Thanks a lot, but no thanks!

by Ted Sahl

San Jose police chief Joseph McNamara received praise from the city for a job well done, and was told that his place was in San Jose, not in third world countries.

On December 17th the San Jose city council met in a special session to consider the program sponsored by Consensus Tower. The program was sponsored by Consensus Tower and San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, and was approved by the council. McNamara received praise for his work in the program.

Among the "hue and cry" of dissent over the idea, one voice stands out: Rep. Don Edwards (D) who sent a letter to McNamara praising the chief and the department on a job well done but voiced his objection to the program's going anywhere to train other police officers in any kind of police tactics.

AFL-CIO endorses positive AIDS action

AFL-CIO, representing more than 13 million working Americans, endorsed a resolution calling for increased federal funding, education, and civil rights protection for persons with, or at risk of contracting, AIDS.

The resolution — passed during the organization's biennial convention this past October in Anaheim, California — reaffirmed the organization's strong support for the national gay community's most powerful ally:

"Action must be taken to protect the public's health while, at the same time, protecting the rights of AIDS victims and high risk groups," the resolution stated.

"The AFL-CIO urges increased federal funding for research on the causes, cure, and developement of a cure for AIDS."

The long-resolution then went on to address the issue of mass blood screenings within certain occupa­tional groups, a suggestion which it states stems from "a great deal of misinformation about the transmission of the AIDS virus, increasing the public's anxiety about the disease."

Now you have a friend at the State capitol, if you're non-Gay.

State assemblyman Dominic Cortese (D) was invited to San Jose to receive a special recognition award from Mayor Tom McEnery. The mayor praised Cortese, former member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as being a true friend of San Jose, and being there when help was needed.

Seems like I remember Cortese as being the only member on the Santa Clara County board of supervisors who, in Aug. 1979, cast the "no" vote against the non-discriminatory sexual prefer­ence ordinance based on housing, employment, and public accomo­dations.

Cortese was opposed to the ordinance saying, "I believe it was premature, and should be given more comprehensive expo­sure," especially the expertise of the voters of Santa Clara County.

A bitter confrontation fol­lowed in 20 hours of testimony before the final vote, and after­wards in host­age type situations, including the police author­ity to protect human rights, and improve community relations for these authorities."
Drug Abuse as the Co-Founder in AIDS Deaths

A CDC Concern Over More CDC Bungling

By Stanley B. Berg

AIDS activists have been particularly vocal in recent weeks about what they see as a "co-founding" of AIDS deaths by the CDC.

The activists are concerned about the CDC's role in the development and distribution of the more than 240,000 AIDS-related deaths that have occurred in the U.S. since the disease was first reported in 1981.

The CDC has been criticized for its handling of the AIDS epidemic, particularly its failure to develop effective treatments and its slow response to the crisis.

The activists argue that the CDC's actions have contributed to the high death toll and call for the agency to be held accountable.

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AIDS-related deaths are occurring at the rate of one every nine months, and the number is expected to double or triple that in the next five years, according to Dr. Bernadette DeArmond of the National Center for AIDS Research.

DeArmond said the CDC's failure to provide adequate funding for AIDS research has led to a lag in the development of effective treatments.

"We're facing very strong opposition," she said. "The CDC must be held accountable for its actions, and we have to be ready."
Hitting the Beaches

This is not a column about Fire Island or Key West or Russian River or Provincetown. These are beaches of a different sort, the kind that gay and lesbian communities have adopted for a lifestyle that now seems as wistful as the sand castles we built at water's edge.

Such is the political landscape of 1986, as far as I can tell, that the lesbian and gay community is concerned. Congressman William Dannemeyer, now running for Senate from California, says we should "isolate" AIDS patients. He has a whole laundry list of indifference to the movement, 1986 promises or, should I say, threatens to be one in which our very futures are the subject of intense debate. The political leaders, our government officials, and even the politicians lead by example, are not our friends. They don't give each of us pause.

Lesbians and gay community are all doing their best to represent the interests of a highly visible group, i.e. 20 million lesbians and gay American citizens. To this end, they have formed a network of field representatives, to push for the objectives of 20 million lesbians and gay American citizens.

In fact, the beach analogy is as literal as it is figurative. Our beach, our community, our movement, has had its time in the sun, its time in the spotlight. But now, just as the sun sets on the ocean waves, we are being left behind. The sand castles of our past are crumbling, and we are left to wonder what will become of our future.

Our rights with as much strength and might as we can muster. The Human Rights Campaign Fund. As the 1986 elections are underway, we are better prepared than ever to do what needs to be done. But we need your support. We need your help.

You must stay on top of the AIDS crisis, both the personal health crisis and the political climate. It will take time, money and energy from all of us, but we can win.

Let us hope few gay women and men will fall for this lie. The experts that they refrain from donating blood. Since the introduction of the antibody test, which was part of the moral revolution, we have been able to detect carriers of the virus and prevent the spread of AIDS.

We should have a two-pronged attack to prevent people from acquiring the disease. On one hand, we should have the "medical" service, which will provide a full turkey dinner, and Christmas. On the other hand, we should have the "social" service, which will help people in their nearly insignificant parts.

The direction in which we are headed is clear. The script which is written and enacted by the people, watching as the audience and not as actors. The set, by Michael Olshan, is very attractive and serviceable. It is threatened and over the people and through their eyes. TheFlag is set as the signboard of the movement, the "medical" service.

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Where It’s At!

By Dick James

Oh, the New Year! That fleeting moment in time and space when each of us goes through the annual ritual of resolving to be a better person - kinder to our mate, friends, business associates. Less indulging in our various vices.

The first of these is Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), with a fifty-year track record of helping folks overcome their addiction to booze and other abuse substances. There are dozens of meetings each week in Santa Clara County, including Gay AA meetings almost daily in San Jose. One of the largest runs every Thursday morning from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Bintel Brothers Building, 100 S. 4th St., San Jose. You can pick up info on other Gay AA meetings in the city by calling 437-9375.

For those of you who are seriously troubled by alcohol or are having trouble coping with a family member who is, the support group is Al-Anon. This is a free, non-profit program that has been going on for over thirty years. A number of meetings are held each week all over the Bay Area, including one on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 379 Alameda St. in San Francisco. If you go to OA again, resolved not only to shed those 30 again, but also the extra 100 I'm still carrying as well. If you, too, put on a few extra pounds during the holidays and are looking for a place to find out more about this, the second Monday of each month is a good time to go.

As for the other types of unpleasant head trips. I include this listing with some hesitation because I think this is one area where professional help is needed. The first of these is Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), with a fifty-year track record of helping folks overcome their addiction to booze and other abuse substances. There are dozens of meetings each week in Santa Clara County, including Gay AA meetings almost daily in San Jose. You can pick up info on other Gay AA meetings in the city by calling 437-9375.

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