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## Kissinger at Dental Association



By Ted Sahl

It was a small advertisement — Henry Kissinger to speak at Dental Association. Time, date, place.

It was simple, but — something was bugging me. I mean, *the* Henry Kissinger, statesman, world manipulator of empires. I mean, really — but what's old Henry doing here — in San Jose . . .

I mean, Guns and Butter is where it's at, right!

Not teeth, not fillings. It was driving me crazy. Over and over. The secret must be in teeth. Right. Cavities, fillings . . . fillings . . . That's it!

Jumpin' Jehosifer! Fillings! Gold! Silver! Oh, I knew it — old Henry is on a secret mission!

Ronald Reagan has sent old Henry out to tour the U.S. and convince dentists to get their patients to give up their gold and silver fillings for the "undeclared war" in Central America.

What a scoop! I can see it now! "One gold filling is worth two contras in the bush."

Gosh, can you see't? Thousands, no, millions of Americans, their gold teeth attached to door knobs — with strings. Ready to sacrifice their looks to keep America strong and free. Why, Bob Hope could make a movie, "On the Road to Gold."

It's got a good Yankee ring to it. A new motto for America, we'll call it Guns and Gold! And America is back on track.

I finally got to the Mediterranean Room, waiting for old Henry to arrive. The tension is building as other newsmen and TV crews are also here.

What a hero. We will have to replace the bald eagle on the government seal with Henry's portrait. A new stamp will be issued.

His name will be on every mother's lips: *Henreee! Hennry Kissinger!*

Wait a minute. What — a newsman said Mr. Kissinger is here. We rushed into the dining room.

Yes! There he goes. Henry steps up to the podium. And . . . Oh, no, wait a minute, there must be some mistake.

Cancel the new stamp! Put the bald eagle back on the government seal.

That turkey!

Would you believe Henry gave a speech on world affairs and foreign policy?

Forget about the gold — Back to Guns and Butter!

## NGTF urges higher AIDS funding

National Gay Task Force executive director Virginia M. Apuzzo called for an "increased commitment on the part of the federal government to finding the cause and cure for AIDS" in testimony delivered Apr. 11 before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies.

Apuzzo suggested that higher levels of spending are needed for AIDS-related activities than the \$53.9 million requested in the Reagan Administration's fiscal year 1985 budget.

She asked the committee to explore two new initiatives: "funding of public education and prevention activities by community-based organizations, and contracting for an independent assessment of the federal response to AIDS."

In discussing funding levels, Apuzzo praised last year's more than doubling of AIDS spending by the Administration and the Congress, and acknowledged that the fiscal year 1985 budget reflected a slight increase to \$53.9 million.

But she cited several areas that pointed to continuing deficiencies in the federal response to AIDS.

These included:

✓The Centers for Disease Control's AIDS activities are level funded at the same \$12 million figure as in 1984. "More money and more personnel are needed just to do the basic surveillance and epidemiology associated with the increasing numbers of cases," Apuzzo said.

✓Insufficient research money has been budgeted for the National Institutes of Health. Apuzzo cited the example of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, where 40 percent of NIH's AIDS work is being done.

NIAID, according to Apuzzo is not able to fund as many projects that have passed peer review as other institutes. "The only explanation for this discrepancy is that NIAID has inadequate resources."

✓Apuzzo described the government's efforts in the area of possible transmission of AIDS through blood transfusions as "woefully inadequate. More than

two years after the issue of transfusion-related AIDS came to the fore, to our knowledge no work on the transmissibility of AIDS through blood has been funded nor have any RFAs (requests for applications) on the subject been issued."

The public education proposal calls for the Public Health Service "to set aside specific funds for public education of groups at risk [to AIDS]."

This work, Apuzzo suggested, "can best be accomplished by community-based groups . . . With a little help from the government, our [community's] hardpressed efforts could become much more effective."

NGTF also requested that Congress mandate the undertaking of an independent assessment of the government's approach to the AIDS problem.

The study would provide "a master plan . . . and a basis for future policy decisions about research and funding levels," helping to resolve the questions that remain about the completeness of the government's efforts to date.

## Roberti AIDS Study Measure Passes Senate Committee

Sacramento — A measure by Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti requiring a statewide study and development of a comprehensive plan to provide treatment for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has been approved by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

The committee voted 9-0 in favor of the measure, which now moves to the Senate Finance Committee.

AIDS is characterized by a specific defect in natural immunity against disease.

People who suffer from AIDS become susceptible to a variety of illnesses which are not found in people whose immunity system is normal.

The measure provides funding for a statewide study by the state's Health and Welfare Agency and would result in a three-year plan for providing AIDS-related treatment, services and preventive health education.

Roberti (D-Hollywood) commented, "I am pleased that the Senate's Health and Human Services Committee voted to pass this important legislation."

"AIDS has directly or indirectly touched the lives of thousands of California residents, including those who have been diagnosed,

medical and mental health professionals, and many others.

"Health professionals and community action agencies serving the at-risk population have informed us of the need for coordination of AIDS-related efforts in the state. SB-2242 provides that coordination."

Citing recent statistics which reveal the increase of the spread of disease to nearly 4,000 cases nationwide, Roberti noted:

"The availability and accessibility of quality health care for people with AIDS is woefully inadequate to meet the geometrically-increasing caseload of these deadly diseases."

The study should result in a new or special model of health care delivery developed for persons with AIDS.

The assessment is to take into consideration that at the present time, there are almost no diagnostic or treatment services outside of the very large metropolitan areas.

The study will be done in consultation with the AIDS Advisory Committee, the California Task Force on AIDS, the Department of Mental Health Citizens Advisory Committee, the California Conference of Local Mental Health Directors, local governments, the Office of Statewide

Health Planning and Development, the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Mental Health and Community Organizations which are providing patient support services or AIDS related education.

## Watergarden to be videotaped

The Santa Clara County Health Department is producing a videotape as their contribution to the State Health Symposium to be held in Sacramento June 28-29.

The taping will be done at San Jose's Watergarden, which is seen as a model facility — one which is clean and promotes safe sex, health education, and activities other than sex.

The film's purpose will be to promote health education to a high-risk group. It will be shown to SB-910 contractors, non-contractors, public health officials, legislators, and bathhouse owners.

Portions of The Watergarden are currently being remodeled to provide a larger gymnasium and recreational space.

## New leadership at AIDS Foundation

Press Release - Dot James of San Jose, California, has succeeded Dave Steward as the Director of the AIDS Foundation, Santa Clara County.

Before starting her work with this nonprofit agency which educates the general public about the disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Ms. James was in partnership in F.S. Button Manufacturing Company for eight years and was an English teacher at Gilroy High School prior to that. She has degrees from Southern Methodist University and Stanford University and is currently a candidate for a master of public administration degree, concentration in nonprofit organization management, at the University of San Francisco.



Dot James, Director AIDS Foundation, Santa Clara Co.

