AIDS Research Confidentiality Bill Passes First Test

Sacramento — The State Senate Health and Human Services Committee approved, with no opposition, a bill (SB-292) that guarantees confidentiality to individuals participating in AIDS related research.

The bill, SB-292, will soon be heard by the full Senate. According to Marks, SB-292 is designed to address two related problems.

"One of the most visible side effects of AIDS is public hysteria," Marks said after the committee hearing. "It is clear that we must guarantee the privacy of individuals participating in research for their own emotional and financial well-being... this is a question of an individual's civil rights."

However, Marks' bill also reflects the concerns of researchers.

"The University of California is very supportive of this effort — researchers must guarantee confidentiality in order to guarantee maximum participation in the research effort," the Senator explained. He added that U.C. and AIDS researchers want the strongest bill possible.

"The concerns of researchers and the gay community are the same on this issue," Marks said.

SB-292 would provide confidentiality for records compiled by AIDS researchers. The bill would require researchers to resist a subpoena, and provide penalties for the release of confidential information.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Now Open to Gay Men/Women

San Francisco — The Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization of Sacramento, CA has adopted a non-discrimination policy which will allow gay men and women to apply as volunteers.

The policy, in effect, was a direct result of a lawsuit threatened by National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm.

NGRA was representing Sharon Bees, a lesbian who was turned away when she tried to volunteer in March 1984. Leonard "Caf, NGRA Legal Director, said, "We were not about to allow them to continue a blanket policy of excluding the gay people from the organization. That is patently illegal."

"We threatened to sue them under the state Civil Rights Act. When we sent them a draft of the complaint, the issue was quickly brought before the Board of Directors."

Graft noted that the Board unanimously passed a non-discrimination policy at that time rather than face a lawsuit. Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said, "This is a complete victory. We forced an organization to end an irrational discriminatory policy just by threatening to sue them."

"As a result, we have vindicated the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in our community and opened a door that will allow them to participate in an important aspect of family life."

Although Ms. Bees has left Sacramento to attend graduate school, the policy change is now in effect. Gay people will be judged, as others, by individual participation.

Senate Committee takes first step toward California AIDS Program

Sacramento — An urgency measure (SB-1231) by Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti was approved by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

The bill would establish the California AIDS Program (CAP) to give added attention, focus, direction and funding for AIDS-related programs. The measure also requires the Department to develop a comprehensive, coordinated AIDS prevention and education campaign.

The bill would appropriate $6,350,000 which would be distributed to grantees for information and education, comprehensive and coordinated programs, and patient support needs resulting from the AIDS epidemic.

The bill would also require:

— the Department to develop a comprehensive plan to address issues related to AIDS, including information and education, antibody testing, surveillance, mental health, treatment and care, and patient support services.

— continued programs of health professional education and training.

— continued emphasis on prevention through outreach campaigns to the general public to correct misinformation about AIDS.

The measure is also designed to promote broad-based support for AIDS programs by encouraging community level networking and coordination of efforts among the general public to correct misinformation about AIDS.

One of San Jose's favorite targets gives the Gay/Lesbian community a whack at dunking him at the 1981 Relay — Will Watergarden Pres. Sad Acard risk a dunking this year? Stay tuned. Photo by Kent Aksley
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Dear Mr. Wiesel:
The national Board of Directors and staff of LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund would like to express our deep sympathy and support for your compatriots who have fallen in the controversial “gay rights” war.

We feel you speak for us. LAMBDA is the oldest lesbian and gay legal institution in the country, and at all times have chosen to fight for the rights of those of us whom we know to be gay.

As for your position, you are quite correct. As a gay person and as someone who wears the pink triangle, I can say that we have seen many articles on AIDS, but most of them are biased. What are our thoughts? They are those of LAMBDA members, who are feeling the impact of AIDS on every aspect of our lives. We are the people who have lost loved ones, and we are the ones who feel the pain of AIDS.

The people of LAMBDA are deeply concerned about the effects of AIDS on our community. We believe that it is up to us as individuals to make a personal commitment to fighting this disease. We have formed a Gay Rights Network to bring together all of those who are affected by AIDS.

