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AIDS Awareness Awards

by Ted Sahl

A special program co-sponsored by the Santa Clara County Health Department brought the AIDS crisis closer to the San Jose gay/lesbian community.

Showing that even a bureaucracy can be creative, the Health Department's staff held a game show night at Club St. John.

Loaded down with condoms, gift certificates and other prizes, David Burgess, AIDS information coordinator along with Millicent Kellogg, Health Department nurse and Valerie Kegebein, Health Educator took over Club St. John with their games.

Noooo the game was not "the dating game"—it was called "jeopardy."

The message was, "If you're not playing the game of 'safe sex' you are placing yourself in jeopardy."

Mc for the question and answer game put to three hunky guys was Danny Williams, 1987 Cable Car Entertainer of the Year—contestants were Randi, Denis, and Dean and they knew all the answers—well, almost.

Williams made the evening delightfully funny, egging the contestant on...

Well, as you probably guessed, everyone took a prize home—Williams didn't get one of the guys, he was awarded a certificate of Thanks from the



Danny Williams (l) receiving award from David Burgess

Photo by Ted Sahl

Health Department.

Williams rewarded everyone with his stand up comic routine—leaving them laughing on the floor.

The Grande Finale was Sylvester who stole the show—everyone loved him.

Jon Snell, co-owner of Club St. John said he was delighted the Health Department chose Club St. John for their program and that Club St. John will do what ever it can to help the gay community.

You should've been there!

Congress jeopardizes AIDS Education programs

Washington, D.C.—Members of Congress have indicated they are willing to condemn thousands of people to die from AIDS, with the October 21st vote of 368—47 to endorse ill-considered "morality" language that could limit how AIDS prevention money can be spent.

The House of Representatives approved a motion instructing House conferees to adopt an amendment passed by the Senate on October 14, when writing the final Health and Human Services appropriation bill.

The amendment orders the federal government not to pay for AIDS prevention educational programs that discuss sex outside of monogamous marriage. The amendment, introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, forbids the frank and open discussions about sex and drugs essential to effective AIDS prevention.

"There are people's lives at risk here, and with this amendment we can't even tell them how to protect themselves," said Vic Basile, Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director.

"We are facing a deadly health crisis, and the government is showing almost no

leadership," Basile said.

The measure now proceeds to a House-Senate Conference Committee where it can be further amended by the conferees.

AIDS education, information and prevention materials and activities for members of the gay community are particularly targeted, since the amendment would strip funds that "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual sexual activities."

"This outrageous language is intended to be an ugly attack on the gay community, which Jesse Helms has clearly indicated he despises," said Basile.

"In reality, the gay community has developed some of the most effective and far-reaching AIDS educational programs in this country, for both gays and non-gays. To cut funding from these programs is to condemn untold thousands more people, from all segments of society, to death by AIDS," Basile said.

A literal reading of the Helms Amendment could prohibit distribution of the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome,

since the Report explicitly discusses means to prevent sexual transmission of the disease.

The only known way to stop the spread of AIDS is straightforward education about safe sex and bad needles. The Helms amendment could cripple programs now frantically working to stop this killer.

"Sexually active people—singles, teenagers and divorcees, married people who are not monogamous—homosexual and heterosexual—need frank, scientific information about AIDS and AIDS prevention. If they don't know what they need to know, they risk death, it's just that simple," said Basile.

Already 42,965 men and women in this country have been diagnosed with AIDS. The U.S. Public Health Service estimates 1.5 million people carry the AIDS virus.

Without effective prevention programs the federal government estimates there will be 270,000 cases of AIDS by 1991 and 190,000 deaths.

Everyone is encouraged to contact their representative and senator to urge them to persuade their peers on the House-Senate Conference Committee to eliminate or amend this language.

Stonewall Club calls for March on Sacramento

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles is organizing a 1988 "Bring the Message Home: March on Sacramento" to be held on Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend.

The necessary permit requests are already moving through the various departments in Sacramento.

Lobbying of legislators, a meeting with the Governor and a memorial event are also planned.

"Inspired by the brilliant success of the recent March on Washington, where over 500,000 gay men, lesbians and supporters marched for our rights, Stonewall polled some of the key organizers up and down the state.