Wiggy Sivertsen of Los Gatos, California, is the new Chair of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. She is a Professor of Counseling at San Jose State University and is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice at Associated Valley Counselors. Professor Sivertsen

is currently involved in an issue at the university regarding the refusal of the ROTC to allow gay students to participate fully in its programs. Professor Sivertsen is also a faculty advisor of S.J.S.U.'s Women's Center and of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) and is the current president of United Professors of California, the AFT local on campus.

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## Gay Congressman to visit East Bay



Kerry Woodward, co-chair Human Rights Campaign Fund, and Rep. Gerry Studts of Mass. Photo: M.A. Brownstein

Congressman Gerry Studts will be appearing in the East Bay on Sunday, May 6.

The occasion is a continental style champagne brunch to be held at the home of Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport.

Introducing Rep. Studts will be Congressman Ron Dellums of California's 8th Congressional

District. Proceeds from the brunch will benefit Studts' re-election campaign.

Rep. Gerry Studts has shown great courage in publicly taking pride in being gay, according to organizers of the event.

He was forced out of the closet last July as a result of a House Ethics Committee investigation.

Responding to charges, he declared, "All members of Congress must cope with the challenge of initiating and maintaining a career in public office without destroying entirely the ability to lead a meaningful and emotionally fulfilling private life."

"It is not a simple task for any of us to meet adequately the obligations of either public or private life, let alone both."

"But these challenges are made substantially more complex when one is, as I am, both an elected public official and gay."

Opponents in both the primary and general elections are now attempting to use Studts' gayness against him.

A Democrat, Rep. Studts has been a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1973, representing the Cape Cod area of Massachusetts.

Rep. Studts has been best known for his outspoken leadership against U.S. military involvement in Central America, for protecting marine ecology, and for human rights abroad and at home. He is a co-sponsor of H.R. 2624, the national lesbian and gay civil rights bill.

Rep. Ron Dellums (D-Berkeley/Oakland) is taking time out from his own re-election schedule to introduce his colleague and help raise the much needed funds for Studts' re-election.

Dellums, also a co-sponsor of H.R. 2624, as Chair of the House Committee on Washington, D.C., led the 1981 floor fight against the anti-gay, anti-woman veto of the Washington, D.C. Sexual Assault Reform Act.

Gus Newport, the Mayor of Berkeley, has long been a strong advocate for gay rights and recently announced his support for domestic partner benefits for Berkeley employees.

"We have to do everything we can to help re-elect Gerry Studts," said Kerry Woodward, National Co-Chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "If he is defeated, all the closet doors in Congress will be shut and locked for a long time."

The brunch, co-sponsored by the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club and the Studts for Congress Committee, will be at 3048 Benvenue (near Ashby and College), Berkeley, on Sunday, May 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited. A \$15-25 donation is requested. All proceeds benefit the Studts for Congress Committee.

For more information, call (415) 548-0329.

## 3rd Annual Gay Family Day at Stanford

Gay parents... bring your children!  
Gay children... bring your parents!  
Everyone... bring your friends!

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS) will sponsor the third annual celebration of GAY FAMILY DAY on Saturday, May 12. Members of the lesbian-gay community and their friends are encouraged to bring their children, their parents, and others in their biological and non-biological families for an afternoon of picnicking and play on the Stanford University campus.

Entertainment will be provided by the Barbary Coast Cloggers, San Francisco Tap Troupe, Foggy City Dancers, F.L.A.G. Corps, and the Hayward Raw Raws. GLAS is also seeking people interested in performing as puppeteers, magicians, clowns, jugglers, etc.

There will be folkdancing, Earthball, New Earth games, and a display of classic automobiles provided by the Freewheelers Car Club. Special treats for the children will include free balloons, a pinata, and a "fish pond" with prizes.

This year's celebration will be held in Stanford's outdoor Frost Amphitheater beginning at 12 noon. Visitors should bring a picnic lunch, a blanket to sit on, and chairs for older family members.

A variety of gay organizations have added GAY FAMILY DAY to their calendar of events, and their members are planning to attend as a group. A limited number of information tables are available on a reserved basis.

GAY FAMILY DAY is one of the events planned for the annual observance of Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at Stanford. For more information, call (415) 497-1488.

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## British MP forced to resign

By Lindsay Taylor

London (IGNA) A Labor Party member of Parliament is expected to resign following his arrest in a public toilet in Llan-samlet, South Wales.

A plainclothes policeman told the court that Dr. Roger Thomas had "openly masturbated" in front of police officers, giving the officers a look that was an obvious invitation to sex.

Police officers testified that the toilet was being watched because it was "a well-known haunt for homosexuals."

After his conviction, Dr. Thomas came under immediate pressure to resign. In this, he was unlucky, as other Labor MPs who have had similar experiences have been able to remain in Parliament.

They include Allan Roberts, whose visits to Berlin leather clubs were widely reported in the press, and George Morton who was convicted on a sex charge in 1980.

Dr. Thomas even received sup-

port from the Conservative Group for Homosexual Equality (CGHE) which crossed party lines to urge him not to quit parliament.

Dr. Thomas was the victim of the divided nature of his district. While he received considerable support from industrial areas, it was thought that his conviction would not go down well with rural voters, many of whom are conservative and deeply religious.

Dr. Thomas' case is not an isolated example of the daily harassment gay men in England face at the hands of police agent provocateurs.

During recent weeks a number of gay men in London have appeared in court on charges of "persistently importuning for an immoral purpose."

At least 25 men were arrested in the Earls Court area of West London — one of the gayest parts of the city — during the summer of 1983.

All of those arrested had been approached for sex by undercover police.

Many were denied access to lawyers or were threatened with exposure to employers and family.

A Scotland Yard spokesman admitted the arrests but denied the use of entrapment.

Although the majority of those arrested pleaded guilty for fear of unwanted publicity, all four of those who demanded jury trials were eventually acquitted.

In several instances, it was apparent that the judge, as well as the jury, believed the police to be lying when they gave evidence.

In one case, the defendant told the court that a policeman had said to him: "Regardless of what the law says, you know what the Bible says about your sort."

These cases have raised fears about increased harassment of gays if the Police Bill currently before Parliament is passed.

The Bill would give police wide new powers, including the right to strip suspects, to detain suspects for 96 hours without charging them, and to arrest people whose behavior could be an "affront to public decency."

An unexpected fallout of the arrests has been gay policemen for the first time angrily speaking out against their straight colleagues.

One gay officer has begun to start a support group for his gay fellow officers, and he hopes to start campaigning against a regulation requiring gays to be dismissed for bringing the force into "disrepute."

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future support, were State Senators Bill Lockyer (Hayward) and Nicholas Petris (Oakland), as well as Assemblymembers Elihu Harris and Tom Bates.

"We'll see if this governor means what he says about law and order when we proceed this session with AB-848," said Bates, referring to his bill which would extend civil rights protections to victims of anti-gay violence.

