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**A N O P E N I N G W O R D**

Lavender Reader is published quarterly as a community project of Santa Cruz County's gay and lesbian political alliance, the Freedom Democratic Caucus. The reader serves our gay and lesbian community by providing a forum for the discussion and analysis of those issues and topics that most concern our local and national community.

Though we are affiliated with the FDC, our content is not confined to electoral or partisan politics. On the contrary, we are editorially independent and hope to speak the collective mind of our community as best we can. We will provide our readers with news, reviews, profiles of community members, interviews, poetry, original fiction, organization updates, photography, and as complete a three-month calendar as can be produced.

The size and diversity of the lesbian and gay community in Santa Cruz County is really quite amazing. This reader is a celebration of that fact. It is our hope that with its publication, this quarterly will facilitate an aggressive effort to better network within our own community as well as with the community at large. We are a varied bunch...with an incredible number of organizations representing and serving the needs of thousands of gay and lesbian people. Future issues of this quarterly will provide interested groups with the opportunity and space to promote who they are and what they're up to.

The health and strength of any political/social movement is based to a large degree on an open, uninhibited dialogue between its participants. We therefore solicit and encourage your responses. They will be printed as space permits in future issues.

Finally, a word regarding our sponsors. They are the businesses and individuals in the community who make this publication possible through their generous support. Publishing is expensive...and we need to be supported with advertising revenue. If the opportunity presents itself, let these people know you appreciate their sponsorship of this endeavor.

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**COMMUNITY AT LARGE**

**Santa Cruz AIDS Project: Update**

The SANTA CRUZ AIDS PROJECT announces the hiring of its new Executive Director, Gerald W. Landers: Previously employed at Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital and volunteer director of SCAP since its inception, Gerald will officially take his post on September 29. The Project will officially open its doors on September 29 in its new offices located at 234 Santa Cruz Avenue, Seacliff, Aptos, CA 95003. The new office telephone number is (408) 688-7641. The HOTLINE telephone number will remain the same: 458-4999.

The Project has spent this summer continuing to perform the direct services to its clients and anyone requesting information or needing counseling. There continues to be a Monday evening group for men with an AIDS and/or ARC (AIDS Related Condition) diagnosis. On Wednesday night there is a support group for anyone with a HIV positive test result. In October there will be a kick off for a group for Family, Friends and Loved Ones of people who are sick. Educators are available for speaking engagements to all requesting groups. Information and requests can be submitted in writing to SCAP, P.O. Box 5142, Santa Cruz, CA 95063 or by calling 458-4999.

In October there will be a reception and fund-raiser for SCAP to be held at the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union, October 23 from 5:30 till 7 pm. The work of Gypsy Ray and Carter Wilson will be on display, depicting our struggle with AIDS. Everyone is invited to come and share this touching essay of photojournalism and support our organization.



**No On 64 Benefit Raises \$3700.00**

Anybody who attended the No on 64 kick-off benefit concert starring the Pearl Divers can attest to the phenomenal success of the evening. Nearly 500 people attended the debut of the newly re-formed all-woman Motown, R&B band. Camp Cafe was on hand to provide desserts and a non-alcoholic beverage bar. The Vets

Hall never looked better thanks to the wild inspiration of the Pineapple Princess and Mr. Bill Taylor. A special thanks to the women who made the evening happen: Jane Sax, Doro Reeves, Nancy Kasper, Cacky Gater, Elaine Begelman, Cheri Toney, and Lynn Lollar.

**FDC Retreat**

The Freedom Democratic Caucus will be holding an organizational retreat on December 7th in order to map-out the direction the caucus will be taking next year. The retreat is open to those interested in playing an active role in the coming year. RSVPs and information: Lola Gold, 426-6077.

**Scan Calendar**

In an effort to improve communication and networking in the progressive community, the Santa Cruz Action Network has begun to maintain a long-term community calendar at their Cedar St. office. If your organization is planning an event that is open to the entire community, give Glen Schaller a call at 458-9425, and have him notate it.



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The Morning Star Early Music Ensemble will be seen in their performance of "Mostly Monteverdi" on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 8:00 pm. The performance will be held in the acoustically marvelous and beautiful Holy Cross Church at the corner of Emmet and High Streets in Santa Cruz.

One other unique feature of this concert will be the continuo organ used. Built here in Santa Cruz by *Vischer Associates*, virtually every stage of construction is modeled after methods perfected over 400 years ago (the only part not powered by the organist is the wind supply).

The choir first got started over two years ago as a small group meeting weekly to sing a style of early American music called Sacred Harp. They had no performance ambitions. Since then, the Morning Star Choir has given three concerts in the area with Will Russell directing.

Will Russell: "I am not a musician, I am learning to be a musician — maybe one day I'll be there ... I have a fantasy of myself as Bugs Bunny directing a huge symphony at the Hollywood Bowl, and my nemesis in the form of Yosemite Sam yells from the audience: 'He's a fake, a fraud. This piece is in 6/8 not in 4. There's the down-beat, you idiot!'"

"I love music, and the excitement of performing, but more important to me is the opportunity it provides for me to learn from and spend time with people whose talents I respect.

"The choral part of this group is made up of people from so many unlikely backgrounds. We have PhD's in Mathematics singing next to bi-lingual educators, a nurse, a computer scientist, and a carpenter ... Everyone in the group has a great love for music, or they wouldn't work so hard, but not all of them have the training. That is something else which lends to

the excitement. We are all learning — and the enthusiasm which that generates among the singers comes out in their performance."

Tickets at the door will be a very reasonable \$4.00. Don't miss out!

**Gay Radio Soap Opera Debuts**

A new gay radio soap opera will debut this fall on our own Closet Free Radio. A production of Detro and Friends, "Silver Springs" will be set in a university town on the Oregon coast. According to its producer, "Silver Springs" is "a continuing series of the lives, loves, hopes, and dreams of a people coming-out and staying out in the '80s. A time cast spell that you won't forget because you are the story." Silver Springs premieres on KZSC's Closet Free Radio, 88.1 FM, Monday, October 27 at 8:30 pm.

**MCC: Update**

MCC has a new "Worship Coordinator," Ms. Marsha Alary, who is the assistant district manager for the Fellowship. MCC Santa Cruz has changed, we have improved, come visit us. For more information, please call Ron or Vern at 423-9000.

**Nuclear Freeze Marathon Dance**

Dance teams are forming now for "Dance Your Nukes Off" (DYNO for short), a twelve-hour dance marathon to benefit the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Santa Cruz Civic. A portion of the money raised will go into a special media fund to buy television time to reach a wider audience than ever before with the Freeze message.

The marathon will feature eight live bands, including Rhythmical, The Randy Masters Band, The Continental Drifters, The Same and more.

The challenge is fun and fund-raising rather than endurance. People are encouraged to form dance teams which will split up the marathon — a member of the team will be on the floor at all times and everyone on the team will receive credit for every hour danced by the entire team. Each team member gets sponsors who pledge a certain amount per hour danced by the team.

To the individuals who raise the most money, we will award special prizes, including airfare for two to Hawaii and a two-night visit for two at Sorensen's all-season resort in the Sierra Nevada. Prizes will also be awarded for the best team name and the best costume.

The time to get started is now! For more information and for sponsor sheets, call the Freeze at 458-9975 or come by the office at 320-G Cedar St., Santa Cruz. Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success.

**Obituary**



In memory of Chaz (d. August 1986), member of the San Francisco Gay Marching Band. Not a Santa Cruzan, but a friend and welcome visitor. (Photograph by Randy Clark after the Mission Fiesta Parade, 1984)



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**NO ON 64 BENEFITS**

A shedule of events for the last 30 days in the campaign against the LaRouche AIDS Initiative.

**Saturday, October 4**

**Green Supper:** The third in a series of monthly community suppers to encourage networking of progressive people and groups in Santa Cruz. Dinner begins at 5:30. Entertainment at 7:00 featuring Rebecca Adams & Patti Mattison \$3-\$5 at door

Post-Supper Event:  
*The Pink Door* — a benefit housewarming  
8 pm-midnight  
Call 423-7930 for information

**Sunday, October 12**

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Pre-Show Events:

\* **Camp Cafe** presents a reception and dinner at the home of Ken and Mardi Wormhoudt.  
5:30-7:00  
\$7-\$10 sliding scale. Call 425-6577 for reservations.

