At last count, 13 Dignity chapters have been expelled from churches, mainly on the East coast.

Daniel Cota, a spokesman for DignitySan Francisco, believes that the church is trying to maintain a precarious balance that may end up subverting Christ's message of love: "What we see in the church's approach to the AIDS crisis is someone tripping over its own teachings.

Catholics in general, not only

those in Dignity, are watching a Pope that preaches love and social justice for some while supporting a church hierarchy that oppresses Gays and Lesbians, among others.

"Dignity's mission is to make sure Gays and Lesbians feel Christ's kiss long after the sting of the Pope's slap has faded away.

Dignity has planned a number of activities to coincide with the Papal visit.

The main activity will be a candlelight service and counterliturgy to be celebrated at the Palace of Fine Arts on the

evening of September 17, before the Papal Mass at Candlestick Park the next day.

All are invited. Dignity will also conduct a 17-hour prayer service for the Pontiff's enlightenment and safety to begin with the Pope's arrival in San Francisco.

DignitySan Francisco celebrates the Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco and offers and AIDSARC Support program to give emotional and practical support to PWASARCS.

Dignity/San Jose Alternative Celebration During Papal Visit
Dignity/San Jose invites the community to share with them in a Eucharistic celebration and liturgy of Reconciliation, Healing, and Affirmation.
In this liturgical setting, members and guests of the chapter will reaffirm that they are people of God and loving Christians calling for the reconciliation and healing of the alienated within Christ's Church.
This celebration, which coincides with the visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States, will usher in the chapter's resurgence to weekly liturgies after Labor Day, and its expanded outreach to the community.
Dignity/San Jose welcomes you, your loved ones, and friends to share in this liturgical celebration commencing at 6:00 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Campus Christian Center, 300 S. 10th Street, at E. San Carlos Street (across from the San Jose State University campus), San Jose, CA. A potluck supper will follow the liturgy.
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Watch Out... New Band in Town!

by Ted Sahl
The Billy DeFrank Center hosted a new women's band for their debut in San Jose. A jam packed community center of Rock -n- Roll fans got more than their money's worth listening and dancing to the music of WATCH OUT.
Sweet Rock -n- Roll mixed expertly to include some down home blues made for an exciting evening of music. Four hot women with a great chemistry between them, complimented each other and each others music.
Pauline Casper, powerful drummer - tied the band together, almost demanding everyone to put out their very best - and they did!
The group included Caryn Shoemaker, lead singer; Valerie Grover, lead guitar/vocals and Sherri Murgallis, bass guitar/vocals. The only way this group can go is UP! You should've been there.



Apple Lambda Bash

by Ted Sahl
On August 25th, the Apple Lambda employees hosted a party at the Silver Fox Lounge. Gays and Lesbians celebrated their one year anniversary for their organization.
Bennet Marks, president, described the group as: 30 people, gay/lesbian who have been meeting for three years. Members come from San Jose, Cupertino and San Francisco, and all points between. "No, we're not officially affiliated with Apple Computer - yes, we meet socially and topics are politically oriented to the community," said Marks.

FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-Adjusting to a new schedule may cause small problems on the domestic side of life. It won't be difficult to figure this one out. On the work front, your brain and various talents are being heavily used and greatly appreciated.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-Retreat. You've given a lot lately, to those who have needed your tender, loving care. In order to maintain that level of devotion you need breaks of quiet, near solitude. If you're going to be with others, tell them exactly what you need.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)-You're young again, beguiled again, a child again. In other words, you're in love. Love is always magical, but this affair has more of that special ingredient than most. Just being together is, by far, the most important thing in the world.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)-Plans for the near future include many, many, important details. Important communications with friends who have been where you are going could add a lot to a distant voyage. Heed well tendered advice. Read and research.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-Now that you're getting everything spruced up, you want to share your bright and shiny home with others. Pleasant gossip and daily occurrences intrigue you. The calm of autumn is almost here. You're contentedly enjoying the lighter side of life.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)-Now that you've discovered what was making you so damned irritable you can get back to being your sweet, loveable, Sagittarian self. Being serious doesn't mean you can't be sweet. Being mindful doesn't mean you can't get crazy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-In-law problems could be in the picture. You and someone who is very close to your better half don't see eye to eye on something. Your perspectives are vastly different. Look beyond the surface differences and know the importance of understanding.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-Before things get hectic, get away from it all. And take that aggressive new comer with you. In a different setting you'll be delightfully surprised to find that you have more in common than you had thought. Talk, Talk!

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-Memories continue to entrance you. In your reveries you may discover some very important practical information that can be of great help to you in your daily routine. When thinking of a particular time or place consider specifics; taste, smell, touch.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-Yes, trust continues to be the key word. Yes, trust is The Key. The difference between having sex and making love can be as simple as one, two three. One, I trust you. Two, you trust me. Three, as yes, this makes it all worthwhile.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-You're discovering the value of using your tremendously persuasive powers in a more "behind the scenes" manner. You don't have to show everybody everything, do you Virgo? Subtleties, hidden persuaders work wonders.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-Wrap it up. A delicate situation that you've been wondering how to handle requires your attention. Don't drag it out. Don't put it off. Do it for yourself as well as for those who need you.



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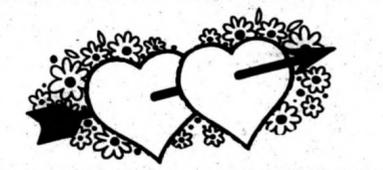
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