Also honored, but unable to attend, were Assemblymembers Robert Campbell and Johan Klehs.

The mayors of Oakland and Berkeley, Lionel Wilson and Gus Newport, also addressed the group.

Wilson equated the struggle for lesbian/gay civil rights with the black civil rights movement.

Newport pledged support for the idea of domestic partner benefits for the employees of the City of Berkeley.

"We'll see if we can work it out, avoiding the problems encountered in San Francisco," said the mayor. Newport was introduced as a long-time supporter of lesbian/gay rights and the only mayor ever to ride in the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

EBL/GDC Finance Chair Kerry Woodward addressed the group, urging support for the Campaign for Equality.

"Candidates need our financial support, as well as our endor-

sements and volunteer efforts," said Woodward. "The Campaign for Equality has been set up with the specific purpose of aiding candidates who support our issues."

Besides holding fundraising events, such as the reception which netted \$1,100, the Campaign has set up a monthly pledge system, in order to ensure funds when needed.

The Campaign for Equality will contribute to candidates who have been endorsed by the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club.

Amounts will be determined by variables including level of support of the candidate, importance of the race, and seriousness of the threat by the opposition.

About 70-75 supporters attended the reception, including candidates for Alameda County Supervisor Margaret Tracy (District 1) and Marge Gibson (District 4). Gibson recently sponsored the Oakland Lesbian/Gay Rights Ordinance, strongest in the state.

The East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club will be making endorsements for Supervisor, Berkeley Rent Board, Central Committee, judgeships, and propositions on Sunday, Apr. 8, 7 p.m. at the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave.

On Thursday, Apr. 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Club PAC will make recommendations for distribution of funds to endorsed candidates.

For more information, call (415) 843-2459.

## MCC begins extension to Santa Cruz

Sacramento, CA - At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the Northwest District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a plan was approved whereby MCC of San Jose may begin a parish extension program into Santa Cruz County.

The action came as a result of a proposal made by the Board of Directors and the pastors of MCC San Jose. According to the Rev. Jack St. John, Pastor of Outreach Ministries, attempts have been made in the past to provide MCC's services and opportunities to the gay/lesbian community of Santa Cruz. At present there is no MCC activity in the coastal community.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has over 200 worshipping communities in North America, Europe, Africa and Australasia. The Northwest District, of which San Jose and Santa Cruz are a part, numbers over 30 congregations, found in Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon,

Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. MCC came under international scrutiny two years ago when it applied for membership in the mainstream National Council of Churches of Christ (NCC). Although the NCC has "tabled" MCC's application for member status, the notariety has had advantageous results for many MCC congregations. One of these is increased public awareness of MCC's presence, and many requests have been received for MCC feasibility studies in cities previously uninterested in MCC.

It is anticipated that even further interest in MCC will develop after the airing sometime later this year of a soon-to-be-released documentary on U.F.M.C.C., entitled "God, Gays and the Gospel - This is Our Story."

Residents of the Santa Cruz area are invited to watch for public announcements concerning the initial planning discussion to be held in Santa Cruz shortly after Easter. Questions may be referred to the Rev. Robert H. Copestake, Pastor of MCC San Jose, (408) 279-2711.

## MCC Art Auction

The T.J. Herreid Galleries of Los Angeles have been commissioned by Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose to conduct their annual art show and auction. The event will take place Saturday, May 12, 1984 in the gymnasium/auditorium of Grace Baptist Church, 484 E. San Fernando St., San Jose (corner of 10th and E. San Fernando).

The exhibition begins at 6 pm with the auction scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm.

The Herreid Galleries represents a variety of well known masters, media, and subject matter. The exhibition includes an international collection of original oils, watercolors, lithographs, serigraphs, etchings, enamels, sculpture and other fine collectible art.

Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic refreshments will be served and a door prize will be given. Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. A \$2 donation is requested at the door.

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## Victims Rights

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Senate Bill 1678 would prohibit the imprisonment of a sexual assault victim for contempt if the contempt consists of refusing to testify about the assault.

Additionally, the bill would allow for an automatic three-day stay of execution, pending appellate review, for any sexual assault victim found in contempt for refusing to testify. (This is the same protection currently afforded attorneys and public safety officers.)

In recent years, a good deal of progress has been made with recognizing and understanding the emotional and psychological trauma experienced by victims of sexual assault. We know a victim may continue to suffer for months, years or even a lifetime following such an assault.

Many sexual assault victims simply may not be able to face the extraordinarily long process involved in prosecution or to muster the strength necessary for publicly testifying about the assault.

SB 1678 is intended to protect such victims from the severe trauma that can result from imprisonment, or threats of imprisonment, if they do not testify.

SB 1678 is scheduled to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 1. If you would like to support this bill, you should write to the committee members listed below and urge their affirmative vote. I would appreciate a copy of any letters sent to committee members.

If you have any questions or concerns about SB 1678, please do not

hesitate to contact my San Jose District Representative, Peggy Collins.

Cordially,  
Dan McCorquodale  
Senator, 12th District

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## Silver from The Fox



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by Ted Sahl

The Silver Fox raised \$1600 Folks! Holding an auction for the AIDS Foundation, Emperor VI Dennis Andrews and mom and friends autographed off exotic costumes, exotic hair-does. And . . .

Well, anyway, it was a smashing success, as men and women had a ball kidding and bidding away.

Every single darn thing went, many donations from businesses, a bicycle, bed-spread, you name it.

But for the real excitement, for a few, it was, "pie in your face throwing time."

And it was a great mess, but it was so much fun — \$1600 worth.

You got it — you should have been there. ■

## Last Stomp at The Savoy



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By Ted Sahl

I cannot believe what is in front of me! The pool table is gone, and from wall to wall, it is solid bodies — it's the last night at The Savoy, a women's bar in Cupertino (San Jose) — March 31, 1984.

From 11 a.m. when brunch began, the "fever" hasn't left yet. Lots of waving of arms, bodies swaying to the music.

## Pen Pal Scams

San Francisco (IGNA) Some gay men, seeking to help other gays behind bars, have recently found themselves the victims of some scams involving altered postal money orders.

San Francisco Postal Inspector Mike McKim says that about twenty San Franciscans have reported being taken by the schemes.

McKim explains how the scams usually work.

A prisoner will ask a "pen pal" to cash a post office money order at a bank and give the money to a friend of the convict's outside the prison.

Invariably the money orders have been altered to give them a higher value.

"The Postal Service finds out about it when we get the altered money order from the bank," said McKim. The bank will

charge the customer for the altered amount and, by then, the money the victim gave to the convict's friend is long gone.

One victim lost twenty thousand dollars in the scam and national totals of the swindles are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Letters from prisoners usually fill a page of the *Bay Area Reporter*, a San Francisco gay newspaper, and the page often carries a warning that readers may be "exploited" by their prison pen pals.