"At the same time Stonewall members conducted a one on one poll at the recent West Hollywood Street Fair.

"The excitement and eagerness which met Stonewall's question, 'Would you be part of a March on Sacramento in 1988?' convinced the club to move forward with their plans," said President of Stonewall, Ivy Bottini.

The list of demands in place at this time are:

State sponsored War Against AIDS; to include more funding, research, education, mental health programs and counseling.

Statewide non-discrimination legislation for persons with AIDS or ARC, or those perceived to be at risk.

Revision of the Gann Initiative.

Statewide legislation against crimes of hate and prejudice and a commitment to enforce them.

The March will focus attention on governor Deukmejian's

lack of leadership during this AIDS crisis, and his callous disregard for hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian citizens of this state.

Attention will be focused on his hiding behind his "blue pencil veto" style of governing, rather than taking an out front leadership role and dealing with the issues head-on.

"The March will also bring a message to all the legislators in the capital," Bottini said.

"The message will be very clear; the anger of the gay/lesbian community has been triggered; our movement has been a sleeping giant but it is fully awake now.

"Our attention is focused and we are moving as one; we will support our friends but we will go right through our enemies.

"This March is putting all the legislators on notice that we will not tolerate any more excuses, foot dragging or opposition to programs or legislation that will wipe out AIDS and alleviate the physical, emotional and/or personal suffering of those with the disease or perceived to have the disease.

"We will no longer tolerate being hated for being alive" emphasized Bottini.

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles calls upon political and community organizations to endorse this March and to join them in its organization and execution.

Individual endorsements are also sought—the intention is to put together an endorsement team whose job will be to help organize in the smallest to the largest towns in California.

To endorse or get involved, call 213/483-8574.

Senate panel hears from experts

The State Senate Select Committee on AIDS held its first public hearing at the State Capitol on October 26, receiving testimony from medical experts representing federal, state, and local government programs on AIDS.

"This frightful epidemic, the mounting death toll, have called for swift government action at all levels," said Senator Milton Marks, one of the only members of the committee to have worked on AIDS issues since the first cases were reported.

"We have seen some effective programs implemented, we have seen some cities and counties move swiftly in attacking AIDS, we have seen strong growth in funding at the state and federal levels.

"However, this is not enough, and it is clearly about time the

State Senate recognize the importance of this issue with a select committee," Marks said.

The Senator, who first expressed interest in the establishment of an official legislative panel on AIDS in 1985, voiced some strong concerns about the make up of the new committee.

"Of course, Senator Doolittle has opposed almost every humanitarian, medically effective, and thoughtful approach in fighting AIDS.

"This man does sit on the new committee; we can only hope that truth, and the facts, will defeat radical right-wing proposals," Marks continued.

The hearing focused on the effectiveness of local, state, and federal programs, efforts towards interaction and coordination of functions, and the future of AIDS.

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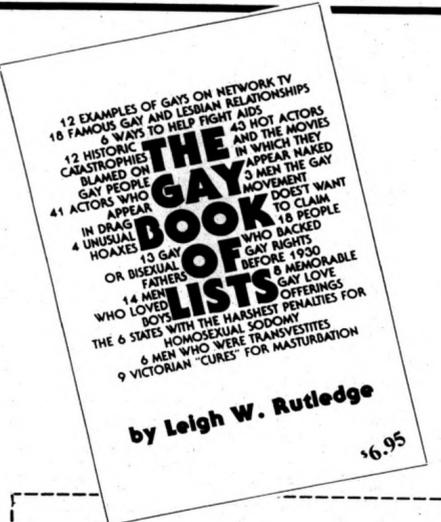
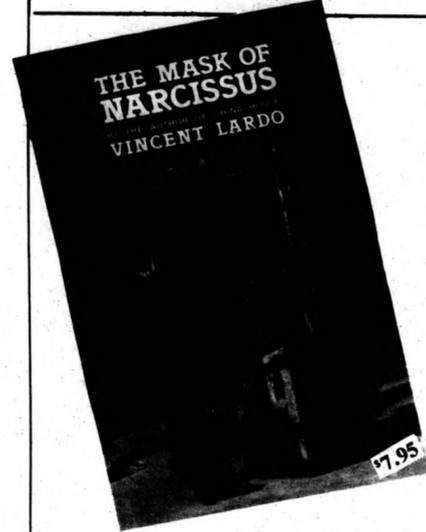
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U.S. Leaders appeal for United Nations Action

Fourteen leaders of AIDS research, service and advocacy organizations and institutions, joined by 19 members of the United States Congress, released an appeal to the secretary-general of the United Nations to take a leading role in assuring a comprehensive, coordinated and aggressive international response against the worldwide AIDS pandemic.

