AB1 Clears First Hurdle

By Rosalie Nichols

AB-1, the statewide Gay civil rights bill, passed out of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment by a 6-5 vote on Feb. 22.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-S.F.), will now go to the Ways and Means Committee, chaired by San Jose Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. If passed there, it will reach the Assembly floor to be voted on by the entire body of Assemblymembers.

Agnos, whose name heads the roster of Assemblymembers, has promised that the Gay rights bill will be AB-1 (first bill introduced in each session) until it is passed. So far, it has made it to the Assembly floor only once, but was not brought to a vote.

In January 1980, an estimated 5,000 activists and constituents marched in drenching rain in Sacramento in support of the bill, but this year lobbying has gone on quietly. The demise of the Gay lobbying organization, California Human Rights Advocates, has left Agnos' office to provide leadership on the bill through statewide mailings and networking.

In a recent mailing, Agnos notified supporters of the bill's hearing date and urged lobbying with district words to Assemblymember Alister McAlister's office in Milpitas reported receiving a deluge of phone calls about the legislation.

McAlister, a member of the Labor and Employment Committee, voted against the Gay rights bill, as he has done in previous years. His district straddles Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

Opposition to the bill has come primarily from religious fundamentalists and Mormons. Rev. Herbert Steele of the Church of the Nazarene in Sacramento was among those objecting to the legislation this year.

"I am not against a homosexual having a job or making a living," he was quoted in the San Jose Mercury. "But there are many employers who have religious convictions about these things."

Agnos points to Wisconsin's recent passage of a similar legislation as a precedent and cites public opinion polls showing an increasing majority of Americans oppose discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Anti-Violence Bill Introduced

Citing the serious problem of reported incidents of violence against Gay individuals, Tom Bates (D-Oakland) this week introduced legislation which will help strengthen the legal ability of Gay people to protect themselves.

The bill, AB 848, would add the words "sexual orientation" to that section of the Unruh Civil Rights Act which establishes the right to be free from violence, or from intimidation by threat of violence.

"It is inexcusable that a group of individuals should be regularly attacked on the basis of their sexual orientation," said Bates. "Our streets should be safe for everyone, yet Gay people in some areas have found themselves the object of systematic attack, harassment and intimidation, often with little protection or right of recourse. This bill will provide a usable right of legal recourse."

The Unruh Civil Rights Act provides for a civil cause of action against anyone who would deprive another person of their right to be free from violence and intimidation, on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, or position in a labor dispute.

Adding "sexual orientation" to this section would give Gay individuals a cause of action for damages plus $10,000, if they can show that violence was committed against them on the basis of their sexual orientation. It would also allow them to petition the courts for preventive relief from patterns of violence, threats of violence, and intimidation.

"The right to be free from violence is certainly a basic civil right, and must be the bottom line for any group of people in a civilized society," Bates said. "This bill achieves the precise purpose the act was originally designed for: to help protect Gay and Lesbian individuals against people on the basis of association or background."

AB 848 will have its first hearing in Assembly Committee in late March or early April.

Anita Duarte Files For Supervisor Race

By Rosalie Nichols

Hispanic feminist Anita Duarte became the first candidate to file the required number of signatures last week in her first step toward ballot status for this June's special election for Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

A vacancy was created on the county board when former Supervisor Dan McCorquodale gained a promotion to State Senator on last November's ballot.

Tom Legan, a Republican, was appointed to fill the District 3 vacancy temporarily until a special election could be held. Many Democrats were angered that Republic HQ was appointed to represent a district that is 65% Democratic and has enjoyed liberal representations for many years.

Duarte filed 1,500 signatures before the Feb. 24 deadline for filing 1,181 signatures in lieu of paying a filing fee.

Would-be candidates must file a total of 3,096 signatures by March 11 to qualify for the ballot. Duarte says she has already gathered the required signatures but is continuing to circulate her petitions and meet constituents in the 3rd supervisory district.

If Duarte qualifies for the ballot, this will be her third campaign for public office.

