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Gay Parents Procreate

BABY BOOM

by Lois Pearlman

AZT Study Report



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MAJOR MILESTONE IN AIDS CARE REACHED

by Stephan Pardi, BS, RRT

A major milestone was reached in the long, and until recently, seemingly hopeless AIDS epic in this country, with the announcement by federal health officials that: 1) taking AZT has conclusively been proven to prolong the lives of AIDS patients who have already become ill; 2) it can also delay illnesses for those with mild symptoms; and 3) AZT delays the onset of symptoms for those with none.

"Today [August 18] we are witnessing an additional significant milestone in the battle to change AIDS from a fatal disease to a treatable one," said Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services. "These results provide real hope for the millions of people worldwide who are infected with HIV." The report issued has several significant implications that could dramatically alter the way AIDS is viewed, cared for, and treated in this country for many years to come. The ramifications are many, not the least of which is reimbursement [see AIDS News].

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Ellie Shindelman, coordinator of the Lesbian and Gay Parenting Project at Lyon Martin Women's Health Services, says that her fall groups for "Lesbians Considering Parenthood" are full. "Every two months at least ten or twelve women attend the groups and there are probably twice as many who don't go to groups," says Ellie. The numbers of gay men attending similar workshops are increasing too. Debbie Hourigan and Lea Militello, co-mothers of ten-week-old Ryan, are amazed that "everywhere we go we are surrounded by women who want to have children." Members of a lesbian and gay parents support group in San Francisco are being bombarded by news reporters and doctoral candidates researching their theses. One lesbian and gay monthly has twelve listings for lesbian and gay parenting workshops and support groups — twice as many listings as the section entitled "professional groups." It seems that the

Goddess of fertility has set up campaign headquarters in the lesbian and gay community.

But the lesbian and gay lifestyle offers freedom from the demands of parenthood — provided one doesn't bring along children from former heterosexual alliances. Why are so many lesbians and gay men choosing to take on the role of parent?

"I was always into kids, my nieces and nephews, doing baby-sitting," says Rod Schmittou, a Guerneville hairdresser and father of 2½-year-old Eddy. "I helped Ian (his former lover) raise his two daughters. I've done a lot of inner healing, self-help. I figured I had learned a lot and wanted someone to pass that on to."

Barbara (not her real name), a Santa Rosa therapist who is still trying to bear a child after a miscarriage last year, experiences her desires for a child as "almost biological." It feels like something I need to do. My life wouldn't be complete without a kid."

This sentiment was echoed by the other lesbian mothers with whom I spoke. Lea and Debbie "always wanted children in our lives." Marguerite Longtin, an obstetrical nurse from Santa Rosa, and her partner Elizabeth "don't remember why we decided to have children." They co-parent their three-year-old adopted son Rene. "We talked about it at the beginning of our relationship and it took a natural progression after that."

While their reasons for having children are probably not very different from their heterosexual counterparts, the means by which lesbians and gay men go about having children are arduous, complicated, and often expensive.

Barbara and her partner attended Cheri Pie's Considering Parenthood workshops years ago. At that time Barbara's partner's objections were strong enough for them to let the issue drop. While Barbara was preparing to be a

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FRONT NEWS

UNDERGROUND Q TRIALS SHOW PROMISING RESULTS

by Jeff Heins

Dr. Larry Waites announced preliminary results of the underground Compound Q study, as well as plans to meet with FDA officials in early September, at a press conference held by the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance on Monday, August 21.

"We've found dramatic drops in P24 antigen (HIV viral) activity without any evidence of suppression," Dr. Waites said. "T-cells have drifted up, but not dramatically. However, a number of Nobel Laureate immunologists feel it may take about 21 weeks for the numbers to drift up in an unstimulated immune system. There are some immune modulators — interleukin, interferon — that we could use to drive the T-cells up."

In a compromise with the Food and Drug Administration, conductors of the underground Q study have agreed not to continue the study until preliminary data is presented to FDA officials in Washington D.C., according to Dr. Waites, who said the main purpose of the trip is to make the drug more accessible to those who need it.

"If, on the one hand, they give me a Federal license . . . to use the Chinese drug, then we can talk insurance companies into paying for it," Dr. Waites said. "Or, if they want us to use the American drug to go into Phase two (of the study), we can treat thousands of people within a couple of months, and it would be free to them . . . I think

the absolute earliest we can move into phase two or phase three . . . would be similar to what they did with AZT, which was about 120 days. But it may be a little longer than that."

The conference was also called to warn people of the possible dangers of clandestine usage of the drug without medical supervision.

"The issue is that many drugs in the past have become whole industries in the community before the FDA was finished with the studies," Martin Delaney, Director of Project Inform, said. "It is a very dangerous drug to give to yourself."

Out of the 80 people in phase one of the study, only five had severe side ef-

fects — all of whom were in the advanced stage of the disease, and probably would have died without medical supervision, according to Delaney.

"We're going to have to learn a way to measure the doses, because the system can't tolerate the drug well — it's too strong," Dr. Waites said. "Just one molecule of the drug can kill one infected cell."

Dr. Waites also mentioned that past participants in the study had to be off other drugs, such as AZT, as well as show no evidence of any opportunistic infections.

"Up to now, we've restricted such people from our protocol, because we just don't know what the interactions are going to be with those other drugs," Dr. Waites said. "We're particularly concerned with someone with an active infection, because the Q is suppressive of an immune response, temporarily. For a two or three day period, the drug shuts down immune activity."

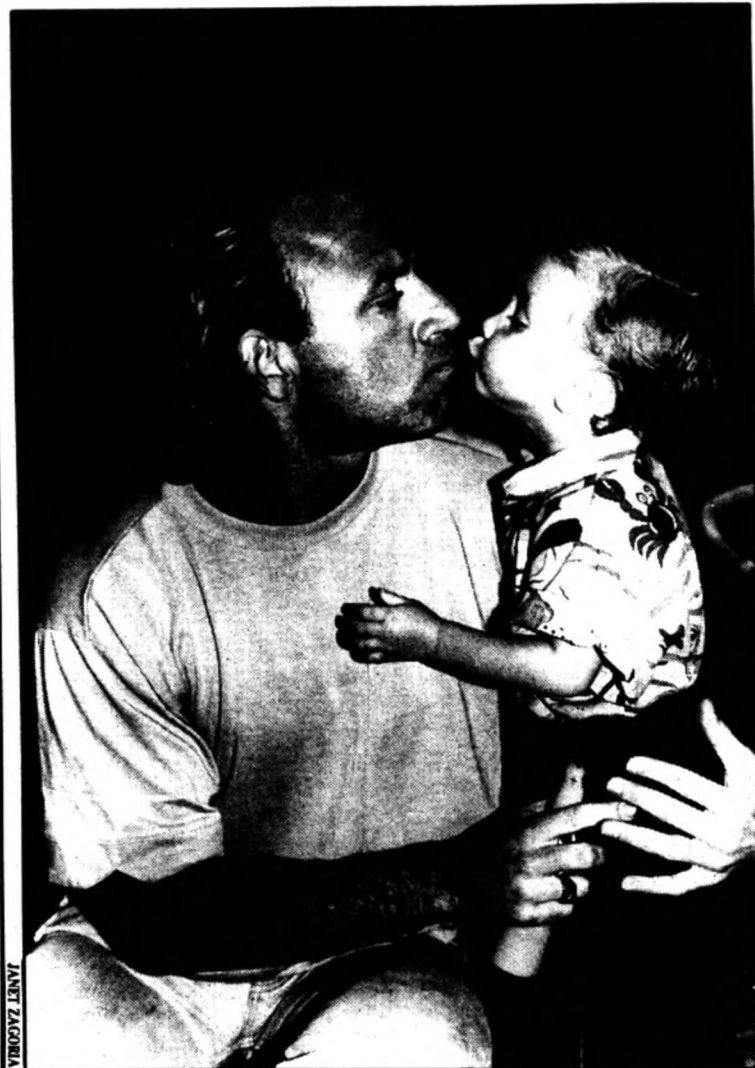
How much will the drug cost if it becomes available for commercial distribution?

"I can tell you what it costs in China," Delaney said. "It's four or five dollars per ampule of the drug . . . so the production costs can't be that high. What people are going to charge over here, I have no idea. Because it's not a drug you would take every day, it may not be as important a question as with AZT."

Although it cannot be scientifically measured, patients report feeling better.

"Beyond the lab markers," Dr. Waites said, "patients report well beyond the expected placebo effect, an incredible increase in energy and a sense of well-being."

PHOTO SPOT



Rod Schmittou of Guerneville with his 2 1/2 year old son Eddy.

First Person Account ACT-UP SEIZES SONOMA SUPES MEETING

by Lois Pearlman

Shouting, "You have blood on your hands," eight members of ACT-UP Sonoma County and two supporters from the Peace and Justice community strode down the aisles of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors' chambers on Tuesday, August 15, to protest the lack of AIDS funding in the new county budget. I was one of them.

When we approached the dais where the supervisors were seated we tossed red confetti "blood" on their hands, their desks and everything in sight. Wearing skeleton masks and dressed in black we "died" right in front of the rapidly departing supervisors, invoking them and their budget as the cause of our demise.

Although Sonoma County has the second highest per capita rate of AIDS in California, the county budget for '89-'90 contains no new money for AIDS services. The Sonoma County Commission on AIDS, which served as an advisory body to the county, has lost its paid staff. The Sonoma County AIDS Foundation, a fundraising agency, is without a director. And the \$250,000 request from Face to Face, the county's major direct care agency for people with AIDS and ARC, has been totally ignored.

Since the Board of Supervisors has decided to take a "head in the sand" approach to the growing AIDS epidemic ACT-UP decided to put the matter before the public with a little guerilla theater. And the public has responded. During the 6 1/2 hours we occupied the Supervisors' chambers, County employees, who have recently ended a labor strike, stopped by to offer their support. We were also visited by a representative from the newly formed Sonoma County Industrial Union. Even our arresting officers displayed a real understanding of the situation. After seeing the dismal contract the County employees received in their

strike settlement, and noting the cuts in funding for human services, the sheriffs are concerned about their own contract which comes up for negotiation in two months. We offered to walk their picket line with them if they go on strike.

Throughout the morning the action remained low key. Protestors sat at the Supervisors' desks proclaiming resolutions and offering funding to an audience of empty chairs. We went back and forth to the bathrooms down the hall and our supporters were allowed to bring us food.

At about 1:00 p.m., when four demonstrators left the chambers together, the sheriffs locked the doors from the outside. The four banged on the door, another protestor let them in, and she was immediately arrested. We surrounded her. Eventually the officers threatened to arrest us if we didn't leave. We "died" once again in front of the Supervisors' desks and were carted off to jail.

On September 11, we will be arraigned on four charges, including failure to leave the scene of a "riot" and wearing a mask in the commission of a crime.

While ACT-UP was occupying the chambers, two disabled supporters in wheelchairs chained themselves to the front doors of the Administration Building. One of them, Jan Beck, has taken up a vigil in front of the building. As a visible symbol of the on-going struggle against AIDS he has received considerable support from the community and a lot of publicity from the news media.

AIDS SUICIDE HOTLINE PLANNED

by Tim Samuels

San Francisco will soon become one of the first cities in the nation to have a nighttime suicide prevention hotline, for persons with HIV infection. The AIDS/HIV Nightline project is slated to commence operation October first, under the auspices of the S.F. Suicide Prevention agency.

"Whether our callers are thinking about suicide or simply in need of someone to talk to, we will be there for them," said program director Doug Conaway. "We want to help people make decisions for themselves and let them process their own feelings."

The hotline will be staffed by trained volunteers from 9 p.m. until 9 a.m., seven days a week. Due to the nature of HIV illness and medications, many people face irregular sleeping patterns, "contributing to the probability of

long, frightening, lonely nights," he said.

He stated that volunteers need only commit themselves to four hours a week, and stressed that the work is different from working face-to-face with patients.

"Sometimes people don't volunteer with AIDS, but would like to, because it is too emotionally exhausting to witness. The hotline does afford a person a certain amount of distance, while still fulfilling the volunteer's personal goal of helping out."

The first training class will begin in September, after a pre-training interview is conducted. Volunteers will attend several classes, co-monitor the phone for at least eight hours, then do so singly four hours a week. The overall commitment will be for six months, with the option of performing one eight-hour shift every two weeks.

For additional information and an application form, interested persons may contact the S.F. Suicide Prevention agency at (415) 752-4866, or write: 3940 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94118.

"No experience is necessary," said Conaway. "The most important thing is that people be non-judgmental and good listeners."

S.F. PARADE COMMITTEE REBUFFS L.A.

by Tim Samuels

Rejected' was the message sent by the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee to the Los Angeles proposal of holding each city's parade on a different day. Christopher Street West had submitted the idea in early 1989, "so members of the community from both cities could participate in each other's parade."

It was voted down unanimously at San Francisco's last general membership meeting. According to this parade's media coordinator, Allen White, "It really is a non-issue at this point."

"We brought the measure up at the meeting, everyone looked around at each other, and not a single hand rose in favor. Then we moved on to something else."

White cited San Francisco's pre-eminence as "the first" and "the biggest" gay parade in the world as a key reason not to move the dates. He hinted that LA's motivation could possibly be economical, since "you have to pay to get into their parade. Ours is free. You just join in as it goes along."

However, according to David Smith, Public Relations Coordinator for Christopher Street West, "We would like to show LA's pride in San Francisco, and vice versa. Both communities

should share in each other's parade."

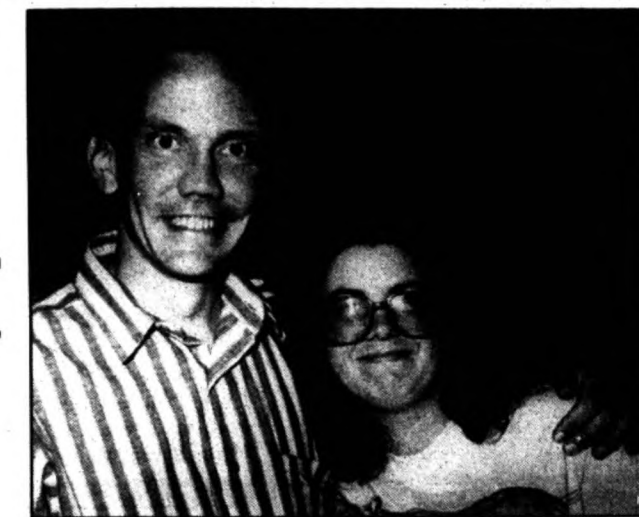
Smith further pointed out that participation in the LA parade is free, and that it is actually the two-day festival, held in Hollywood Park, that charges ten dollars at the gate. "And all of that money," said Smith, "goes right back into our community."

Christopher Street West had received an "overwhelming" number of phone calls suggesting separate dates, said Smith. It was the "bottom line" reason that they put forth the proposal. He labeled it "unfortunate" that they did not have representation at the recent SF meeting to lobby for their cause.

However, the LA organization did place a full-page ad in a San Francisco gay newspaper recently, asking readers to support separate dates and asking the general membership of the SF Parade Committee to reverse their decision.

Those chances are in doubt, as White repeated, "It really is a dead issue at this point."

Christopher Street West has yet to formulate a response and claims no "formal" reply came from San Francisco, aside from a phone call. But some type of response is planned by



Co-Chairs Steve Lindsey and Flo Tumulou.

Los Angeles.

Those wishing to express an opinion to either organization can write: Christopher Street West, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-24, West Hollywood, CA 90046-5112, or call (213) 656-6553.

In San Francisco, write: San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee, 584 Castro Street, No. 513, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call (415) 864-3733.

In a related story, Christopher Street West elected Joe Toy to be the organization's new President at their monthly meeting, held August 8. Toy, a long-time gay activist from Long Beach, succeeds Gary Jonker, who served for two years. Toy enters his eleventh year on the board having served as Vice President of Operations previously.

According to David Smith, "He's doing great and enjoying his new duties."

Other officers elected include: Michael Yates, as fourth term Vice President, Bob Gunther as Vice President of Operations, John Martinelli as Chief Financial Officer, and Bobby Perry as Secretary.