The appeal came on the eve of the special plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the question of AIDS, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 and 21.

Calling AIDS "a new form of world war... from which no country can escape, and which none can win on its own," the AIDS leaders applauded Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's initiative in bringing the issue before the General Assembly "to address not only the need for action in the medical field, but to also recognize the importance of concerted action by the international community on the full range of critically significant implications of this unprecedented global crisis."

"For the first time since the end of World War II," they declared, "the entire world is under attack by an aggressive enemy. It attacks people and their social structures, productivity, creative capacity, economies, international commerce and travel, their rights and dignity, and their confidence in their own future and in the safety of associating with their neighbors."

Among the signers of the appeal are Dr. Stephen C. Joseph, New York City Commissioner of Health and former

Coordinator for Child Health and Survival of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund; Jon Tinker, president of the Panos Institute, a research center for Third World development with offices in London, Paris and Washington; Dr. Mathilda Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR); Richard Dunne, executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York; playwright and AIDS-activist Larry Kramer; and Russell Morgan, executive director of the National Council on International Health.

The appeal was organized by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, whose chairman, Duke Comegys, and executive director, Vic Basile, also signed the appeal.

In a separate letter, Members of Congress led by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and Henry Waxman (D-CA), chairman of the Health and Environment Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, endorsed the appeal for a comprehensive, system-wide United Nations effort on AIDS, noting that "the implications of AIDS extend to the economic, political, social and ethical stability of all nations."

The Members of Congress called upon the United Nations not only to generate resources and common commitment to the struggle, but also to "establish world standards on cooperative medical research, expedited and fair access to drugs and treatment, public education, testing and confidentiality, preservation of civil liberties and the princi-

ples of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

The Members of Congress called upon the Secretary-General to offer a leadership program of action "which mobilizes global action against AIDS and asserts standards and principles for the protection of people consistent with the fundamental humane purposes of the United Nations."

The AIDS leaders' appeal, entitled, "Protecting People: Protecting Nations" identified eleven areas of concern in which United Nations leadership could make a significant contribution.

These concerns included the need to direct medical research on AIDS towards the specific needs and limited resources of developing countries, and of the poor, who do not have ready access to sophisticated medical services and cannot afford highly priced treatments; guidelines on the limited value and potential counter-productivity of widespread mandatory testing for exposure to HIV infection, and the need for assured confidentiality of test results, and expedited trans-national testing, approval and dissemination of the applicability of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in respect to AIDS, and treatment of the afflicted, their families and neighbors, with decency, respect and humane support.

Calling the AIDS crisis "a challenge that must be addressed on a global scale through international leadership," the Members of Congress suggested that, "by accepting this challenge, the United Nations could prove again to the world that it remains a worthy investment."

Letters

Great March Letters Project

Dear Editor:
I am a gay playwright who writes about the gay experience and is deeply committed to the welfare of the gay and lesbian community.

As a resident of Washington, D.C. it was an incredible experience for me to participate with hundreds of thousands of other gays and lesbians, our friends and relatives in the historic March on Washington, October 10 and 11.

I was so emotionally moved by the outpouring of gay and lesbian bodies, hearts and minds that I conceived the Great March

Letters Project.

The purpose of the Letters Project is to give the people who participated in the Great March an opportunity to share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in written form.

I plan to publish these letters so that the spirit of solidarity I felt in Washington will never die.

You would help me and our community if you would publish the enclosed letter

Sincerely,
Stephen Westfall
P.O. Box 11509
Cleveland Park Station
Washington, D.C. 20008

The Great March Letters Project

I was so emotionally moved by the March on Washington for love and life, that I must thank you, my gay brothers and lesbian sisters, our friends and relatives, for coming to my home and making my city so beautiful with your love and solidarity.

