Larouchees do it, again

by TedSah

Members of Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee returned to the Campbell Post Office with all their wonderful written paranoia, to resume after a long lapsed— we should be so lucky — their "Spread Panic, Not AIDS" campaign.

New faces for 1986 staffed the table covered with bumper stickers, information on you know who... and lots of pamphlets. The only new item I could see was a poster saying, "Real Cranston?"

Your Friendly "LaRouche" named Fred wasn't so friendly and refused to make any sort of contact to any question I put forth, as a peace gesture, of course. Fred's female side-kick, who was paranoid when I said I would take their picture for the Gay paper, said: "No way — you're too scared to move. Fred was more cool, and posed by holding a bright hate bumper sticker, while bowing his head. Before I left, she insisted that I help myself to the latest edition of the N.D.P.C. newspaper. The latest publication had a special message from Great White Father himself, and Fred just knew I would like it, I would like to share some of the highlights with you.

Lyndon is calling for 100% screening of the entire U.S. population and all those who enter the country; both must be tested for the AIDS virus. He calls the Administration's handling of the AIDS crisis a "political cover-up." Lyndon's proposal (one of five proposals) recommends that the government begin its political lid which has been put on the AIDS situation — as he put it, "began to "pop off" once again.

Lyndon wants everyone to know that the AIDS virus is not only an immune deficiency disease, but also is being found to be a deadly and untreatable assassination of the human tissue. (Thanks, Lyndon.)

LaRouche's article covers "why the administration has tolerated the C.D.C. cover-up" of the AIDS situation so far, as well as updating some old good medical statistics he heard while attending a symposium held at the San Antonio South West Forum on Clinical Research. The Director of Virology and immunology, Dr. Gordon Pressman said that he estimates that 2 million Americans have now been exposed.

Lyndon, however, based on discussions with scientists and a review of the literature, estimates that the group of individuals carrying the virus includes 50% of all homosexuals and a similar or higher percentage of heavy drug users.

Lyndon says that by about 1990, over 95% of all homosexuals will be infected with the disease which is presently occurring in 60 seconds. For a widely used drug, this might be of some concern. The new AIDS virus is of great importance.

AIDS is a problem everyone concerned about sexual exposure must be aware of. In the event of a condom, we now have in N-9 a very significant addition to the arsenal for sensible sex. We now have more laboratory information about the AIDS virus and nonoxynol-9, properly published for peer review, than about the AIDS virus and condoms.

"Condoms have a well known failure rate for preventing pregnancy (a fact never mentioned by the AIDS groups). The failure rate of condoms with the virus reasonably can be predicted to be at least as bad as with pregnancy. Indeed, viral failure rates probably will be considerably greater, because the risk of pregnancy exists only a few days each month, whereas a virus is fertile; the viral risk is every day of the month."

"While the condom is undoubtedly one important step in protection, its widespread link to 'Safe sex' is exaggerated. Some feminists and the condom manufacturer of that of an N-9 spermicide, constitutes a major movement toward protection in my view. But even combining these two measures, I think we should believe there is a guarantee of protection such as implied in the famous phrase of the past.

The Mariposa Foundation expresses concerns that both the government and the private sector have rightly spent great sums on seeking a cure for AIDS, but both have failed the public and future generations by not underwriting clinical trials of both condom-protection and nonoxynol-9 protection of human subjects from the virus. In the absence of a cure, prevention is of prime importance; even with well established cures for other STDs such as gonorrhea, lack of preventive education is the virus which should indeed be "pop off" once again.

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Dr. Bruce Voeller, the scientist who created the projects said, "I think we have made a very important breakthrough when we found that the virus was equally killed whether 0.056% N-9 was tested in pure form or in commercial spermicide. Inactivation is of prime importance; even with well established cures for other STDs such as gonorrhea, lack of preventive education is the virus which should indeed be "pop off" once again.

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Newly Published Study Demonstrates Contraceptive Agent Kills AIDS Virus

A long-awaited research study has now been published and carries significant importance for reducing the rapid spread of the AIDS virus. The new scientific study shows that the AIDS virus is inactivatable by small amounts of nonoxynol-9 ("N-9"), an FDA-approved contraceptive worldwide in spermacides - in­

vasive family planning gels and creams which prevent pregnancy during sexual intercourse.

Such sexual use prompts special interest regarding N-9 and prevention of AIDS because most persons infected with the virus have contracted it sexually. About two million Americans have already are believed to have been sexually infected with the AIDS virus, as have many more in Europe, Africa and South America.

