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100 day drive against LaRouche begins

By Rick Rudy

On Wednesday, July 16, the Billy DeFrank Community Center hosted the first Santa Clara County organizing meeting for forces mobilizing against the LaRouche Initiative, now officially designated as Proposition 64.

Attorney Constance Carpenter, acting as moderator, welcomed the 60 or so attendees who represented a large cross section of the community, straight as well as gay.

Participating in the planning meeting were representatives of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), American Civil Liberties Union, the Stockton Strip's Mayor's Council, the Chicano Committee Against Coors, the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), and High Tech Gays (HTG), besides members of the Billy DeFrank Community Center and many concerned unaffiliated individuals.

Dana Van Gorder, aide to San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt and staff member of the statewide Stop LaRouche Committee spoke to the crowd.

He announced that Ken Yeager, treasurer of BAYMEC and former campaign manager for Rep. Don Edwards and Councilwoman Iola Williams, has been hired as South Bay coordinator for No on 64.

A goal of \$750,000 has been set for fund raising in northern California in the Stop LaRouche drive, \$10,000 to \$20,000 is expected from Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara County has many more voters than San Francisco and is being considered a pivotal area in the November voting.

Paul Boneberg, representative of San Francisco's CAN, (Community AIDS Network), spoke of the statewide CAL/CAN grassroots effort, and of the need for local CAN organizations to mobilize massive efforts in local leafletting, canvassing, and education.

Both statewide organizations

will make available literature and media materials suitable for local organizational use.

Rich Gordon, president of the board of BAYMEC, spoke of the existing BAYMEC work to secure endorsements from local city and county officials against LaRouche and offered to utilize BAYMEC's existing structure as a PAC to collect and hold contributions for the anti-LaRouche drive here.

This proposal was generally accepted, and by the end of the evening, over \$500.00 in checks, made out to BAYMEC/Stop LaRouche had been collected.

A self-selected steering committee of 14 was created which met in the DeFrank Center on July 24. Wiggy Sivertsen was recruited by those present to chair the committee.

A second community meeting will be held Wednesday, July 30, at 7 pm, at the DeFrank Center to pull everyone into the 100 day drive.

Fire Chief apologizes at HTG meeting

By Bob Correa

Robert Osby, San Jose Fire Chief, was accused of anti-homosexual bias in an article in the May 3, 1986 San Jose Mercury News.

In a meeting in April, Chief Osby reportedly told about 25 of his top staff that "as long as I am Fire Chief there will be no homosexuals on the fire department, no firefighters wearing pink skirts and swaying."

Osby, the city's first black Fire Chief, apparently called the April

session to explain his philosophies on various subjects, including affirmative action.

Chief Osby called his statement "stupid" in an address to the July 13, 1986 meeting of High Tech Gays.

"I feel very badly since the statement was harmful; I apologize to the Gay Community.

"It appears that I had become insensitive and that, I am very sorry about."

"This is an opportunity for us

both to get to know each other and I strongly solicit questions.

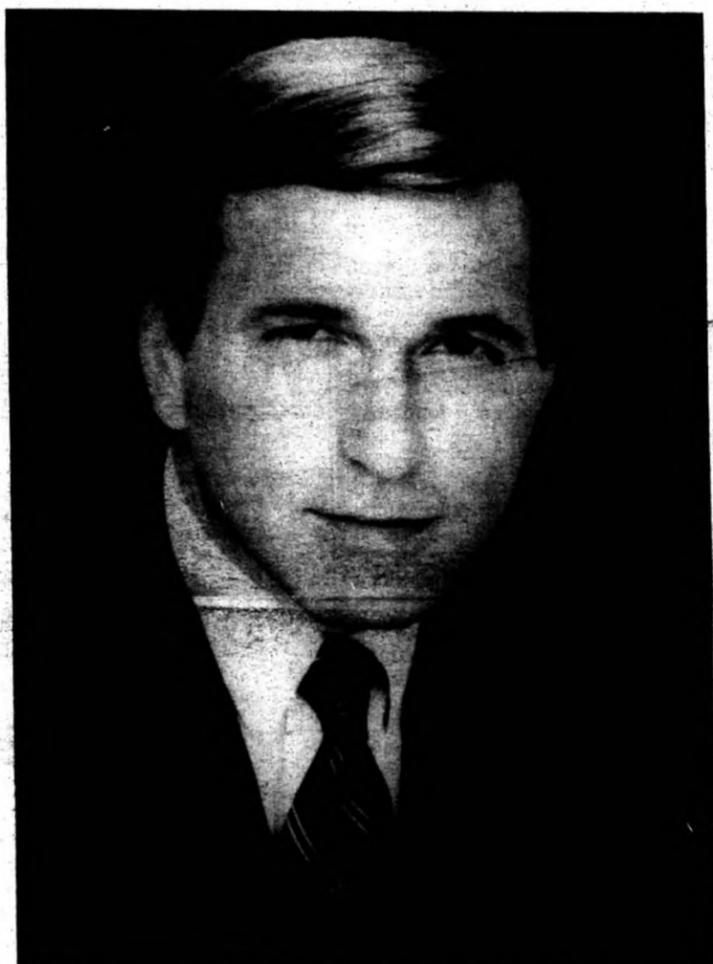
"The monster in the headlines is not me!"