Paul Lorch, BAR editor, said he knew some readers had been victimized, but that most of the writers are just asking "for another chance."

"Some of these people are good people — they're kids in for drug busts," he said. "It's pretty obvious you shouldn't go cashing checks for prisoners." ■

Savoy.

Would you believe someone just brought in a Kentucky Fried dinner — she ain't never leaving!

Pat & Sue just entered the bar. The music has never stopped, but it's getting late, and Savoy, a ladies' bar, must come to an end.

For some, just for a little while, and meet in other rendezvous — going for it, like you used to at Savoy — you shoulda been there! ■

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## Liedermann



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by Ronald H. Schmidt

"P.S. To those who so kindly reminded me that my piano needs tuning — I promise that I'll do it . . . I will, I will, I will."

On that promisory note Larry Marcus concluded the minutes of the first meeting of the Liedermann Chorus on June 29, 1983.

Brunchers who built their own omelettes at David's at Main Street the Sunday of St. Patrick's Day weekend can attest to Marcus' having attended to more than the tuning of his piano in the nine intervening months. That was a proud occasion for the tall, silver-cropped, former Temescal chorister whose love for singing had kept him commuting to Berkeley every week for two years before OUR PAPER kicked in free ad space to help him locate South Bay gays with voices to share.

Ten respondents to Marcus' query gathered under the skylight in the paneled livingroom of the home he shares with Liedermann secretary Randy Kirchner for that early summer test of their intent.

The March 18th performance on Stockton Strip marked the fifth coming out for the choristers whose ranks have since doubled and whose talents are proving them a focal point of South Bay gay/lesbian pride.

Pausing from their mix of yolk and Hollandaise, patrons in the ever emergent warmth of the popular restaurant/bar nodded approval as Musical Director Robert Welton wove his charge of voices into a tonal tapestry of folk, spiritual, Broadway musical, and motivational themes. It was an occasion!

Trim, black-tied waiters replenished champagne at tables bedecked with parrot tulips, quiet, efficient, as the Men of Song (Liedermann liberally translated) stirred the senses from a sing-a-long opener to warm-hearted reflection, tight-chested tears, and re-evaluated self-esteem.

The allegro moderato tempo of

Israeli folk song "Tum Balalaika" coaxed a couple at the bar into the comfort of each other's arms as they pondered questions with universal answers: "What can burn for years and years? What can cry and shed no tears? Tum-ba-la, tum-ba-la, tum-ba-la-lai-ka. . . ." A swelling of musical syllables that are the lyrics of the heart.

But it was baritone Jack McClesky's "Wade in the Water" solo that summoned the chef from the kitchen, applause from fellow songsters, and the demand for an eventual encore. God and Pharaoh, Moses and troubled waters receded long enough for Ken Harm's affair with the keyboard to nudge the audience toward personal dawns and revisited dusks with Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's "Sunrise, Sunset." Harshness falls away, wherever it has hidden, with this song; facades are easily penetrated. Those within hearing stand a little naked and not a little vulnerable. "Is this the little boy I carried? Is this the little girl I knew?" The journey inward works its own will on the features and unmarks the heart.

Liedermann's rendering was no exception. The bearded Welton, eyes all but closed, lips hushing, tempered memory with softened gestures, and achieved in the blending of twenty voices and instrument essentially male and unequivocally beautiful.

A French major with a minor in applied music, Welton is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He has taught music in Kampala, Uganda and Madrid, Spain as well as until four years ago, Cupertino schools. He has sung with the Master Singers for the San Antonio Opera Festival, the Schola Cantorum at De Anza College, and the Saratoga Drama Group. Last December Welton completed his eleventh season as Clara's uncle in San Jose Dance Theatre's production of *Nutcracker* as he is currently in

rehearsal for the king in that company's April 20,21 *Sleeping Beauty Ballet* from 7:30 to 9:30 on Monday nights at the Campus Christian Center at 10th and San Carlos in San Jose, Welton directs the rehearsal of the Liedermann Chorus and on Wednesday nights he is one of four Bobs within the chorus rehearsing for a Bod-r-Shop Quartet. Add to all this the fact that Welton is the President of Pacific Ventures and you have a man who is, if not busy, certainly involved. Small wonder that he was initially reluctant when Larry Marcus appealed to him, "If we're going to get going, Bob, we really need you."

"It's a commitment," says Welton, reflecting on his decision to accept, "but once I make a commitment, I go all the way." Besides, ". . . the chorus is an incredible group of people . . . with a tremendous sense of

camaraderie." The title of General Manager of the chorus goes to Larry Marcus, its genial founder, who sees Liedermann as a present pleasure with an ultimate purpose. "I'm still restless," he wrote in his December 5 newsletter, Coral Reefs. "My want for actualization of a visible gay community in our own home territory is stronger than ever. The chorus is an important identity for or lesbian and gay community."

Marcus is a gentle man with a touch of steel in his soul. His eyes fill as he recalls the closing of the 1982 Gay Games when Temescal joined choruses from around the country merging their 800 voices in a rendering of "Torches in the Wind. . ."

"Torches in the wind that flutter in the sunlight, Candles in the rain that flicker through the night Burn as we bring our sweetness out from shadow, Untamed ten-

derness into the light. . . ." Without ever getting political about it, Marcus continued, "I believe the chorus sends a message out that 'We are here!' Hopefully, that will add to the perpetuation of others to take notice of their existence."

"No Man Is An Island," Liedermann's final Main Street selection, gave eloquent embodiment to that already eloquent purpose.

Plans for a concert in conjunction with the June Gay Pride celebration are in the formative stages. Readers interested in joining the chorus are encouraged to attend the open rehearsals or call Bob Welton at 245-1407 or Larry Marcus at 280-6297.

P.S. Rich Calmbacher, manager of Main Street hosted the Chorus to a sit-down dinner at David's on March 27th. That's appreciation! ■

## On The Strip . . .

By Richard Calmbacher

Just want to thank everyone who attended the 2nd Annual Aries Party, Apr. 10 at Main St.

I had a great time, they tell me. It was a great birthday party.

Special thanks to David for a fantastic buffet, to Russ from Renegades for filling in as bartender and to John for working a double shift. Thanks for the wonderful gifts, especially to Doreen and Jason.

Join Darlene and Steve at the Renegades on Apr. 26 for a Casa fundraiser. A spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Casa. All you can eat for \$4.50. Includes salad and roll from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Happy Birthday to David's waiter Tony Apr. 15. Also a big "40" birthday to Richard Winter May 2. Other birthdays include Sal Accardi May 12. Richie at Mac's will celebrate May 13 and also Jim from Broadway.

Easter bonnet contest at Main St. Apr. 22 at 6 p.m. \$50 prize for best hat. Toyon will be having a full moon tax relief party Apr. 15. Special well drink prices at \$1 to relieve your tax burden.

