Gay Republicans challenge anti-gay Congressman to debate

Los Angeles — The Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties Political Action Committee (CIRL-PAC) has denounced comments made by U.S. Representative Robert Dornan (R-Garden Grove) stating that gay men and women are not welcome in the Republican Party.

CIRL-PAC executive director Frank N. Ricchiazzi, at a press conference on Mar. 14, called Dornan's comments "highly inappropriate" and sent Dornan a letter challenging him to a public debate on the issue.

In response to remarks by Dornan as reported in the Orange County Register, Ricchiazzi said, "Dornan has no right to self-righteously decide who can and cannot become a member of the Republican Party.

"The Los Angeles Log Cabin Club, whose members are primarily gay men and women, has already been chartered by the GOP. We are already part of the system, and the system should not tolerate such bigotry."

Dornan was quoted as saying, "I hope we never relax our standards and allow to lobby and caucus within our party groups that should be piloted more than scorned," in particular gays and others "living a lifestyle that is offensive to God."

The Orange County Register also reported that Dornan's remarks were "warmly applauded."

"Robert Dornan has broken the 11th Commandment; Thou shalt not speak evil of a fellow Republican; and we cannot let that kind of bigotry go unanswered," Ricchiazzi said. "It has got to be exposed for what it is."

"I am looking forward to an engaging debate with Representative Dornan. He has done a great disservice to the Republican Party by promoting bigotry and dissension," said Ricchiazzi.

"Republicans who are gay have an immense amount of wealth and influence to contribute to the GOP and should not be turned away."

"If the Republican Party were to adhere strictly to Dornan's interpretation of the Bible, then people having had divorces and abortions would also be excluded," Ricchiazzi continued. "I do not think the majority of Republicans would agree with this reasoning."

"I would have assumed that as a leader of the Republican Party, Mr. Dornan would have found out all the facts of how Log Cabin Clubs have been contributing to the betterment of our Party," he said, "and its role in speaking on behalf of our Party and its principles within the gay community, as well as within the Democrat strongholds of Los Angeles County."

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Art Show benefits People with AIDS

By Richard A. Montanez

Consuelo Santos Killings of the California Arts Council, together with Ron Taylor of the AIDS Project and David Burgess of the Santa Clara County AIDS Project, will co-host Aware '86, an art show to benefit people with AIDS.

Featured at the Apr. 19-20 event will be the works of more than 35 artists from San Jose, San Francisco, and New York.

Much of the art presented will be in new media not often seen in less avant garde shows.

Joseph P. Delappe will present computer graphics montages; Raymond R. Avalos will create drawings during the entire show trapped in a metal cage; and Bill Choy will display neon sculptures.

The computer plays a central role in the creation of Joseph P. Delappe's surrealist photo montages, and through his computer art, Joseph hopes to help our society identify the role computers should play in its future.

Delappe thinks that it is important for people to think about the limits of power over their lives they want to entrust to computers, with that machine's capacity for error. He cites computerized weapon systems as an area where this issue must be confronted.

His cautious attitude regarding computers is reflected in some of his works which resemble people vaporizing before one's eyes and others which portray faces broken into ill-fitting pieces.

Raymond R. Avalos' exhibit will focus on the process of creating art perhaps more than on the artwork itself.

Visitors to the exhibit will witness the artist at work as Avalos will spend the entire ten hours of the show sitting in a 6-foot by 4-foot metal cage, creating his pen and ink drawings.

Avalos has chosen to sit in a cage to dramatize his point that "art is a privilege for which one must be willing to pay" and that "the artist pursues his freedom by creating art."

Renewal is a theme running through much of Bill Choy's elegant neon sculptures.

Choy combines weathered and battered pieces of industrial materials such as jagged strips of metal siding or broken slabs of marblle-like stone with gracefully bent neon tubes which enhance and define the sharp surfaces producing an effect similar to a pink sunset behind a jagged mountain range.

Choy's ability to transform what is decrepit and common into something brilliant and extraordinary is nothing short of ingenious.