Chief Osby explained that the fire departments of America are all white and all male by design.

Most changes come from within. It is tragic that gays in the fire department remain in the closet.

High Tech Gays (HTG) gave the Chief an enthusiastic ap-

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Ed Zschau

File Photo

Zschau joins Senator Wilson in opposing LaRouche Initiative

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senate Republican candidate Ed Zschau joined fellow Republican Pete Wilson in opposition to the LaRouche Initiative, Proposition 64 on the November ballot.

Zschau and Wilson declared their opposition on June 25, the same day that the Secretary of State's Office announced that the initiative had qualified for the ballot.

In a statement released to the press, Zschau called the initiative both dangerous and irresponsible.

"Actually, the LaRouche Initiative would help increase the spread of AIDS because people will fear testing and preventive care.

"The LaRouche Initiative would force teachers, food service personnel, medical personnel and students — who represent no threat to the community — out of their jobs," he said.

Frank Richiazzi, executive director of the Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties (CIRCL-PAC), stated that he looks forward to great support from the Republican Party in working to defeat the initiative.

"I don't foresee any major Republican politician in the state of California endorsing LaRouche.

"The Republicans fully understand that an AIDS quarantine is not only bad public health policy, but are also well aware of LaRouche's hidden agenda in attacking the gay community. They will not support it." □

Vote NO on 64 Stop LaRouche



LaRouche Committee chair Wiggy Sivertsen (L) and Fire Chief Robert Osby (R).

Photo by Ted Sahl

Lambda challenges policy on AIDS employment in Florida

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed an amicus curiae brief in a \$15 million discrimination action challenging a Broward County policy which states that the county government will not employ persons with AIDS.

Lambda has been working with the ACLU of Florida on the issue for over a year; now this precedent setting case is pending before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

The plaintiff, Todd Shuttleworth, was discharged from his job by the County when it discovered he had AIDS.

Subsequently, Broward County adopted a hastily drawn policy identifying persons with AIDS, but not those with other handicaps, as unemployable.

Mr. Shuttleworth is represented by Ft. Lauderdale attorney Larry Corman on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida.

Lambda's Legal Director, Abby Rubinfeld, commented, "This is a unique case."

"It is the first challenge to a county-wide policy of refusing to employ persons solely on the basis of AIDS."

She added, "There is no medical evidence whatsoever that AIDS can be transmitted through casual contact in an office environment."

"Aside from being unjustified, Broward County's policy is counterproductive and contrary to current efforts at educating office workers and the general public as to the real risks posed by AIDS."

Lambda argues in its brief that disparate treatment of persons with AIDS for purposes of employment decisions violates the equal protection clauses of the United States and Florida constitutions.

"Since there is no medical evidence that AIDS can be transmitted through casual contact in the workplace, the County had no rational basis for adopting a

policy of refusing to employ persons with AIDS," said Robert Wintemute of Milbank, Tweed, Hadly and McCloy, the New York City law firm that is the lambda counsel in the case.