In 1982, she challenged incumbent Blanca Alvarado again for the privilege of representing San Jose's heavily Hispanic East Side. This time, the came in first in the primary, but was edged out by 387 votes when Mayor Tom McEnery and Supervisor Susanne Wilson threw last-minute support to the incumbent.

Duarte appears to be undaunted by her two unsuccessful attempts at gaining office. "I'm not a quitter," she told Our Paper. "I have always worked hard toward my goals, even when I have started from a disadvantaged position."

Duarte's approach to achieving office seems to be

Gay Activists Arrested in New York City

Twenty-four Gay activists were arrested in the New York City Council chambers when they refused to leave after losing a vote on a Gay rights bill, according to a UPI story in the San Jose Mercury Feb. 23.

The bill, which has been considered 13 times in the last 12 years, was voted down 6 to 3 by the General Welfare Committee following 15 hours of public hearings.

Supporters cried "Shame! Shame!" and chanted "Justice...Justice..." when the vote was announced and carried a banner reading, "We won't go away. Lesbian Liberation Now!"

Seventeen of the demonstrators were carried away on stretchers, according to the report, and the activists were charged with trespassing.

An estimated 1 million Gay people live in New York City, home of the Stonewall Riots, but Gay activists there have been repeatedly frustrated in their attempts to gain civil rights protection.

Approximately 50 cities have such civil rights ordinances, and Wisconsin recently became the first to pass statewide legislation protecting residents from discrimination because of sexual orientation. Sponsors of California's Gay rights bill appear to be optimistic about securing passage this year.

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**EBL/GDE Domestic Partners Forum**

The EBay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club packed "em in at the Joe Segerin Center in Berkeley on Feb. 13 for a Public Forum on Domestic Partners.

Panelists included S.F. Supervisor Harry Bric, sponsor of a domestic partnership bill that was vetoed by Mayor Diane Feinstein; Attorney Mary K., who drafted the bill; and housing advocate for San Francisco's AIDs Forum, Tom Broomham, chair of the City's Political Action Comm.

Mary K. Bernstein, club treasurer, and Eric Has, housing secretary, served as moderators.

Discussion was very lively as to whether advocates of the legislation were trying to promote a system of "Gay marriage" and whether that was a desirable goal. Another point of debate was whether the inclusion of domestic partners would bring in a disproportionate number of high-risk patients.

Bric promised his plans to divide the veto bill into four separate parts and reintroduce it as piecemeal legislation. Feinstein's objections allegedly centered on the registration provision for Gay relationships. Tom Broomham and the EBL/GDE are working on similar legislation with the Berkeley City Council and the University of California. The Club will decide in April whether or not to actually participate in the Bay Area Domestic Partnership movement. She is the author of a historical anthology and a number of articles on Indian land experiences as a triple minority and for additional funding to meet...
PROTEST INTOLERANCE

I'm writing to urge your readers to avoid writing letters or postcards (13 cents postage) to KICU-TV, Channel 3's Public Relations Dept., at 1556 Kirby Drive, San Jose, California 95128.

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The award is given to "the many young women whose lives have been enriched by America's ideals and who exemplify the best qualities of American citizenship, leadership, and service. Woodward was campaign manager in 1990 for San Jose mayoral candidate Peter Beagle, who was defeated by Mike Magers. Woodward would go on to serve in California's Senate as the Assistant Majority Leader for the Republican Party and is a member of the Republican Caucus." 

The Woman Warrior, a book by Maxine Hong Kingston, is included on its board of directors. Kingston is an internationally acclaimed author and is also a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature. She is known for her work in autobiographical fiction and is also a prominent essayist and critic. 

Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1982," imagination" her own Chinese-American childhood in San Francisco, and is author of four books of fiction, including Little Original Sin; The Life and Times of Ten Thousand Women; and The Map of My Mind. 