\* Blue Lagoon Presents

**The History of Camp Fashion:** A show and tea dance beginning at 4 pm

**Saturday, October 18**

The UCSC Gay and Lesbian community presents

**Sixties Dance**

For further information, call 425-6577

**Saturday & Sunday, October 18 & 19**

**Heartwood Spa Benefit:** A share of the weekend's income to be forwarded to the campaign  
Noon-11 pm  
Call 462-2192 for details

**Sunday, October 26**

**Poetry Reading:**

Adrienne Rich, Ellen Bass and Randy Clark  
7:30, Louden Nelson Center Auditorium  
\$4 advance, \$5-\$10 at the door

**Pre-Show Event:**  
**Camp Cafe** presents a reception and fresh pasta dinner  
6 pm, Louden Nelson Center. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Reservations required — call 425-6577

**Friday, October 31**

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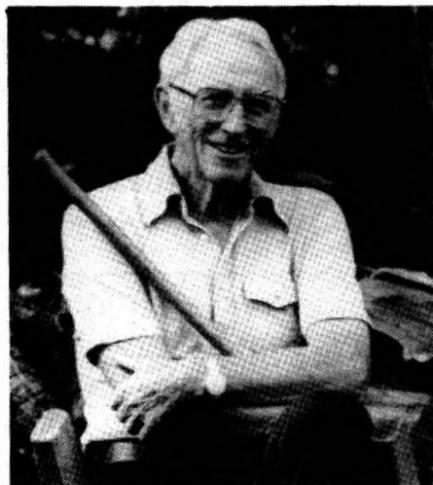
Since I last wrote for these pages, gay men and women have increasingly come under political siege — the Supreme Court acted against private consensual sexual acts, the followers of Lyndon LaRouche qualified Proposition 64 for the November ballot, a Justice Department opinion subjected people with AIDS to legal discrimination, and the Governor refused to sign anti-AIDS discrimination legislation.

In the midst of this craziness, the superpowers are tensing up over spies, politicians are grandstanding over "Jar Wars" drug testing, and Ed Zschau is running television advertisements featuring graphic pictures of people killed in terrorist activities — trying to convince you his opponent is personally responsible. Meanwhile, the numbers of homeless grow, farmers go bankrupt, and Gramm-Rudman cuts funds to people who need it the most.

It makes you wonder how times will ever be different, and how we can find the strength to stand up and fight politically until they do. The answer can be found in the legacy of Hugh DeLacy — a local political activist who passed away recently at the age of 76.

I first met Hugh about 10 years ago, when he was active in the Save Soquel organization. After casually asking him what he had done for a living prior to his retirement, he responded that he had "been a carpenter, a builder, active in the labor movement, and I was a congressman for awhile ...." From his recent memorial service at Loudon Nelson Center, attended by hundreds, it was clear that he was more than that.

Active in the labor movement, Hugh was elected to the Seattle City Council in the late 1930s. His tenure there was marked by increased participation and



Hugh DeLacy

concern for working people, but practical achievements — like the floating bridge — also were a result of his work.

In 1944, Hugh was elected to Congress from Seattle. He teamed up with the few very progressive representatives at the time — such as Helen Gahagan Douglas of California and Vito Marcantonio of New York — in an attempt to keep the House honest on issues of concern. He lasted one term, being defeated for re-election in the Republican landslide of 1946. He is probably the only member of Congress in this century to be a carpenter both before and after his congressional service.

He then moved on to activism within the Progressive Party, coordinating the presidential campaign of Henry Wallace in Ohio during 1948.

As the '50s unfolded, Hugh was caught in the Red Scare nonsense of the House Un-American Activities Committee. At his memorial service was displayed his subpoena to the committee.

In this era, he met Dorothy Baskin Forest — to become his wife — who had been called in front of a judge to "name names" of former political associates. Her attorney spoke at Hugh's service, and the description of that proceeding reminds me of the bad times we are in now.

Dorothy was told by the judge to arrange "permanent child care" for her three-year-old, because she was going to jail until she agreed to "name names." As it was related, the judge said she had the "key to her freedom in her head" — and her attorney responded, "but, your honor, she has the Constitution in her heart."

Hugh and Dorothy continued their activism until they came to Santa Cruz County in the early 1970s. They were very active in the Save Soquel movement, and because of the work of that group there is not a development with hundreds of condominiums on an extension of 41st Avenue in Soquel.

Hugh was also active in campaigns for the Santa Cruz City Council and the Board of Supervisors. He was proud of the progressive majorities, and thought that his theory of making a difference was proven in Santa Cruz. There was seldom a fundraiser where Hugh didn't stand up and make the money pitch.

His backing for Robley Levy in 1984 caused one last incident of red-baiting. Levy's opponent, Dave Tunno, accused Levy of having supporters whose loyalty was questionable. There was such a big stink that many political observers think this incident began the real momentum that gave Robley such a resounding victory in that election.

So it was moving to hear of Hugh's achievements over 50 years of political activism. He touched many lives, and

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# THE MENACE OF IGNORANCE

The first time I heard about Lyndon LaRouche was under a freeway in Seattle. It was several years ago, and I had a newly acquired identity as a Serious Leftist, which allowed me to understand the world much better than I do now. So imagine my confusion when I came across a flyer — pasted to a concrete pillar — by the U.S. Labor Party ("Never heard of them," I thought).

"Henry Kissinger, you have betrayed the American People," it read. "We are ready to debate you at any time," etc., etc.

"What a stupid idea," I thought. "You don't *debate* the ruling class." I read on. Rantings and ravings about David Rockefeller and international banking. Nothing about the working class, unions, oppression or revolution. This was a labor party? None of it fit together. None of it made any sense.

"These people are nuts," I concluded, walking away. "Must be CIA." Many things have changed since then, but that brief assessment has stood the test of time: Lyndon LaRouche is still a nut, and he and his cohorts still have stupid ideas. For example: Queen Elizabeth is a kingpin (he really does say "kingpin") in international drug trade. Another example: AIDS is a plot by the Soviet Union to weaken Western nations. Another: the International Monetary Fund is part of this conspiracy, using AIDS to rid Africa of "excess eaters."

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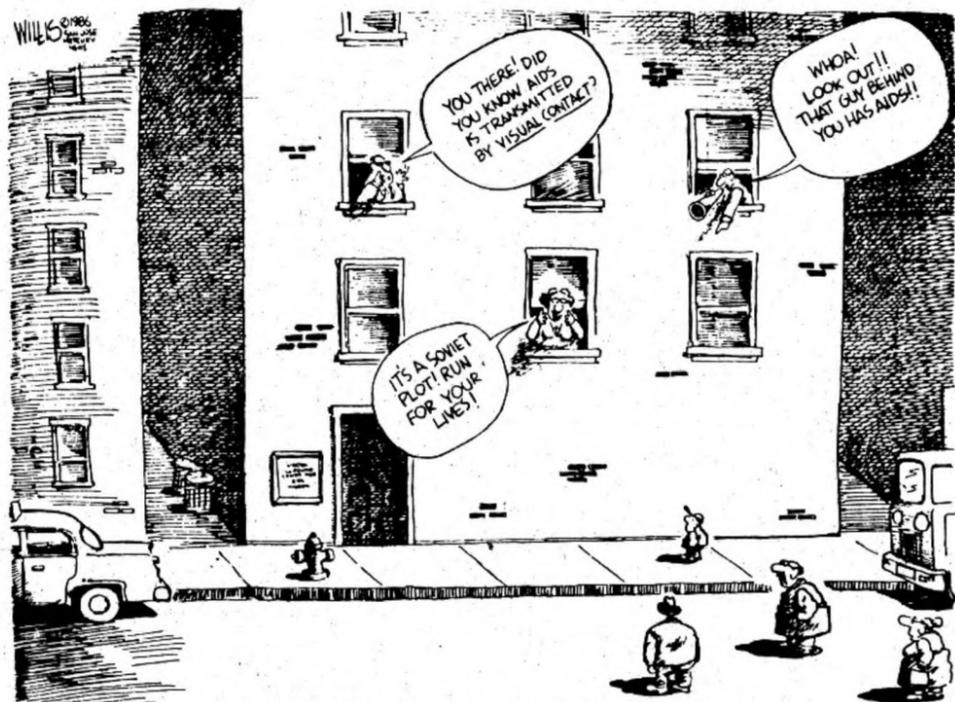
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“The tactic of vicious attacks on opponents is a favorite with LaRouche people. A New Hampshire reporter who published an expose' of LaRouche found his three cats killed and laid on his porch on three successive days.”

Now, here's another example of LaRouche thinking: it is possible to convince a majority of California voters to vote for reporting, restricting, maybe even quarantine of people with AIDS. Not so outlandish. By signing the LaRouche initiative petitions, 700,000 people agreed that such an idea belongs on the ballot, and on November 4, California voters get to decide if LaRouche's thinking — Proposition 64 — will become state law.

How is this possible? A friend told me that he had gone to a Grateful Dead concert at Berkeley's Greek Theater. "There was this guy there



THE LYNDON LAROUCHE CENTER FOR AIDS Hysteria Scott Willis - Mercury News

who said that if we wanted to stop AIDS we should sign this petition. We didn't know what it was but it sounded okay, so a bunch of us signed it." He looks away and sets his jaw. "I'm never signing anything again before I know all about it."