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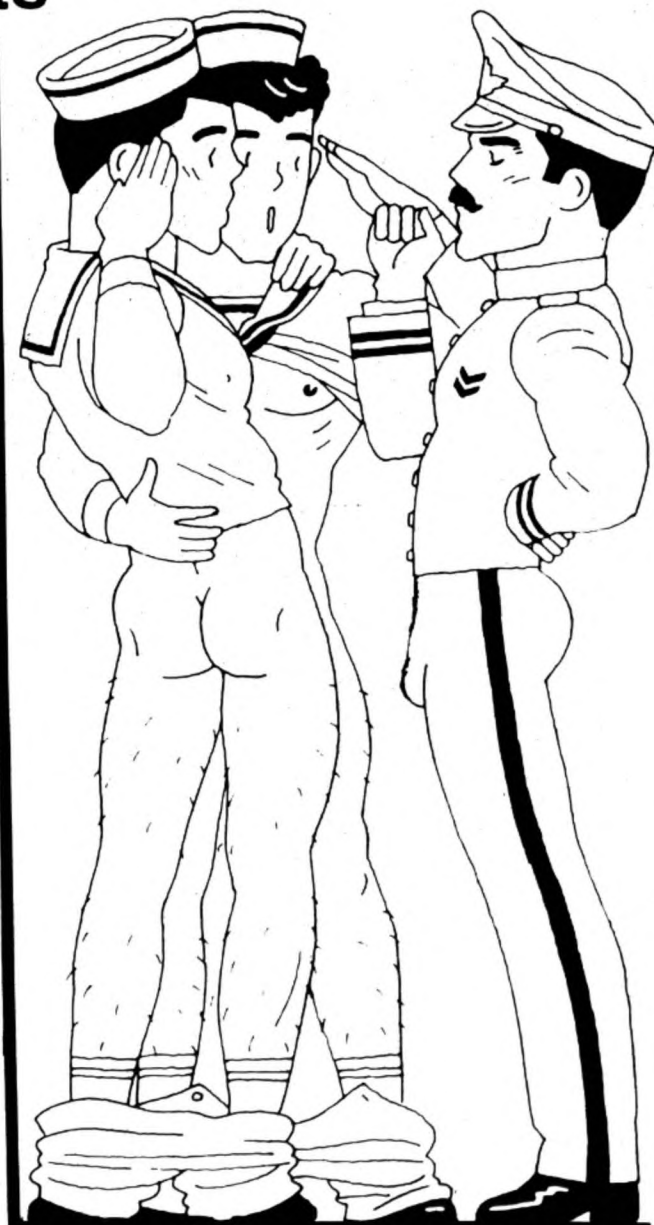
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AZT

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Since AZT apparently has such a profound effect on stunting the AIDS virus' ability to overwhelm and destroy the immune system, the implications are enormous not only for all those with ARC or AIDS, but especially for those who are infected, don't know it, and have not yet shown any symptoms. Because of this, and representing a major policy shift in the perceptions of the AIDS epidemic, on August 19, AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) joined the San Fran-

cisco AIDS Foundation endorsement (from the beginning of this year) and flatly stated: "all those in risk groups for being possibly exposed to the AIDS virus, should voluntarily, immediately, and anonymously, be tested."

Until recently, gay men have greatly resisted taking the antibody test (ELISA or Western Blot) for fear of discrimination, apathy and fatalism about the disease, or the belief there wasn't anything anyone could do about it anyway. That's all changed now. However, most still have not recognized that almost all treatment modalities to date—including this recent AZT study—have repeatedly shown that the odds of a favorable treatment response

are far greater the earlier the medical intervention was begun. The AZT study, in fact, pointed out that all those who experienced AZT's toxic side effects (anemia and related disorders), all belonged to a group that have previously been ill with an opportunistic infection.

It has been estimated that in the United States, between 1 to 1.5 million people have been exposed to HIV—650,000 have already shown damage done to their immune system even though they have not yet come down with clinical ARC or AIDS symptoms. The Public Health Service also estimates that one-half to two-thirds of those 1.5 million HIV-infected have not

yet been diagnosed.

The AZT study, the largest of any AIDS drug ever conducted and the most closely watched, had 3,200 HIV-infected volunteers at 32 medical centers (part of the AIDS Clinical Trial Groups) receive either AZT, or a placebo, for the past years. Additionally, with the group that received AZT, they were divided up into two subgroups: those on high dose, and those on low dose AZT.

Surprisingly, patients getting the low dose did as well as those getting the larger amount.

About 40 percent of the 3,200 study participants (1,300) had T4 cell counts lower than 500. T4 cell counts refer to a

quantitative measurement of the immune system which indicates its ability to resist disease. "T4" is a white blood cell subgroup of lymphocytes, called T4-helper cells. These cells help identify invading pathogens, "tag" them, and alert the body to begin producing increased antibody "killers" to launch an attack. HIV kills off the T4 cells and ends up storing itself in the macrophage until later release.

T4 is measured in a number per cubic millimeter of blood, and the range for a healthy individual varies between 800 and 1,200. Although it is common for anyone exposed to immune compromising factors—sunlight, stress, cigarettes, ultraviolet radiation, alcohol, to name a few—to experience a temporary slight lowering of their counts, with HIV-infected persons, the level drops dramatically, and stays in a compromised range. Although experts' feelings vary on what actual level constitutes "compromised," most agree around 400 T4 cells fits this definition. It has been observed for some time that counts in the 200 to 400 range are typically shown in people with ARC, and opportunistic infections usually occur with counts below 200. In fact, one of the leading indications for aerosolized pentamidine treatments to prevent coming down with the most common AIDS-disease—pneumocystis pneumonia—is a count below 200.

Anyway, AZT works by interfering with the ability of the HIV to replicate itself. After it makes genetic copies of itself, it creates "bud cells" on the outer protein layer of the macrophage, and dozens or hundreds break off to kill other T4 cells or infect other remaining macrophages. AZT inhibits the uptake of an essential enzyme needed for this process to take off, and therefore the cells remain infected, but limited in their ability to overwhelm the immune system.

Although all participants showed improvement, slowing of the HIV-disease spectrum, the most dramatic results in the study were those in the group with less than 500 T4 cells. Nine percent developed AIDS who were taking the placebo during the two-year trial; only roughly half of that (4 percent) went on to develop AIDS who were taking AZT. "These studies provide irrefutable evidence of the success of early detection and early treatment," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health. Since O.I.'s (opportunistic infections) do not appear with those having greater than counts of 500, a study portion is continuing that will help determine if AZT will prevent any O.I.'s at all. Unrelated to this particular report—but bearing close scrutiny and gaining wider acceptance—is the possibility of AZT preventing the HIV from gaining a stronghold in the body by immediately administering the drug following a known exposure.

The study also found that practically everyone can tolerate taking the drug when their immune system is intact. None in that group had to drop out because of any AZT-induced anemia. This is in contrast to widely published reports of up to 50 percent of those on AZT having to stop, secondary to toxicity problems.

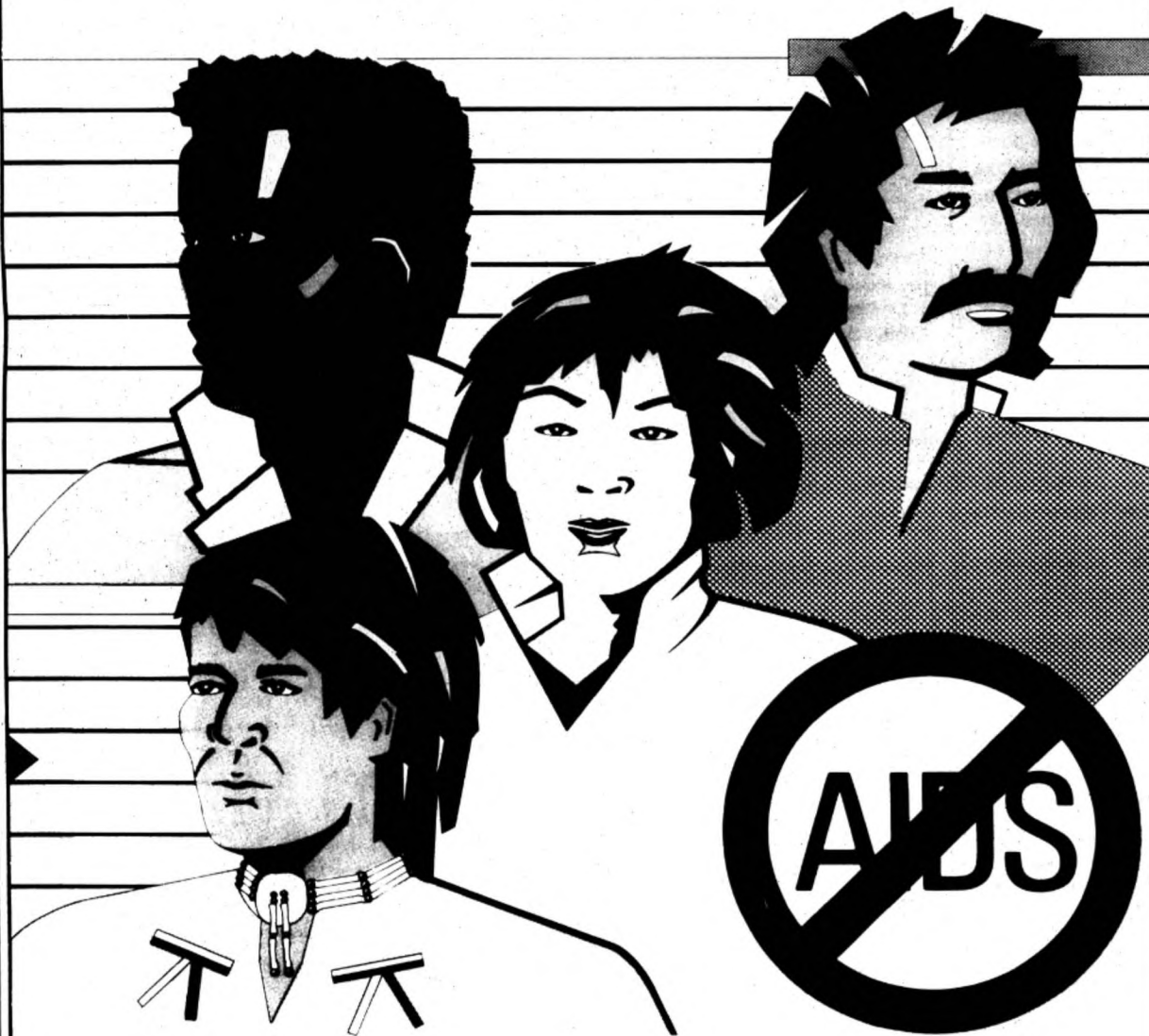
Evidence has shown those who have an intolerance to AZT have also had a previous, or existing O.I., or have allowed their T4 cell counts to drop to precariously low levels.

As far as the only other reported side effect: only 3 percent of the participants reported any nausea—and there were no statistical difference of side effects between those taking the higher versus lower doses.

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WHAT'S STOPPING YOU

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The virus that causes AIDS—called HIV—should be a major concern for people of all races—whether they're Black, White, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander or American Indian. People may look and feel healthy for years after being exposed

to the virus, so you usually can't tell if you or your friends are infected. Consider taking the AIDS Antibody Test: 1) if you have ever had sex (with men or women, straight or gay) without using condoms, or 2) if you have ever shared needles, clean or otherwise.

The fact is—the earlier you know if you are infected with HIV/AIDS, the sooner you can get treatment. And the sooner you get treatment, the better your chances are to slow down or possibly even STOP the spread of the disease in yourself and in your community.

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POLITICS

TALES FROM THE CLOSET

by Michael Colbruno

No sooner did I say to myself that I would never write another word about Vaughn Walker, when his specter arose to haunt me one more time. For those who hadn't heard, Walker, who represented the U.S. Olympic Club against the Gay Games and placed the lien on the dying Tom Waddell's house, lost his bid to become Sen. Wilson's and President Bush's nominee to the U.S. District Court recently. When the *Sentinel* ran a story on Walker, allegations arose concerning the possibility of his being a closeted homosexual who was doing damage to the gay community while concealing his true identity. Walker refused comment on the allegations, but while compiling the story, we at the *Sentinel* had to deal with the ethical question of when it is appropriate to discuss a person's sexuality.

We began with our basic editorial belief that everyone has a right to privacy, a belief that we have defended from HIV testing to gay civil rights. However, Walker's case was unique in that a) he is a public figure b) the case in dispute dealt directly with homosexuality and c) the issue had already been raised numerous times by people in the gay community who opposed his nomination. We also felt it would be fair to raise the issue if we let Vaughn Walker respond to the allegations, which he denied.

The question also has great historical precedence, though it has not always been raised at the most appropriate times. The most famous, and horrifying, is the case of Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Roy Cohn, who terrorized virtually everyone who was left of center during the famous McCarthy hearings in the 1950's. They were most famous for revealing alleged communists, but our well-edited high school textbooks often failed to mention that they reigned over the most sickening "wrecking ball" attacks on closet doors in memory. Even if they found nobody behind that closet door, they frequently destroyed people's careers and drove many to suicide. Numerous biographies insinuate that the never-married McCarthy may have been a homosexual but fail to substantiate the claim. Cohn was long known to be gay, but was so feared that no one would dare reveal his sexuality publicly for fear of retribution. When Cohn died of AIDS, two biographies sprung onto bookshelves vividly describing his flamboyant private life.

Others have also done damage from the closet. CIA mega-Director J. Edgar Hoover was notorious for his files on his enemies' homosexual proclivity and used them to damage many people during his tenure, though he was almost certainly homosexual himself. In fact Hoover left his estate to his life-long "travelling companion" when he died. Congressman Bob Bauman led the charge against gay rights from two places, Congress, and as head of the powerful American Conservative Union, before being caught with a D.C. hustler. Let us forget the infamous Jim Bakker, who denounced homosexuals from the pulpit on a weekly basis before we discovered that staff members were providing him with his weekly diet of beefy boys. What is often lost to the general public in all of this is that there is an issue of honesty, not a referendum on gayness. Middle America looks at the Baumans and Bakkers and forms their opinions on homosexuals based on these ingrates. Meanwhile, wonderful gay public figures like Rep. Barney Frank, Cuomo aide Virginia Apuzzo, and lobbyist Jeff Levy go virtually unnoticed by the public.

So, where does all this lead me? To the domestic partners battle in San Francisco, that's where. Judge Ira Brown has refused to stop the November referendum on domestic partners. Two lesbians, Cindy Bologna and Sydney Erskine, filed papers claiming the referendum was technically flawed and that people were misled into signing the petitions. Well, Judge Brown has long been the target of people who claim that he is another Vaughn Walker and that he has a history of anti-gay rulings from the bench. Straight lawyers can be heard joking about his "cache of pretty boys" in courthouse halls and gay activists grumble about his "inquisition into the closet." Stay tuned, we'll be talking to both sides on this one, too!

KKK Gets Good News

Well, the "white-hooders" are dancing in the streets down on Tobacco Road. The U.S. Senate's leading anti-woman, anti-gay, anti-black, anti-everything-but-tobacco-industry lever pusher, Jesse Helms, has been given a virtual free trip back to the Senate as his only real opposition decided against running. Former Gov. James Hunt, who lost to Helms in a bitter race in 1984, said he was not interested in a race that "emphasizes negative ads and character attacks." Hunt also has two ailing parents and referred to his responsibilities to his wife, children, and grandchildren in rationalizing his decision.

Hunt was pressured from virtually every prominent Democrat to run, from Chairman Ron Brown to Majority Leader George Mitchell. No committee assignment or promise was tempting enough for Hunt to run, despite Helms' 45 percent negative rating in a recent poll. There are probably a good deal of Republicans who would like to see Senator No go. Helms has frequently held up routine hearings on ambassadors and attempted to derail foreign policy, even from Ronald Reagan who he felt had "abandoned the right."

Shorts and Briefs

Let's face it, Contra Costa is a hotbed of news. If they aren't up in arms about gay politics in their puritan county or attacking us in their cautious paper, the *Contra Costa Times*, they're out mutilating cats and spreading them all over little old lady's lawns. I swear it! I read it in the *Chronicle*, it has to be true... The GOP Central Committee will soon meet to discuss their formal position on domestic partners, and Harriet Ross, public defender and perennial S.F. candidate for supes or whatever, appears to be in the definite "No" column. If you feel bitchy some morning, give her a call and let her know how you feel.

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Gays In Government

To the Editor:
I was excited to see a large story on lesbian and gay government officials in the August 10 issue of the *Sentinel*. I think that our political power, as well as our political opportunities, are subjects about which the majority of the gay and lesbian community is woefully ignorant. For this reason, and simply because I find the issue fascinating, I immediately turned to Page 8.

The article disappointed me. This piece — written, I'm sure, with the best intentions — misinformed instead of educating. For example, author Michael Colbruno wrote, "Harvey Milk etched his way into history when he was elected as the first openly gay elected official in the country in 1977." Harvey Milk most certainly has a place in history, but not as the first — or even the second — openly gay elected official in the country. He was preceded by such politicians as Elaine Noble, who ran as an open lesbian and was elected to the Massachusetts House in 1974. Allan Spear, who was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1972, came out publicly in 1974, and won his next election. Let's not deny these courageous people their place in history.

Further, Colbruno wrote, "In Laguna Beach, we find the Nation's only openly gay mayor. Richard Gentry." At least two other American gay men, Richard Heyman of Key West, Florida, and Gerald "Gene" Ulrich of Bunceon, Missouri, hold the office of mayor — and Ulrich is serving his fifth two-year term. These men have worked too hard to have their existence casually dismissed.