On Saturday, Apr. 14, Emperor Nevan Von invites you to

the Investiture of the Emperor Penguin Court, to be held in Toyon's Ballroom at 2 p.m. There will be entertainment and an auction as well as the Investiture of his court.

Currently, a membership drive is in the process for Stockton Strip's Mayor council. If you are interested in joining, leave your name and address with any bartender at Main St. or the Boot Rack. They are planning another beer bust on May 20. I will keep you posted on this.

Speaking of mayors, the real Mayor of San Jose Tom McEnery, Councilwoman Susan Hammer and Police Chief Joseph McNamara will be meeting with the Bar Association on Apr. 30. This should be a lively meeting and again I will let you know the outcome.

The Bar Association has officially changed its name to The San Jose Tavern Guild. A letter of invitation will be sent out soon to the other bars north of San Jose to form a larger organization.

I want to take this chance to welcome Dot James as the new Executive Director of the AIDS Foundation. I recently met this

fine woman and was impressed. She carries the best credentials to administer this organization and I ask that you support her.

The Foundation is facing some difficult times ahead. Please dig into your pockets and send a donation today.

"Marcus Conant, M.D., one of the nationally respected experts on AIDS predicts 12,000 cases of AIDS by this time next year, with 500 of them to be found in Santa Clara County."

500 cases in Santa Clara County. This is most frightening. I can't stress enough the importance of Santa Clara County having its own AIDS Foundation. If this foundation closes, it will be taken over by the County itself. It is very important that this be run by Gay people and people sympathetic to Gay people. We must keep public hysteria from running out of control.

One anonymous message on the telephone answering machine at the foundation: "Why don't you just fuckin' kill them all? They're a bunch of faggots, and they don't deserve to live."

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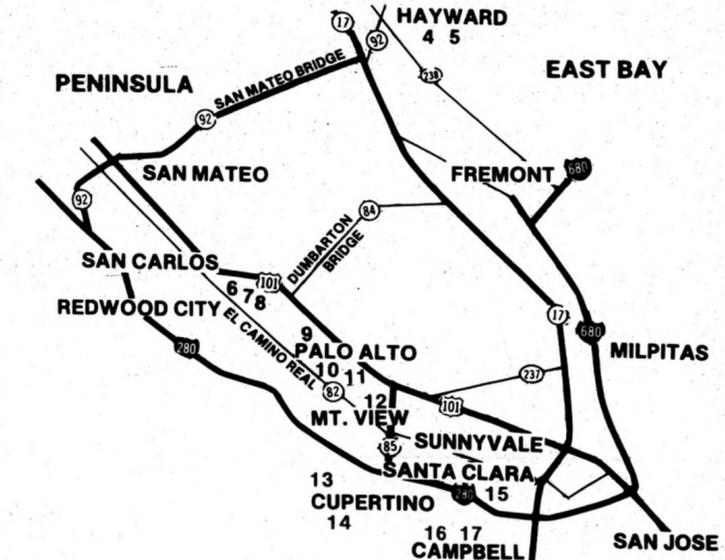
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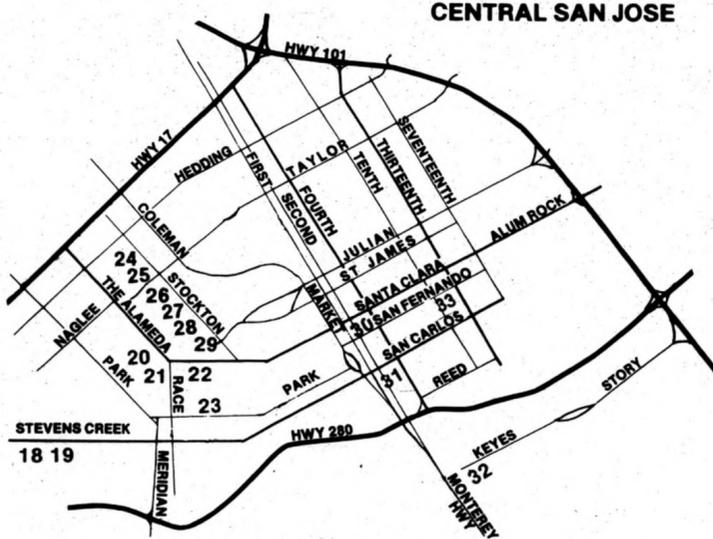
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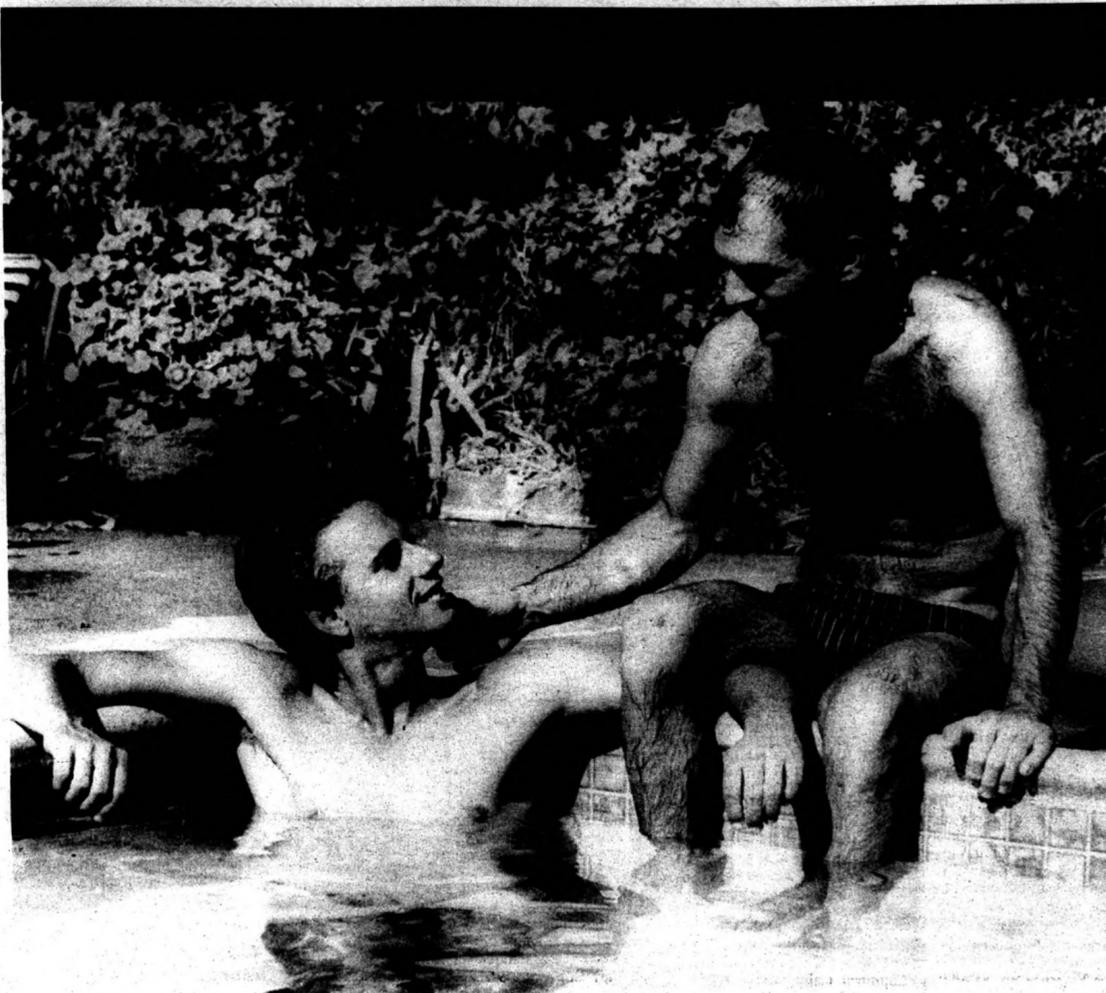
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## Center Notes