In a different aspect of the same case, the Florida Commission on Human Relations found that AIDS is a handicap under Florida law, making employment discrimination based on AIDS illegal.

This finding is the first of its kind on a state-wide level.

"The Commission finding that persons with AIDS are protected under the state's civil rights law represents a major step towards recognizing that this kind of unfounded discrimination is unacceptable," stated Rubinfeld.

"We are also hopeful that the federal court, in Mr. Shuttleworth's case will recognize that a policy of refusing to employ persons with AIDS is irrational and bears no relationship to stemming the spread of the disease," added Rubinfeld.

Sloan 2 - Falwell 0

In the two year ongoing battle of the two Jerrys, the Rev. Jerry Sloan won a solid victory over his former Baptist Bible College schoolmate, the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

A panel of three judges sitting as an appellate panel of the Sacramento Superior Court found Falwell's appeal of a Sacramento Muni Court decision which in September 1985 awarded \$5000. to Rev. Sloan to be "wholly frivolous and totally without merit."

This tale of the two Jerrys started in July 1984 when Falwell appeared on a Sacramento live TV talk show with Sloan in the audience; Sloan asked Falwell about a statement he made on the Old Time Gospel Hour about the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Churches.

Falwell vehemently denied he had called the M.C.C. "Brute Beasts" and "Thank God, this vile and satanic system will one day be utterly annihilated and there will be a celebration in heaven."

Sloan told Falwell he had the statements on tape. Falwell then offered Sloan \$5000. to produce the tape.

The tape was taken to KCRA-TV, reviewed, and played on two broadcasts. All who listened to the tape agreed Falwell owed Sloan \$5000.

Falwell refused to pay when asked to do so by Sloan's attorney, Rosemary Metrailler.

A law suit was filed on 30 November 1984 and papers served on Falwell as he stepped from his private jet when it landed in Sacramento while on a fund raising tour.

At the trial, Sacramento Muni Judge Michael Ullman ruled Sloan proved Falwell had indeed made the statements about MCC and should pay the \$5000. The judge did not see that Sloan's use of the word rejoicing instead of celebration constituted a serious difference in the quotation as everything else was word for word.

Falwell then appealed the case on the grounds that Metrailler had appealed to a "natural prejudice" of Judge Ullman, who is Jewish, by referring to a L.A. Superior Court case involving an Auschwitz survivor who accepted the \$50,000 challenge of the Institute of Historical Review for anyone to prove the holocaust occurred.

The appeal contended that by telling this story Metrailler was attempting to raise Sloan, in the Jewish Judge's eyes to the same status as that of an Auschwitz survivor.

S.O.L./F.L.S.G.

Aug. 5 — S.O.L. Rap: Managing Gossip

Aug. 12 — Women's Spirituality Guest speaker Sandra Lewis of Women's Quest

Aug. 16 — F.L.S.G. Potluck at Karen's house in the East Foothills. Call 408/251-2897 for directions.

Aug. 19 — S.O.L. Rap: How childhood abuse affects our ability for intimacy — Karla Boyd, therapist.

Aug. 26 — Open Rap — discussion of skills we have for bartering of services.

S.O.L. (Slightly Older Lesbians) meets every Tuesday from 7-9 pm at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. For information, call 408/293-4525.

F.L.S.G. (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets once monthly for a potluck. To receive the F.L.S.G. News, send \$12 to: F.L.S.G., POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.



Rev. Jerry Sloan

Rev. Sloan said, "I am honored that Falwell thought that by telling of one little story I could be raised to such an exalted status in anyone's eyes. I am humbled by such a comparison."

Sloan said further, "This case has now been heard by four judges all of whom agreed that Falwell made this inflammatory statement about MCC and that I am due the \$5000. which Falwell offered me to prove he had made the statement. I will take every legal step possible to collect my judgment and the sanctions awarded me by the courts of the State of California."