These are only the most glaring inaccuracies in an article that contained many — such as calling Virginia Apuzzo the New York governor's liaison to the gay and lesbian community, even though the paper came out several weeks after Apuzzo ceased her voluntary duties as liaison after a full-time paid liaison joined the governor's staff.

It is unfortunate that you could not present a more accurate picture when you took up such an important and interesting topic. I hope that information in future issues of the *Sentinel* will be more reliable.

Looking forward to your next issue.
Masha Gesen

Demeaning And Undemocratic

To the Editor:
The legislation proposed by homophobic Republican right-winger Jesse Helms to bar the National Endowment for the Arts from making grants to organizations that support artwork found offensive by some, is not only demeaning but undemocratic.

Who appointed homophobic Helms the "father" of us all? His paternalistic behavior suggests that he, and he alone, knows what is appropriate for us to see. No one was forced to see the Mapplethorpe or Serrano exhibits, but those who chose to do so should be free to make their own judgments.

Tampering with the autonomy of the NEA will accelerate the censorship of works of art which are considered offensive by totalitarian individuals and groups who have taken it upon themselves to make decisions for the rest of us. It is further tampering with the First Amendment.

In a free society such as ours, it is totally inappropriate for adults to be told what they can see, read or say as long as such activity does not infringe on the freedom or safety of others. Will the free men and women in Congress please stand up and say so?
Roger LeMessurier

Nobel Wasn't First

To the Editor:
In response to Jesse NR Greenman's letter, Elaine Nobel was not the first openly gay elected official in this country. Ms. Nobel was elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature in November 1974. She is preceded to an elected office by Kathy Kozachenko, who, as an out lesbian, was elected to the Ann Arbor, Michigan city council in April 1974.

As a resident of Ann Arbor at that time, I can attest to this fact and to the celebration that ensued in the lesbian/gay community at the time of this milestone. However, I suggest readers refer to Leigh W. Rutledge's *The Gay Book of Lists* for verification of this fact.

Karla Rossi

Gay Games III Rip-Off

To the Editor:
As a Team SF sports co-chair, I just today received the Gay Games III registration materials for wrestling, and felt it necessary to comment on the fees. If Gay Games III is going to be a success, it will be because of an even greater participation of athletes. Yet it is hard to deny that money is going to be the deciding factor for too many young less affluent athletes who would want to participate.

Being an athlete requires a lot of sacrifice, and an investment of not only time and sweat, but also money. The organized clubs of many large cities can offset some of these expenses for their members, but what of the others who live outside the urban areas? A typical athlete has equipment, club dues, travel, gym membership, and medical expenses to deal with. Couple with this the expense of transportation, lodging, food, and missing work for a week while participating in Gay Games III, it is obvious that very many athletes (especially students) will not be able to afford it.

The Gay Games were founded BY the athletes FOR the athletes. They are not an excuse for a commercial venture, a political statement, a vacation package, a new video, a music festival or media event. I therefore take issue with Vancouver over these high fees. If they really want to encourage greater participation, then these fees should be token and nominal. If Vancouver cannot support the cost of the event, then it should be scaled down. After all, whose event is it anyway? The fans get to see the show for free, while the athletes pay for the privilege of performing????

The registration fee structure goes something like this: \$36 before 1/90, \$54 after 1/90, \$10 penalty for EACH squad change. This does not include the possible individual membership fee (about \$25) required by the respective Canadian sanctioning organization.

My experience of winning medals at both previous Gay Games, and my life as competitor, manager, and coach over these many years entitles me to more than just a mere opinion on the subject. It would be a tragedy for Gay Games III participation to suffer.
Gene Dermody

Rustler Ray

To the Editor:
On behalf of our organization, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the Rawhide II Rustler's Give-Away-Get-Away Weekend a tremendous success. The SaddleTramps, San Jose Spurs, Jus' Country Cloggers, Johnny Mancuso, Trew, Scott, Joel, Ms. Rawhide Stephanie Sangor, Mr. Rawhide Jack Wright, The Doublemint Twins, Dennis, J.J. and the entire Rawhide II staff, but first and foremost to Rawhide owner/Sentinel Publisher Ray Chalker.

Mr. Chalker's support and donations helped to make the entire weekend enjoyable as well as beneficial to the "new kids on the block." Ray's generous contribution of Hawaiian Airline tickets and accommodations, supplied our lucky winner with a vacation that dreams are made of.

So thank you Ray, for helping to make a lot of people happy, and the Rustler's Weekend the benefit to beat in 1989.

John Fry
President
Rawhide II Rustlers

to everyone. I do not consider posters appropriately mounted litter. I consider their removing my poster, or any poster unwarranted, unneeded censorship. Broadsides, posters and leafletting are an American tradition and custom as old as the country itself.

Many of the events that are posted, as mine was, are weekend events. Tearing down the posters on Sunday morning deprives those posting of access to their intended public information concerning their event for one of the most important days of the weekend.

As a result of their actions no one who happened to be walking in the Castro this past Sunday could be aware of my exhibit unless they happened to have read of it in one of the newspapers events sections.

I would like an apology from this group for destroying my posters and a change or discontinuing of their practice of removing postings of events that the public has a right to be informed of.

Charles H. Crookston

Field of Dreams

To the Editor:
We appreciate your help in reaching your readers. We commend and thank the San Francisco lesbian and gay community for the groundswell of support for the new China Basin ballpark (Proposition P).

Our vision for our "field of dreams" is a place where all people from our diverse community — people from all income levels, cultures, colors, sexual orientations, ages, and lifestyles — come together for a common purpose: to root for the home team together.

We place a high value on San Francisco as a city that has room for everyone. We think that ballparks and major league baseball are an important part of that, and we think that the Domestic Partners issue is also an important recognition of our respect for the diversity of our city. In this spirit, we would like to personally convey our individual support for the Domestic Partners initiative.

Barbara Bagot
Richard G. Cohn
President and Vice-President,
respectively, of the
San Francisco Ballpark Alliance

EDITORIAL

SUPPORT JIM FALLON

by Al Bousquet

There comes a time when people get tired of being trampled over by the iron feet of oppression and discrimination. There comes a time when people get tired of being thrown in the chasm and deep abyss of humiliation, where one experiences the bleakness of despair. There comes a time when people get tired of unfairly being pushed out of the sunlight of life's summer and are left standing in the blizzards of winter despite how bright the light surrounding them. There comes a time when no matter how quixotic, no matter how the odds may be stacked against you, when one people must rise up and say "no more."

There comes a time when that voice crying in the wilderness, when that prophet unappreciated in his own country, must stand up alone, reviled, and looking toward the justice of the future and say with the authority of ages: "No more, enough is enough, we will tolerate no more." That time has come—that time is now and that place is Fremont, California. That person who cries out, despite the forces against him, to make this our time, our place, our destiny is Jim Fallon.

Amidst an atmosphere of hate, bigotry and intolerance, Jim Fallon has stood up to say "no more." Ultra-conservative, fundamentalist, homophobic groups have entered the fray to recall Robert Stipicevich, the Fremont School Board President, solely on the basis of his gay sexual orientation. Although applauding Jim for his courage and bravery in admitting his gay orientation, they also condemn him

for supposedly advocating homosexuality, living a promiscuous lifestyle, and trying to recruit young boys into his lifestyle just on the basis that he also is gay. These groups seek nothing less than the elimination of all gays and lesbians for the public and private sectors, citing them as a threat to the "American Way," "Christianity" and the "nuclear" family.

A former resident of Fremont, I am amazed that the homophobic posture of Fremont has become nothing short of remarkable. Although she lives in the Bay Area, a mayoral candidate recently stated that she thought "AIDS patients should be sent in the military since they're going to die anyway." Liberal Progressive Democrats who are either elected incumbents or local party officials, persons who are supposedly in favor of gay civil rights, attack Jim, accusing him of "mindlessly exploiting a single issue," "being politically out to

lunch," and who are happy he's not supporting them lest the slur of homosexuality rub off on them. As you can see, Jim faces an uphill battle: our battle is his battle and the time has come where we all must stand up, be counted and make a difference.

I have known Jim Fallon for some time now and his integrity, honesty and brilliance are astounding to me. I personally know of no other person more qualified for public office than he. For the past few weeks, prior to his announcement of candidacy and before his official filing, I have seen and heard him agonize, with sleepless nights and anxiety-ridden days, over whether or not he is doing the right thing and whether or not his actions will make a difference. I can tell you that regardless of whether or not he wins, he is doing the right thing and is making a difference. Win or lose,

when gay people end up running for office in every town, city, county, state, special district or whatever elective or appointive governmental office you can imagine, our cause is furthered, and our lives are immensely enriched.

But to win or to be taken seriously, Jim's campaign needs support, money and votes from the entire gay community. When other politicians see votes, money and support, they know there is substantial power there and get a clear message for future policy. I congratulate the *Sentinel* in taking the lead in the gay community in supporting and making the community aware of Jim's candidacy and the serious problems he faces in the hate-filled town of Fremont. I hope you continue to provide us with weekly updates so we may see first-hand,

take mass transit to the new ballpark—something they can't do at Candlestick.

In any event, a new garage and other new parking being planned for Mission Bay and other areas means that the China Basin ballpark will have as much parking as Candlestick does now.

All of this will be taking place in a new neighborhood far better planned to handle ballpark crowds than Hunter's Point-Bayview, which bears the brunt of bad Candlestick traffic patterns—and endures the neglect of some self-proclaimed planning activists who apparently feel bad traffic in a predominantly black neighborhood isn't as serious as lower traffic levels near apartments renting for \$1,000 a month and up.

Mayor Agnos has proven in the past that he knows how to ask tough questions for those who want to believe there are easy answers—whether the issue was anti-gay discrimination, or facing a budget deficit. He used that skill in questioning whether the elements really fit San Francisco for a new ballpark, and the answer he's provided is one that meets the tough tests.

Many lesbians and gay men will vote for a new ballpark simply because they are Giants fans and love sports. Others will vote in favor because the lesbian and gay community has always supported programs it believes to be good for the entire city—we were among the strongest precincts voting for both school and library bonds last year.

As a sign of the voting maturity of our community we are proud to make note that our most viable business organization, the GGBA, Golden Gate Business Association, has recently endorsed not only the Domestic Partners Proposition 'S' but also the mayor's China Basin Proposition 'P'.

We think that the Mayor has hit on a theme for this campaign that has importance for us beyond just this one election.

Mayor Agnos has chosen a positive, upbeat campaign about our city and



SMART BALLPARK

Both Mayor Agnos and Proposition 'P', his China Basin ballpark proposal, deserve the gay community's support. He has earned it and his proposal merits it.

The deal is a 'smart' one, to use the mayor's own words, and the mayor has run a correspondingly smart campaign. Agnos has gone straight to the heart with an obviously sincere appeal to all San Franciscans. His message is that this is a city with room for all interests that we ought to be able to vote for one another on matters that may or may not appeal to certain segments of the city.

Although it is our opinion that the Ballpark proposition goes beyond special interest groups and is good for all interests in San Francisco, gay and straight alike, we agree with the mayor's philosophy.

The *Sentinel* is proud to endorse Mayor Agnos' ballpark and join in supporting his across-the-city campaign.

While a number of cities across the country have paid out tens of millions of bonus dollars to attract or keep current major league teams, S.F. Giants owner Bob Lurie and Mayor Agnos have instead worked together to develop a San Francisco-style solution without over-burdening the taxpayers.

Rather than bonus dollars and a city gift of a new stadium to the Giants, the two San Franciscans have worked out a business-like proposition allowing a private developer to build a dynamic spectator-oriented ballpark with the city as an investor.

According to the terms worked out by Mayor Agnos, the city will begin in 1995 to make a \$1 million a year loan for 10 years, which will be repaid at 7.5 percent interest.

The city also will begin in 1995 to invest \$2 million a year for ten years in return for 20 percent of the net ballpark profits—an estimated \$80 million return for the \$20 million investment.

The city also is protected from construction cost overruns with an additional

our diversity. This is no campaign about the threat of losing the Giants—this is a campaign about making San Francisco a better city because we can "vote for one another" and support the different interests that give San Francisco its unique spirit.

As lesbians and gay men, we've won a place in San Francisco that goes beyond the mere grudging tolerance that gays have to settle for in too many other cities. We've been a welcome part of this city—from the dozens of key commission appointments held by lesbians and gay men, to the comfort we feel in neighborhoods across the city.

By coincidence, both domestic partners and a new ballpark are on the same November ballot. It has given rise to the campaign slogan, "Vote for One Another." A good thought for the future.

If that slogan truly takes hold in our city's spirit, it will be no mere coincidence. It will be because we had the good sense to embrace and work for a city that recognizes that we ought to support a diversity of interests and respect the place we each have in our city.

That's a campaign that is well worth winning, and one that has *The Sentinel's* full support.

The *Sentinel* welcomes opinions from our readers in the form of editorials or letters. Issues should be of interest to the gay community and should be double spaced. Please include your name address and phone number. The *Sentinel* reserves the right to edit for accuracy, grammar and space. All unsigned editorials reflect the opinion of the staff of the *Sentinel*. All signed editorials represent the views of the author only. Please send all correspondence and editorials to the *Sentinel*, 500 Hayes Street, San Francisco, California 94102. Attention News Editor.

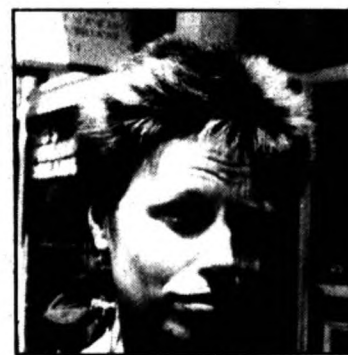
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"HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PARENT?"

by John W. Holmes



Gus Bean: "Absolutely! Not right now necessarily."



Barrie: "Yes, I have considered being a biological parent and adoption too."



Gus: "I don't want to be a biological parent but would be in a co-parenting situation. I feel that there are so many throw-away children and adolescents that I would consider adoption before biological birth."



Debra: "I wouldn't consider it at this point in my life, later, when I get financially set-up."



Shirley: "Yes after I settle down with the right woman."

COVER STORY

PARENTS

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therapist she did a lot of self-analysis and decided to have a child "regardless." Three years ago she began charting her cycles. Two years ago she started inseminating. She became pregnant in December and miscarried in March. Although the miscarriage was "devastating," she has started inseminating again.

Rod was set up to adopt a baby several years ago but the adoption fell through. Responding to his grief, a close woman friend offered to bear his own biological child for him whenever he was ready. Rod is raising Eddy on his own but the biological mother has visitation rights and maintains regular communication.

Although Marguerite, who is pregnant with her second child, would have preferred another adoption, she opted for pregnancy because of the difficulties she encountered with the adoption process. "I didn't want to go through it again. I wanted to have more control."

While attempting to secure an adoption, she was dropped midway through the process by the adoption agency. She finally found Rene's mother through an attorney. When Rene was six months old, his birth mother took Marguerite to court to try to get him back. Marguerite and Elizabeth were planning to adopt a second child last year but it was stillborn. So Marguerite inseminated and her baby is due next month.

Over in the East Bay, Sharon and Elaine (not their real names) adopted a baby girl two years ago after Elaine failed to conceive a child. They are so enamored with parenthood that they semination process again. "I think we're crazy personally," says Sharon, "but we want to do it."

During the eight years of their relationship Lea and Debbie have always shared a mutual desire for children. So the decision as to who would bear them was based on financial considerations. Since Lea earns a good salary as the Gay and Lesbian liaison to the San Francisco Police Department, Debbie is the biological mother of their son Ryan. After a miscarriage two years ago, Deb-

bie easily became pregnant again. Six months into the pregnancy she was hospitalized when some old ailments, aggravated by the strain of pregnancy, reappeared. After surviving on an intravenous diet for an entire month, Debbie gave birth to a premature but fully developed Ryan. "Pregnancy just doesn't agree with my body," says Debbie. If the couple decided to have another child they have agreed that Lea will be the biological mother.

While several of the lesbian couples had considered co-parenting with gay men, the spectre of AIDS led them to choose sperm donors instead. "I hope they find a cure for AIDS," said Debbie, "it would open more doors for lesbians and gay men to have children."

The sperm for both of Debbie's pregnancies came from a clinic on Castro Street run by nurse practitioner Sherran Mills. She charges \$80 to inseminate in her office and \$60 if the recipient chooses to inseminate at home. Each doner is used for only five pregnancies and there is enough sperm available from an individual doner to see a recipient through to conception.

After rejecting the insemination program at a sperm bank because it required an expensive training program, Barbara found a Sonoma County doctor "who had helped other lesbians to inseminate." Now Barbara is on the "roller coaster of insemination and waiting." Each cycle she takes an ovulation predictor test for \$30, then brings home \$85 worth of sperm on \$10 worth of dry ice and tries again. Adoption can be expensive too. Marguerite says that the average adoption costs about \$3,000 — if everything goes smoothly.

