Electronic firm faces suit for AIDS-Test firing
By Matt Thompson

Attorney Grace Ybarra, representing a 27-year-old electronics employee, has threatened to take legal action if Sunnyvale Electronics does not reinstate her client or pay damages for his allegedly unlawful termination.

Greg Duff was "laid off" by the firm on Sept. 1. According to Duff, his employer gave the reason that he had "low seniority" and that "times are tight."

Duff, however, believes that he was fired for refusing to take the controversial AIDS antibody test. He states that in the month immediately prior to his termination, he was repeatedly pressured to take the test. "Termination of our client's employment because of his refusal to take the test is a violation of the law," he wrote, "and may subject you to substantial liability for wrongful termination of his employment."

In an interview with Our Paper, Duff related that Jerry Bell of Sunnyvale Electronics informed him on Aug. 16 that it was assumed by the company that he was a homosexual. Bell stated that Duff needed to take the AIDS test before Aug. 23 to "protect other people in the company" and "face the consequences." Duff contended that he was subjected to verbal abuse at work in the following weeks, including being "called out to fight" with a co-worker. On Sept. 1, Duff was told that "after careful deliberation," the company had decided to lay him off. His position was filled the very next day by a new employee, according to Duff.

Ybarra has given the company 15 days to respond to her letter before taking further legal action. Duff says that he will "go as far as I have to go" with the case.

The Watergarden received a "special recognition" from the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Bernadette DeArmond, Gary Crawford, Betty Zebrowski, Sal Accardi (front), and Watergarden staffers Alex Mondibau, Chris Ratto, Bob Farrar, John Gammber, and Kent Olson (rear). Story on Page 2.

"You interview him, find out who he's been with, and track them down."

Brian Lance, candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1986, is calling for nationwide bloodtesting and a quarantine of all People With AIDS (PWA's). Lance met at the LeBaron Hotel Sept. 18 with other members of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), a political party formed by Lyndon LaRouche, to announce the NDPC program on AIDS.

LaRouche calls himself a Democrat; however, the Democratic Party has repudiated LaRouche and the LaRouche Democratic Policy Committee time and again because of their conservative bias.

"AIDS will be the hottest political issue of 1986, spilling over into '88," Lance stated, emphasizing the questions about AIDS asked of President Reagan in his recent press conference.

The NDPC left an ample main post office for a week before its "AIDS Forum" in hopes of drawing a crowd to its meeting. Only a handful of people showed up, mostly NDPC members and several gay activists.

In response to a question from Gay Community Center executive director, David Treadwell, regarding the NDPC's anti-gay literature, Lance stated that the actuality barhousers are not a part of the problem, but a part of the solution.

"At the Watergarden we provide condoms, education and literature on safe-sex practices, and, most important, an atmosphere that is conducive for people expressing themselves in a healthy and safe manner."

"Lance is using gay bathhouses as a red herring," Accardi stated.

The NDPC is "pro-human; we're not anti-gay."

A member of the audience declared that "homosexuality is itself a disease." Lance then admitted, "We don't view homosexuality as a healthy lifestyle."

Lance went on to say he believes "gay bathhouses are little petri dishes for the spread of AIDS."

Later responding to the accusation, Sal Accardi, president of The Watergarden, commented, "Lance's charge is not new, but the its furtherance this year."

The NDPC 4-Point Program calls for:
(1) A mass screening to determine who has AIDS, with people licensed by the state health department ("hairdressers, nurses") or working in areas inspected by the health department ("restaurant workers") to be tested first and on a regular basis.
(2) After screening, isolating those who have the AIDS virus in sanatoriums where they will be treated and used as research subjects. "Quarantine them; take them out of social circulation," Lance stated.
(3) Setting up a crash program for research on AIDS and "diseases of aging," such as cancer and coronary disorders.
(4) Addressing the economic conditions which lead to unsanitary living conditions in places such as Belgrade, Florida.

Initially, Lance focused his speech on the latter two points of the program, the NDPC program and presided over the humanitarian intent of the 4-Point Program. He stated that a child with AIDS, whose immune system is breaking it home.

"Spreading panic, not AIDS"

By Dot Jones

Call for Quarantine:

Citing California Health and Safety Code Sections 199.21(f) and 199.22, Ybarra informed Abrieu that her client was "exercising his lawful rights in refusing to take the test."

"Termination of our client's employment because of his refusal to take the test is a violation of the law," she wrote, "and may subject you to substantial liability for wrongful termination of his employment."

"California law prohibits testing of a person's blood for AIDS without written consent of the subject of the test," wrote Attorney Ybarra in a Sept. 13th letter to Peter Abrieu, president of Sunnyvale Electronics. "That law further prohibits using the results of a blood test for AIDS to determine suitability for employment."