by Wayne Herriford

Two weeks ago the Board of Directors and myself spent a day and a half at our annual retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to take time once a year to do some skills training and also review the accomplishments of the Center during the past year and set goals for the coming year. The first day was devoted to a more formal presentation of behavioral styles and an understanding of some of the skills to be aware of when facilitating or attending a meeting. The more important part, however, was the second day.

During that time we talked about the Center, the successes we have seen in the past year, and some of the challenges we still face. We also spent time reviewing the needs that we feel we currently meet and looking at those which we feel we ought to be meeting in the future. One of the outcomes of the discussion was a feeling on our part that while we are very successful in meeting the needs of the people who use the center, there are a great deal more people in the county whom we could serve and we are not aware of what their needs are.

It was decided that we would complete a needs survey of the lesbian and gay community in the service area which we currently serve. The survey will investigate people's perceptions of the services we currently provide, and investigate what services not being provided which are desirable. We are aiming to have it ready to be given out by June 1, and allow two months for the dissemination and collection of the results. The results of the information will be available to the Board of Directors by September 15. (Information will also be available to interested members of the community)

The Center exists for everyone in the community, whether it is used or not. The Switchboard, for example, has information available on lesbian and gay physicians, lawyers, and other professionals; counselors; social alternatives; and a host of information. Many of the other services which are available are, in many ways, like insurance; you don't need them every day but when you do they are available.

When you see the survey, please complete a copy and mail it in to us. It is very important that we hear from as many people as possible.

Because the Center is totally supported by contributions, it is important that everyone who is able helps us out. Whether you join us a member or make a contribution; whether you attend a fund raiser or volunteer your time. We need it all if we are to continue to exist and grow and I call on you to give us what you can to make this happen!

Currently we are in need of several volunteers to work three hour shifts once a week to keep the Center open and answer the phones. Training will be arranged for you and you will find that this

is a very worthwhile and fulfilling position. Our coupon books - which give really nice bargains and discounts throughout the community - are on sale for only \$5 at Broadway/Toyon, Main Street, Boot Rack and Desperados. Every third Monday we have a spaghetti feed at the Broadway to raise funds for the center. All I would ask is that you do what you can to help us - when you do you're also helping yourself! (Don't forget, with our tax exempt status, you can deduct any contributions you make to the center!)

I'd also like to thank some of the people who have recently contributed to the Center: the Mayor's Council, Boot Rack and Main Street for the Beer Bust; the 641 for the Flea Market; Kevan and Mark for their support at Broadway and Toyon; all the businesses who supported the coupon book both through putting a coupon in it and by selling them; the several professionals in the community who have recently made contributions to the Center; the people who currently work at the Center as switchboarders and volunteers, providing immeasurable service and support to the community; and thanks to the staff of OUR PAPER for

giving the Center the space to communicate with you all!

**Other Notes:**

The Rally Committee is off and running, meeting at the Center every week. People are still needed to help with the planning; as well as to participate on the committees. Call the Center, 293-4525 and leave a message if you'd like to help. Don't forget, the Rally is planned for St. James Park on Sunday June 17.

The weekly center schedule is: 1st and 3rd Mondays, Black and White men together. Tuesdays, Slightly Older Lesbians. Wednesdays, Lesbian rap. Thursdays, Men's rap. Fridays, Women's Coffeehouse. Saturdays, Lesbian chorus. Sundays, AA and Youth rap. For information on any of these groups, call the center at 293-4525. Current hours are Monday thru Friday 6 to 9 pm, Saturday 12 to 6; Sunday 12 to 3.

Any lesbian or gay person who works at HP and is interested in joining in with others to form a support organization should call the center and leave me a message.

Have a good couple of weeks and please remember to use the Center when you need it. STAY PROUD!

## H.M.S. are League Champions

H.M.S. are the League Champions in the South Bay Eight Ball League.

H.M.S., the North Division winners, beat the Daybreak II South Division leaders. Both teams won First Place money of \$350. In addition, H.M.S., as champions, won \$500 and the right to host the Banquet.

The Banquet will be held at H.M.S. on Sunday, May 6, 1984, at 1660 South Bascom Avenue in Campbell, Calif.

An All Star match between the divisions will be held the day of the Banquet. Watch out! Jeanne, Wally, Kenjo and Brook!

The eight best players (according to percentage) in each division will face off in a match of 15 games. Yeah North Division!

Those interested in possibly joining the next league which will begin preliminary matches in mid-July are welcome to attend the Banquet. It will start at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon on May 6, 1984.

In the first match, Frank Rose led H.M.S. with a 3-game sweep to a score of 10 to 5. The second match was much closer.

Dale Atwater scored a 3-game sweep and also won the deciding

game. H.M.S. came from behind to win the match. The H.M.S. team consisted of Frank Rose, Dale Atwater, Robbie Robinson, Mark Lopez and George M.

The Daybreak II team included Jeanne Jerkovich, Brook Crosby, Sam Gutierrez, Janeen Bogue, and Tamara Flagg.

Anyone interested in joining our next season can get more information at the Banquet or call Mark Lopez at 259-2829.

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## Accidents befall Our Paper staff

Automobile accidents recently took their toll on two members of the Our Paper staff. Both photographer Ted Sahl and real estate columnist Paul Wysocki were involved in separate traffic accidents within the last two weeks. In both cases, the accident victims were driving heavy model cars and sustained less personal injury than they might have otherwise. Both men are up and around, if somewhat painfully; and we wish each of them a speedy and complete recovery from both the physical and emotional trauma they experienced. Get well, guys!

## Press Release

The Billy De Frank Lesbian and Gay Community Center will sponsor a Coming Out Workshop for men and women on Saturday, April 28th. The all-day workshop begins at 10 am and features group discussion, the film, "The Word is Out" and speakers. To reserve a space in the workshop and for more information, call the Center at 293-4525 after 6 pm. A \$5 donation is requested, less if you can't, more if you want to.