Once the difficult tasks of deciding, preparing and inseminating or adopting are over, a new challenge awaits the eager parents. How are lesbians and gay men adapting to their parenting roles? What is the response of their family and friends?

While Rod says that Eddy "makes it very easy to be a single parent," he also regrets the "lack of spontaneity" in his life. He and his boyfriend "really value the time we have together." But there is an added bonus, says Rod. "My father,



Debbie Hourigan, Lea Milietto and their son Ryan

who didn't talk to me since I came out to him, has come around."

In their typical middle-class suburban Petaluma home, Lea and Debbie are showered with support by their family and neighbors. When Ryan's early arrival caught them unprepared, the neighbors "pitched in and bought a layette." Now, a few months after the birth, the co-moms are "just exhausted all the time." Lea boasts about Debbie, "whoever created the term housewife? She works three times as hard as I do."

And Sharon in Berkeley laments, "The first year was very difficult. Everything they say about what a child does to your relationship is true." But all of the couples with whom I spoke were weathering the storm. They are uniformly sensible enough to have put off parenthood until their relationships were well established and they were secure in their careers.

Still, after all the whys and wherefores are considered, is it really appropriate for lesbians and gay men to become parents? In the summer issue of the "Lesbian Contradiction" Anne Nemesis writes, "Lesbians' lifestyle totally frees them from the breeding farms of the heterosexual 'family.' Yet

some lesbians are so totally out of their minds that they go to great lengths to replicate and create women's essential oppression."

Barbara disagrees, "Why shouldn't we have that privilege? Just because I'm a lesbian is no reason for me to forgo parenthood." "I've always done pretty much my own thing," responds Marguerite. "I think it's stereotyping lesbians."

Turning the argument around, Lynn (not her real name), a Santa Rosa teacher with a seven-year-old daughter, has established a circle of lesbian couples and single mothers who trade childcare back and forth. She and Elaine "have been doing trades" with friends since their daughter was three months old. Through the years, Lynn has established a circle of lesbian couples and single mothers who trade childcare on a regular basis. Lynn's daughter thinks of two of the children in her "family" as her sister and brother. It would be a serious decision if any of them were to consider moving away.

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However, one aspect of the criticism that lesbians and gay men are trying to recreate the traditional family does ring true for many lesbian and gay parents. They would like to find a better vehicle for raising children than the nuclear family model. Sharon believes that the first step is creating an extended family of friends with children who trade childcare back and forth. She and Elaine "have been doing trades" with friends since their daughter was three months old. Through the years, Lynn has established a circle of lesbian couples and single mothers who trade childcare on a regular basis. Lynn's daughter thinks of two of the children in her "family" as her sister and brother. It would be a serious decision if any of them were to consider moving away.

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Interestingly, Rod does not find similar negativity among gay men. "Actually they have been very supportive. Numerous people have told me it was something they wanted to do." Perhaps some lesbians have bought into the concept that the things men do traditionally are superior to the things that women usually do. ◀

ALAMEDA UNION ASKS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS BENEFITS

by Keith Clark

Three locals of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in Oakland have included domestic partners benefits as part of their current labor contract negotiations with Alameda County officials. SEIU locals 250, 535 and 616, representing the majority of employees in county government agencies ranging from hospitals to libraries, have included a domestic partners benefits extension as one of two major issues under discussion with county administration representatives, according to Andrea Davis, SEIU local 616 president. The union proposal would give unmarried union members the same sick and bereavement leave available to married members as well as extend health insurance benefits to partners of county workers.

SEIU local 616's lesbian/gay caucus successfully included non-discrimination language based on sexual orientation in the union's contract with the county two years ago, and was the driving force behind the demand for domestic partners health benefits in the

current negotiations. According to Davis, the issue grew out of the caucus' insistence that its union concerns be given priority by SEIU.

"The lesbian/gay caucus in (SEIU local) 616," Davis said, "was a 'Put your money where your mouth is'

challenge to the union, and SEIU responded by including it. Now it's the county's move next."

The current union contract expires September 2, and by then SEIU hopes to have hammered out some agreement with Alameda County representatives over basic issues such as a comparable worth pay equity agreement and domestic partners benefits. Once negotiators agree on the general outline of a new contract, it will go before the county board of supervisors, where three of a total five votes are needed.

Davis said union staff members have been "very supportive of domestic partners benefits" but added that there was some rank and file opposition.

"I would be less than honest if I said there wasn't some real opposition within the union membership," she said. Davis also said at this point she had no idea how supervisors felt about the union proposal, but indicated three supervisors — Warren Widener, Mary King, and board chairman Don Perata — were the "most likely to support it."

The supervisors declined to comment on the union proposal. A spokeswoman at Perata's office said, "I don't see how the supervisors could comment on something they haven't seen yet." ◀

SAN JOSE JUDGE COMPARES GAYS TO PROSTITUTES

Tim Samuels

San Jose Municipal Court Judge Douglas K. Southard ruled against eighteen gay men who claimed that they were arrested for late-night sex in cars simply because they were gay. On Friday, the judge rejected their defense that heterosexuals were not prosecuted for similar conduct, and cited prostitution figures as proof.

"Prostitutes and their 'dates,'" wrote Southard, "are given no special consideration because they are heterosexual, male or female. There is no reason homosexual offenders should expect preferential treatment for similar conduct."

"Similar conduct," not prostitution, was what defense attorneys contended to be the crux of the case. At no time

was money exchanged in the circumstances involving the eighteen men.

The defense cited statistical data which showed that in an eighteen month span, police arrested seventy-eight gays for having late-night sex in cars or nighttime soliciting of undercover officers. However, no heterosexuals had been cited for the same charges during that period.

In his decision, the judge added that the police "carried out this delicate assignment in a respectful, polite and businesslike fashion."

Attorney Bruce Nickerson, who headed up the defense team, was involved in a jury trial at the time that Southard's decision was rendered. He said Tuesday, "I'm still formulating my response. And rather than shoot-from-the-hip, I'd rather wait to comment."

Nickerson and colleagues failed to sway Judge Southard from his belief in equating late-night gay sex in the open with prostitution. In his decision the judge even chastised the eighteen men for "embarrassing" supporters of gay rights by reinforcing the "negative stereotype which the gay community has fought so hard to destroy." ◀

ACTIVISTS TAKE OVER HEALTH FORUM

by John Zeh

An ad hoc group of activists at a federally-funded conference on HIV infection among minorities in Washington D.C. last week took the meeting's title to heart, organizing its own "framework for collective action" to deliver a powerful mini-manifesto about America's AIDS crisis.

About 25 registrants, many wearing ACT-UP sweat shirts, tees, hats, and buttons, took over the stage at Wednesday morning's plenary panel on "Addiction . . . and Now AIDS." The group presented a detailed six-point list of "concerns" it felt the "Prevention and Beyond" agenda ignored, including these comments:

- "We hear shop-worn strategies about prevention and virtually nothing about new treatment breakthroughs."
- "Women's issues are given short-shrift."
- "AIDS education for youth is a national scandal."
- "Prisoners are exposed by administrators who refuse to acknowledge realities of sex and drugs in prisons."
- "Sexworkers are still being scapegoated . . . Decriminalize prostitution."
- "Gays and lesbians of color are lost in gaps between anglo gay AIDS service organizations."

The statement accused the U.S. government of "genocide" for short-changing "prevention and early intervention" efforts in the battle against

AIDS and HIV infection. It concluded by challenging the 1500 or so registrants to "confront the forces of racism, sexism, homophobia, greed, and economic discrimination which will act as co-factors with HIV in killing us."

Men had joined a multi-racial caucus of women Tuesday evening and stayed up "until the early hours" to draft the statement (without direct influence by the New York City-based AIDS protest group). Women's Caucus co-chair Diane Lynne Cherry told GCN in a telephone interview.

"We reached a consensus that the needs of people we knew at the conference . . . and those of others who were underwriting this with their tax dollars, were not being met," she said.

When over 2000 copies of the complaint were ready for distribution, she was among the seven people who interrupted the panel presentation and seized the podium. "We want to make recommendations for change because many of us have been feeling anger and disappointment," Cherry said she announced. "Join us in addressing life-saving facts and vital issues not being

discussed here. The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) cannot buy our silence by just sponsoring this conference."

The conference at the Sheraton Washington Hotel was convened by PHS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Gary Gazaway, a protester from Boston on stage, said, "Apparently if you're willing to do this work, you're immediately considered an expert," *The Washington Blade* reported. "The

One conference organizer, Larry Saxon, met with objecting registrants and acknowledged their frustrations, *The Blade* said. "We haven't given you a perfect conference, but if you had any idea of the regulatory restraints under which we worked, we would be raised to the level of gods," he was reported to have said, without elaborating.

The protesters' observations and demands also stated:

- "Woman-to-woman transmission is

ing tested on women. We demand parallel track trials of women of all new drugs for HIV-related conditions.

• "Rape and violence against women are unacknowledged modes of transmission."

• "Homeless youth turn to prostitution to survive and accept more money when the client insists on sex without a condom," Cherry explained. "Forty percent of homeless New York City youth are lesbian or gay. Ten percent of homeless or runaway youth are HIV-positive, with a one-to-one male-to-female ratio. Sexual abuse is an unacknowledged mode of transmission in teens and children. Youth at risk are patronized and ignored . . ."

"Prisoners are quarantined and coerced into mandatory contact-tracing with promise of parole."

According to workshop panelist Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, the nationwide AIDS information network in San Francisco, people with AIDS (PWAs) who use vitamins and other home remedies that are unproven may offer helpful psychological boosts. "The concept of 'healing' does not have to be mutually exclusive of mainstream medicine," he said, according to *The Blade's* Ronald J. Sanchez.

"But people with AIDS need to consider how these programs fit into recognized and accepted therapies. People are dying from ignorance as much as from AIDS, particularly now that there are therapeutic treatments available that are making a difference. When lives are at stake, we have to consider proven methods of science. We can't just write some of these therapies off as differences of philosophy." ◀

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presenters at this meeting have been giving us courses in AIDS 101 to the extent you feel like the person two chairs down knows more than the presenter does. If we're all pioneers in this, we need to recognize this and avoid reinventing the wheel every time we get together."

After the protest, over 200 registrants skipped lunch to "explore ways to help make next year's conference more responsive," said Cherry, chair of the journalism department at Norfolk State University, a predominantly black school in Virginia.

ignored, although the CDC has documented several such cases. Stop ignoring lesbians!"

• The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) definition of AIDS "discriminates against women who suffer and die from HIV-related conditions not labeled as AIDS," such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary and Pelvic Inflammatory diseases. "Women with HIV are ignored, misdiagnosed, and unable to obtain healthcare funds reserved for those with AIDS."

• "Drug Trials exclude women. New drugs are released without even be-

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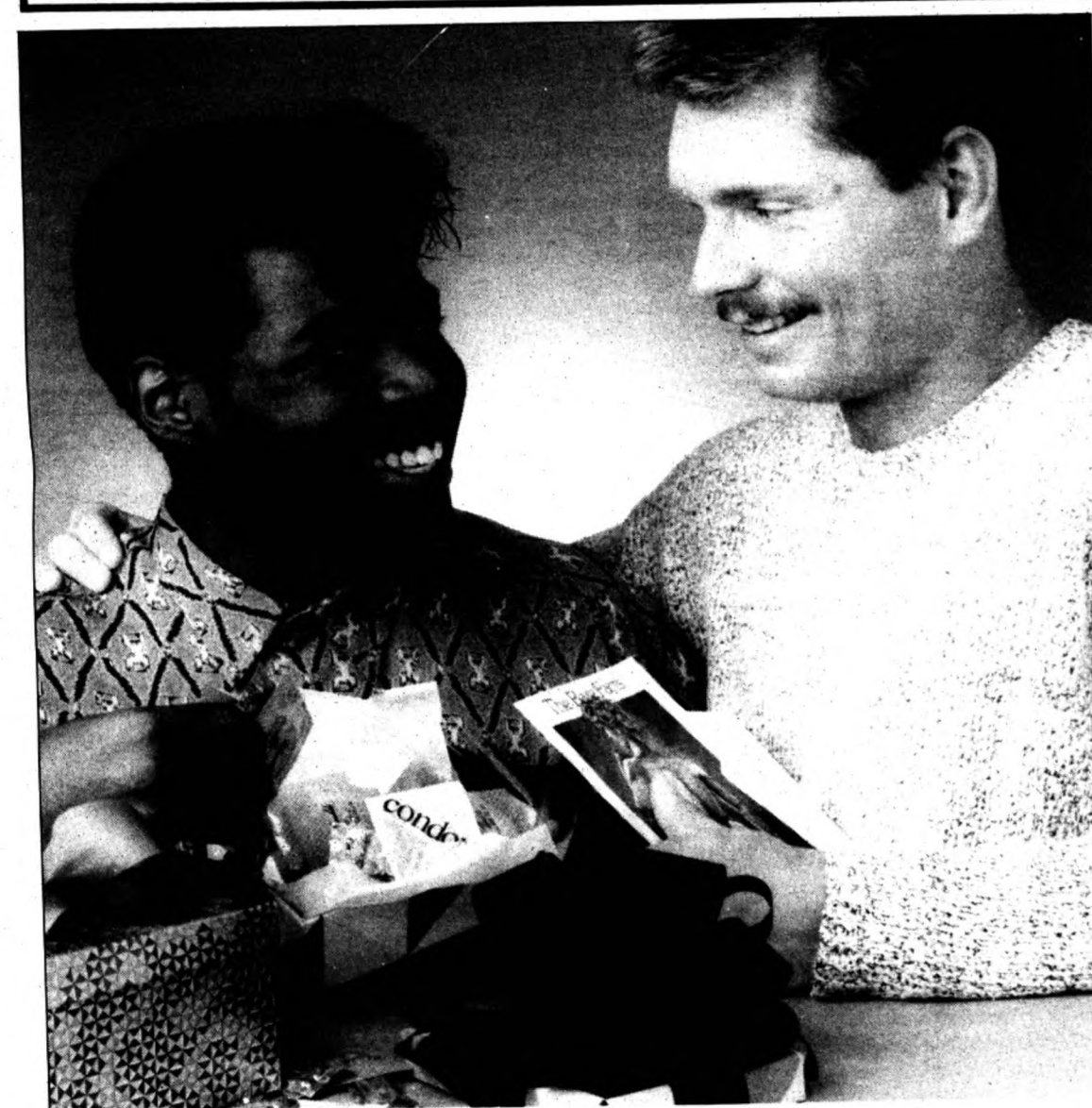
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Caregivers Project. A gala comedy benefit featuring Tom Ammanno & Karen Williams 9:00 p.m. The Mart Bar & Grill, 32 Ninth St. at Market. \$15 donation. All proceeds go to 'The Caregivers Project.'

CONCERT

'Virtuoso Organist.' Concert features Jared Jacobsen and John Balka, two of the world's best known organists, performing on the magnificent Ruffatti pipe organ. 8:30 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. All proceeds go to benefit AIDS program of Catholic Charities of S.F. St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St.

Old First Concerts. Nationally acclaimed pianist Susan Smith performs Skryabin and Chopin at 8 p.m. in San Francisco's Old First Church, Van Ness & Sacramento Sts. \$7 general, \$5 students and seniors. For info. call 474-1608.

MEETING

Men Together of MCC/SF. Rap Night centers on the topic: 'Writing Personal Ads: Will the real you stand up?' The Sentinel's Jack 'Irene' McGowan appears as guest speaker. 150 Eureka St. All welcome. For information call Martin at 563-5106.

POSTER SALE

University of California Museum Benefit. The Art Museum's 11th annual poster sale to benefit museum programs featuring posters ranging from Art to Sports priced from .50 to \$50. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

RETREAT

Wildwood Resort. Shanti Project present an opportunity for people living with AIDS to attend a popular weekend retreat for sun, relaxation and mountain air. Advance reservations necessary. Some scholarships available. Contact Joe Lane, 777-2273.

TESTIMONIAL

'People are Really Healing from AIDS.' Will Garcia & George Melton will speak on the subject of healing from AIDS thru natural and spiritual means. \$10 donation (not mandatory). 7 - 10 p.m. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (Oak Room). For information call 689-1077. The Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force.



A Tale of Three Bettys see Sunday

26 AUGUST SATURDAY

BENEFIT

Metamorphosis. The largest Model and Acting-Talent Showcase on the West Coast will include non-stop dancing 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Benefit for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Concourse East. 7th & Brannan Sts. Call Mr. Dines at 433-5483.

DANCE

Cheek to Cheek. Latin & Ballroom Dance Party for Lesbians & Gay Men at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St. 8:00 p.m. to midnight. \$5.00. Refreshments & finger foods. For information call 995-4972.

DINNER

Bi-Friendly/East Bay. Mexicali potluck dinner for bisexuals, bicurious and friends. 6:00 p.m. Call Suzanne 845-6855 for location.

ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre Artaud Benefit. A cavalcade of local talent is showcased in the 1st annual Theatre Artaud performance at The Theatre located at 450 Florida St. 12 Hours of entertainment 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets \$5.00. For information call 621-7797.