I will carry the experience with me always and it will nourish me in a million situations.

I want to honor and enhance the love and communion we created in Washington by keeping the spirit of the March alive.

I want to do this by publishing a compilation of letters expressing the feelings, thoughts and experiences of those of you who came to Washington and participated in the March.

The March was a unique experience in all our lives and it will make our community stronger if we know how the other hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian people, their friends and relatives felt about the March.

It will be more than a souvenir, it will be a tangible reminder of our individual and collective aspirations.

Therefore, I call it the Great March Letters Project. I am sending this letter to gay and lesbian newspapers and bookstores across the country to reach as many as I can that came to the March.

You can help me tell others about the Letters Project if you will and you will be contributing a valuable page to our history.

As a practical matter, I ask you to write legibly on white paper, using typewriter or Black Ink.

Please include where you live, your age and whether you are a gay man, a lesbian, or a friend or relative.

Include only your initials on the letter if you do not want your name published.

I will photocopy your letter; I cannot transcribe or decipher it—if you have other correspondence, please include it on a separate sheet.

I do not have the resources to respond to inquiries but I will place an announcement in this paper when the Great March Letters Project is available.

Please send your letters to Stephen Westfall, P.O. Box 11509, Cleveland Park Station, Washington, D.C. 20008.

GLAS Dance at Stanford

On Saturday, November 7, 1987, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS) is holding an open dance party for women and men in the Elliott Program Center of the Governor's Corner dormitory complex on the Stanford Campus (near Campus Drive and Santa Teresa Street), starting at 9:30 p.m. and ending 1:00 a.m. There will be a \$3 cover charge. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call GLAS at (415) 723-1488.

THE BARE NECESSITIES

A 1986 Roper poll asked American consumers to identify common household products "you don't know how you could get along without." Among the essentials of modern life:

Product	Percentage of Respondents
Blow dryers	18%
Disposable razors	14%
Microwave ovens	13%
Cake mixes	9%
Frozen dinners	7%



The movies

The Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, in association with Square Peg magazine will be presenting a month-long programme of new and recent lesbian and gay film and video in March of 1988.

Square Peg is the UK's only alternative journal covering style, cultural and sex for lesbians and gay men; the ICA's Cinematheque is one of London's leading independent repertory screens.

The Spring issue of Square Peg will be exclusively devoted to film: more than a programme guide, the first radical discussion of the new wave in lesbian and

gay cinema.

Throughout the season at the ICA, a series of discussions by leading filmmakers and critics will provide a further context for this unique event.

This is the last call for submissions both to the magazine and the Cinematheque programme.

Send films (excluding 35mm) and all format videotapes to: Kate Leys, Associate Director, Cinema ICA, 12 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH.

Send features, articles and images to: BM Square Peg, London WC1N 3XX.

Are you fit or fat?

Winter is approaching and it is also a time when our bodies retain a little extra weight. Now here is your chance to find out exactly what your fitness or fatness level is.

The Human Performance Department of San Jose State University has a new program entitled: *The Whole Body Health Program*, which offers low-cost fitness testing and exercise prescription for all those who are interested.

The program consists of strength, flexibility, and body composition testing, along with a final exercise prescription to meet your body's needs, and are held on various Saturdays on the San Jose State University campus.

If you need a positive outlook to your general work capacity, general fitness, and weight control, this might be the program for you. Groups of 5 or more and SJSU students, faculty and staff receive a discount. For more information contact Carol Christensen, Director of the program at 277-2181.



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San Shepard's Crazy People

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

The American Conservatory Theatre is opening its 1987-88 season with *King Lear* in repertory with Sam Shepard's 1985 NY Drama Critic's Circle Award winning play *A Lie of the Mind*.

Without extending the comparison, they are both about crazy people.

Shepard, a 44 year old playwright (and actor, both on stage and screen) has been exceedingly prolific, though none of his plays has been a popular commercial hit.

That is not surprise since his works are very difficult to grasp at first viewing, and a real effort is required to get beyond the craziness on stage to a theme hiding somewhere beneath.