There was another side to the signature gathering.

"I'm a public health nurse," declares a woman from the audience at the first meeting of Santa Cruz Stop LaRouche/No on 64. "I saw these people collecting signatures in front of K-Mart." She tells the meeting that the LaRouche people were telling prospective signers that AIDS can be spread by casual contact. "I went up to them and told them that I was a public health nurse and that what they were saying wasn't accurate. And this guy says, 'As soon as we take over, we're gonna get bimbos like you.'"

Santa Cruz City Councilmember John

Laird confirms the stories. "I got all kinds of calls from people saying they were being harrassed. If they didn't sign, the LaRouche people would hound them and say they had AIDS."

The signature gathering abuses were so rampant that California Secretary of State March Fong Eu officially warned the aptly-named PANIC (Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee — the LaRouche/Yes on 64 people) that they would face charges if they didn't clean up their act.

The tactic of vicious attacks on opponents is a favorite with LaRouche people. A New Hampshire reporter who pub-

lished an expose' of LaRouche found his three cats killed and laid on his porch on three successive days. In July Chicago *Tribune* columnist Mike Royko, an outspoken critic of LaRouche, was treated to a picket line of LaRouche people in front of his office, chanting, "Why hasn't Royko taken the AIDS test? What is he hiding?"

PANIC now characterizes the entire No on 64 movement as a Soviet plot. In September, when a San Jose *Mercury* reporter called PANIC for a comment on the credentials of a former LaRouche supporter, the PANIC spokesperson refused to talk to him, saying, "I don't speak Russian."

But a well-rounded picture of the LaRouche people includes more than the off-the-wall reactionary ideas and the organization's abusive public persona.

There's the legal stuff: LaRouche affiliates are under investigation by a federal grand jury in Boston for credit card fraud. He is being sued in New Jersey for racketeering and fraud. The charges in both these cases, by the way, involve getting people's credit card numbers, then raising campaign funds by making unauthorized charges to them. In Virginia in September, LaRouche was fined \$200 a day for refusing either to pay a judgment against him in a suit he lost to NBC, or to disclose the sources of his income. Although the man lives in a heavily guarded estate of 171 acres in Virginia, he told the court he has no income, that he was like "an impecunious uncle," traveling from place to place, never knowing who was paying his bills.

The foibles of the PANIC/Yes on 64 people have been no more impressive. In August, a judge in Sacramento ruled that three statements in the argument for Prop 64 were "false or misleading," and ordered them removed from the voter pamphlet. (This has never happened before in California.)

A little while later, one of PANIC's "experts," a man named Gus Sermos, who was one of three who signed the ballot argument for the proposition, announced that he *opposed* the initiative.

He said he hadn't really understood the implications of Prop 64 when he signed the argument, and if he had, he wouldn't have signed. Of the monolithic phalanx of medical organizations arrayed against the proposition, Sermos said, "Who am I against all them?"

So, as far as one can tell, these LaRouche folks lie, cheat, steal, and see things that aren't really there. Why on earth does anyone pay any attention to them? Because there is a method to their madness. LaRouche is unlikely to win many enemies when he attacks the banks, as he has for years. When he attacks Jews and rails against "the Zionist octopus," as he has also done for years, he is shrewdly tapping into a centuries-old tradition of anti-Semitism.

When the LaRouche people tell Californians that AIDS is spread by mosquitos or sneezing, they are feeding the worst fears of an already frightened populace. And when they tell the public that these "facts" about AIDS are being withheld by the government because of the strength of the male homosexual lobby, they are mining the rich and vast reserves of homophobia. In this sense, LaRouche is not really an isolated political anomaly, as we are often led to believe. Rather, he is more like a blunt and ill-behaved relative of the

conservative camp, and a rather close relative at that.

LaRouche is not the only one using this epidemic to advance his name politically. Recently, for example, the District of Columbia City Council passed a measure which would ban insurance discrimination against those testing positive for the HTLV-3 virus, presumed to cause AIDS. Although all D.C. laws can be reviewed and overruled by Congress, few are. But the insurance law was quickly drawn into Congress by Rep. William Dannemeyer of California and Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

The Senate has already voted to overturn the measure. And some of those who voted to uphold the law are finding themselves in the line of the Christian Right's fire. "We don't think AIDS should have civil rights," commented Larry Pratt, founder of the Virginia-based Committee to Protect the Family, in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times*. He added that Congresspeople should be "held accountable for voting to support homosexual privileges."

The Committee has run radio ads in one district in North Carolina ridiculing the local congressperson — who is up for reelection — for supporting the D.C.

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# Speaking Out on Prop. 64

by Randy Clark

Like it or not, all of us from time to time are put in the position of speaking for other lesbians and gay men — it happens in conversations with nongay friends, in classroom discussions, coffee-house arguments, and so forth. So, even for readers who don't consider themselves public speakers, it seems worthwhile to review the lessons of a recent San Jose meeting of people who plan to publicly voice their opposition to the LaRouche initiative.

The meeting was held on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Billy DeFrank Community Center. It was facilitated by Wiggy Sivertsen of San Jose State and attended by about 40 people, of whom 10 or so live in Santa Cruz County or the Salinas Valley. Most of the information presented was familiar, but the gathering was valuable because it was an opportunity to get together, to organize and clarify the reasons why Prop. 64 must be defeated, and to hear some pointers on explaining those

reasons to the public. Here are some of the main issues:

## AIDS is not "the gay disease"

Probably the most important point to make is that the whole premise of the initiative — and those who support it — is a falsehood: the mistaken fear that AIDS can be spread by casual contact, especially contact with gay people. This simply isn't true. There is no evidence that AIDS has ever been transmitted casually, and there is plenty of evidence that it is transmitted *only* by the transfer of blood or semen (and possibly vaginal fluids, though this is unconfirmed).

Nor does anyone get AIDS simply by being in a high-risk group. AIDS is contracted by high-risk *behavior*. This applies to everybody. Don't hesitate to emphasize this distinction.

## The initiative is a political ploy

The LaRouche people introduced the initiative not out of a concern for our

health, but to help themselves gain political power. Don't be afraid to mention LaRouche's name and his background — he is unpopular. But don't dwell on him too much — it is the proposition, not his name, that will appear on the ballot.

## The initiative is poor law

It is worth pointing out to your listeners, regardless of what they think about AIDS or homosexuality, that Prop. 64 is so poorly worded it would make bad law. No one knows just how it might be enforced, or what effect it might have. There is a chance that it would require forced HTLV-III testing or the reporting of people merely *suspected* of carrying AIDS. This would infringe on the rights of *all* Californians, not merely members of the high-risk groups. There is also a danger of quarantine, which would have to be enforced, if at all, in a haphazard, selective fashion.

Enforced testing, informing, or qua-

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## BLUE LAGOON

### NO ON 64 BENEFIT

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# AIDS, LaRouche and Women

by Alison Claire

In the early months of the AIDS epidemic, many lesbians (myself included) unthinkingly accepted the dangerous stereotype of AIDS as a gay men's disease and a gay male issue. It's taken the homophobic backlash of recent years and the tragic impact of death on our community to change that. AIDS has affected us all.

So when California supporters of Lyndon LaRouche began peddling their PANIC initiative earlier this year, lesbians (and straight women!) appeared at the forefront of organized opposition. A statewide Women's Coalition working against Prop. 64 includes representatives of the National Women's Political Caucus, NOW and the National Council of Jewish Women on its steering committee. In Los Angeles, Lesbians Against LaRouche raises money and consciousness among women. Three thousand lesbians at the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival this Labor Day weekend raised \$20,000 for the No on 64 campaign — \$14,000 in one night. Here in Santa Cruz, women play leading roles on the campaign steering committee and task forces.

Lesbian participation is crucial to the success of the Stop LaRouche/No on 64 effort. Prop. 64 is *not* just a gay men's problem — it's a lesbian and feminist issue as well. Certainly many of us are motivated by concern for our gay brothers, who have already suffered so much and would bear the brunt of Prop. 64. But in fighting this initiative we are also fighting for ourselves.

Women also get AIDS. Women die. Women give birth to babies already acutely ill with AIDS. Most are women of color. Prop. 64 would further deny privacy, jobs, education and even personal freedom to those women already most stigmatized and discriminated against: women of color, addicted women, and prostitutes (already scapegoated in the political brouhaha over the AIDS "threat").