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Interview:

Bob Clayton, ARIS Project

By Ted Sahl

The following interview was conducted with Bob Clayton and Carlos Rodriguez in San Jose on September 10, 1985.

Bob Clayton: I was a gay man, I live in San Jose, and I've been around for a long time about AIDS in our community.

Amongst numerous sessions on AIDS — the causes and the ramifications of the disease — made me realize I had to make some changes in my life.

In my life that was fearful, very fearful. The fact that there to guarantee that I'm not infected with AIDS.

Right now I am on one side of the issue, but I am very, very positive about it. I am very, very positive about every way.

I think it's been a very, very positive for us at this time because of that situation.

AIDS is no longer an issue for us, personal and managed. The Watergarden's cooperation with the health department's STD control program is another issue that is an ongoing concern.

AIDS: We are an AIDS service organization that is an important program for us in this field.

AIDS: the reason the talking took place.

BC: Yes, AIDS was the reason for the meeting, and what to do about it.

The most telling thing said that night was by William Lipil, an AIDS activist from "Free of Fear.""」「We have been meeting every Tuesday night since then.

The Watergarden of Santa Clara County has been a very important part of our community. It's been very, very positive for us at this time because of that situation.

AIDS has dealt with gay health issues in general and with its patrons in particular.

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Rock and Roll

Few people knew that Carole Carpenter died because of it. Researchers now believe that President Reagan's bout with colon cancer will result in thousands of lives being saved. Betty Ford's mastectomy, Stacy Kimes' cocaine addiction, Rita Hayworth's Alzheimer's disease — all have been targeted by a new, 50-year-old disease called AIDS. The disease is now recognized as a serious threat to the nation's health and well-being.

The following is the text of a letter to the editor of the San Jose Mercury News. The letter was written by a reader named Mary Jane Racher. She was quoted as saying: "This is a time to turn a corner, and consider a large part of our job to be finished. After all, what could have brought the increased funding for AIDS research should have been a paramount national priority! The unfortunate answer to the question, of course, is plenty of Rock Hudson. Rock Hudson has solved one of our problems. But the new attention focusing on gays may lead to other problems. We hope the AIDS Campaign Trust, in a large way, will soften the pressure that is being put on us."

Yes, AIDS will remain a political issue. And, as much as we might prefer otherwise, it will take political and financial pressure and political correctness to get done.

Vil Sabile

Human Rights Campaign

The following is the text of a letter to the editor of the San Jose Mercury News. The letter was written by a reader named Mary Jane Racher. She was quoted as saying: "I am writing this letter to you as a friend, because I love you and your family, and your friends. I am writing to you as a citizen of this country, because I love my country, and my country's people."

Dear Reader:

I am writing this letter to you as a friend, because I love you and your family, and your friends. I am writing to you as a citizen of this country, because I love my country, and my country's people. I am writing to you as a person, because I respect your views and your feelings, and I respect your right to express them. I am writing to you as a human being, because I believe that we are all equal, and I believe that we have a duty to each other.

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Governor Signs AIDS Bill

Sacramento — SB 1251 by Senate President David Roberts, appropriating $4 million for AIDS research, education, treatment, and care has been signed by the Governor.

The Governor's signature on SB 1251 ensures the passage of a bill that he had signed into law on August 23, 1985. The Governor was at the State Capitol when he signed the bill, which allocates $4 million for AIDS research, education, treatment, and care.

The Governor has been a vocal advocate for AIDS research and treatment, and his signature on this bill represents a significant step forward in the fight against AIDS.

By Ted Sahl

CASTRO STREET FAIR

September 15, 1985

Photo Essay by Ted Sahl
The beginning...

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Entertainment Calendar

**Summer Bay**

Rick Little appears at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts, SBCPAC, on Sept. 27. Tickets are available through the box office at (408) 995-1111 or at the door.

**TheaterWorks, Palo Alto**

premieres of *South Bay* through Oct. 15. For more information, call (415) 323-7300 or visit theaterworks.org.

**Adrienne Rich**

presented at SJSU's SJCPA on Sept. 27. Tickets are available through the box office at (408) 995-1111 or at the door.

**Palo Alto**

on Sept. 27. The play is presented by the Palo Alto Community Consolidated School District's Performing Arts Program.

**SF's Theater on the Square**

shows "Roller Derby! The Musical" through Oct. 20. For more information, call (415) 433-8888 or visit theateronthesquare.org.

**Ballet's Nutcracker**

to San Jose over the Thanksgiving weekend. Only 5 performances will be offered.