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## In The Offing . . .

By Ron Schmidt  
Entertainment Editor

**INSPIRATION** from the little town of Cotati up Sonoma way. Gearing for Lesbian/Gay Pride summer celebrations, this community's year-old Lesbian and Gay Resource Network (LGRN) leads the way with its **Tropical Fruit** annual social and dance extravaganza May 5 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Are you ready?) Cotati Vets' Hall.

Small steps like Cotati's leave significant footprints. Contact Al Peterson, LGRN, P.O. Box 1427, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. (707) 664-0605. It's ENCOURAGING!

**IN THE INTERIM THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL**, San Jose Rep's fifth play of the season, opened April 14 for a two short week run. The "boisterous" comedy closing April 29 will delight audiences without you unless you act to reserve your seats. 294-7572. While you're on the line, **IN AND OUT OF LOVE ... AGAIN**, the Rep's new cabaret production, has **IN ITS PLACE** at Eulipia the newly formed **San Jose Stage Company** presents a "nine inning comedy," **BLEACHER BOYS** through April 29. 371-9455.

A packed house consigned vocal director Rick Rudy to the lighting loft **UNDER THE ROOF** for a near **FIDDLER**'s view of **Saratoga Drama Group**'s second performance in the tradition of excellence their audience has come to expect. Final bows April 28. **IN THE EVENT** tickets still exist: 264-3110.

**IN CASE** you need reminding, be alerted to **SLEEPING BEAUTY**'s single pair of performances April 20-21. **San Jose Dance Theatre** has your tickets - 298-2300 or 371-9561 - to this celebration of the senses . . .

. . . which reminds me: **THE WOODS** in Guerneville on Rushin' River (weekender spelling) is **IN SEASON** for Drummer Mag's search for this region's one-of-ten **MR. DRUMMER** finalists. Numbers you need: 4/27, 28, 29 and (415) 864-3456.

**IN THE CAMPUS SCENE**, N.B.: San Jose State University's Studio Theatre focuses on the problem of child abuse in **SAINT DEB, OR THE MAN WHO LOVED EVERYBODY** through April 28 at the Campus Theatre, San Fernando near 5th. 277-2777.

**IN THE MYSTICAL VEIN**, VOICES, a new Joan of Arc opens April 27 for one week at the University of Santa Clara's Fess Parker Studio 984-4015 or 984-4565 . . . But . . . the big news on the mission campus is that **Lanford Wilson's 5th of JULY** will run from May 25 to June 2. That's significant! **5th of JULY** is currently **IN PRODUCTION** at San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros, a company dedicated to works by and/or about Lesbian/Gay issues. The focus of this play is on a male couple whose lives are "oddly intertwined" with six other people who share their long weekend. Theatre Rhinoceros run ends May 19, one work week before the university's begins. Interesting chance for comparison. Numbers for Rhino: (415) 861-5079. The U's are above.

Also **IN THE CITY** is this season's must - the straight lady who wanders into a Lesbian resort - written by Jane Chambers and directed by Marshall W. Mason, the only director to receive the Pulitzer Prize . . . and that for **Lanford Wilson's** (Where have you heard that name before?) **Talley's Folly**. Yeah, but what's the name of *this* production? **LAST SUMMER AT BLUEFISH COVE**, of course, with an anticipated run of mid-May at the Theatre on the Square (415) 433-9500, or **BASS** and Ticketron.

**IN ADDITION** you can see **Meg Christian IN CONCERT** with Diane Lindsay and Sue Fink at Great American Music Hall one night only, April 24. \$7.50 at the door or (415) 885-0750.

**IN THE AIR** not quite everywhere - **CLOSET FREE RADIO** - KZSC, 88.1 FM - **FAR LEFT OF THE DIAL** and that's Santa Cruz. Programming 7:30 - 9:30 Monday nights makes it to Monterey but not over the hill this way yet. However, **KSAN, 95FM**, will carry the tape of **Rosalind Wyman's** (chair of 1984 Democratic National Convention) address to **Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club** at 6:00 a.m. April 22.

**KPFA IN BERKELEY, 94 FM**, broadcasts **MAJORITY REPORT** - a feminist magazine of news, public affairs, and political analysis, Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mondays at midnight - **MIDNIGHT BECOMES ECLECTIC** - music by women. Wednesdays at midnight - **THE WITCHING HOUR** - music by women. Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - **TRAFFIC JAM** - drive time show with music, public affairs features, live guests, and news headlines. Hosted by Ginny Z. Berson and Julia Randall.

**IN CONCLUSION**, should you run out of things to do, dial **GAY EVENTS TAPE** (415) 861-1100 . . . Or-r-r . . . call 288-8882 to reserve an audition slot with San Jose Opera Theatre for Mozart's **MAGIC FLUTE** - May 20 and 23. ■



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## FORTUNES

By Tycho

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) A new look at an old relationship could bring a revelation. A family member or someone you've been close to for a long time reveals something about himself that allows you to learn something about yourself in the process. A valuable time.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 20) The bull goes into the china shop, and just as in the Merrill Lynch commercials, walks through with unexpected grace. If you can refrain from becoming a showoff with your new talents, you can put on quite a show! Listen to the applause.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21) No big deals or sudden changes. Nothing to get crazy or upset about. There's a gentle kind of rolling along with the warm Spring to your life. Memories of childhood are stirred in a most delightful way. Breezy and easy, you're doing just fine.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 21) You can see clearly now. The present is so clear, in fact, that with proper concentration you can see well into the future. Make plans. Create the future out of the fullness that is yours. Take control of things in your own beautiful, gentle way.

**LEO** (July 22 - August 22) Both trouble and pleasure aplenty are brewing. Bugged down by your responsibilities, you may try a venture into uncharted territory. A new love may seem to offer release and excitement, but check the trade-off before going for the payoff! In other words, watch out, Leo!

**VIRGO** (August 23 - September 22) You might want to look up a Gemini friend and ask questions about leading a double life. Right now, there seem to be not only two loves in your life, but two of many things. You don't have to be confused or worried, but you probably will be.

**LIBRA** (September 23 - October 22) You're working very hard to achieve your goal. Yet all the while, you're frustrated by some invisible barrier. Keep plugging away. Don't let petty people and their ridiculous behavior pull you off course. You'll get there yet; the good balance will be yours soon.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 - November 21) You're definitely in your element. Swimming in deep waters, you experience the mysterious that others see only in a glass-bottomed boat. This is a time when your mystical sense can be shared and communicated. Find a fellow water sign and plumb the depths.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 - December 21) Looking back can mean looking forward if you understand what you see there. A counselor or a close friend could offer the kind of input you need to clarify those unsettled issues. Know what you're looking for first!