A Lie of the Mind is being billed as a "romance epic" and as such gives us Jake (Lawrence Hecht) who has beaten his wife Beth (Nancy Carlin) so badly that he flees believing her dead.

Both are so emotionally and physically wracked by the incident that they never recover any sanity they might have had before.

Director Albert Takazaukas has the cast breathing fire for three hours, but there is more heat than illumination to this production.

A Lie of the Mind continues in repertory at ACT through December 12.

Get Centered

by Gretchen Godfrey

Is your house plant sickly because it's still "closeted" and having difficulty dealing with the issue?

Are you a hot shot miniature golf champion who enjoys the thrill of competition?

Any anger festering inside which you would like to vent and get out of your system?

Do you enjoy an occasional wild evening at a pizza parlor or maybe a Chinese restaurant where you can sit in a room with 55 lesbians and gorge yourself on wonderful cuisine?

Ever wonder what a mother of a lesbian thinks or feels about having a daughter who is "different?"

Ever watched several mothers speak from their hearts about the above?

Are you still somewhat uninformed about AIDS and concerned about the myths floating around as well as the political actions in the works relevant to the AIDS issue?

Have you ever wanted to be politically active in the gay community but wondered just how it could be accomplished without putting yourself in the limelight?

Have you ever had the opportunity to hear from and talk to couples who have been together for 10 or even 20 years?

At least 40 and up to 80 women every Tuesday gather because of the above programs which are offered on a regular basis by the dynamic local lesbian group which calls itself "SOL" (Slightly Older Lesbians).

People travel from the East Bay just to participate or listen to the information and interaction which results each Tuesday at the Billy DeFrank Center

Archie and Edith Bunker.

All of the performances are strong and compelling.

But it is difficult to sympathize with any of these crazy characters, so we are forced to keep our distance and watch them without personal involvement.

An annoying trick of the playwright is that the characters all speak like illiterate boors, then suddenly, without motivation, speak carefully crafted prose for a sentence or two, then return to their former coarseness.

These moments are often lovely, but hardly in character.

Howard Swain is fine as Jake's brother Frankie, who gets shot in the leg by Beth's father (Will Marchetti), who would shoot at anything on this last day of the deer season.

Anne Lawder is a wily mother to Jake, who wants to keep him forever safe in her house, until she decides to burn it down.

Joy Carlin is resilient and resourceful as Beth's mother who has to put up with two gun-happy men in her household.

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where SOL meets.

Each meeting begins with a clear statement that the group is a support group and not a therapy group and great care is taken to maintain that focus.

As a result, SOL stands out as the most dynamic collection of lesbian women in the Bay Area.

How is all of this accomplished?

Actually, very easily. A loose knit organizational structure called a steering committee-meets-intermittantly to put together monthly programs and to arrange the schedule.

The members are some who are committed to attend all organizational meetings and to be present at meetings on Tuesdays to others who simply lend ideas and suggestions but prefer to be more passive in terms of weekly meeting involvement.

Some of these steering committee members take it upon themselves to conduct the business part of the weekly meetings; others take on the task of acting as facilitators for rap sessions.

there is never an instance when the group is without direction; there is also never an instance when the group is under a specific leadership.

The philosophy of SOL is that each meeting will be what the group wants it to be, each rap will evolve the way the group in attendance wants it to evolve, and the group will not be able to point to an individual to whom it can assign leadership.

This may sound like an organizational structure doomed to failure; don't you believe it!

Just attend a Tuesday night meeting to find out how great leadership by group input can be—women have responded enthusiastically to the idea and each week more are throwing their energy into the pot to help evolve the SOL they want.

A Happy Hippie Patience

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

Although Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera *Patience* was written about, and is usually produced as satire of, Oscar Wilde and the English Aesthetic Movement of 1881, The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of San Jose has chosen to set their production in the 1960's; substituting flower children for the aesthetes of Gilbert's era.

And it is a happy, hippie performance.

The plot revolves around two poets, Reginald Bunthorne, the Oscar Wilde character whose poetry is convoluted nonsense, and Archibald Grosvenor, whose poetry is idiotically simple.

Bunthorne, adequately played by Kelly Snyder, though with some pitch problems, attracts all the village maidens by his lofty aloofness, but he cares only for Patience, the village milkmaid.