The newly published research appears in the current issue of the medical journal, The Lancet, and details discoveries first announced in preliminary form by Dr. Bruce Voeller at the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation a year ago on February 1, 1985. The authors are all scientists at Mariposa and one or two Centers for Disease Control (CDC). They report N-9 inactivates the AIDS virus at concentrations of 0.05%. Spermicidal gels and creams contain concentrations of 0.5%. Thus, spermcidal agents provide a broader protection for the AIDS virus and of­

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SOL/FLSG Schedule

SOL (South Bay slightly older lesbians) meets every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 pm at the DeFrank Community Center, 86 Keyes St., San Jose, for an in­

formal support/discussion group. All newcomers are welcome. For information call (408) 293-4323 between 6-9 pm. The topic for January 28 is Role­

Stereotypes.

S.O.I. Monthly potluck will be on Saturday, January 25th, 7:30 pm at Judy's house in Los Gatos. Newcomers are welcome. Call (408) 266-9966 for directions.

The Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once mon­

thly in the South Bay for a potluck. To receive the FLSG News, which announces the monthly potluck as well as other ac­tivities of interest to women in the South Bay, send $12 for a one year subscription to: FLSG, POB 7903, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
Lesbian and Gay Suicide Prevention Conference

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Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

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The conclusion that must be reached is that even if all gay businesses (primarily bars and baths) were closed in this country, the overall reduction in AIDS from the legitimate meeting places of gay and lesbian people would be minimal. The police in San Francisco also reported a significant decrease in the recent rates of public parks and houses for rent-related incidents.

California

**Controversial Gay Mens Chorus of L.A. to be Hosted by San Jose Gay Mens Chorus the Liebermann Center**

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Where It’s At!

By Dot James

On the Russian River in the Winter!

Text and Photos by Dot James

"Welcome to the River!"

Marilyn and I just returned from a winter weekend at the Russian River. Our favorite local inn, The Woods Resort, was the site of our reunion. Our room was on the second floor of the Highlands Resort, which is the lodging section of The Woods.

On Friday evening after work and dinner drink in The Woods' redwood hexagon dance hall, we headed down River Road from Guerneville to the entrance on Armstrong Woods Road, where you can tour and run the 17 miles of the Armstrong Woods State Natural Area. The hike was magnificent and the 100-year-old redwoods were magnificent.

Marilyn and I stayed in a two-bedroom cabin at Highlands Resort. The Woods Resort, the lodging section of The Woods, is closed for the winter weekends, but The Woods Resort is open for business. The Woods Resort is the site of the free entertainment on the River now.

Marilyn had a dozen "peel and eat" oysters for dinner and had a potato salad, which is equally delicious and reasonably priced from $7.95 to $9.95. My suggestion is to think about the River!

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The City Lights Theatre Company of San Jose has opened its fourth season of plays with a fina musical of a kind of amorous tragedy, "Night Mother." Directed by Lawrence Heath, Martha Nunnia's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama runs through Jan. 26. Photo by. Larry Martin

Martha Nunnia's "Night Mother" is forced to reassess her comfortable life when her daughter (Kathleen Hendricks) returns from New York City to live with her after the death of her husband. The play is a study of a mother's response to the death of a son, and the effects on her life and those around her. It is a moving and deeply personal exploration of grief and loss, and the impact it has on those closest to the deceased.

Company Challenges L'ACT

"Night Mother" is currently playing at the Los Altos Conservatory Theatre (L'ACT) in Santa Clara County, California, and is running through January 31st. The show features an all-female cast and is directed by the acclaimed director, Martha Nunnia. It is a powerful and moving production that explores the complex relationships between mothers and daughters, and the impact of loss on family dynamics.

by Rick Rudy

San Jose State University's production of Stephen Sondheim's musical, "Company," is a delightful and engaging evening of theatre. The cast is led by the talented.Photo by. Scott Baker

At the center of "Company" is a thirty-five year old single man, Joe, played by Gordon Pasqual. Joe is a bachelor who is torn between his desire to be married and his love for the freedom that comes with being single. He is surrounded by a group of close friends who are all at different stages in their lives, and this creates a rich tapestry of relationships that are examined throughout the show.

The setting is New York City in 1965, and the musical is the pseudo-musicalization of Marsha Norman's play, "Night Mother." The show features a cast of skilled performers who bring the characters to life and create a world that is both familiar and fresh.

The Play's impact might have been stronger had Gilchrist's intolerant monologue at the end, and carried there is no element of suspense in this production, which continued well past the anticipated audience's desire to end.
Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

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10th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

Prominent is now accepting entries for the 10th Annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, June 29-July 6. Held each year during San Francisco’s Lesbian-Gay Freedom Celebration, the Festival brings together the best in feature, documentary, and short films that celebrate the lives of lesbians and gay men.

Entries will be accepted until April 15, 1986. All entries must be postmarked by this date, and will include only the best in new videos and gay cinema, but also a retrospective of films shown at the Festival during its first decade.

The Festival will be presented to all entries, which will have the opportunity to develop an audience for lesbians and gay media arts and to promote a demand for quality productions and wide exhibition of these productions.

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