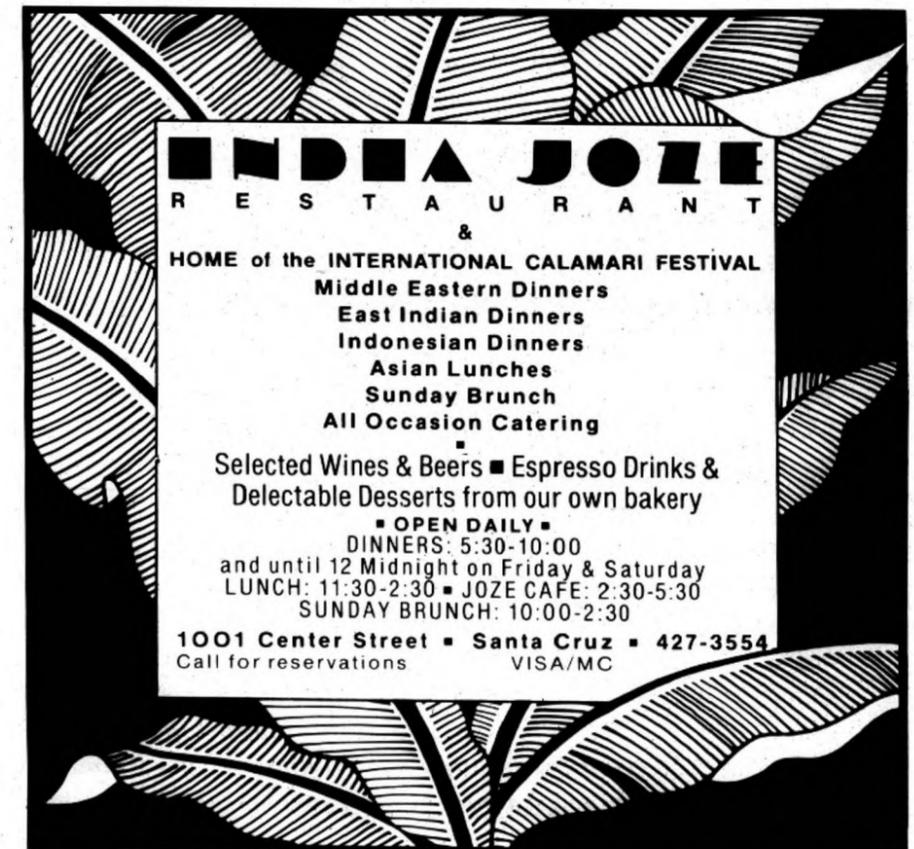
Lesbian women have already suffered the stinging homophobic backlash of public response to AIDS. We've watched panic about the disease fuel prejudice and serve as a front for simple queer-hating.

The general public erroneously believes that gay women are an AIDS "high risk group." We certainly *are* at high risk politically. The *response* to AIDS — hysteria and fear of gay people as contaminating agents — affects lesbians and gay men equally. Prop. 64 could worsen the situation dramatically.

Lyndon LaRouche himself is doubly dangerous to lesbians — as anti-gay, and as misogynist. Back in his pseudo-Marxist days, LaRouche blamed "nagging working-class wives" for the failure

of workers to rise in revolution! Feminists, especially lesbian feminists, have long stressed the interconnectedness of oppressions, the need to struggle against *all* forms of bigotry. LaRouche the anti-Semite, the racist, the woman-hater, the homophobe, is a threat to women everywhere.

The campaign to stop LaRouche and his obscene AIDS initiative depends on lesbian and gay unity in *action*. Moral support posing as solidarity just doesn't cut it. Moral support alone can't raise the funds, run the campaign, get out the vote. We need all the woman power of this vibrant lesbian community to defeat Prop. 64 at the polls in November, defeat it so resoundingly that similar attempts across the nation will be thwarted before they even get off the ground.



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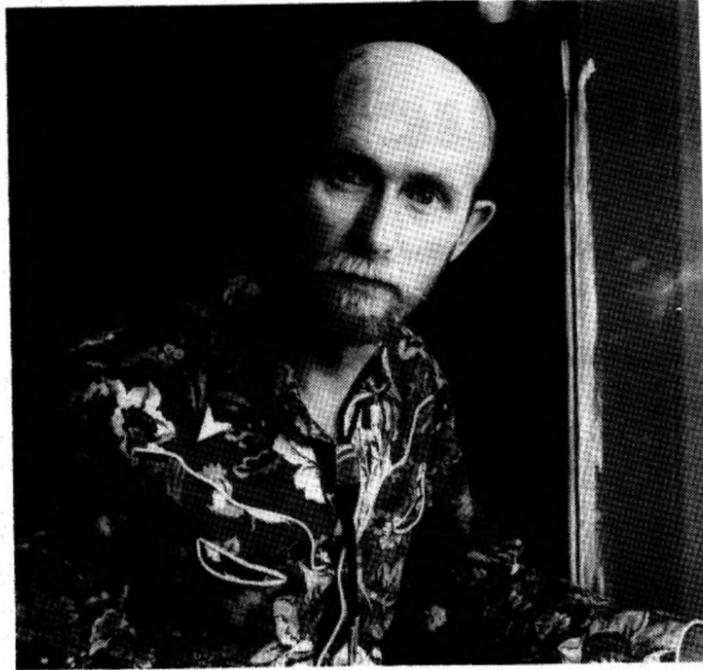
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# Gypsy Ray – One Response to AIDS

*I have been living with AIDS for 4 years and four months. There is a life to live after an AIDS diagnosis. A life that has become more meaningful and fulfilling than ever before. Learning to meet the challenges of AIDS, and learning to reach out to others with compassion and love have given me a greater sense of myself. I am thankful for the loving support I have received from my family and friends, and all the loving and caring I have received from the San Francisco gay community.*

**- Ron Carey**



*In the past four years of working with people with AIDS, I feel like I've experienced the best and the worst of humanity. I've had the very precious opportunity to share in rich moments of people's (strangers') lives, to feel the strength, courage, love, sorrow, and pain that each person dealing with AIDS has to confront — and I've felt enraged at the homophobia and racism that has shaped this government's response to this great tragedy, enraged at its misguided priorities of war that only create more hardship and suffering. Mostly, it's served to keep me well on track, to recommit me to working for a more just society and to begin to get a mere glimpse of understanding of life and death.*

**- Marie Swafford, RN**

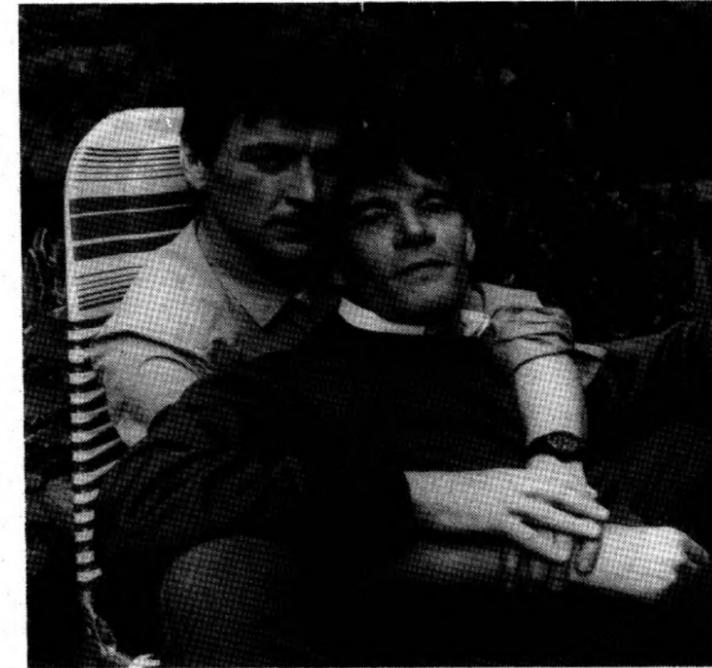
**S**ome issues demand a response. When AIDS struck the gay community especially hard I decided to contribute my skills as a photographer to create an educational exhibit concerning AIDS. I began work in November of 1985 and what you see here is some of the work to date.

**T**he strength in these photographs and statements can be attributed in great part to the willingness of those participating to be portrayed honestly. I wish to acknowledge them and thank them.

**T**he exhibit in progress is designed to let individuals speak out who might otherwise not have the chance. At this time I am hoping to work in Santa Cruz County documenting the effects of the disease where I live.

**- Gypsy Ray**

Most of Gypsy's work has been donated, but her ability to photograph in Santa Cruz is dependent upon receiving funds to cover production and supplies. She is sponsored by the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, so all donations are tax deductible. Please support this invaluable exhibit. Send donations to SCAP - PHOTO EXHIBIT, P.O. Box 5142, Santa Cruz, CA 95063.