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 19) When you're just too much for one person, you'll be just right for someone else. Your strength and self-assuredness will be an overdose for the weak-willed, but for someone who has his head on straight and knows how to move it, you're the answer to a prayer.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 - February 18) Brothers and sisters figure prominently in your picture. If you don't have one or more of those, a soul-mate will do. Someone you love very much will call or come by to shine their light brightly. You'll be glad they did; tell them what's on your mind and in your heart.

**PISCES** (February 19 - March 20) Some fine-tuning of the intellect is in order now. Whatever you read or study will be readily intelligible. It's a time for making the right connections, a time for making sense out of seemingly unrelated facts. Discovery is the keyword, and you're an explorer.

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Names of readers responding to Our Paper's voter registration drive will be forwarded to the National Gay Task Force, on request, and will be maintained on the newspaper's mailing list for future information about elections and candidates.

Gay rights supporters are invited to participate, regardless of their sexual orientation. Gay rights is a human rights issue which should concern us all.

### Partial List of Participating Groups

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## A Message from Art Agnos Following the Veto of AB-1

Dear Friend:

The verdict is in and we have suffered a grave setback.

Whether it is a temporary defeat or whether it forecasts even bigger setbacks to come is a matter that only you can decide.

There can be no question that the Governor's veto of AB-1 to end discrimination in employment against gay people has given the forces of religious right-wing bigotry a massive boost.

You can now expect them to do everything possible to defeat those in the Assembly and Senate who stood with us and you can expect them to take their campaign out of California and into the country at large.

Should they succeed in defeating any of the elected officials who supported us, we can forget furthering the rights of lesbians and gay men for many, many years to come.

One such defeat would be nothing less than a disaster warning flag to any legislator anywhere brave enough to consider supporting these basic human rights.

We've lost a battle, but we have not lost the war.

We could lose that too if we do not begin now to defend our friends who will be up for election this November . . .

I propose that we create a statewide organization with committees in our major cities that will broaden our base of support so that we can move into a defensible position this Fall . . .

I need your help to raise the

seed money to put in place a statewide organization similar in scope to the No On 6 campaign of 1978.

Since the Governor's veto I have received hundreds of calls from people of goodwill, both gay and non-gay, from all over California wanting to know what they can do to help.

By creating the Californians for Justice fund I believe we can create the kind of grass roots swell of support for this issue that we all experienced during the successful No on 6 campaign . . .

Your generosity over the past three years has brought AB-1 from obscurity to passage by both houses of the Legislature and that's no small accomplishment on your part.

Won't you sit down right now and send me your most generous contribution to the Californians for Justice fund so that together we can build an organization that will ultimately succeed.

Send what you can afford . . . but send it now so that we can get started.

I have been truly honored to represent your interests in the California Assembly.

I cannot adequately express my respect and admiration for the courage and commitment that gay men and lesbians have shown, as well as their straight friends and relatives.

It is a privilege to be associated with you.

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ART AGNOS  
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## Latest AIDS Statistics

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, on April 2, 1984, reports 3,954 cases of AIDS nationally, with 1,723 deaths (43.6% of total diagnosed).

The statistical portrait of a person with AIDS remains the same: male gay or bisexual (76.6%), 30-39 years of age (46.8%), white and Anglo (57.5%).

Of the 3,954 cases, 272 are female; 55.1% of those are IV drug abusers and 36.0% are of indeterminate cause.

Most of the people with AIDS reside in New York (43.1%) or California (22.8%). Santa Clara County is considered to be in the San Francisco Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA); that SMSA includes 471 cases of AIDS (11.9% of total).

The New York City SMSA includes 1,591 cases (40.2%); the Los Angeles SMSA includes 331 cases (8.4%).

The primary AIDS-related disease continues to be pneumocystis Carinii pneumonia (PCP, 51.6%).

Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) accounts for 25.0% of the cases; both KS and PCP, 6.7%; other opportunistic infections, 16.6%. ■

*The opera "La Traviata" was once banned in Brooklyn (!) because of its supposed licentiousness.*

## Ms. Foundation Awards \$10,000 for Lesbian Health Study

New York — Bernice Goodman, president of the National Gay Health Education Foundation, Inc. (NGHEF) announced last month that the Ms. Foundation for Women has awarded \$10,000 to NGHEF to fund a pilot needs assessment survey of lesbian health care in the United States.

Heralded by NGHEF as the first grant of its kind in this country, the survey will be conducted over the next 12 months by experts in female survey research, coordinated by Dorothy Parkel.

The goals of the project are to help to identify the extent of the lesbian community throughout the country, demonstrate the

health care problems in these lesbian communities, with emphasis on third world and working class lesbians, and to begin to translate the results of the survey into needed services.

"If we are going to work together for lesbian health," said Goodman, "there is an urgency to reach an agreement as to how 'health' translates within our extremely diverse community.

"This survey will provide a valuable base towards the development of a broader understanding of the field of 'lesbian health'."

For more information, contact NGHEF, P.O. Box 784, New York, NY 10036. ■

## New Lesbian Press

Lace Publications, a new Lesbian publishing house, has announced its first offering *The Raging Peace*, an erotic romance by Artemis OakGrove, due for release this fall.

The new publisher plans to specialize in fiction with strong Lesbian characters in the areas of erotica, adventure, fantasy, gothic, historical, humor,

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Lace Publications emphasizes that it is completely neutral politically and prefers fiction that entertains without theorizing.

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts to: Lace Publications, POB 10037-0037, Denver, CO 80210. ■

## 'Reach Out and Dance'

On Friday, April 27, the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Celebration Committee will present *Reach Out and Dance*, a Motown dance, at Ollie's Radclyffe Hall in Oakland.

The hours of the dance will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., with a sliding scale admission of \$3-5.

The dance will feature DJ Stacy spinning primarily Motown discs.

Funds raised will be used to finance the 1984 East Bay Lesbian/Gay Celebration to be

held on Sunday, June 17.

The celebration is the annual East Bay kickoff of International Lesbian/Gay Pride Week and will include a parade and rally.

Celebration co-chairs Barbara di Jeannene and Bob Kegeles will attend the dance and be available to meet participants.

Ollie's is located at 4130 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, near the MacArthur Bart Station.

For more information, call Bob at (415) 547-0802 or Barbara at (415) 436-8030. ■

## A few upcoming events . . .

**HUMANIST FORUM:** This month's Humanist Forum on "A World Beyond War" features Bill & Marilyn Rea of the Creative Initiative Foundation, a group devoted to the improvement of the quality of life on this planet. The forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Community Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS** will be holding its 5th annual "Celebrity Spaghetti Feed" at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at the Lettermen's Club, 425 N. 4th St., San Jose. The fun part of this annual fundraiser is that male politicians and elected officials get to do the kitchen work and be waiters and wine stewards. For reservations, call 227-NWPC.

**A SOFTBALL GAME** between the San Jose State University Women's Center and SJSU Women's Studies Department is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 6 at 7th and San Carlos, followed by a Potluck Barbecue afterwards.

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