We are writing this letter to express our support for those who are fighting the battle against AIDS. We are grateful for the efforts of those who are working to combat this disease, and we hope that we can together make the difference.

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New College Outreach For Gay Students

New College of California is now accepting applications for the Fall of 1985.

The Law School was founded in 1972 to provide the tools of commitment to the public interest, New College has made a special effort to encourage the commitment of its members to the legal and gay community, and this is reflected in the faculty staff, students, and alumni.

The Lesbian and Gay Caucus at the Law School was founded in 1976 to guarantee the representation of gays and lesbians at all levels of the Law School. Many gays and lesbians have been drawn to law school, but no one thought it was possible in the traditional law school environment, in his turn, the law school comprises people who will commit to affirmative action as effective advocates.

New College is a community where people can learn the law in a non-discriminating and supportive environment.

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In conclusion, the Law School offers a comprehensive Academic Support Program designed to make the successful study of law possible.

The School of Law operates three four-year programs; one program is designed to expand the opportunity to study law to persons who have been unable to attend college. Applicants who are interested in applying for the Fall, should apply for consideration for future admissions, should write to New College School of Law, 50 Fell Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. Normanwith, Director of Admissions, at (415) 431-4141.


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Maria’s Lovers premieres at Camera 3

Camera 3 Cinema presents the exclusive San Jose premiere of Maria’s Lovers opening Friday, May 10.

Paying the price of love is Maria Sandoval, a single-shot actress, Naomi Siskind. Maria is a young woman living in Brownsville, Pennsylvania after her father committed suicide. Maria is a shy and insecure woman who seeks love and acceptance from anyone who will have her. But her one-time love, Garfield, has fallen in love with her twin sister, Carmen. Maria is left to love and take care of three men and women who love her, three men who love her.

Access to the image via Camera 3 Cinemas presents the exclusive San Jose premiere of Maria’s Lovers.

Bay Area Repertory Theatre.
This chilling play will be staged in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park and San Francisco State University.

The play is based on the life of a young woman who commits murder to protect the three men who love her.

The production is directed by Robert Mitchell and is scheduled to begin in the fall.

The production has attracted the attention of many playwrights and actors throughout the Bay Area.

Maria’s Lovers is a passionate and absorbing love story, a tale of love and murder.

Dear Reader,

Your support for the arts is appreciated. Your donations will help the Arts Council at Camera 3 continue to present outstanding theater and film.

Please consider making a contribution today.

Sincerely,

Marcie A. Delano, Executive Director

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Interview With Daniel Curzon

Q. Why did you write The World Can Breat: Your Story, Mr. Curzon?

A. I didn't write it; it wrote itself. I turned around one day and there it was, coming out of me. I thought it was a dream, but I couldn't stop it. It was a perfect novel.

Q. Why is your story so special, Mr. Curzon?

A. I guess what I'm saying in this novel is very close to my heart, although the events described are all totally unoriginal.

Q. What do you hope to achieve with this novel?

A. I hope to make people understand the beauty of life, and that it is important to cherish every moment.

Q. What is the main character in your novel like, Mr. Curzon?

A. The main character is a young boy who goes through various adventures, learning about life and the importance of love.

Q. What is the message of your novel, Mr. Curzon?

A. The message of this novel is about the power of love and the importance of understanding each other.

Q. When is your novel expected to be published, Mr. Curzon?

A. It will be published in June 1985.

Q. What's your day-to-day life like, Mr. Curzon?

A. I don't write every day. I write consistently when I'm working on the novel. Right now I'm working on a book about Shakespeare's plays, but I won't say anything about it until it's ready.

Q. Do you have any regrets about writing this novel, Mr. Curzon?

A. Yes, I've had to deal with the pressure of writing a novel, which is very difficult. But I'm very happy with the outcome.

Q. Do you have any suggestions for writers who are starting out, Mr. Curzon?

A. I'm not sure if I can give any suggestions, but I would say that writing is about expressing yourself. Don't be afraid to write what you feel.