Grosvenor, played by Chris Reeves look-alike Kurt Schoenweiler, has a beauty which is a national treasure and for which he is the trustee.

He, too, loves Patience—his deadpan portrayal, his weariness of adulation, is masterfully conceived and executed.

But it is Patience herself, played by Kay Kleinerman, who, uncharacteristically, is the hit of the show.

Patience is usually a vapid ingenue, but Kleinerman brings a saucy liveliness to the role and a fine, clear voice to the lovely ballads she sings.

Pat Pagendam is delightful as the middle aged Lady Jane who sticks to Bunthorne through all adversity, until the finale where

This writer first came to SOL exactly one year ago and has been privy to the most exciting and dramatic evolution of a group she has ever witnessed.

And, yes, she is a member of the current steering committee but will be relinquishing her spot in January to yet another enthusiastic new member who wants to make her voice and her ideas heard.

Even so, this writer will continue to throw ideas on the table at topics meetings, open to all, and steering committee meetings, open to all, whenever it is appropriate for her to do so.

Ain't life great when one can be an active voluntary participant and reap the benefits without suffering the onus of it having been "obligatory."

SOL offers attendees the opportunity to be passive or active, to contribute or just to participate in the comfortable knowledge that a true support group of fellow lesbians exists.

SOL offers women an opportunity to meet other bright and beautiful lesbians who need to and want to create a supportive network.

One way the group accomplishes this is to have a monthly potluck at a member's home.

The entire lesbian community is invited to these potlucks and many travel from great distances to enjoy the good food and camaraderie which marks the gatherings.

An open invitation extends to all lesbians to bring their ideas and energies and personalities to the group and to take home whatever benefit they derive.

she quickly deserts him for a leopard jacket.

Her song with string bass, "In the Coming By and Bye," is tender and fun.

The three Dragoon officers (Richard Feldman as the Colonel, Richard DeJulio as the Major, and Brad Eacher as the Duke) are quite nice, and their foray into hippidom, to woo back their sweethearts, is, as always, good for many laughs.

It is too bad, though, that Feldman's patter songs get so badly upstaged by the busy mens choruses.

The three leading "raturous maidens" (Elizabeth Challener as Lady Angela, Sylvia Halloran as Lady Saphir, and Carolyn Bergman as Lady Ella) are more forceful than common, but quite good.

The choruses are well prepared and the sextet finale of act one is outstanding.

The orchestra under Charles Barber is very fine, almost always keeping below the singers.

The astroturf set is easily forgiven, though probably not

by true flower children, and the paisley costumes, headbands and granny glasses will certainly evoke warm nostalgia in many spectators.

The direction by David Grote is much superior to the usual G&S work.

Besides his clever updating of the period, he incorporates significant changes of character to many of the cast, to their benefit.

Some pieces of business are especially entertaining: Bunthorne sticking pins into a Grosvenor doll, Patience arriving on a milk delivery tricycle, Lady Jane sitting on her string bass, a Bunthorne poster which gets "Grosvenor" pasted across it, the chorus women all turning into Jackie Kennedys at the end, etc.

Patience is not a well known operetta, but the GSSSJ production deserves your immediate patronage before it becomes history.

Patience is a virtue, but not now; don't wait—call 408/735-7292 for tickets.



Raymond Avalos posing with a ghost like figure that floated from the ceiling. Photo by Ted Sahl

Art of Halloween

by Ted Sahl

The 2nd Annual Art of Halloween was another "harrowing" experience. Produced and directed by Raymond Avalos with the help of many friends—it was a take over of the San Jose Art League at 482 South 2nd Street in downtown San Jose.

A multi-media installation by nine artists which included the St. James Renaissance Guild Dancers who performed in ghoul like costumes with live animals.

Magical trickery by that spooky magician Ed Mosher, a Steve Stroz Science Fiction Installation, silk screened pieces by Chris Fusick, sculpture by Raymond Avalos and a show of Ted Sahl's Halloween pictures of the gay and lesbian community graced the building.

There was lots of unearthly food and judging of costumes took place after a champagne reception. All of the proceeds were to benefit the Outreach Programs of San Jose Art League (Juvenile Hall and Senior Citizen's free art classes).