FESTIVAL

JVC Jazz Festival. The exclusive Northern California stop of the all-day festival featuring Miles Davis and Larry Carlton among others. Concord Pavilion, starting 2:00 p.m. \$22.50 reserved seats; \$16.50 general admission lawn seating. 2000 Kirker Pass Road, Concord. For further information call 762-2277.

Gilroy Hispanic Cultural Festival. Today & Sunday Three stages of free entertainment featuring Culture Clash, Lalo Guerrero, Maria Laria and others. Gourmet Hispanic Foods. General Admission \$5.00 Christmas Hill park, Gilroy. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

AIDS BULLETIN BOARD

NOTICE

As a community service the SF Sentinel offers AIDS Bulletin Board listings free, space permitting. However, because of the growing request for free listings under our AIDS Bulletin Board — we respectfully ask that free ads be limited to forty words and be resubmitted — in writing — every two weeks. Ads will not run indefinitely and will not be run if there is any question as to the validity or non-profitability of associations or group requesting free listings.

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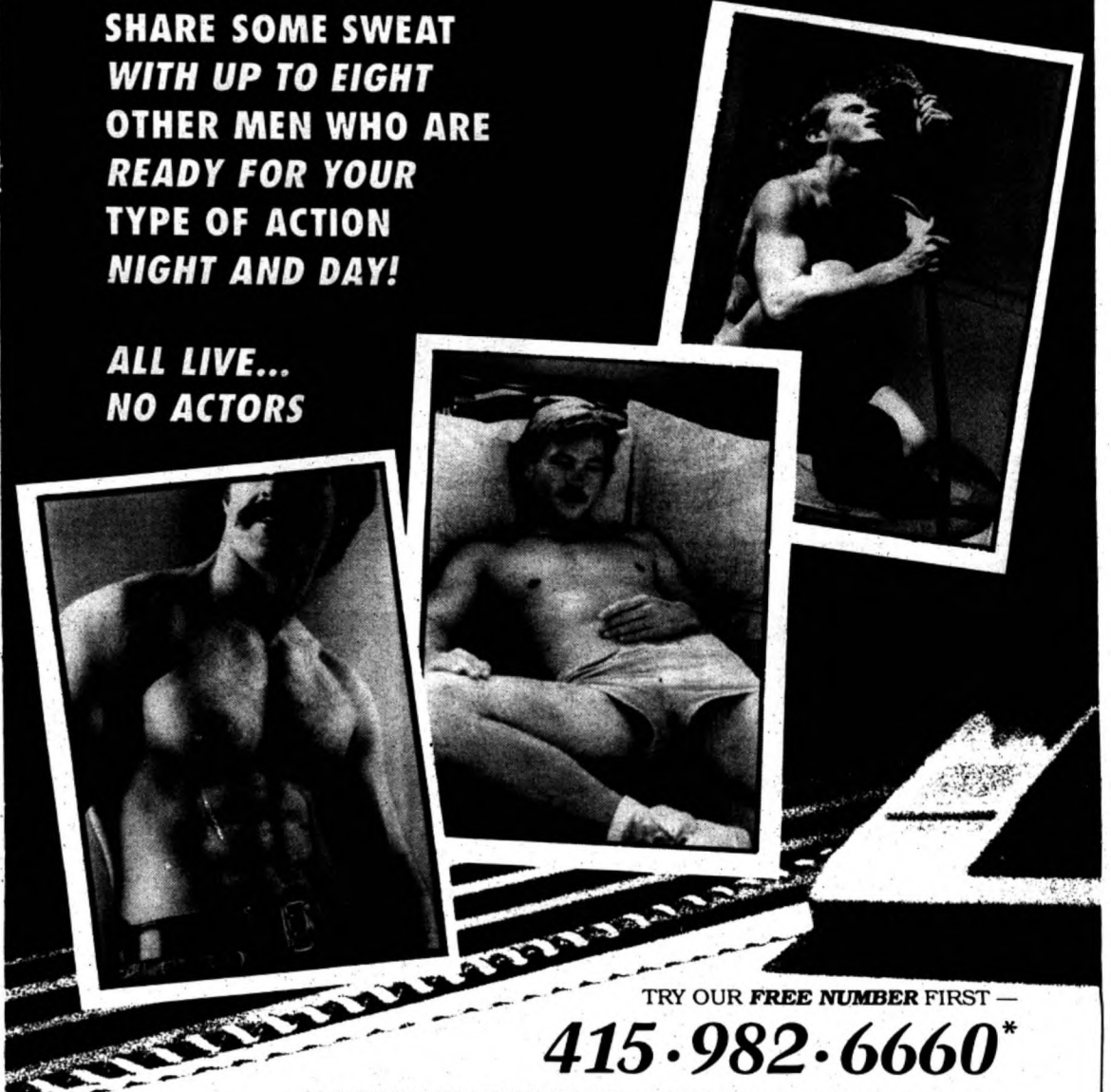
PWA with KX (4 years) trying to form group (KX). There are a lot of us out there that feel out of touch (KX is different) and could benefit by meeting and sharing out feelings even becoming friends to help each other face the issues of today. P.O. Box 32-A. (34)

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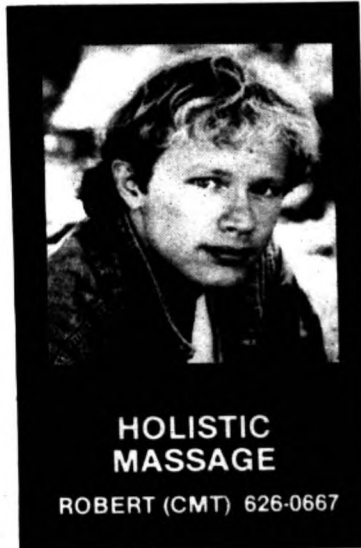
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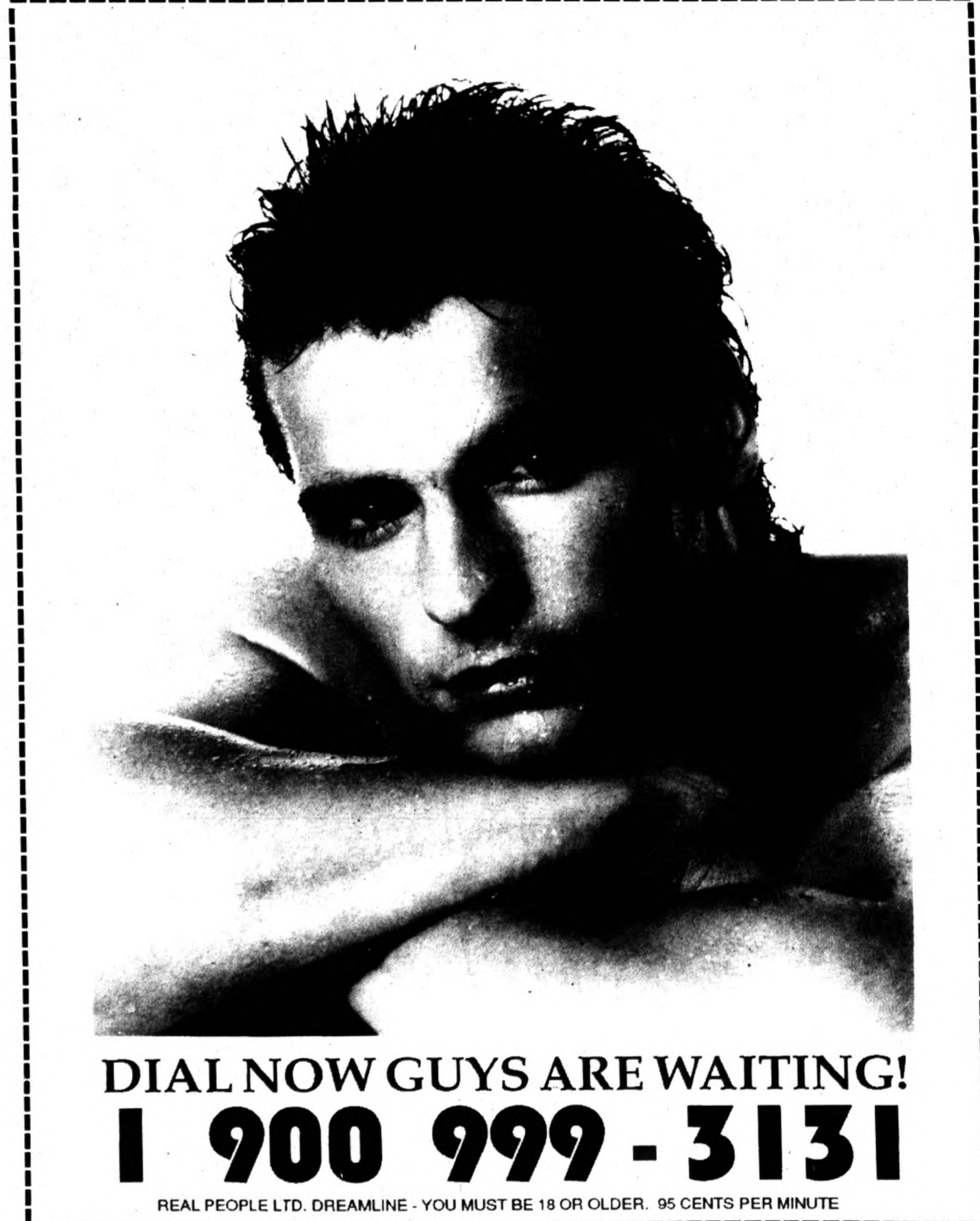
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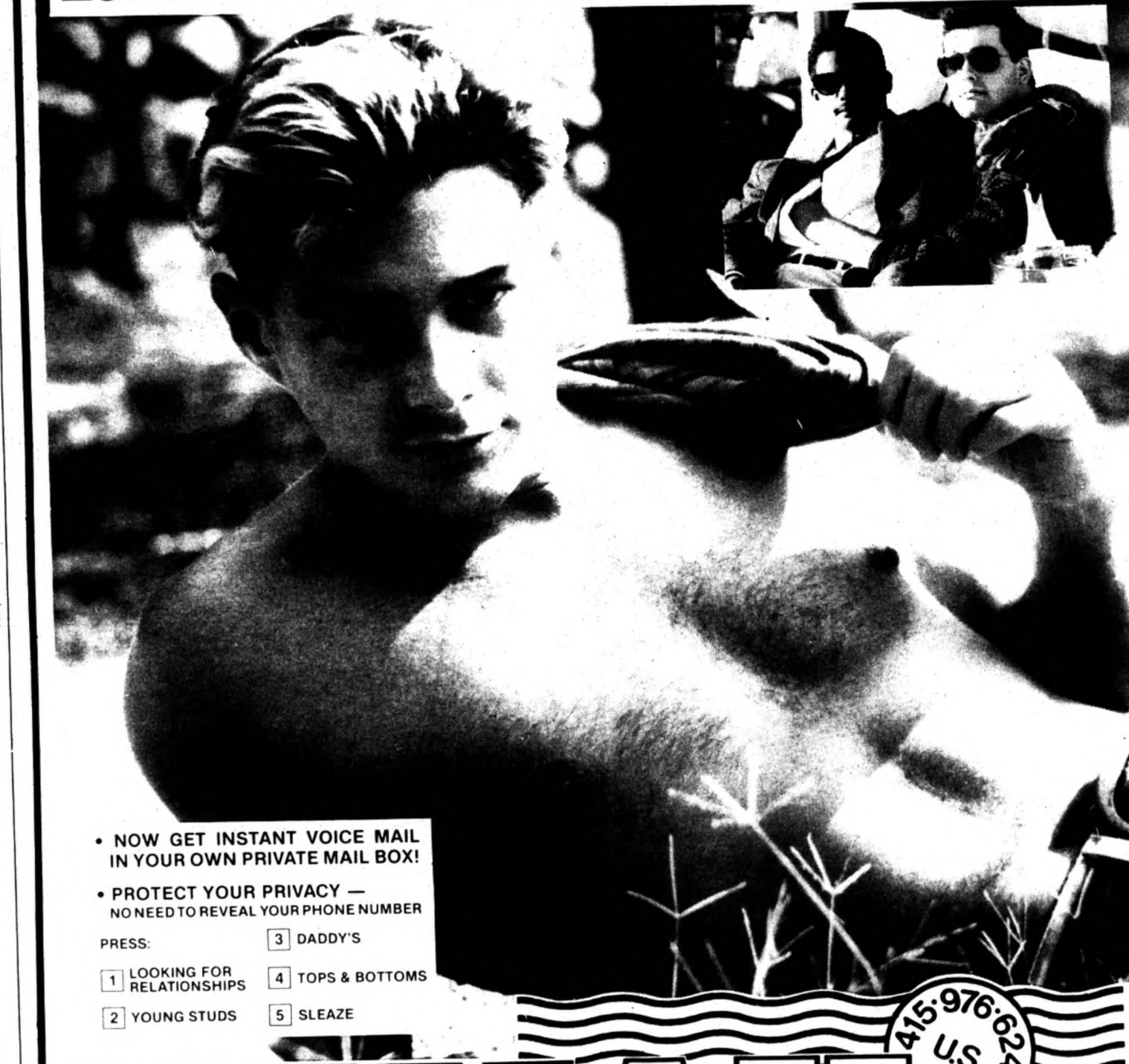
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AIDS NEWS

GETTING AZT TO THOSE WHO NEED IT

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With the news from the nationwide AZT study that convinced the researchers that the drug will not only greatly benefit those with AIDS, but delay the onward progress for those presently HIV-infected (but not exhibiting any symptoms), the next critical step needs to be examined: who is going to pay for reimbursement?

This question cannot be put off any longer. The government, reimbursers, and health organizations now face a decision determining not only who pays for the drug, but how it is going to get financed. Whether viewed from the perspective of the national insurance carriers for those presently affording some sort of health coverage, or the government who would be ethically responsible for those who don't, everyone from those who pay premiums, to those taxpayers who pay for those who can't, will need to resolve the quandary: Do we pay for prevention costs now, or for treatment costs later?

The situation as it now stands is this: Insurance companies will only reimburse for drugs that get the "approval" status from the FDA and become "licensed." Commissioner of the FDA Dr. Frank Young has strongly encouraged companies to give serious consideration to not waiting for licensing for reimbursement costs to begin, but rather with the granting of a drug's "Treatment IND" status—which comes a considerable time prior to an "approval" status being granted. Although some companies have done this (a few have been reimbursing for aerosolized pentamidine treatments to prevent pneumocystis pneumonia, as an example), most, unfortunately, have not.

This AZT scenario is frustrating for many because even with the encouraging news received last week, most will still not be able to afford it one way or the other, because the present approval status for AZT is granted for those "with AIDS or severe ARC"—T-cell counts below 200 only. Which defeats the very purpose of the conclusions reached.

With this recent announcement, the Health Insurance Association of America in Washington, D.C., said the new findings will spur their insurers to reimburse policyholders for the drug in cases of early infection. The research also gave additional optimism regarding the purported \$12,000-a-year costs required, by noting that those study participants taking only half the recommended dose regimen (six 100 mg. capsules, as opposed to twelve daily) was effective as those taking the higher range—practically meaning that the overall costs could be reduced by many thousands of dollars.

With HIV status increasingly being viewed as managing a chronic illness rather than a death sentence, there will hopefully be a greater demand for testing, and also increased pressure for policy-makers to create ways for payments of treatments with anti-AIDS drugs for all those with HIV. Increasingly, another component needing to be seriously addressed is the aspect of payments of those drugs for those uninsured and/or without prescription benefits, who constitute a sizeable portion of the patient population.

What about the study's findings and

undergone... We have yet to calculate when we will recoup our R & D [Research and Development] costs since we are continuing to budget for future expanding clinical trials. What about their present profit margin figures? "I do not have those figures available." In response to my question about the many demonstrations conducted against the appearance of excessive profits, and pointedly, of the demonstration last fall against their corporate office in Burlingame by activists, Collins defended the company's effort at producing the drug cost-effectively. "We were able to lower the cost [from estimated \$12,000 to \$8,000 a year] in December 1987 because of changes in the machinery used in the process; it was not the result of any pressure, just efficiency."

A suggestion to consider is purchasing AZT directly from buyers' clubs or other organizations listed in the community's newsletters. Also, American Preferred Plan will fill your prescription. They are a membership organization that delivers regular prescriptions to your door, accepts insurance payments in full (no co-pays or paper-work), and as Project Inform notes, provides complete confidentiality and sensitivity to HIV-infected persons. For 24-hour, overnight delivery, call 1-800-227-1195. If you do decide to obtain your prescriptions this way, may I suggest you mention that "PI" sent you—APP will make a donation towards Project Inform.

Finally, the sum total of the findings drastically underscore the need to expand the federal government's AZT-funding for HIV-infected persons who lack insurance. As Dr. Flynn pointed out, "Now that the drug's been shown to help people live longer, how are we ethically going to withhold it?"