Aware '86 will also include innovative photography, wearable art, video art, painting and much more. Many of the artists will be present to talk about their work, and 25% of art sold will be donated to the ARIS Project.

The ARIS Project provides people with AIDS and their loved ones with trained counselors and with volunteers to assist clients with a variety of needs such as transportation, shopping, preparing meals and housework.

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Health Department offers AIDS information seminar

San Jose — The Santa Clara County Health Department will offer a seminar on the disease AIDS for people at risk on Tuesday May 6th, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 1555 Berger Drive (off Old Oakland Road).

The seminar will take place in the auditorium of Building 2. The program is free and open to the public.

The seminar will offer a panel discussion from various Health Department Divisions and the AIDS Project.

They will address public concerns and questions in a variety of AIDS related issues including treatment, testing, prevention, and community resources.

Documented cases of AIDS have risen throughout the Santa Clara County area.

This increase in cases has also increased the public's need for accurate and factual information.

The Public Health Bureau is pleased to continue its leadership role within the community of providing education and information on this life threatening illness.
AIDS Policy: AIDS and Civil Liberties

Recognizing that the rise of AIDS has posed significant legal implications for civil liberties, the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California has compiled a comprehensive 4-page policy guide, AIDS and Civil Liberties.

The ACLU further believes that the government should not penalize any person who would attend the meeting or service to receive treatment. The ACLU-NC policy guide was developed by a special Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS and Civil Liberties, which included Robert W. McDonald, a staff lawyer for the ACLU.

Underlying each policy is the conviction that AIDS is a disease that leads to the loss of access to medical care and education, and that this access should be restored to those affected by the disease.

The ACLU-NC policy guide is available free of charge by writing to: ACLU-NC AIDS Policy, 1650 Mission St., 
San Francisco, CA 94103. □

Cris Williamson in Santa Cruz

Rainbow Ensemble for the Performing Arts presents popular songwriter Cris Williamson in concert on Saturday, April 27, at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium.


The performance will take place at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 in advance and $15 at the door. They may be purchased at The Change, 26 7th Street, San Francisco, and at Desperados' Easter Bunny Hop. Photo by Ted Sahi

Bay Area Women's Philharmonic

The Bay Area Women's Philharmonic is an all-woman ensemble that features concerts with vocalists and instrumentalists, including musicians from the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. The group was formed in 1975 by Carol Bowers, a San Francisco-based composer and conductor. The group's repertoire includes works by composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, and Grieg.

The next concert will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 8 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. The concert will feature a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, "Choral," which is accompanied by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. The concert will also include works by contemporary composers, including John Adams and Philip Glass.

For more information, call (415) 347-1818.

Gay Mormons Meet Locally

Affirmation, Gay and Lesbian Mormons, a national, nonprofit, educational, social and fellowship organization, recently concluded in winter leadership meeting in San Jose.

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In TOUCH SANTA CRUZ

Members of the Los Angeles Gay Volleyball Men's team pictured here at the recent Silver Fox auction on April 4 and 5 at the Santa Cruz Convention Center. "We're having a ball," said Roger Trombell, a team member, who added that the team placed 11th in the first City Games held in Santa Cruz in February. Photo by Ted Sahi

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**Guest Commentary**

**By Federic Schoenmacher**

Chairman, National Association of Lesbians & Gays

I stuck on TV the other night and heard the word "queer" on the Government." This got my attention! CNN News was asking some nameless man about the U.S. Federal Health and Human Services Community.

CNN had uncovered a "sensational" survey conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health. All states were urged to send their judgments on legal and local statutory power, if any — to quarantine persons with AIDS — and regardless of what the General population, especially those who may have AIDS!

As McDonald continued to talk, the interview became more frightening. It appeared they wanted everyone EXPORED TO AIDS. The only comfort I could find was that they had not yet decided to require checkups.

The reporter asked McDonald several times exactly what he suggested a quarantine would cost. McDonald pointed out that the states could check for AIDS, but the costs could be prohibitive. The point was that the whole concept was repugnant to the tenets of the Constitution and the whole point of it was to "detector" fears. Let's face it... nobody gets it... no one wants it... no one is really sure that anyone will ever contract it....