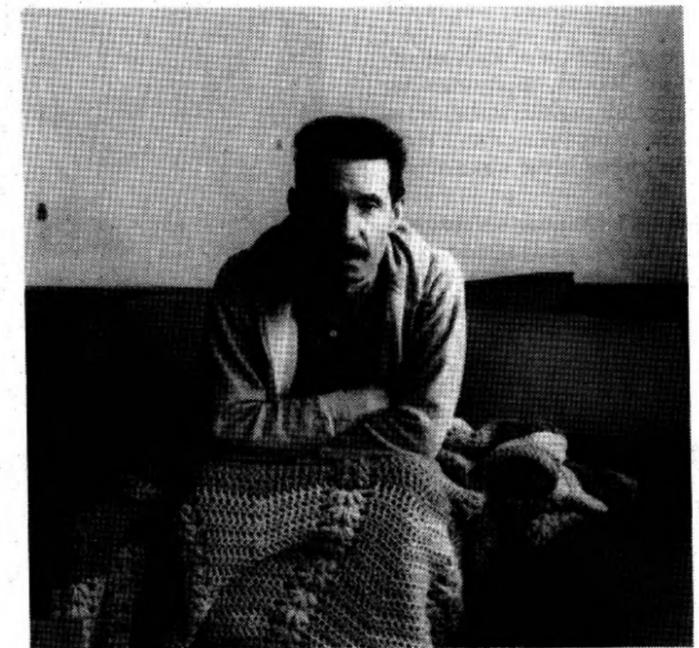


*Faggots don't die! You just fuck them and forget their name. We just recycle all the fantasies we get and give.*

*June 15th, 1985, Bob calls. He says, "I have AIDS." Suddenly I hear a clock, like the sound of an old wind-up type/start marking time. Giving me/us a new kind of insomnia. Fearful, that all we have been told about this cancer is true. Fearful, that all we hope for is futile and we should face the truth.*

*... the truth, 'We do die.'*

**- Moss Patrick Adams**



*My life is my disease, and vice versa. I have an unwilling pact with it to share my body and thus it has been for two years. Being Romanian/Irish by heritage and ornery by design, I seem able always to keep a step ahead of where the disease says I should be going; it challenges, I fight back. And so go the days, the ultimate game of push and shove. I'm not winning; I can't win. But I can revel in the friendships that are my solace, my sustenance and my survival.*

**- Jon Hedu**

# LaRouche: The Man and His Proposition

On July 17th, over 70 people gathered at the Loudon Nelson Center to organize a Santa Cruz chapter of the state-wide STOP LaRouche campaign. The meeting, spear-headed by the Freedom Democratic Caucus, had been called shortly after the LaRouche Initiative — now Proposition 64 — had qualified for the November ballot. Present at the meeting were representatives from the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN), the New Jewish Agenda, the Rainbow Coalition and the Rainbow Ensemble. Since that initial meeting, the campaign in Santa Cruz County has set up an office in the Good Times building, and has organized several committees for the many tasks that lie ahead.



National Caucus of Labor Committees, with the goal of establishing a workers' government in the United States.

By the 1970s, however, LaRouche's political views had shifted to the extreme right. Emphasizing a Soviet threat and the need for a strong support for the development of nuclear weapons, he started the United States Labor Party. Then in 1984 he ran for President, calling for a new international monetary system

based on gold, to "prevent a world-wide economic collapse." (New York Times, October 30, 1985).

Today LaRouche refers to himself as an economist and market consultant with "moderate Democrat or Republican" political views. These "moderate" views include the idea that Mondale is "an agent of influence of the KGB, the Soviet secret police. So are Kissinger and McGeorge Bundy, the former Ford Foundation president and presidential advisor." (interview with Washington Post, January 13, 1985). Another of his "moderate" ideas concerns Queen Elizabeth: "Of course she's pushing drugs." (interview with LaRouche on NBC's "First Camera," March 4, 1984). And, most recently, he has brought us another "moderate" idea: Proposition 64.

Although headquartered in Virginia, LaRouche's organization has two offices in California, one in Los Angeles, the other in Livermore. While no one knows the exact number of LaRouche people in California, Joel Bellman, a Los Angeles radio producer who has been reporting on LaRouche, estimates that there are several dozen full-time workers and several hundred organization members here. (San Jose Mercury, 7/6/86). Two of these people, Khushro Ghandi (the leader of LaRouche activities in California) and Brian Lantz (the Northern California coordinator of the organization) are behind the initiative and are the co-chairs of the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC). By conducting a

successful ballot initiative campaign, they have managed to insure that on November 4th, voters across the state will see the following text on their ballots:

**PROPOSITION 64: ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) Declares AIDS virus carrier a contagious condition, subject to quarantine and reportable disease regulation. Fiscal impact: The measure's cost could vary greatly depending upon its interpretation by health officers and the courts. If existing discretionary communicable disease controls were applied to AIDS, given the current state of medical knowledge, there would be no substantial change in state and local costs. If measure were interpreted to require added disease controls, costs could range to hundreds of millions of dollars per year depending on measures taken.**

Legal analysts have different views as to what effects they think the proposition would have, were it to pass. So far, extensive legal analyses have been made by the Orange County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Legislative Analyst's office of the California state legislature. A third is being prepared by a law firm hired by the Stop LaRouche Campaign.

According to the ACLU's analysis, the

following legal consequences are expected if the initiative passes:

1. *Reporting of names* to local health authorities of persons who are, or even persons suspected of being (probably based on antibody test results), HTLV-III carriers will be required. The existing practice in California is to require doctors to report each case of AIDS, and for blood banks to make reports of HTLV-III antibody tests. The initiative would require reporting without the careful confidentiality safeguards of present law, and some public health officials might be pressured to investigate each person reported ...

2. *Food handlers* such as cooks, waiters, airline stewards, and possibly bartenders will be prevented from working with food if they are, or are even suspected of being HTLV-III carriers or of having AIDS ...

3. *School exclusion* will probably be required for students and staff who are HTLV-III carriers, have AIDS, or conceivably even merely reside with a HTLV-III carrier or person with AIDS ...

4. *Travel restrictions* might be asserted by law enforcement or public health officials against HTLV-III carriers and persons with AIDS ...

5. *Quarantine and isolation* powers

might be more readily used by law enforcement and public health officials against HTLV-III carriers and persons with AIDS ..."

There are two state-wide organizations coordinating the fight against Prop 64: CAL CAN and Stop LaRouche. CAL CAN — the California Community AIDS Network — is a network of local community service agencies that has lobbied for increased funding for AIDS health care. Stop LaRouche, on the other hand, is an organization primarily made up of political staff people who have extensive experience from past campaigns, and whose primary goal is to conduct an extensive television and newspaper campaign. Working closely together, these two organizations are helping local groups to form and are providing posters, buttons, bumperstickers, and all the other paraphernalia of a campaign.

A Marvin Field poll indicates that only 46% of the voters have heard of Proposition 64, but of these, only 20% are against it, 8% are in favor of it, 18% are undecided. In addition, two other factors worry activists. First of all, we must defeat this proposition so soundly that it won't appear on the ballots of other

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# After Sodomy

After the sodomy decision we are all sad, and angry. Rightly so. *Bowers v. Hardwick* was a heavy blow to our hopes and legitimate expectations. Had one more vote (Justice Powell's) gone the other way, the remaining laws against sodomy (oral and anal sex) in 25 states could have been struck down. Instead, the Supreme Court ruled on June 30, by 5 to 4, that the state of Georgia (and any other state) had the right to enact a law making sodomy between consenting adults, even in private, a criminal offense. An important line of decisions, including the 1973 abortion rights case, *Roe v. Wade*, extending a privacy right, abruptly halted at lesbian and gay lovemaking.

An outrage, yet it is important to understand what the decision does not do. It does not say that such laws are wise or desirable, it does not say that states may not repeal them, it does not reimpose them where legislatures or state courts have revoked them. It leaves matters as they are: lesbians and gay men remain half bound and half free in these United States. In California we are not outlaws. It is now left to the political process in each state to determine the outcome.

The courts play a peculiar role in American public life, but they are only one arena. It is a major error for us to rely on the professionalized legal arm of the gay movement to do all our work. Gay liberation has never come easy. This wretched decision again shows we have more political work to do. "The solution is political not legal."

With this ruling of the Supremes, hos-



think that states should not have such laws as Georgia's. Polls show gains in public support during the last decade for lesbian mothers and the custody rights of gay fathers. A majority of the public supports legal protection against discrimination, even for teachers.

We have not made adequate use of this support. Our right-wing opponents are well organized. We are less so. They write to legislatures and governors ten to a hundred times more frequently than we do. Our national lesbian and gay organizations are staffed by able and hard-working people, but they are supported, in membership and contributions, much more weakly than comparable minority groups.

The Proposition 64 campaign requires us to strengthen our own community politically while reaching out to the public at large. Yet organization, important as it is, is still not enough.

Studies show that the most effective means of changing a person's hostile attitudes toward homosexuals is for her personally to know someone who is openly lesbian or gay. Yet, astonishingly, only 29% of the American public do know someone who is openly homosexual.

Coming out, never easy, is something almost each lesbian or gay person can do. It is privately meaningful and publicly effective. As Harvey Milk urged, it is central to our movement. To join the personal and the political in a just cause is our strength.