FDA responding to them? The findings suggest that future AZT applications be given to those with T-cell counts in the compromised range (200-400), not in the present limited range of below 200. It will do little good for those wishing to halt the progression of AIDS, or those wishing to delay symptomatology, if new FDA guidelines do not reflect new "labeling uses." "People with T-helper cell counts between 200 and 400 and whose only symptoms were fever, night sweats and fatigue almost invariably cleared up on AZT," said Dr. Neil Flynn, well-known Sacramento AIDS specialist. "The drug benefits them immediately, within a month or so of starting it."

What about the seemingly exorbitant costs? "AZT is a very complicated compound drug to make," said Karen Collins of the Public Affairs Office of Burrough Wellcome's North Carolina administrative center. "People think we are making unwarranted sums of money off this product, but the truth is, we've been funding grants for a lot of the clinical trials the drug has

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WOMEN EMBRACE THE 90s

by Denise Buzbuzian

As we move out of the '80s, a decade that has seen the realization of a number of changes that were given seed in the rebellion of the '60s, we naturally want to have some idea of the course ahead. What can women expect the next decade to hold in terms of career, health and lifestyle? What are the needs of modern women that have yet to be addressed and what is at the top of our agenda?

The past two decades have seen women assert the strength required to alter radically the long term status quo of a male-dominated society. We have changed the image men have of us as well as the image we have of ourselves in order to burst out of the old constraints of being the "weaker sex", regardless of sexual orientation.

Women entered the workplace and climbed upward as the '80s unfolded. To be sure there are still too many instances of inequality to become complacent, but things have definitely improved quickly. Now there are women in top level corporate jobs and women who have started their own businesses. There has even been a female vice-presidential candidate, supreme court justice, and now women clergy.

I believe that the next step for women is to be one of holistic integration. To break through the barriers of inequality women have to emphasize a political and career energetic that is derived from the immense physical body of energy

that is inherent beyond sex. A woman is not the frail and fragile creature of the old mythology. A woman is a powerful dynamic in the universe. We can create life from our bodies which determines the course of human development. The next logical step for women is to redistribute the focus in a more holistic way to encompass a variety of achievements and experiences. The toughest part of the outward journey is done, now is the time to look inward and discover ways in which we can find variety in fulfillment. Lesbians adopting children is an example of this.

Women must continue to move forward both in external and internal development. We see that women have made great achievements by the assertion of the body and mind. We are physically able to move ahead in the social order. Now we need to explore the spiritual aspects of femininity and womanhood.

This spiritual nature of woman is centered in the energy of creating and

nurturing life. Unlike men, women actually grow the future generations. Women can determine a great deal about the future of the human race by the quality of nurturing afforded tomorrow's adults. This is a massive creative power that can be directed in a number of ways aside from child rearing. The womb area is called the hara in holistic metaphysics. This part of a woman's body is the center of power for man and womankind. All human life extends from this region. When women learn to work from their haras, almost anything can be accomplished. To harness this power one must be aware of its great potential.

Another aspect of womanhood to explore is the area of physical health. Now that women are entering the medical and scientific professions in droves we must have a more specific and sensitive understanding of our needs and problems separate from men. We can learn more about what our requirements are for a long and healthy life. Women's workshops, classes and support groups provide the space for these needs and problems to be solved.

Some of the areas where women need to develop understanding include osteoporosis, anemia, reproductive health, and pregnancy. The limitations of this column do not allow me to cover all of these topics now.

Women can only excel in the mental and spiritual if the physical is well maintained. One key to keeping a strong body is to eat a diet that will protect you from an anemic condition. Anemia is a deficiency of red blood cells. Red blood cells encompass hemoglobin which gives them their ability to carry oxygen to the other cells and organs of the body. A lack of these red blood cells can result in exhaustion, headaches, dizziness, depression and irritability.

Women are especially vulnerable to anemia because of the blood loss that results from menstruation. The woman of the '90s will find this susceptibility compounded by the demands of a career. Often having a career means an increase in day-to-day stress which destroys nutrients at an accelerated pace. Then one has to consider the pressure of time limitations. Women often neglect to eat right when they are rushing the clock to get ahead. Many women are concerned with their appearance and follow unhealthy diets to keep their weight down. Pregnancy also increases a woman's chances of becoming anemic.

In order to prevent anemia women should eat a diet that includes generous portions of leafy green vegetables such as broccoli and kale. Taking supplements is prudent because anemia is easier to prevent than to get rid of. Vitamins C, B complex and E are essential to the metabolism of the red blood cells. Iron and folic acid are also vital nutrients. Fresh vegetables, nuts, seeds, and whole grains are good food choices to combat anemia; liver is often recommended but I believe that it is too toxic for regular consumption. Remember that the purpose of the liver is to remove toxins from the body.

The '90s can be the most rewarding time for women, as we continue on the path of achievement and self-discovery. This coming decade will require a lot from women. We will continue to need strength, but coupled with real compassion and sensitivity. It will be exciting to watch women grow stronger and advance to new heights of self-respect, self-love and world influence. We are fortunate to have a great legacy with which to fulfill this challenge.

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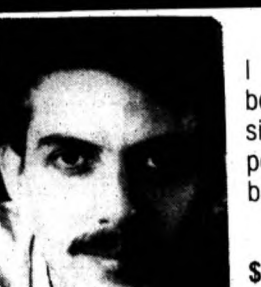
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ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 19): Emotions are thick as gar soup because you discover a truth you didn't want to see. Fear not. This knowledge is for your ultimate benefit. You have divine protection.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20): Feel like the Universe has put you on hold lately? Completion of projects remains suspended, legal hassles are on the back burner, and you know resolution is not in the cards. Wait. What else can you do? In the mean time go surfing.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You become a powerhouse in the business world this week. Efforts turn to gold or to crap depending on your motives. You are setting an example for others whether you want to or not so watch ethics and tactics. Take note of a Capricorn.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): That contemplative stance you've taken last month has given you some new life direction. You see what you think is an inflated image of where you could go. No. It's not inflated - it's optimistic. Go for it.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Actions produce limited results, travel gets you nowhere, and romance is too nebulous to even consider. What then? Your spiritual "Higher Power," whatever you call that is calling you. If you haven't connected you may be wandering down the wrong path. Meditation is a must.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22): So bright and shiny. So attractive. So charismatic. "Who's that?" Virgo asks. It's you for the next month. I know this is hard for you but you get what you ask for now.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22): If your cards are played right, Libra, you could make a carload of cash this week. The only thing blocking your way is your own "I don't deserve it" attitude. Make no hesitations on buy/sell agreements or hunches about investments.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): I know you don't want to say what needs to be said. I know you think the "problem" will resolve itself. Fool. Blurt it out to avoid 6 months of resentment and a possible ulcer.

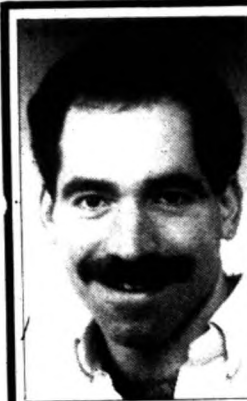
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): Home is where the heart is (was?) What's going on Sagittarius in that home situation? You either want to move or want to move somebody else... out! It's ok now. This energy is there specifically for you to "clean house" with. With this move your health and prosperity both improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19): "Play" for a Capricorn means making a quick weekend buck at the computer screen. NO, my friend. None of that prospers under this weeks' stars anyway so get out there for some real recreation. Forget the bowling team and try some white water rafting or calypso dancing.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18): Better keep the old nose to the grindstone. Aquarius, as your work surely needs some attention. Don't get distracted by well-meaning friends. They don't have to answer to "The Boss" as to why you've been out to lunch for a month.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20): Now flowers and candy are not out of your league as far as relationships go. But, how about the workable, concrete, who cleans-the-sink kind of "relationship" details? Get practical, get loving and get going on this seemingly distasteful task.

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BOOKS

Excerpt from *A Lesbian Love Advisor*

ON THE SWEET ART OF FLIRTING

by Celeste West

EDITOR'S NOTE: "It seems like everyone on the planet wants to court a lady..." writes Celeste West in *A Lesbian Love Advisor* (Cleis Press, September), a new practical guide, bold and sassy, with a welcome disregard for convention, and a tongue-in-cheek wit that would make Miss Manners blush.

Let us begin with flirting. Isn't that where it usually begins? Flirting is kindred to music, a light touch being both means and end. The word itself derives from the old French *fleuriter*, literally "to move lightly from flower to flower." A form of flirting is cruising, more goal-oriented and assertive. Each lesbian has her unique flirting style, with marvelous variations. In the beginning, you may want to learn, even rehearse, a few themes, or call them "opening plays" as in other field sports. Never fear; even if you feel terminally shy, you can still develop the quality of "eloquent receptivity," possibly, the most magnetic of all seduction styles. Lesbians appreciate that shyness is often a veil for the virtues. Aggressiveness, naturally, is forbidden.

Lesbian flirting, like lesbian seduction, is an exchange. No one controls. No one is quarry. The big challenge is first to indicate to a woman you want to volley with her in the court of delights. This stroke is called "openers." Memorize *Lady Clitressa's First Law of Motion*: Nine times out of ten, YOU are going to have to make the first move. In the cruising game, even the most stomping lesbians play an amazingly comic. "After you, my dear Alphonse..." routine. Each woman waits for the other to begin, in one of the strangest mating rituals of all species. Shy, very shy, women lead more exciting lives than ordinary folk can ever imagine. What seems like a meretele-a-tete to the bold is to the shy High Adventure, fraught with perils and dazzling successes. "I smiled at her, and she smiled back!" may last two weeks for us. It is a miracle lesbians ever taste sweet pollen at all, but it all works out as it is supposed to... later or sooner. To make something happen now, simply work out a few general openers which feel natural to you. Practiced does not mean insincere. Virtually all the gentle rakes in *Lady Clitressa's Circle* have some openers rehearsed.

As a rule, all agree that it is wise never to make your openers devastatingly witty, sarcastic or sophisticated. Your recipient usually can't come up with a quick repartee; she then feels clunky and wants to escape the situation—and you. A remark like, "Do you always have this much fun?" falls into this shoot-from-the-lips category. You want to frolic with this woman, not pin her to the wall. A lightly sexual innuendo like, "Can I buy you a drink—or a summer at Blue Fish Cove?" leaves many women flustered—even if they do know what the hell you're talking about. A starving artist, however, confessed to enjoying the irony of, "May I buy you a drink, or would you just like the money?" This all led to a fascinating exchange on art, women's economics, and onward... Here is a New Age opener: "Earth is such a beautiful place. Do you come here often?" which of course requires a most benevolent setting not to sound dippy. It is a bit *outré* these days for lesbians to make bar or party rounds plying alcohol like some kind of boozy big daddy. You have to catch a lady between glasses, and lesbians are sipping slower these days or observing the ritual with mineral water or juice. If you must, ask to "get" (not "buy") her a drink, and of course pay for it. A hot player responds with a dazzling smile. "I'll get the next round," an incandescent player with, "Maybe we can have the next one some place quieter..." Here's a Twelve-Step opener: "If it is no longer romantic to be alcoholic, is it alcoholic to be romantic?" One good, all-around opener for anywhere, which doesn't depend on drinking props, is to ask, "May I join you for a moment?" The "moment" diarms a lady who fears being stuck with a strange bird—and gives you a way out if you



NIHOLE THERENT

ventured out from Goddess knows where and may need a chance to sort through suddenly new options—like you. If, however, she is not playing, period, have the *galanterie* to say, "Well, I've enjoyed talking to you." Ova and out. The most important quality in conversational foreplay is the good energy of being there, alive and enjoying the game. This brings us to *Lady Clitressa's Second Law of Motion: Exhibit no undue haste*. Lesbians have whole constellations of erotic emotions and sense to bring into play. It is not only *gauche* to move toward instant gratification, it is foolhardy. Most lesbians resent and mistrust a rushed, fixated demand for sex from a stranger. We can afford to be connoisseurs of subtlety, to be tantric with time. Sensuous lesbians know half the fun is getting there; the blossoms of ardor grow in the season of anticipation. We say, "familiarity brings attempt." At first meeting, try for a date, not a feel. "I'd really be interested in getting together again. May I call you?" Whatever your pace, do something. Don't thin your blood with "might have beens." Go ahead and catch the wheel of karma as it turns. Let us say you have moved the wheel

forward. We come to the next step along the path of conversational foreplay after "openings," after the great warm-up. It is the hot stroke called "making the move." The proposition for s-e-x. Making the move can be attempted at first sight or on the fifteenth date, depending on your period, sign of the zodiac, and the signals you are getting. You may be propositioning this woman for life or for one sweet night. Practice this challenging scenario: it is your last night in Minneapolis. You've been chatting up your seemingly interested beauty all evening and it is getting late. Playfully, you touch hands. "I hate to go." Then your fingers attentively caress each tip of hers in a silent conversation. Before your very eyes her nipples harden to salute yours. It is now or never. But who will make the move???

You remember the odds: she may be one of the nine Lesbians in ten with only budding *clitzap*. The odds clearly dictate: it's YOUR move. Summoning all the *delicatessen* of Lady C's "no undue haste" that you can possibly muster since time is actually running out, you slowly whisper, "May I kiss you just once? [Success, long slow success. Deep glance and moisten lips appreciatively to...]

"I would love to kiss you all over sometime." [Loving smile. Breathe deeply.] "You know I would be delighted if you could spend the night with me..." Serious seducers will note the harmless-sounding "just once" of the opening line and the open-ended "sometime" of the next. You are not, after all, desperate. One kiss is better than none and sometime is better than never. "If you could" in the final proposition gives the lady who is not presently ready a way to respond with her diplomatic "Why I can't," rather than "I won't." The idea here is not to provide generic, canned come-ons, only to emphasize old-fashioned, fragrant good manners and the subtlety for which lesbians are famous. In the above scenario, the qualifying phrases weave lacy loopholes for both players to dance through. You can easily reach out and you can easily let go. Perhaps *this* time, you will have to let *this* woman go. It is, however, *always* a successful advance to gracefully let a beautiful woman know you are, well, moist. She can at least enjoy the compliment, while you enjoy sharing your sweet life pulse. You have passed Lesbian Cruising 101, where the only failure is not to try. Excerpted from *A Lesbian Love Advisor*. Copyright 1989 by Celeste West. Reprinted with permission of the publisher.

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IS BIG HAIR A REQUIREMENT?

by Maryhope Tobin

After seeing them at the DNA Lounge on August 12, I truly believe the Hoodoo Gurus are the consummate garage band. They got out on stage, all shaggy hair and grubby jeans, nodded hello to the audience and launched into "Axe Grinder," a headbanging tune from Magna Cum Louder. The show went uphill from there (even though I could barely understand a word of their between-song talk through their Australian accents) and included an awesome version of the always creepy "Dig It Up." But it was the no-holds-barred volcano-virgin anthem "Leilani" that won this reporter's heart, soul and sweat. Thank you, Shawn, for booking these boys, and bring them back soon.

BETTY RULES BETTY RULES Betty is as Betty does, and this Betty does a show that's impressed critics from the Washington Post, London's Evening Standard,

come to town, Sunday, August 27 at the Great American Music Hall. *Hi, Betty!* Unsolved mysteries of the universe, continued: Poly Styrene (X-Ray Spex) has become a Hare Krishna. This may

"Hi, we're Betty"

Variety, and even my hometown paper, the Daily Hampshire Gazette (so you know they must be good). Calling themselves rockappella, they combine a cappella singing with funky instrumentation and wild talk. Betty is actually three women: the Ziff twins, Amy and Bitzi, and Alyson Palmer, named after some of their idols: Betty Ford, Betty Grable, Betty Boop, Betty Friedan, and Betty Rubble. They do covers (like "Girl Watcher"), they do originals (like "Split, Mr. Amoeba Man"), they do hot clubs all over the eastern seaboard and London, and they do the Michigan Women's Music Festival. We should all do the total Betty experience when they

or may not be news to you since it was reported in The Face in 1985. Annie Lennox was quoted as saying that Poly and friend Lydia Logic were "just beautiful in their silk saris." But since then, there is a rumor that Poly has committed suicide. Any leads? I know you're just as anxious as I am to solve this mystery, if only to move on to bigger and better mysteries, like what will the Ramones do without Dee Dee? How will they know when to start their songs? And why is he doing rap records? Speaking of vicious rumors, is it true that the management of a local record store is plagued with cocaine problems? Is that why the cost of records and cds is



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CLASSICS

Opera on Record, Part Two

TRILLS AND COLORATURA ON VINYL

by Bill Huck

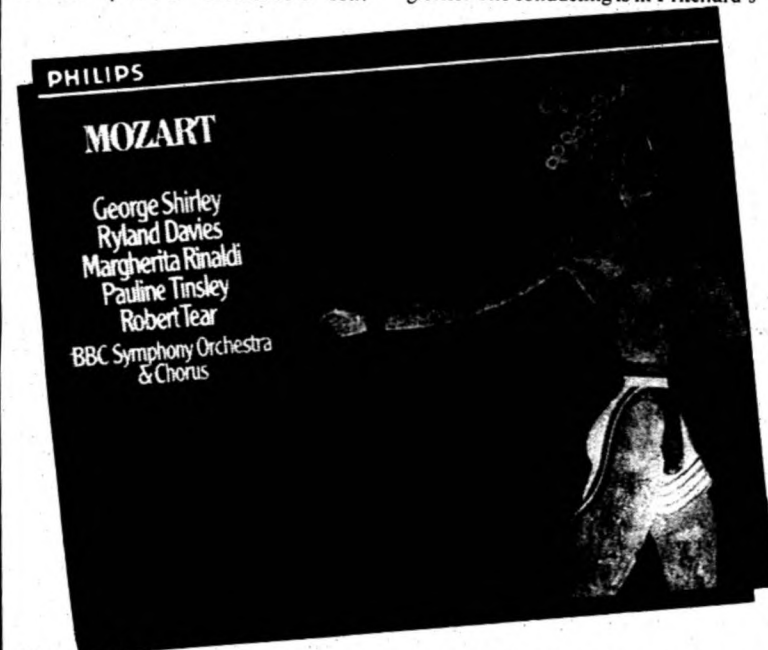
After a break to celebrate the Kirov Ballet's visit, we return to the task of surveying the opera season on record.