**Kuk's Women's Radio Show**

interviews Jeanne McCullough, director of the Women's Heritage Museum, on Oct. 5.

**Lateiner Disappoints At SJ Symphony**

conducting and Jacob Lateiner as co-concertmaster in the opening of the San Jose Symphony's 112th season. The symphony's 112th season will be presented at the Montgomery Theater. Call (408) 298-2300 for ticket information.

**Holy Trinity Church Conference**

A weekend conference of Independent Christian Churches, October 11-13. For more information, call (408) 723-0123 or visit holytrinitychurch.org.

**Evangel Publishing/Modern Butterfly**

in the Bay Area on Oct. 20. For more information, call (408) 298-0852 for ticket information.

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Jim and John share the same values and beliefs about home ownership.

Jim believes that having a home is an important part of his identity and his self-worth. He sees it as a symbol of security and stability.

John, on the other hand, is more practical. He sees a home as a place to raise a family and as an investment for the future.

Jim and John are looking forward to making their new home a place where they can create memories and build a life together.

Jim's mother, who is visiting from out of state, is excited to see their new home.

John's family is also impressed, saying it's a great place for them to visit.

Jim and John are happy to show their new home to friends and family.

Jim and John are proud of their new home and look forward to spending many happy years there together.
S.F. makes Harvey Milk Plaza official

By Ted Sahl

Although the Gay/Lesbian community of San Francisco has been using the BART station (street level area) as a "Harvey Milk Plaza" rally site, that "doesn't necessarily make it so."

After seven months, however, the City/County of S.F. made it official with a dedication cere­mony and unveiling to open the Castro Street Fair. Two hundred friends, followers, politicians joined in the event. BART station was closed for the day; the station exit was totally covered by a white veil, which was the canvas for "spray can art" graffiti from top to bottom: A large drawing of two figures sprawled on the ground and a third standing over them, obviously depicting the assassina­tion of Harvey and Mayor Moscone by Dan White; a burning police car; Stop Briggs - No on 6; a quote (written life-size) from one of Harvey's last speeches.

Like all good political events, the politicians spoke briefly. The first to speak, Assembly­man Art Agnos told the crowd, "I have been here before. Harvey and myself, before either of us became elected officials, used to walk around and he would point out things that were important to him.

"We must remember Harvey Milk and the spirit of Harvey, and make sure that those of us who are up here sharing and substituting for him ... dedicate ourselves to continue that same kind of spirit ... nudging us and pushing us to make sure we get the very best for this community."

John Molinari, president of the board of supervisors, said, "I remember going to other parts of the city with Harvey. He cared for all parts of this city; he worked for all of the citizens of this city.

"I went to the North Beach with him, I went to the Sunset with him, I went to Hunters Point. He cared as much about this city as about the district he represented. And that is why we really remember Harvey Milk, and why we are dedicating this plaza to his memory today.

"It's not only a memorial," continued Molinari, "it is a celebration of what Harvey Milk stood for. Harvey Milk stood for what this city is. He stood for its diversity, and its unity."

A segment of the Gay Men's Chorus broke out in song, directed by Dick Cramer, while at the same time, white doves were released into the crowd.

Smith was praised for his hard work in keeping the memory of Harvey alive through the Harvey Milk Archives. Congressman Sala Burton sat with the guests, but elected not to speak.

One damaging error in the 4-Point Program is the com­mittment that the AIDS virus can be detected by blood testing. Lance insisted that only people with the live virus will be quarantined, not people with AIDS antibodies, and stated "there are two tests presently available."

Gary Crawford, with the Santa Clara Public County Health Department's AIDS Project, was contracted after the speech.

"There is only one test, the HTLV-3 test," Crawford stated. "That test will show the presence of AIDS antibodies, which means the live virus was present at one time. But that test does not determine whether or not a person with antibodies will ever actually come down with AIDS."

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Gay bathhouses are little petri dishes for the spread of AIDS."

Gays also pointed out that they're well aware of the subter­fuge being using by Lance and the NDPC.

"You're saying 'quarantine' and meaning 'gas chambers'; claimed one.

The gay activists were constan­tly frustrated and interrupted in their attempts to point out factual inaccuracies in Lance's presentation.

At one point Lance stated flatly, "This is our meeting, not yours," ignoring the public na­ture of the meeting.

Also voicing opposition to Lance's quarantine was a well­dressed, middle-aged woman who was widely known through­out the presentation.

She, along with the gays, was labeled as "hysterical" or "irra­tional" each time she tried to make a point. She finally walked out of the meeting, stating the NDPC 4-Point Program was nothing but "baloney."

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