NY State Agency division sets precedent

In an important precedent-setting victory, the New York State Division of Human Rights has found probable cause that the Westchester County Medical Center discriminated against a pharmacist by refusing to honor its commitment to hire him when it learned he had tested positive to antibodies to HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS.

The agency's determination represents the first instance in which a New York State agency has ruled against an employer on the ground that discrimination based on seropositivity violates the state's Human Rights Law.

The State Division determined in its ruling that the evidence supported the charges of discrimination brought by John Doe, the pharmacist who had been offered employment at the hospital as a hospital pharmacist.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund represented Doe before the agency.

Ironically, the hospital is seeking certification from the state as a regional facility for AIDS patients.

In 1985, Doe voluntarily submitted to an HIV antibody test at the infectious disease clinic of the hospital, with the express understanding that the results would be kept confidential.

In 1986, after he had already been offered the pharmacist position, the offer was withdrawn when a doctor at the hospital who obtained Doe's confidential medical records at the infectious disease clinic revealed the results of his positive HIV test to hospital administrators.

At no time did Doe consent to the release of the test results.

In its opinion, the State Human Rights Division relied on expert testimony from Dr. Harold Jaffe, Chief of Epidemiology for the AIDS program at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Dr. Jaffe had asserted that there was virtually no risk of HIV transmission from an HIV-positive pharmacist to any individual as a result of on-the-job duties.

The Human Rights Division then found that the hospital's "unsubstantiated theories about risks of HIV transmission cannot shelter them from the requirement of non-discrimination in employment based on disability" as required by New York law.

Significantly, the Human Rights Division also criticized the laxness of the hospital in maintaining its medical records.

According to the State Division, the hospital had maintained Doe's confidential records in a manner that permitted them to be released to a third party, and to be used to violate state law.

The agency determined that maintaining "confidential medical records and not releasing such records without consent is a term, condition and privilege of public accommodation."

"This ought to send a clear message to employers in the state that discrimination based on seropositivity will simply not be tolerated under the New York State Human Rights Law," said Mark Barnes, an Associate in Law at Columbia University School of Law and the Lambda cooperating attorney who represented Mr. Doe.

He was assisted in the case by William Flanagan, also a Columbia University School of Law faculty member.

Added Lambda's Legal Director, Abby R. Rubinfeld, "this decision is another important

link in the consistent line of state and federal authority from all around the country holding that discrimination based on anti-body status, as well as that based on AIDS itself, is illegal."

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN JOSE hosts a Spiritual Renewal this weekend, Nov. 6-8, featuring Rev. Val Vrejean from Seattle. Services will be held at 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday evenings and 6:30 pm on Sunday evening at Grace Baptist Church, 10th and San Fernando. There will also be a Saturday morning workshop from 10 am to 1 pm in Room 25 on the topic "How to get and keep love: the quest for enduring love in a throw-away age." Later this month, at 7:30 pm on Nov. 19, MCC-San Jose will host an evening with the Center for Attitudinal Healing discussing "AIDS and Attitudinal Healing." The event is co-sponsored by the Aris Project and The Centre for Living with Dying.

PAT BOND brings her One Woman Theatre to Sisterspirit at 8:30 pm on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Community Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. For information, call 293-9372.

GAY AND LESBIAN DANCE AT STANFORD is scheduled to start at 9:30 pm and end at 1:00 am on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Elliott Program Center of the Governor's Corner dormitory complex on the Stanford Campus (near Campus Drive and Santa Teresa Street). \$3 cover charge, everyone welcome. For more information, call GLAS at 415/723-1488.

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SAN JOSE INDIAN CENTER will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at 7:30 pm on Nov. 18 at the Garden Alameda Restaurant, 1520 The Alameda. Guest speaker is pro Johnny Miller, P.G.A., and the Indian Center will also host a Native American Fashion Show. Native American food will be served. Call for reservation, 971-9622. The Indian Center has recently moved to 935 The Alameda, San Jose 95126. Welcome to the Gay Zip, natives!

DIGNITY / SAN JOSE now meets weekly at the Campus Christian Center for Mass each Saturday, beginning at 6:00 pm. In addition to weekly Masses, the group holds rap sessions, social gatherings and occasional outings. For further information, call 977-4218.