The biggest problem facing the next opera, Mozart's early masterpiece *Idomeneo*, is a textual one. *Idomeneo*, premiered in 1781 in Munich, represents the young composer's coming-of-age. It was his first chance to get out from under his father's thumb, and he blossomed in this new air of freedom. But even before Mozart could get *Idomeneo* on to the stage, he ran into problems. The opera was playing rather longer than expected in rehearsal. Fearing tedium, Mozart cut several numbers. Then the tenor signed up for the title role pleaded with Mozart to spare an old man and simplify *Idomeneo's* bravura aria, "Fuor del mar."

When Mozart revived *Idomeneo* for a concert performance in Vienna in 1786, he made a new set of changes, principally because he now had a tenor for the part of *Idomeneo's* son,

her voice proves a little too light for the pressure Mozart puts upon it.

But with Gruberova's Elettra we have run through most of this set's glories. The conducting is in Pritchard's



Idamante, instead of a castrato soprano as in Munich.

For those who want precisely the version that will appear on the Opera House stage this season, the best bet is John Pritchard's new London set with Luciano Pavarotti as *Idomeneo*. This recording's chief virtue is Edita Gruberova as Elettra. She has the fiery jealousy needed for the first act, together with the sweetness required for the second. In the third act, however,

best lackadaisical manner; it has a certain grandeur, but very little detail and almost no drama. Mezzo-soprano Agnes Baltsa has a terrific trill for *Idamante*, but the role lies awkwardly for her. Though Pavarotti's gleaming sound is still appropriate for the title role, his labored style is not. The great tenor lumbers clumsily through even the simplified version of "Fuor del mar," and he displays no trill whatsoever. Though Arbace is given all three

of his arias in this version, they are so badly sung by the woolly baritone Leo Nucci that one might wish the part cut to its barest bones. Lucia Popp's *Iliia* was, alas, caught 15 years too late.

The prospective *Idomeneo* fan is better directed to either Colin Davis's 1968 Philips recording and Nikolaus Harnoncourt's 1980 Teldec performance. Davis whips through the score with a vitality and an ear for drama that have not been equalled on record. The first drawback, however, is that Davis's approach is from the old school, with a beefed-up modern orchestra and big, operatic voices. So it will not be to everyone's taste. Nevertheless it remains musically the most compelling performance.

A bigger problem lies with Davis's singers. The baritonish tenor of George Shirley deals manfully but not pleasingly with *Idomeneo's* high tessitura. Margherita Rinaldi's *Iliia* begins well, but as the demands on her increase, her resources shrink. For *Idamante*, Davis sought out tenor Ryland Davies and then paradoxically asked him to deal with the original soprano version of the role. It is therefore no surprise that he sounds

pinched and drawn. Nor can Pauline Tinsley's hard-voiced Elettra manage the many shadings Mozart put into her part.

Harnoncourt's version, on the other hand, is a brilliant defense of the original instrument approach. His conducting has the lightness of touch, and precision of detail, for which this school is famous, but he never sacrifices the turbulence of the drama. Indeed Harnoncourt passionately points up every sinister moment and every thrilling exultation. He has in Werner Hollweg a most stylish *Idomeneo*, who negotiates all the coloratura of "Fuor del mar" with delight. But still, Hollweg does not invest *Idomeneo's* crucial dilemma with the haunting power that Shirley did. Trudeliene Schmidt is the only *Idamante* on record to make the role sound natural, and as *Iliia*, Rachel Yakar turns in one of her finest performances, though she does not quite match the creamy sweetness of Gundula Janowitz from Pritchard's 1964 Albert Hall performance (currently available on HRE-CD.)

Harnoncourt's Felicity Palmer also turns in a fine performance as Elettra, but with her work we come to the most

important hindrance to the Teldec recording, for in a fit of historical accuracy Harnoncourt gives us only what Mozart sanctioned for the original Munich performance. That means that the opera's third act is severely cut. Among the losses are Elettra's dazzling mad scene and *Idomeneo's* moment of serenity "Torna la pace." Their absence badly unbalances the opera's conclusion. So if authenticity and great Mozart singing are your principle concerns, you will want the Harnoncourt, but if music-drama is of the essence, you will want the Davis.

A similar problem faces the collector searching for the perfect version of Verdi's *Otello*. There simply isn't one. Personally I would lean towards Herbert von Karajan's 1960 recording on London. It is to my ears John Culshaw's most successful acoustical environment. Of course, even its success cannot make it natural sounding, but it is spacious and places the voices in a mythical center of the orchestra, which (by the way) is the Vienna Philharmonic playing like gods. Mario del Monaco's *Otello* is thrilling in its bronze beauty, even if it is characterized so broadly that very little is left of *Otello's* unique personality. Aldo Protti's Iago is the set's blackest failure, for it is neither pleasing to the ear nor rewarding for the mind. But the one who turns the tide in favor of this performance is Renata Tebaldi. Hers was not only the perfect voice for Desdemona, but her declamation is a sterling example of Verdi style.

Karajan's principal competition comes from James Levine's 1978 RCA recording with Placido Domingo. Levine's conducting is more pointed than Karajan's — clearer in displaying Verdi's rich polyphony and rhythmically much more vital. Domingo's voice tends to get a little lost in RCA's muddier acoustic, but even at this early stage his was a more human and more compelling *Otello* than del Monaco's. Sherrill Milnes renders Iago with his customary magnificence of tone, but unfortunately without any depth of interpretation. The pivot is once again



Giuseppe Verdi, the year before the "Otello" premiere.

Desdemona. Renata Scotti gives a most finely detailed and imaginative performance on records. The problem comes whenever Scotti must sing high and loud. Her contribution to the Act III finale is downright painful.

Continuing down the list one finds Tullio Serafin's 1960 RCA performance with Jon Vickers in the title role. Serafin was perhaps the most serenely powerful of all the Italian opera conductors of this century, but his particular brand of quiet authority did not suit Verdi's most compelling drama. Jon Vickers, at the beginning of his career, gives a superbly agonized interpretation of *Otello's* predicament. I for one would never want to be without his version of the "Cortigiana" interview with Desdemona or the following monologue, but Vicker's voice does not have the warmth needed to make Verdi's music shine.

Tito Gobbi is likewise the most sophisticated of all the Iagos, the only one to bait his trap with intelligence. Nonetheless Gobbi does not have enough vocal weight to cut through Verdi's orchestration at crucial points. The odd holes in the middle of Leonie Rysaneck's voice frequently rob her Desdemona of its long, spinning lines. Even more than Vicker's, this is simply the wrong voice for the job.

Lorin Maazel's recent Angel recording is at least better than the Zeffirelli movie made from it. Domingo has deepened his interpretation at several points and Katya Ricciarelli makes a sumptuously innocent Desdemona, even if she has neither Tebaldi's extraordinary purity nor Scott's insights. But Justino Diaz is an ill-tuned and blustery Iago, and Maazel's, though good, work is not up to the best of his predecessors.

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MOVIES

EDDIE'S NOT WORTH CRUISING

by Steve Warren

It's not easy living with a perfectionist. Just ask my lover. It's not even easy spending 100 minutes with one in *Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives!* But we'll come to that.

The fact is, if most of us saw Elvis today we wouldn't recognize him. That's the irony of the opening sequence, as Eddie Wilson (Michael Pare) slips unnoticed into Eddie Wilson look-alike contest and watches a line of gorgeous young men in black muscle shirts perform his material from 20 years before in front of hundreds of fans screaming for a man they think died before many of them were born.

In case you missed *Eddie and the Cruisers*, it took a *Citizen Kane* approach to piecing together the life of a rock-and-roller whose car had gone off a bridge in 1964, just as his band hit the big time. Eddie's body was never found, so the usual bunch of ghouls formed a cult that refused to believe he was dead. In this case they were right, the final scene hinted strongly.

Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives! is a more typical story of a band coming together and struggling for 15 minutes before finding success. Eddie Wilson has a life in Montreal as a construction worker named Joe West. He drinks beer, goes to hockey games and hangs out with the guys, yet he keeps a certain emotional distance from everyone.

Joe's Charles Bronson manner attracts the attention of Diane (Marina Orsini), who wants to paint his portrait, and a spontaneous session in a club turns Rick (Bernie Coulson), a would-be guitarist, into a disciple.

"They like me better dead than alive," Eddie laments, torn between the desire to make music and the fear of rejection. Diane persuades him to try

again and he helps Rick put a new band together, retaining only Hilton (Anthony Sherwood), the sax player, from Rick's old group. They line up a rock drummer (Paul Markle), a rock bassist (Mark Holmes) and a classical (!) pianist (David Matheson).

The new band faces an uphill battle for popularity because the charts are dominated by "mystery tapes" featuring vocals by Eddie Wilson, released by his old record label which is getting rich off Eddie all over again without having to pay him any royalties. Joe sounds so much like Eddie that he's competing with himself, although in real life the resemblance of John Cafferty, who dubs Eddie's vocals, to Bruce Springsteen didn't hurt sales of the soundtrack album.

What's curious about the new band is the political structure — or lack thereof — that keeps it on the verge of self-destructing. You've got five guys trying to run things democratically, but they're outweighed by Eddie, a self-declared dictator. The overenthusiastic Rick acts like an anarchist, running off in his own direction and hoping others will follow. Hilton functions as



Cruisin' for a Bruisin': Michael Pare

peacemaker in the manner of a prime minister within a monarchy, persuading the boss to think the right ideas were his own.

While the others are out for fun, fame and fortune, Eddie insists "It's the music that counts," and drives them to rehearse when they want to be out performing. Diane goes on the road with them and is sometimes a calming influence on Eddie; but in one scene she upsets him by dancing with another man during a concert. He leaps off the stage and orders her to go to her room. She stands up to him for about three seconds before caving in and saying something to the effect of "I love it when you're jealous."

By the time things come together for the band to perform at Montreal Pop, you'll be ready to push Eddie off a bridge yourself. The arrogant son of a bitch may make good music, but it's not worth suffering his personality to hear it. Fortunately you have the option of buying the album and skipping the movie, and as in the case of *Great Balls of Fire!* that's the way to go.

Faster paced than *Eddie and the Cruisers*, *Eddie II* isn't a bad picture, but it should follow its predecessor in selling more records than movie tickets. It's at the Regency 3.

COUNTRY

JOHN ANDERSON: SWINGIN' AGAIN!

by Tyler Sweatman

The Cotati Cabaret was swinging Wednesday, August 16 with John Anderson. After about four years of not a peep other than an occasional play of an old single, he has finally surfaced again with the same energy and drive that put him on the charts years ago.

At the age of 17, John went to Nashville on a one-way ticket to pay his dues and make his mark in the world of country music. Over the years, John has received multiple awards, including CMA's Song of the Year. He has sold millions of records, including both a gold album and a gold single. The album entitled "John Anderson 10" is a pinnacle of a great artistic career.

But back to the side we all know, the wild one. The remaining portion of the concert was a scene right out of the television show "Gunsmoke", the only thing missing was the ever-so-glamorous Miss Kitty! The dance floor was in full swing with a variety of couples, ranging from young cowboys and cowgirls to hippies from Occidental, CA.



Country singers such as John have certain rights, and he has the right to create his own style of music on his terms. Considering all of these items, one could say this is what has separated him from other country artists.

John performed two separate shows that evening, which were both sold out to very rad fans. To break the monotony, the format for the two shows was altered, for most of the audience purchased tickets for both shows. John pulled all the stops out for the last show and served up a mess of good ole country. One of the songs that really stuck out was entitled "Occasional Eagle" which was performed effortlessly with great feelin' and sincerity, a side to John that one would forget he has.

As one can see, John draws all kinds of people. As the evening progressed, it seemed as though the more radical the audience got, the more radical the band played. The sound was the real nitty-gritty hard driving shit kickin' Hank Williams Jr. sound, to say the least. Not that they try to copy Hank's sound but it was a borderline honky tonkin rock feel. Needless to say, a good time was had by all, and the next time John Anderson comes to town it would be well worth the money to see him. Look for a new single to hit the airwaves within the next month, on the new MGM label.

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ARTS INTERVIEW

New City College Class

GAYS AND LESBIANS IN THE MOVIES

by Jerome Maskowitz

It's not always easy to find films in the mainstream cinema which speak to us as lesbians and gay men, and when we do find them the images presented are either distorted, muted, unflattering, grossly stereotypical, or all of the above. And while not glossing over any of those faults, Film 120D, a new City College class (as of August 22) examines contemporary lesbian and gay film, presenting a thoughtful and comprehensive twenty-week overview of gay themes in movies in the past twenty-five years.

"I don't just choose twenty films with positive portrayals of gays, even though that's what some of the students want," explains course instructor Daniel Mangin of Frameline (the non-profit sponsor of the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.) "Artists look at human foibles as a way of trying to make us better in the end and if we just saw candy-coated portraits, it would be a disservice. I try to see what film's role is in shaping people's values."

Mangin is a personable, witty and articulate expert in the field of gay cinema. He views 1968 as the turning point year for gays in films. "It was a banner year, although in negative respects in a lot of ways. There were over a dozen — *The Killing of Sister George*, *The Fox*, *The Detective*, *Up Tight!*, among others. 1968 was the year the old Hollywood code fell, and that is why a lot of these films got made."

The first two classes will include screenings of two very different films from that landmark year, *The Detective* (August 22) and *The Fox* (August 29). Of all the gay films that came out in 1968, *The Fox* is the only one that made a substantial amount of money, says Mangin. It cost about \$1.5 million to make, and it's made about \$16 million so far. *The Killing of Sister George* lost money, *The Detective* did about average. But the financial success or failure of the films is secondary to their social impact. Mangin explains: "One of the most interesting things about *The Detective* is how much they muted the homosexuality in the film. They sort of had it rear its ugly head in

grotesque ways. *The Fox* and *The Detective* are both books that were made into films. In *The Detective* the homosexuality is sloughed off and muted, not as strong as it is in the book. But with *The Fox*, they take everything that D.H. Lawrence implied and make it explicit. So the two films make a good comparison."

Another of the 1968 films, Jules Dassin's *Up Tight!*, will be featured on October 24. The film is an all black version of John Ford's *The Informer* set in contemporary times. Mangin chose this particular work because "the informer is gay, so we get a view of gays as outsiders, the black gay's relationship to his own society and the kind of dichotomy of being essentially outside in two ways."

The class does not concentrate on Hollywood product, because, as Mangin says, "Hollywood always represents homosexuality as a problem — even in *Torch Song*. It's not a given, it always becomes somehow the focus of the film, either by the acts that are in it or by what's left out." Among the foreign films included on the schedule is *Pixote*, a 1981 film from Brazil (December 5). Mangin says, "Of all the films, *Pixote* affected me the most. There's a kind of transvestite character in the movie that's one of the most sympathetic gay characters I've ever seen . . . I noticed that even Pauline Kael, who is sometimes accused of gay word bashing, mentioned in her review how this character is gay, and he accepts it. It's just who he is, and he has affairs and is always trying to get people in his reform school to show affection to him. It's a really interesting portrayal.



Frank Sinatra and Tony Musante in "The Detective"

This is a film where the homosexuality isn't particularly a problem — it's just who he is. He's got other problems, like he's homeless, he doesn't have any family, and he's about to be 18 and doesn't have any way to earn money. It's a nice portrait."