David Thomas is a professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

tile administrative actions, the LaRouche initiative, Deukmejian's vetoes, it is easy to become despondent, to conjure up worst case visions of quarantines and concentration camps. Such attitudes, if understandable, are both short-sighted and lazy. They rest on faulty analysis. More importantly, they ignore the key matter of will: we have yet to do what we must do.

Opinion polls show that a quarter of the U.S. population think that AIDS is God's punishment for homosexuality — appalling, but a solid majority (57%)

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SEX & GERMS by Cindy Patton looks beyond the one-dimensional, often homophobic analyses that are legion in the popular media and attempts to understand AIDS biologically, psychologically and socially. Cindy Patton uncovers and explains the erotophobic and germophobic mentalities that fuel popular responses, ranging from fear of catching "AIDS" to anti-gay attacks of diverse kinds. From an analysis of the ethical crisis triggered by AIDS research, to the legal problems encountered by people with AIDS, Patton analyzes the social as well as the personal consequences of the disease and of the epidemic of fear and reaction surrounding its spread. Patton explores not only the biology of the disease, explaining its character and evaluating prospects for relief; but also the culture of the gay and lesbian communities most directly threatened, and the character of their response.



In this challenging and extraordinary new collection, Audre Lorde gives us poems that explore "differences as creative tensions, and the melding of past strength/pain with future hope/fear, the present being the vital catalyst, the motivating force — activism."

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Lorde's other volumes of poetry include *The Black Unicorn* and *Chosen Poems — Old and New*. Her prose works are *The Cancer Journals* and *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*. A professor of English at Hunter College, she lives in Staten Island, New York.



The original Gay News collapsed on April 15, 1983 within two months of its 11th birthday. A 52-page tabloid, selling about 18,000 copies a fortnight, it was a business with a turnover of some 450,000 pounds a year and employing at the height 23 people.

The collapse has been variously attributed to the financial demands of its former owner, bad management and 'lefty lesbians.' One reader wrote after the last issue appeared, 'As a subscriber and reader since its beginning I would ask you if you would forward me details as to what the hell happened ...' Here at last, the ex-editor Andrew Lumsden and reporter Gillian E. Hanscombe give a unique and detailed account of the behind the scenes struggles, the factions and power bids that the gay public have not been allowed to know. This book tells for the first time exactly 'what the hell has happened ....'



A quick study and amusing survey of the facts and fables surrounding the male sex organ in various cultures, centuries and species. From its exact location (bizarre in some animals, not to say perverse) to its *modus operandi* (often arresting, as in the case of the male octopus, who slaps the face of his lady with each of his tentacles, then remorsefully detaches his sex organ and leaves it firmly implanted in his mate — a classic case of hit and run), *The Male Member* offers a host of surprises, showing that both nature and human culture can be truly loony when it comes to sex.

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## REPRINT / GORE VIDAL

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**Q:** You were one of the first writers to come out as openly gay ... bisexual.

**VIDAL:** I never said a word about my private life. Ever. Everyone thinks I did, because the press saw to it, but I've never discussed myself. No one has any idea of what my private life is or was or will be. That I'm a sexual libertarian, that's well known. I wrote a sympathetic story in *The City and the Pillar* — as they say, "the first of its kind" — in 1948. But it was clearly about as unautobiographical a book as you can find. Tennessee [Williams], when he read it, said, "Your family is just like mine." I said, "It's not my family." I wanted to make the thing the most normal story — the two most normal boys in the world, so I made them Virginia boys whom I had observed growing up in Fairfax County. They were not remotely connected with my family, as anyone would now know, but I was then shut out for almost a decade by *The New York Times*, *Time* magazine. Five novels were not reviewed in the daily *Times* — of which two were really very good. Orville Prescott [of *The New York Times*], who was then the most powerful reviewer in the country, said to my publisher, after *The City and the Pillar*, "I will not read, much less review, any book by Gore Vidal after this." For a great many years, *Time* and *Newsweek* never referred to me. It was censorship. My publishers nicely went on publishing me. I would get *Sunday Times* reviews. So then I took 10 years off and worked in television, the stage, movies, and politics.

By then I was so well known, there wasn't much they could do about it.

**Q:** Censored or not, your life, personal and professional, has been a statement — that sexual stereotypes don't hold, that sex should be free, polymorphous, and unconfining.

**VIDAL:** I've even gone so far as to say, "There's no such thing as homosexuality — or heterosexuality." It blows their minds. Tennessee [Williams] really believed all this peasant-Christian fundamentalism: that he was a wicked, evil creature for his sexual desires. I used to try to explain to him that he wasn't, but he could never get out of that ghetto. And then, toward the end of his life, he came over to my view. Some of his later stories are marvelous. There's one called "The Nightly Quest" in which he realized that everyone else was perfectly crazy, that he had been living in an insane society — that he may have gone crazy from time to time, but that the society was a lot crazier. Needless to say, these kinds of ideas have never attracted good reviews.

**Q:** Was it particularly threatening to reviewers that you were sexually comfortable with yourself?

**VIDAL:** I think so. One of the reasons they loved [Truman] Capote — and one of the reasons I loathed him — was that parents could turn on the television and

tell their sons, "See, you want to be gay — you'll end up like *that!*" He was the stereotyped queen. I think he did more damage than any other figure of our time, including Anita Bryant.

**Q:** If sex is politics, how are we seeing sexual politics manifested in the 1980s?

**VIDAL:** We are going through a great period of repression, which serves the right-wingers very well. The abortion thing is looking really scary now. I mean, this is like returning to prohibition. The AIDS thing has been very useful to get back at what they would call "the fags." If they keep doing this to that minority, which is a very big one, I could see violence. The fags are not going

to take that. I can really see a kind of civil war breaking out. People are being denied jobs, involuntarily arrested or detained because they have this virus in their saliva or they might have. And if they start anything repressive, I could see police getting themselves killed, judges getting shot. "The tree of liberty must be periodically fed with blood," said Thomas Jefferson. I am not against violence by any means in the pursuit of liberty.

**Q:** Some political observers say that in the 1980s McCarthyism won't come in the form of "There are communists under every bed" but rather in the form of "He's a homosexual," or "She's had an abortion."

**VIDAL:** Oh, yes. I think that's going on right now. Just watch the way the press plays the AIDS stuff: "Everybody is going to have it by the year 2000." "Nobody is going to have it by the year 2000." They are having a field day and they are scaring the folks — which was their intention. This will have great repercussions in terms of civil liberties. The 1960s disturbed the oligarchs because the blacks burned down the cities — and they note the destruction of property with great concern. But this could be much bigger. After all, the blacks have not got the means for getting around to the extent the so-called gay population has. The figures on who is gay are much larger than the 10

percent given — if you count the numbers who cross over back and forth. Kinsey in 1948 said over a third of the male population had some experience. And I would suspect it is even more, after three years in the U.S. Army in World War II. So it's there: the fact. And if you try to repress, you're going after butchers, bank presidents, football players, a wide spectrum of people who are not going to put up with it.

**Q:** That gays will no longer tolerate the suppression of their civil rights is something we can rejoice for, but I do hope you're not saying AIDS isn't a real problem — that fear of it is all hysteria?

**VIDAL:** I'm saying I see no reason to get alarmed. First of all, the bad people want alarm and panic so that they will have the means to exercise control over the population in the interest of containing plague and pest. I have a different perspective on this — if I may pull the rank of age. I was in the Army at seventeen for three years. Penicillin was not invented until the end of my time there. Syphilis was a killer then. You never knew if you were going to get it. Sometimes, it didn't even show up until years later, and you died. If I may say so, you subsequent generations seem to think that you've been given a ticket to immortality that we didn't have. For my generation,

not only could you be killed in the war, but you could die of syphilis. Then penicillin came in and there was a very great change in the world. That, and pills and diaphragms. You could get cured of just about everything except the dreaded herpes. Well, to me, it's just 1943 again.

**Q:** Come on: AIDS is a little worse than that.

**VIDAL:** Yes, of course. AIDS is more awful. I've had a few friends die of AIDS.

But these kinds of things have always been with us. They'll find a cure. We're back to the days where I was in the Army — that's all.

**Q:** So?

**VIDAL:** So ... wear a rubber!

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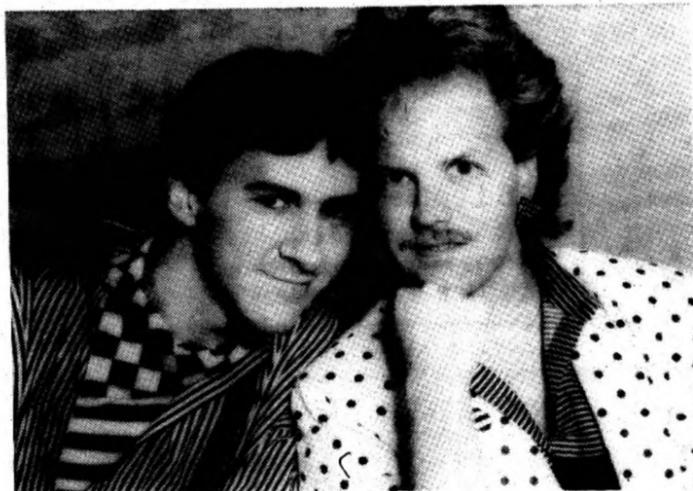
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## TUES 21

RESOURCE CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE: Conversations in Non-Violence- AIDS and Homophobia: The Case of Prop 64 Resource Center 7:30 pm.