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Gandhi

The time of the gentle person may be now. Perhaps it has been ever since time began, but it seems to be reaching its culmination in the person of Gandhi, dark, slight, and almost "celtic." His religious rivalries of his countrymen are simply wonderful. The scenes of Gandhi's hunger strikes are simply wonderful. Performances by most of the warhorse---"Hindustan," "We'll Always Have Paris," "The Senator from Tennessee," "The Long and Tall."---women from different generations and different backgrounds---who represent over thirty years of the film's progressive and noble tradition.

Holly and Ronnie will be joined by the music of Tennessee Ernie Ford, Frankie Laine, and "Farrell, ST." Since the movie is titled, "Hindustan," it has to be, but I keep thinking, "Pretty maids all in a row?"

My Favorite Year. There is, yet another example of cinematic self-congratulations. The film's major hero is a "sage." He tells her how lovely she is just the way she is, and his concentration and intelligence will be almost too much to handle for her. The Alan Swann character (Peter O'Toole) is obviously based on George Gershwin and the reasons he was "sage." He is a splendid actress, and here's the movie's major hero. The script acknowledges what is transparent to all (Cay) eyes by having a "crush on Nathan's husband instead of with Sophie." The film would be even better if the ("sage") Southern boy writer (Peter MacLauchlan) were to combine friction and finesse? You're more persuasive, Don't miss this!

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... can't really say that. For you, if you think you're in love, you should get into a relationship.

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... you're getting in return aren’t out of line. In about your dreams. If a dream is a wish your heart wishes to come true, you know what to say, and how to say it. The language is at your command.
"Twenty Questions & Answers That Could Save Your Life"

1. The word "fuller" is the same as the one in the following sentence: "Does the word "fuller" mean the same as the word "salve" in this sentence?"

2. What is the difference between a gram-positive and a gram-negative bacterium?

3. Which of the following is not a disease of the immune system: A. AIDS B. Cancer C. Rheumatoid Arthritis D. Biﬁdus

4. What is the difference between an antibody and a lymphocyte?

5. How does the immune system deal with pathogens such as viruses?

6. What is the role of the spleen in the immune system?

7. What is the difference between an autoimmunity disorder and an allergy?

8. What is the difference between apoptosis and necrosis?

9. What is the role of cytokines in the immune system?

10. What is the difference between B cells and T cells?

11. What is the role of the bone marrow in the immune system?

12. What is the difference between natural killer cells and cytotoxic T lymphocytes?

13. What is the role of the liver in the immune system?

14. What is the role of the thymus in the immune system?

15. What is the role of the hypothalamus in the immune system?

16. What is the role of the spleen in the immune system?

17. What is the role of the lymph nodes in the immune system?

18. What is the role of the lymphatic vessels in the immune system?

19. What is the role of the thoracic duct in the immune system?

20. What is the role of the B cells in the immune system?

21. What is the role of the T cells in the immune system?

22. What is the role of the macrophages in the immune system?

23. What is the role of the dendritic cells in the immune system?

24. What is the role of the neutrophils in the immune system?

25. What is the role of the eosinophils in the immune system?

26. What is the role of the mast cells in the immune system?

27. What is the role of the basophils in the immune system?

28. What is the role of the natural killer cells in the immune system?

29. What is the role of the cytotoxic T lymphocytes in the immune system?

30. What is the role of the helper T cells in the immune system?
every person in this office was season of colds and flu, that’s not too much of a shocker, but what “kid stuff,” announcing that he buy is merely a device to lessen income from taxation. In cases has five tests to determine whether dent. Each one of the criteria must qualify; children who work and spend food, shelter, education, medical necessities. In the case of older support for the full calendar year. more than half of the dependent’s claim him as a dependent. Social Security income is » » cures for the Rip-Offs that, it’s anyone’s ball game, and ing. And, as we all know, when er doctors recommend most specific chemical compound, and the standards are exactly the same. (United States Pharmacopeia) A quick check of the ingredi­...
Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted. Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated against hepatitis B regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B. In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated that are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications. For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine. After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, not treatment, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is not effective as a treatment. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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