A sampling of the other scheduled films are 1970's *The Boys in the Band* (September 5), 1971's *Death in Venice*

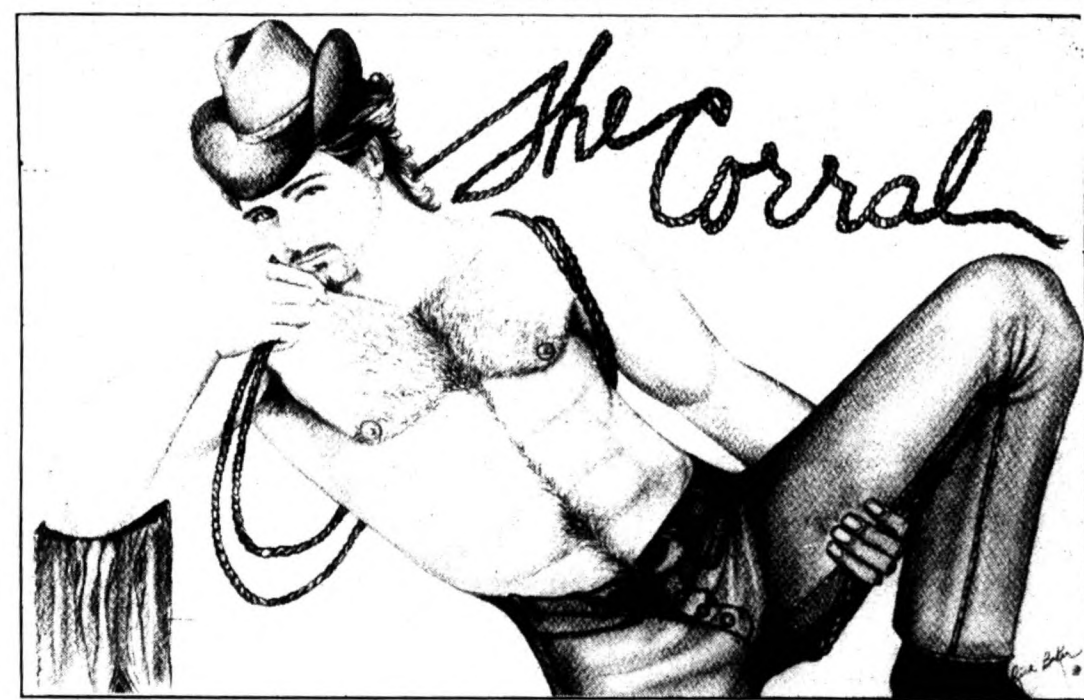
(October 10), Ingmar Bergman's 1965 lesbian film, *The Silence* (September 12), and the late Arthur Bresson Jr.'s 1978 film, *Gay U.S.A.*

The class is offered on Tuesdays at the City College Campus from 7:00 -10:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays at the Everett Middle School, from 6:30 -9:30 p.m. Film 120D is a three-unit, transferable course. Students may

register for either the Tuesday or Wednesday night classes at the first two sessions on a first-come, first-served basis. The enrollment fee is \$15.00 for the semester and financial aid is available. For registration information, phone the City College registration office at 239-3000 or Frameline at 861-5245.

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BAY DINING

WHERE TO TAKE THE KIDS, PARENTS, OR . . .

by Mike Sher

Young gays with parents and young and old gay parents with children are always on the trail of the perfect hamburger. That special all-American food which many feel occupies a special shrine with apple pie, hot dogs and possibly Chevrolets. If you remember the recent TV commercial. Just like the qualities of a perfect lover are debated, so are the qualities of a perfect hamburger. As a matter of fact, some of us have found that what we thought would be the perfect lover turned out to be closer to ground chuck than sirloin steak, so to speak!

We'd be here the rest of the year debating which hamburger is the best in town, and to some extent, it's like comparing apples and oranges. If you're in the Castro, Upper Market, and now Polk Street areas, however, I think that some of the best burgers around may be found at Hot 'N' Hunky.

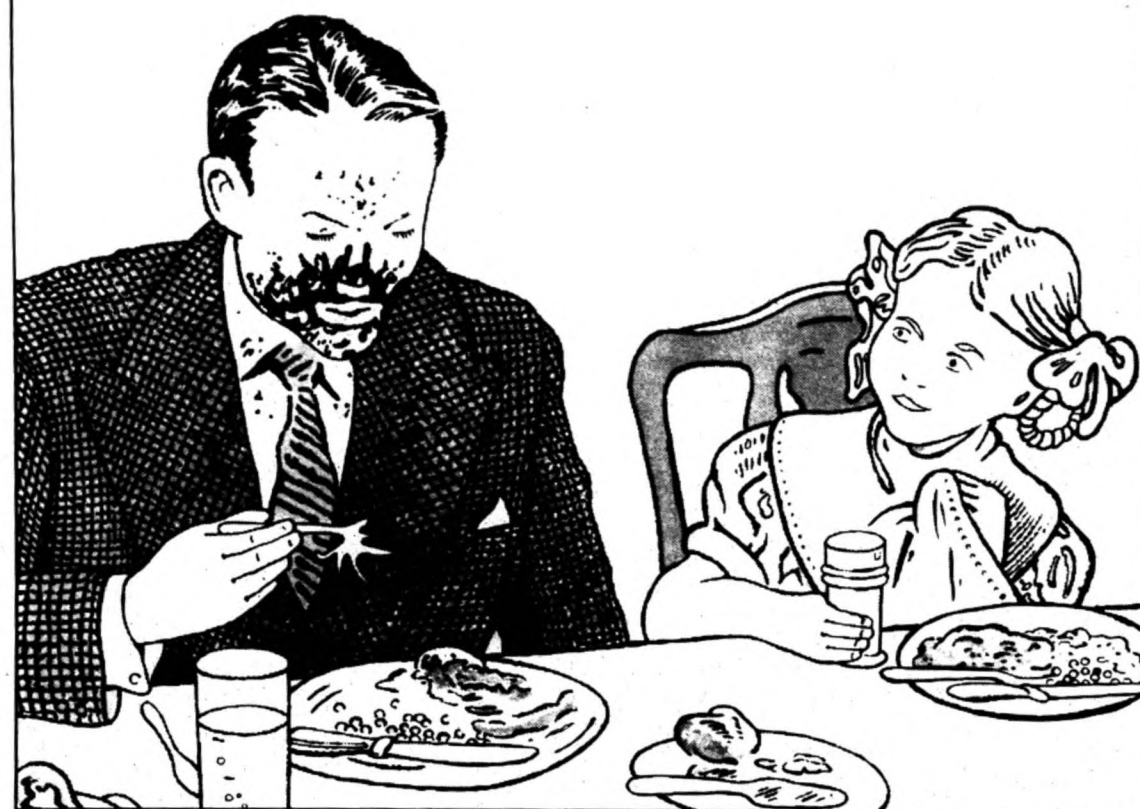
Hot 'N' Hunky is a success story for Bob Ray. It started with one outlet on 18th Street. H & H grew to two by taking over some of the space occupied by The Mint on Market near Duboce. The latest Hot 'N' Hunky is on Polk near Bush, and also adjoins a bar. Hamburgers aren't Bob Ray's only food specialty, by the way. He also runs Bobbie Ray's Bar-B-Q on 18th Street at the site of the former Neon Chicken.

The Polk Street Hot 'N' Hunky is done up in a kind of up to date nostalgia, making you long for the days when you were growing up and going out one hot Saturday night for that special burger and shake with someone special. The walls have a checkerboard and white trim with some pictures of Marilyn. There are whimsical decor touches like hula hoops and balloons.

You sit at old time soda fountain tables. The only thing missing is The Drifters singing "Under the Boardwalk."

The menu is fun to read, and how many places can boast about that? The Italian stallion (\$3.34) is a burger with sliced ripe black olives and melted mozzarella which the restaurant claims "brings out the stud in you." Some of the names themselves are funny, like the blue job (\$3.34), a quarter pound burger with melted blue cheese. Jaws (\$3.34) is their tuna sandwich, and H & H claims: "We got Charlie!" Looking out on Polk, one wonders if one could snag the chicken of the sea. (Groan!)

Being on the brink of starvation, I decided to try the double Hot 'N' Hunky macho man with cheese (\$4.14). It turned out to be my only meal of the day because it came with (gasp!) three quarter pound burgers, barely staying within the confines of a seamed seed bun. I paid 70 cents extra for a generous slice of cheddar (American comes standard), and could have gotten jack, Swiss or mozzarella. My buddy Daryl with a smaller waistline and appetite enjoyed the Hot



'N' Hunky Cheeseburger (\$2.84). Both were medium rare and juicy, with a nice char-grilled flavor.

There's a little stand for relishes like pickles, mayonnaise, and jalapeno peppers, and you can help yourself. Milk shakes (\$2.50) are calorically sinful but yummy since Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream is used. In the great old tradition, the container is furnished so you can get seconds and even thirds. For those not wishing to look like the Graf Zeppelin, Soho Natural Soda (\$1.05) and other beverages are available.

My only complaint goes to the French fries (99 cents), which had a good flavor but were either insufficiently aged or not dried out, because some of them tended to clump together. Probably just an off day at an otherwise first rate hamburger joint, which your hot hunk (me!) (?) can recommend wholeheartedly for world class hamburgers, great shakes, and nostalgic atmosphere.

Hot 'N' Hunky, 1305 Polk Street (near Bush), San Francisco, tel. 931-1004. Also at 1946 Market and 4039 18th Street. Open from 11 a.m. - midnight Sun. - Thurs. to 1 a.m. Fri. & Sat. Cash only.

Bombay Palace, which also has branches in New York, Beverly Hills, London and Hong Kong, is visually stunning. The brick walls of The Cannery are offset by a white and pink pastel decor pattern. The tables are candlelit — you can see through glass windows into the kitchen. You can gaze down at the endless procession of tourists on Beach Street and know that you're doing something special and your visitors will have something about which to talk on

Even the half order is a generous portion. Even if you've never tried Indian food, I'm almost willing to guarantee you'll love tandoori chicken. Tandoori prawns (\$15.95) is another dish benefiting from this cooking process, and very appropriate to order in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Tandoori mixed grill (\$17.95) is a good way to try a little of everything.

To get a little more ethnic, try the keema nan (\$3.25) as a side dish — it's

the way home. (There's no dress code, by the way, all are welcome.) Now some of you skeptics may be saying — "Indian food is curry and weird stuff. What could my Aunt Emma possibly like at the Bombay Palace?" To that, dear friends and fellow lovers of life, I can give a one word reply: "Tandoori."

Frankly, I'm surprised that tandoori cooking hasn't passed into the American mainstream more than it has. A special clay oven reaches an internal temperature of 800°F, and this sears in the flavor but leaves the meat juicy. I don't think any chicken lover alive could resist the Bombay Palace's succulent murgh tandoori (tandoori chicken) (\$7.95 half order; \$14.95 full order), marinated in yogurt and other spices and seared to a juicy perfection.



Hot 'n' Hunky: Two triple squeeze, side order of fries.

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Bombay Palace, Leavenworth and Beach Streets in The Cannery, San Francisco, tel. 776-3666. Open for lunch every day from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; for dinner from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Sun. - Thurs. to 10:30 p.m. Fri & Sat. Accepts V, MC, AE, DC.

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SPORTS

SPORTSCOPE

by Jack 'Irene' McGowan

Goodbye Candlestick! Hello China Basin! As Mayor Agnos' campaign gets rolling, we gays in favor of it should let our support be known loud and clear. And support there is among sports-minded gays, the number of which greatly exceed those influenced by the self-acclaimed power brokers of the Toklas & Milk clubs. Conservatively speaking, there are 10,000 of us.

If you add that to our friends and relatives you are talking about a damn large bloc of voters. I dare the Rec-Park to continue to ignore us. And incidentally Mayor Agnos has given us a guarantee that we will be treated fairly in the future. Candlestick for future Gay Games and Gay World Series are distinct possibilities. The mayor will support us.

be a boon to the new transit lines already financially committed to serving the Mission Bay development, which will go on with or without the proposed stadium.

The value of a major league franchise, whether it be baseball or football, to the economy of American cities is a proven fact. Why else would Chicago pay over \$100 million to keep the lowly White Sox?

Also ask the citizens and officials of a rejuvenated Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . recently chosen as the best major city in the U.S.A. to live . . . for the second straight year. . . . how important the Three River Stadium was to the remarkable rebirth of their city.

The same goes for Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium and even to the minor league city of Buffalo, which has attracted new industry and unexpected growth since their construction of a major league type stadium. . . . over 1,000,000 attendance for a Triple A team.

Our recent voting patterns have shown that the gay community has grown beyond the realm of a special interest group. We have proved ourselves to be a major and vital part of the city of San Francisco. While its prosperity and success is ours to enjoy, we have acknowledged that it is also our responsibility to maintain and enhance that prosperity. Voting yes on Proposition P continues that pattern.

The proposed stadium will ensure continued vitality and a San Francisco that will attract not only tourists but new business and new families, both straight and gay.

I empathize with those gays who rightfully worry about the ever-present despair of AIDS and fear that the financing of the new stadium will somehow effect the financial burden we as San Franciscans face now and in the future. However, the Mayor assured those in attendance at his recent meeting with the gay press that any monies involved would not in anyway come from funds allotted towards AIDS. He emphasized that the first year of his term saw a 36 percent increase in AIDS funding and such funding will remain the number one priority in his administration.

In order for the city of San Francisco to live up to its commitment to the AIDS crisis, it must be a fiscally sound entity. The mayor contends, and I agree, that the approval of the China Basin stadium and the retention of both the Giants and the 49'ers will ensure just that.

I sincerely hope that those gays who come out to support the Domestic Partner bill will also support Mayor Agnos and his China Basin proposal. Both propositions will make San Francisco a better city for its citizens, be they gay or straight.

Until next time, keep winning. And remember, if you can't play a sport, be one.

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TSUNAMI CONTINUES ITS RECORD SETTING PACE

by Jeff Allen

Welcome to Santa Cruz, this sunny beach and surf town whose famed boardwalk attracts thousands a year to its amusement park. The salty ocean air mixes with the smell of processed sugar and french fries bubbling in oil. Families, tourists, and beefy guys wearing trendy rubber sunglasses stroll down the honky-tonk walkway to queue up for one of many rides, or play the funky arcades.

Ralph Doore, a 32-year-old computer consultant from San Francisco, is standing in line with a companion for a ride on the "Giant Dipper," the boardwalk's rickety wooden roller coaster.

"How long is the ride?" Doore's nervous companion asks the ticket taker.

"Two minutes," the ticket man replies.

"Yeah, two minutes," Doore says, "but it'll seem like forever."

The ride, with its steep ascents, sharp drops, and whipping turns *did* feel like an eternity, but it didn't compare to the scary event Doore had experienced about an hour before—swimming the 200 meter butterfly!

Doore, a member of the Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Club, had come to UC-Santa Cruz, a few miles from the boardwalk, to compete in the 1989 Pacific Masters Long Course Swimming Championships.

Tsunami took an overall fifth place in the meet, held July 28-30, with teammates registering 102 personal best times, setting 21 team records, and 35 San Francisco Recreation and Park records.

Doore swam his best time, 3:34.35, in the 200 m fly, plus personal bests in the 100m fly, 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke.

"Even though they were my personal bests, I was still hoping for better in all my events," Doore said. "I was way off my yardage times."

Keith "Coveman" Sklower, 37, also a computer programmer, demonstrated once again the tenacity of a bulldog in grabbing a personal best of 3:40.40 in the 200 individual medley. He also tackled the 800m freestyle, the 200m breaststroke, and the 400 individual medley.

"Because my practice times were slower, I expected to do poorly, so I'm pleased that I did as well as I did," said Sklower, who took second place in both the 200m fly and 400 I.M.

He has won the admiration of his teammates for tackling a grueling sport late in life—and taking on some of the toughest events.

"The only way I can get a ribbon and get points of the team is to enter events few people will enter," Sklower said.

The meet, which lasted nearly 12 hours one day and 10 hours another, was also the scene of other Tsunami triumphs, some profoundly gutsy.

Forget what you've been told about low helper T-cells. One swimmer, who months ago had undergone chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma, grabbed a personal best in the

GAY SPORTS DAY ON ANGEL ISLAND

San Francisco FrontRunners are again sponsoring Gay Sports Day on Angel Island, the eighth year of this event. It will take place on Sunday, September 17. The event is open to everyone, free of charge, and all gay and lesbian sports clubs in the Bay Area have been invited to attend.

A full program of sporting activities will take place at the East Garrison Field—a run around the island led by the FrontRunners, a hike, volleyball, softball, cycling and football. There will be a potluck brunch and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and drinks for yourself. FrontRunners will light the two barbecues, so feel free to bring anything you'd like to barbecue for yourself.

The ferry will depart from San Francisco, Pier 49½ at 10:50 a.m., fare \$7.00 round trip. Ferries depart hourly from Tiburon starting at 10:00 a.m., fare \$4.00 round trip. Extra charge for bikes. Places on the ferries cannot be guaranteed so you are advised to arrive early.

For information on ferry times call Angel Island information, 435-1915 after Labor Day. For more information on the event call Mike, 863-9987 or David, 621-8142.

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