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DANCEMAKERS: Womans Dance Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th 8:30-midnight Non-alcoholic \$2-8 sliding scale.

## THUR 16

FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS FORUM: Parenting in the gay and lesbian community of Santa Cruz

FACES: Benefit for No on 64 Beer Bust \$3 per person 8-11pm.



## SUN 26

NO ON 64 BENEFIT: Poetry Reading with ADRIENNE RICH, ELLEN BASS, AND RANDY CLARK LNC Autatorium 7:30 pm \$4 advance \$5-8 sliding scale at the door. CAMP CAFE presents a pre-show fresh pasta dinner LNC Multi-purpose Room 6:00-7:30 \$5-10 sliding scale Call 425-6577 for reservations.

GREAT OUTDOORS: Day Trip to the Primate Center and Dinner.

MCC: Dinner and Services YWCA 6pm.

## MON 27

CLOSET FREE RADIO: The debut of " SILVER SPRINGS" a gay radio soap opera KZSC 88.1 8:30-10:30pm.

## TUES 28

FACES: No on 64 Benefit Beer Bust \$3 per person 8-11 pm.

## FRI 31

NO ON 64 BENEFIT: A HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA Eagles Hall 9-midnight Live DJ Raffle Food Non-alcoholic sponsored by MBWA and Great Outdoors

## NOVEMBER

### SUN 2

GREAT OUTDOORS: Potluck and Meeting

IN TOUCH : LIP SYNC CONTEST \$100.00 prize 8pm.

### TUES 4

ELECTION DAY!!! GET OUT THE VOTE. NO ON 64 CAMPAIGN PARTY Democratic Headquarters Call 425-6577 for details.

### FRI 7

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: 15th Anniversary 5:00-7:00pm 212 Laurel St.

GREAT OUTDOORS: CAMP TRIP to Fort Ross and Point Reyes thru 11/9



### SAT 8

NUCLEAR FREEZE: Dance Your Nukes Off: a twelve hour dance marathon SC Civic Call 458-9975 for details.

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE EIGHTIES: UCSC Woman's Center and Cabrillo Woman's Services

### SUN 9

MBWA : Sunday Brunch 11-2pm UCSC Womans Center.

CENTRAL AMERICAN SANCTURY CONFERENCE: Call for details.

## TUES 11

FACES: Benefit for SCAP Beer Bust \$3 per person 8-11pm.

## SUN 16

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB: The Roasting of John Laird Jade St. Community Center in Capitola 6:30pm Call 438-3153 for reservations \$15.

## THUR 20

FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS: November Forum Call 426-6077 for information.

## WED 19

FAIRY GATHERING: NAPA

## FRI 21

SC COUNTY ACTORS THEATRE: Opening Night for "The Gift of the Magi" and "The Long Christmas Dinner" Art Center 8pm thru 11/21 call 425-PLAY for details.

## SAT 22

DANCEMAKERS: Womans Dance Live Oak Grange Hall 8:30-midnight \$2-8 sliding scale Non-Alcoholic.

## DECEMBER

### SUN 7

FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS: Organizational Retreat for those interested in setting an agenda for next years goals. Call lola Gold 426-6077 for further information.

GREAT OUTDOORS: Potluck and Meeting.

## SAT 13

MBWA: Christmas Party 7-10 pm UCSC Womans Cneter.

## SAT 27

DANCEMAKERS: Womans Dance Live Oak Grange Hall 8:30-midnight \$2-8 sliding scale non-alcoholic.



CLOSET FREE RADIO KZSC 88.1 FM Monday Evenings 8:30-10:30

1st Monday of month: NEWS

2nd Monday of the month: WOMEN OF COLOR

3rd Monday of the month: INTERVIEWS AND MUSIC

4th Monday of the month: "SILVER PRINGS"



A three month calendar of events. For weekly, ongoing meetings, please refer to the Community Resource Directory on page 27.

## OCTOBER

### SAT 3

SCAN: SF Mime Troupe presents The Mozamgola Caper SC High School 8:00 pm

S.C COUNTY ACTORS THEATRE: Opening Night "The Importance of Being Earnest" Art Center 8:00pm thru Nov. 9 425-PLAY for infor

### SAT 4

NO ON 64 BENEFIT: Green Supper YWCA 5:30-9:00 Rebecca Adams and Patti Mattison \$3-5 sliding scale.

NO ON 64 BENEFIT: Pink Door Housewarming 8:30 - midnight Call 423-7930 for info.

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# FALL CALENDAR

## Randy Clark

rantine are all probably illegal in the first place: but no one is certain.

One thing is certain: whether the state chooses to enforce Prop. 64 or to fight it in the courts, it will cost the taxpayers a fortune.

### If you're interviewed ...

... by the media, remember that you have the right to talk about what matters to you. Be polite, but don't let yourself be sidetracked.

Always try to collect your thoughts in advance, and go over your main points or objectives with the interviewer beforehand. And try to make a self-contained statement about each major point, so it will still make sense if it's quoted out of context.

### Isn't homosexuality a sin?

We're not talking about religion or about sexuality. We're talking about fighting a serious disease, and about a piece of very bad legislation.

### We already are fighting AIDS

Promoters of the initiative imply that nothing is being done to stop AIDS (they have even described the Shanti Project as a "death-worshipping cult"). On the contrary, researchers are studying the disease and its effects; preventatives and cures are being tested; AIDS cases are reported and often studied. Progress is being made. It's not as rapid as we would like, but it would be even slower if Prop. 64 were to pass: misinformation would be sanctioned by the state, and many AIDS or ARC patients would almost certainly "go underground" to avoid the penalties imposed by the initiative.

### In conclusion

Analysts have identified Santa Clara County as one of the most critical areas in the state, as far as the campaign over

Prop. 64 goes. Santa Cruz County isn't quite the same area, but there's so much coming and going "over the hill" that it would be good for readers to remember that they do have the chance to be heard not only by each other, but by our neigh-

bors to the north. The more we speak against the LaRouche initiative, the more we'll be heard; the better we speak, the better we'll be remembered, and the better our chances will be of defeating this latest threat to liberty.

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## John Follesdal

states, states whose voters are far more conservative than California's. Secondly, there are several other items on the ballot that are expected to draw many conservative voters: the gubernatorial election, the confirmation election of Chief Justice Rose Bird, and the Gann Initiative (which calls for sweeping pay limitations on state and local employees, including the governor).

Ensuring the successful defeat of Prop 64 will therefore require each of us to talk to our friends, our families, and our co-workers. It will also require that we get involved in the campaign, by donating both time and money. In Santa Cruz County, the campaign can be contacted at the No on 64 office, 1110 Pacific Avenue No. 260, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Tel. (408) 425-6577.

## John Laird

with singular effort changed the course of events in the world around him.

Earl Robinson, who wrote the movement song "Joe Hill" many years ago, was present at Hugh's memorial to sing that song in his memory. It became clear to me that Hugh was present for the biggest political fights of his generation — for the working men and women, for civil liberties, against misplaced foreign adven-

tures, for the saving of the scenic beauty and the good quality of life around him.

He lost his share of battles, but he also was responsible for many victories. And if he had not been standing up for his beliefs all that time, there would have been only losses.

What does all this have to do with the series of setbacks to gay men and women in the last few months? We should learn from Hugh that our struggle is one we will fight our whole lives. We should learn that there will be high points and disasters. We should learn that one victory will not end the need to fight for the next one, and that one loss should not cause us to give up. We will not win every fight, but we can look back with satisfaction knowing that we made a difference — and that the world is better for our perseverance. That was Hugh's legacy, and in these difficult times, we should continue to work to make it ours.

*John Laird is a member of the Santa Cruz City Council.*

## Scott Brookie

measure, and touting his opponent, who "opposes this ridiculous law" and "supports the American family." Pratt has contacted conservative opponents of those Congresspeople — from all across the country — who supported the D.C.

AIDS law, telling them how to make the measure a campaign issue.