HIGH TECH GAYS meet for a potluck at 6:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Community Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose, followed by a business meeting with guest speaker Ginny Hagopian, president of the board of directors of the Billy DeFrank Community Center. Call 993-3830.

PALO ALTO LESBIAN RAP GROUP will meet at Club St. John in San Jose at 9 pm on Nov. 7 to Go Dancing! \$4 cover. Then, on Nov. 15, the group will have a guest speaker from Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays at 7:30 pm at the Old Firehouse at Stanford.

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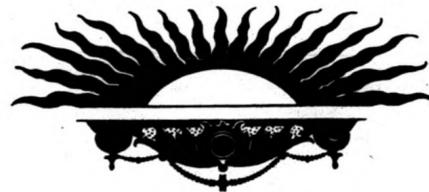
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from Holy Trinity Church

Thanks to the San Jose community, the AIDS Hospice Pumpkin Lot Benefit was a great success. Mr. Gary Givens, fundraiser and organizer, is due a lot of credit for his hard work. Many others helped in this effort—thank you all.

All monies have been deposited in "Necessities and More" AIDS Hospice Holding Fund. This is a special fund in a savings account which will be presented to the AIDS Hospice at its opening ceremonies.

It is administered by Necessities and More and a statement is issued monthly. These are available by contacting N&M at either our hotline 408/293-2437 (AIDS or 408/292-3071).

Special recognition goes to Almaden U-Haul, Tony Mello for the donation of the truck for transporting the pumpkins and to the Watergarden for use of their property and for a sizeable donation and to Renegades for a sizeable donation.

Most of all thanks to the community who purchased and supported the effort in many ways. A Christmas lot is coming soon...

Cash Sales..... \$1267.40
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Holding Fund Deposit... \$634.41
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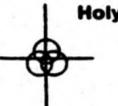
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Holy Trinity News

by Rev. Randy Hill

Significant things have been happening at Holy Trinity Community Church these days. Slow growth has brought a gain in membership and attendance.

Our growth rate has been difficult due to deaths and others moving from the area, but small gains have been made.

The family has given its quarterly tithes to Cabrillo Lesbians Together at the Cabrillo Women's Center in Aptos.

They sponsored a very successful Lesbian Conference last May and were left in debt a little over \$750.

Our family prayers and love goes with the monies to help retire the debt once and for all.

In other news, the church has officially named Rev. Bob Wheatley as our Assistant Pastor.

Bob likewise has a Masters Degree in Theology, and comes to us after a lifetime of preaching in numerous churches throughout the United States.

Bob used to play professional baseball with the (you guessed it) St. Louis Cardinals.

bob worked with me in MCC.

Tucson, Arizona and we are pleased that he has decided to retire here and serve the Lord the rest of his days with us.

Perhaps you would like to talk to Bob about some problem or concern you have—his number is 408/298-3548.

Also, joining our ministerial staff is a welcomed community leader, Ms. Barbara Martzall, who has joined us as a "student clergy" person.

She is likewise working on her Masters in Theology and studying under Bob and I in addition to her course work.

Barbara brings a new freshness to our little group with innovative worship styles and community service.

One comment recently was made, "It is so nice to take communion from someone with hair touching my back!" What can we say?

Barbara can be reached by calling 408/259-3889.

Barbara also is our new editor of our monthly publication, Hosanna.

With the November issue, we are happy to announce that we are now publishing monthly—we hope to share Good News in home and families throughout the bay area.

Our mailing list has grown and you are welcome to join it by calling the church office at 408/292-3071.

Recently, the church had to seek legal advice and we turned to Bruce Nickerson who has long been a friend in our community and a very compassionate person.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 22nd at 10 am at the Billy DeFrank Center.

We are now in the process of organizing our Community Hotline Phone Service—the number has been secured and the phone installed.

0We hope to be in full operation during the holiday season which is often such a lonely time for many in our community.

The Hotline number is 408/293-2437(AIDS)—it will operate 24 hours a day and will provide call forwarding to hotline members during the evening and night hours.

Our family has voted to give Christmas presents to the community this year—these appreciation gifts are given as a thank-you for allowing us to minister in this community for 2 and 1/2 years—more details later.



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