Although I was not asked specifically, I believe that McDonald makes a valid point that AIDS, as it has been defined, is not a disease. There is no reason to require "screening" for the disease. What is needed is research that will help us understand how to prevent its spread and how to treat those who are infected.

Gay pride has been marred by the drug epidemic of AIDS. The playing field has been tilted against the homosexual community. Gay men and women have been put at risk by this new disease. It is time for us to come together and work to bring this situation under control. Let's not allow AIDS to destroy our community.

**DEBATE CHALLENGE**

As you read this issue of **Our Paper**, you may have noticed that we are expanding. Our Paper is now being published bi-monthly, and we are increasing the number of articles that we publish. This is part of our ongoing effort to provide a more comprehensive and informative source of news and information for our readers.

We hope that you will continue to support our efforts by reading our publication and by sharing it with others. We would also appreciate your feedback on how we can improve our service to you.

**Theatre Reviews**

**By Rick Rudy**

**Noel Coward at less than his best**

Rick Hamilton and Frank Ollo play a diversified couple who share their fears and delights about the American Conservatory Theatre production PRIVATE EYES. The director of the play (two acts) is set to open on March 22 at the Geary Theatre. The play is overseen by the director of the play (two acts) and is set to open on March 22 at the Geary Theatre. The play is overseen by the director of the play (two acts) and is set to open on March 22 at the Geary Theatre.
An Open Invitation to the San Jose Gay Community

In recognition of their attendance at the weekly "Safe Sex" Seminars, The Watergarden is hosting a Special Party for the community to honor the seminar participants.

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French One-Act Plays at City Lights Theater Co.

The Beaucaire of French One-Act Support Group located in Redwood City will present a fundraising benefit on Sunday, April 23, from 2-6 p.m., to provide continuing emotional and financial support to individuals struggling with AIDS and to provide one room and one character, and the rest of the audience must be one person or group

To realize that their betrayal will be a one-act, one-room, one-character, and the tale of sarasvati, her tempter and her mission to salvation.

The Maids

The play is presented by the Repertory Company of San Jose.

This is the plot; however, it is one of the most difficult undertakings in the history of the theatre.

IF YOU ARE A GAY SOUTH ASIAN, YOU ARE NOT ALONE

One of the oldest living cultures of the world, India has no gay culture in its glory and no man is a child of a love story. They promise an informal, fun show about gay South Asians and symbolize homosexuality. The Maids is the title of the play presented by the Repertory Company of San Jose.

Elizabeth Montey stars in THE HUMAN VOICE by Cocteau at

S.I.R. Members Reunion Set for Pride Week

S.I.R. was the name of the nation's first large multi-service gay organization. It was founded in 1972 and ended in February 1974.

S.I.R. Members will be meeting in San Francisco on June 23rd to host a variety of events and activities for gay and lesbian South Asians.

American actors who debate the appropriate response of the horridly injured incident.

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Gay Games II Tickets Available for Opening and Closing Ceremonies
San Francisco Arts & Athletics announced recently that tickets for Gay Games II Ceremonies are on sale now! The Elaborate Opening and Closing events will be held at Kezar Stadium on August 8 and 9. Tickets are priced at $20 for the Opening Ceremony and $30 for the Closing Ceremony. The expected attendance is 20,000 spectators.

Opening and Closing events will now on sale! The Elaborate announced recently that tickets highlight the Games scheduled event from countries around the 5000 athlets are expected for the ceromiel March of Athlets.

49'ers. Kezar also hosted the first home of the San Francisco Gay Gaines II Tickets Available Over 20,000 spectators will or $30 for both. Through special $20 (U.S.) for a single ceremony $20 (U.S.) for both. Contacts can be contacted at: (415) 762-Base (within Clifton) Ask for Gay Games II Opening or Closing Ceremonies, or a Combination tickets. Credit and charge through Visa and Master- Card are accepted. In early April, tickets will also be available through the Games offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York. For information, including airline Eire Form, housing arrangements and vender needs, contact: San Francisco Arts & Athletics

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