Make no mistake, the battle over this proposition is being closely watched. For as goes California, often so goes the rest of the nation; witness the election of Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and the passage of Proposition 13, the property tax overhaul. Or to put it another way, if the crazies can beat the queers in California — our home turf — there'll be hell to pay. The recent Justice Department ruling that it is okay to fire somebody for having AIDS, and the Supreme Court ruling that states may outlaw sodomy, have set the stage nicely for The New Neanderthalism, should Prop 64 pass. "If we lose the vote," comments Jeff Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in a recent statement, "it will open the floodgates across the country to this kind of legislation. If we win, it will make everyone who is considering such measures think twice."

Lyndon LaRouche isn't the first person to attempt to claw his way a little higher into public view at the expense of gay men, lesbians, and people with AIDS. Nor will he be the last. But if the No on 64 campaign is won — and we must win it — we can send Lyndon LaRouche and his AIDS theories, and other lowlife politicians with similar designs, back under the freeway again.

## WESLEY HARRIS, LM FCC 688-8101

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## POINT OF VIEW

# War Pursued by Other Means

by Jeffrey B. Tarlofsky

The late Michael Foucault, inverting the familiar cliché, mused that "Politics is war pursued by other means." If true, no better example of such "warfare" can be cited on the California or national landscape today than the LaRouche AIDS Initiative. No other issue before voters in any state will have such a profound impact on the lives of an entire people as Proposition 64 could have on our people. Of late we have been emblematic of the Nietzschean credo, "That which does not kill us only makes us stronger." We have faced the tolls in death and sickness AIDS itself has brought us, we've experienced vividly the backlash this disease has brought us in terms of increased attacks on the streets, in the government and from the courts. And yet we have united and resisted all these challenges. Proposition 64 represents a new and potent challenge which is both symptomatic of these times and rooted in an age-old problem for us. We are easy scapegoats.

Broken down into its constituent elements the proposition is both a Gay and non-Gay issue. Of course the Gay community understands the threat posed by 64 will have greater impact on us than the straights. Nonetheless, those in the straight community opposing the measure (and there are many) understand it poses a threat to everyone's freedom. We all seem to understand what it means in terms of the danger it poses to us. I am a little concerned that we have not analyzed with sufficient care the reasons why we are in this danger now. It is a mistake, I think, to understand 64 as the result of some sort of massive backlash against our community as a result of the AIDS epidemic. That is what the proponents of the initiative would like us to think. It would be tempting to cite statistics that support this view; increases in street violence, polls that show massive fear of AIDS and a basic lack of public understanding of what the disease actually is and how it is transmitted. But I don't think this massive fear of AIDS has translated into the wave of homophobia we might have predicted it would. The two are not necessarily co-factors. The threat 64 poses is actually not because the voters are homophobic or growing more so (they are statistically less homophobic now than during the Briggs

Initiative, according to some polls), but because the arguments around 64 are not clear and with a little masterful manipulation of the mass mind 64 could sound convincingly like a good idea.

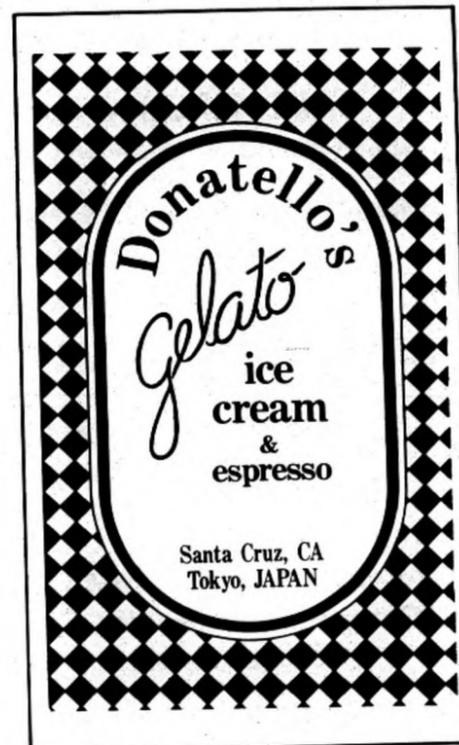
Lyndon LaRouche is a far more effective strategist than we have yet to understand. Consider how he picked this fight. By avoiding altogether naming the Gay community as a target he avoided the first pitfall he might have fallen into — trying to fight the Briggs Initiative all over again. The Briggs Initiative was largely defeated because we were able to stand up to Briggs' Gay baiting by coming out and educating the public about who we are. We changed the debate from one centered on "public morality" to one of "civil liberties." Changing the debate won that fight, it would almost surely lose this one. LaRouche would love it if we tried to make this initiative a referendum on Gay rights. He has already stated it is a debate about "public safety," not morality. We've been headed off at the pass essentially. LaRouche knows that the voters' unwillingness to trample our civil liberties for such an abstract idea as "morality" does not mean they will not see their own "safety and health" as more important than our freedoms. Besides, he has not said it is Gay people he is after, nor even people with AIDS, but rather the spread of the disease itself. It is hard to imagine the public rejecting 64 because it is "homophobic" when its language does not name us.

Essentially the homophobia that was explicitly in the Briggs Initiative is implicit in the LaRouche Initiative. Yet, this does not mean LaRouche has failed to use homophobia to his advantage. AIDS is being called the "danger" and its carriers are "dangerous." While this is not clearly a moral judgment it plays on the natural human tendency to associate that which is dangerous with that which is evil or wrong. We are provided with a rich imagery of this disease as "infecting the social body," a term which might well have been a holdover from Briggs. This mysterious disease lurking like a shadow in the dark waiting to prey on the innocent, the children. This cloaked figure is called "AIDS," but you and I understand that the language and imagery is meant

to conjure up a person beneath the cloak, a gay person, you or I.

For LaRouche this campaign is already won and it is only a matter of how big his take will be. If the initiative is defeated even by a huge margin he still got it on the ballot and has gotten the media attention he wanted. If he wins it will be his second stunning upset in a year and he will be credited with having defeated the Gays in California, a feat that no TV preacher or right-wing politico has yet accomplished. His position as spokesperson for the Ultra-Right wing would be assured. It is also likely that others would follow his example as a blueprint for political hay-making. The War on Drugs could be replaced with the War on AIDS, waged against those who "spread it."

For us, defeat would spell almost certain doom. Besides the effects of the initiative itself, it would be open season on the Gays in California and elsewhere, for we are thought to be at our strongest here. In short, we ought to fight this battle as if our lives depended on it. If LaRouche has his way, they may.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### AL-ANON

462-1818  
Tuesday, 7 pm  
Gateway School

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

688-2058  
Lesbian Women's Group  
Sundays, 7 pm  
Janus, 718 Carmel St., S.C.  
Gay Men's Group  
Mondays, 8 pm  
DMV, 4200 Capitola Rd.,  
Capitola

### BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ

1547 Pacific Ave., S.C.  
423-0900

### BLUE LAGOON

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### CLOSET FREE RADIO

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Mondays, 7-9:30 pm  
UCSC, Santa Cruz, 95064  
429-2811  
(Randy Clark 458-3391)

### FACES

115 Harvey West Blvd., S.C.  
423-2030

### FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

P.O. Box 7293, S.C.,  
95061-7293  
Contact Lola Gold 426-6077

### FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Parade Committee  
P.O. Box 2968, S.C. 95063  
Contact Toni Cassista  
423-1147

### GAYS OVER FORTY

Contact Gene 479-1028

### GAY VOLLEYBALL

Santa Cruz Main Beach  
(between Wharf &  
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Wednesdays, 5 pm

### GREAT OUTDOORS

711 Sumner St., S.C. 95062  
Contact Tom Ellison,  
429-5481

### IN TOUCH

1535 Commercial Way,  
S.C. 95062  
462-1611

### LESBIAN GATHERING

Thursdays, 7 pm  
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### MATRIX WOMEN'S NEWSMAGAZINE

418-B Cedar St., S.C.  
429-1238

### MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 7 pm  
Louden Nelson Center  
Contact Curt Keyer,  
475-2699

### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contact Michael Jensen,  
425-0107  
YWCA, Sundays, 7 pm  
(upstairs)

### MONTEREY BAY WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 7945, S.C. 95061  
Contact Barbara, 427-3632

### MONTEREY COUNTY AIDS PROJECT

P.O. Box 221785, Carmel  
93922 408-424-5550

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

662-4664  
Gay/Lesbian Meeting  
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm  
First Baptist Church

### PENINSULA PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

P.O. Box 4714, Carmel  
93921  
408-659-2446

### RAINBOW ENSEMBLE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

P.O. Box 7527, S.C.  
95062-7527  
Contact Gilbert Moreno,  
426-5044

### SANTA CRUZ AIDS PROJECT

P.O. Box 5142, S.C. 95063  
458-4999

### SANTA CRUZ WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER

250 Locust St., S.C. 65060  
427-3500

### UCSC GALA

Redwood Bldg, UCSC,  
S.C. 95064  
GALA Resource Center  
429-2468

### UCSC LAVENDER GUILD

For gay, androgynous, curious or questioning men  
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### UCSC WOMEN'S CENTER

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