Q. Are you working on any new projects, Mr. Curzon?

A. Yes, I'm working on a novel about the life of a young boy, but I can't say much about it yet.

Q. What's your favorite genre, Mr. Curzon?

A. I love to write about love and life, but I'm not sure if I have a favorite genre.

Q. What's your favorite book, Mr. Curzon?

A. I don't have a favorite book, but I love to read about love and life.

Q. What's your favorite movie, Mr. Curzon?

A. I love to watch movies about love and life. I think they have a lot in common with my novel.

Q. What's your favorite music, Mr. Curzon?

A. I love to listen to music about love and life. It's very inspiring.

Q. What's your favorite hobby, Mr. Curzon?

A. I love to read and write about love and life. It's very fulfilling.

Q. What's your next project, Mr. Curzon?

A. I'm not sure what my next project will be, but I'm sure it will be about love and life.
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Texas Students Score Victory For Gay Rights

Texas Tech University agreed last week to recognize Student Services for Lesbians/Gays as an official student organization.

Lambda Legal Defense and the Texas Human Rights Foundation, as co-counsel on the case, had filed a federal court lawsuit seeking to enjoin Texas Tech University from denying the students official recognition.

This acquiescence comes as a result of a Supreme Court decision to refuse to hear an appeal by Texas A&M University that the decision resulted in a success for gay students at that school.

"Those who would perpetuate discriminatory practices have been left with no alternative here in Texas," said Houston cooperating attorney Karen Lerner.

'Singing Nun' and Roommate Found Dead in Double Suicide

New York — Jeannine Deckers, the "Singing Nun" whose song "Dominique" became an international hit in 1963, was found dead along with her roommate at their apartment in Wavre, Belgium, April 1, according to a Religious News Service article appearing in the May issue of Pictorial, a San Jose-based monthly religious newspaper.

Miss Deckers, 52, and Annie Fescher, 41, described as an expatriate in body and facial movements, were said to have been killed by "massive dose of barbiturates swallowed with alcohol," a representative of the state attorney's office reportedly said. He added that "financial trouble seems to have been one of the reasons for their act."

As Sister Luc-Gabriel, a Dominican missionary of the Convent of Fishermont in Brussels, Miss Deckers recorded an album of 12 songs, in 1963, under the name "Dominique," which means "Sister Smile." One song, "Dominique," a joyful tribute to the founder of the order, became an instant hit, selling 750,000 copies in the United States alone.

Miss Deckers became an international phenomenon in 1973 with the release of her album, "Singing Nun," even appearing on the Ed Sullivan Show.

West Coast Women's Festival Moving Back To Yosemite

The 6th Annual West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival is moving back to Yosemite and will be located at a 200-acre private camp with a lake, pools, cabins, etc. three hours from the San Francisco Bay Area. It is 61/2 hours from Los Angeles.

The Festival is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 through Sept. 2 (Friday through Monday). Among the featured performers this year will be Cris Williamson and Teresa Trull and Barbara Higby and Tret Fure doing their recent major concert together; the Los Angeles Women's Community Chorus, Roshii Reagor, Abigail Bibb, Al Dobkin, Hot Flashes, Cassie/Deuter, Dianna Lindsay and Sue Fink, Danitra Vandy, Judy Small, Robin Tyler, and more.

The 75-woman chorus from L.A. will be the largest group performing at a festival. There will be day stage, open mike, workshops, swimming, camping, sports, and a dance every night.

Cost will be $85-100 for four days and $70-75 for three days (Saturday through Monday).

This includes food, camp, shows, and childcare.

For further information, write to WCWME, 111 Hart Street, Van Nuys, CA 91405 or call (818) 904-9495. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for a leaflet and to be included on the mailing list.

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professional, nonprofit and public service agencies.

In addition, an AIDS Ombudman would be established within the Department of Health Services to investigate and resolve cases of longevity discrimination, claim denial, reimbursement, or other problems in Medi-Cal for people with AIDS.

The measure is supported by the California Association of County Drug Program Administrators, the California Association of County AIDS Task Force, the UCLA Center for Interdisciplinary Research, AIDS Project/Los Angeles, the California AIDS Contractors Association, the California Dental Association, the Hispanic Caucus, and Citizens Advisory Committee of the Department of Mental Health.

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