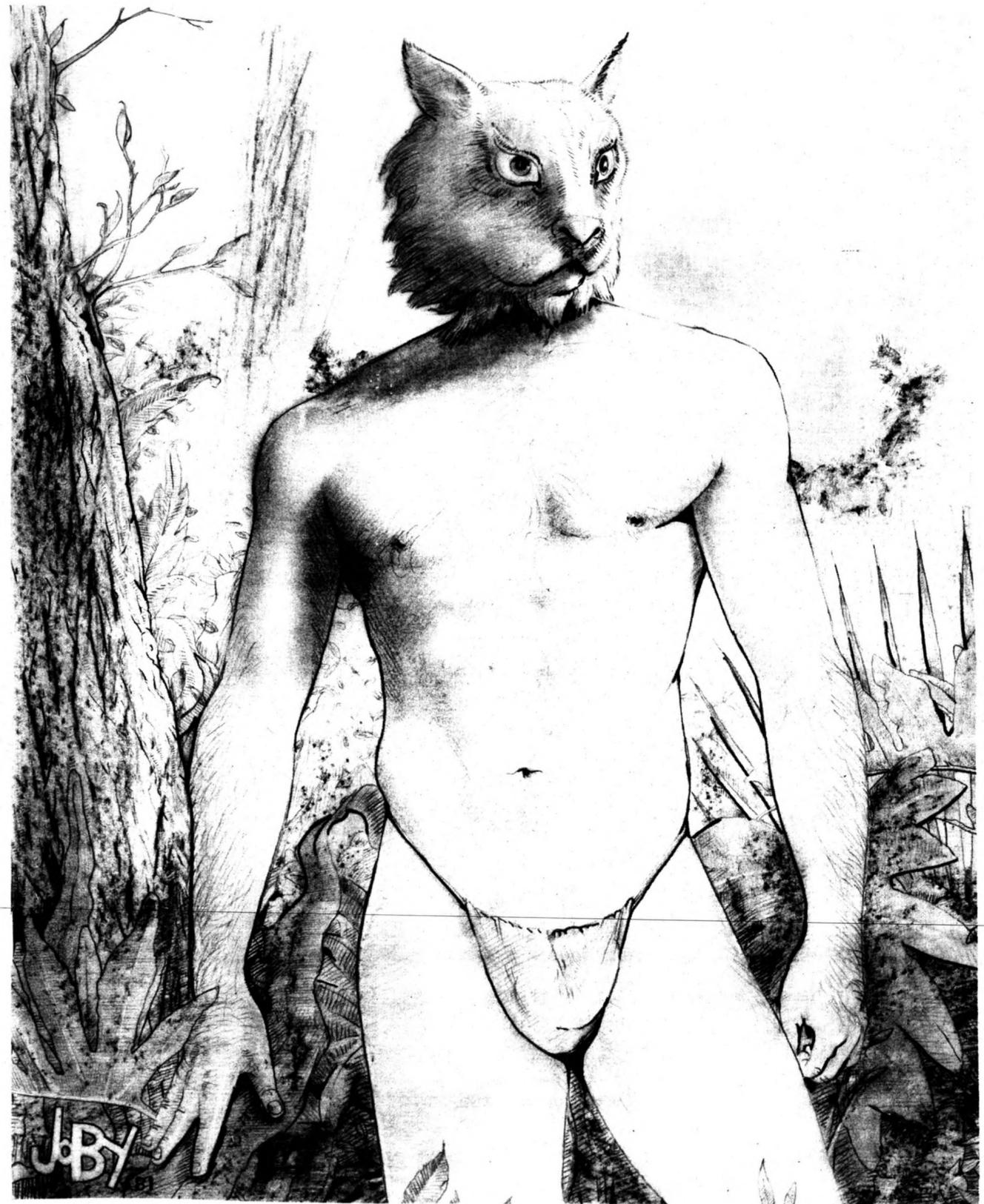
Rev. Sloan is the president of the Lambda Community Fund, a nonprofit charitable corporation, which on August 1, 1986 will open Sacramento's first gay and lesbian community center. Any profits from the lawsuit will be donated to the center.

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Orange County Gay Republican named to Governor's administration

Irvine — Orange County Physician Don G. Hagan has been appointed by the California Dept. of Health Services to serve on the California Venereal Disease Advisory Council.

Hagan's appointment is the second for a Republican who is openly gay within Governor Deukmejian's administration.

A resident of Laguna Beach, Hagan is a staff member at the Fountain Valley Community Hospital, Coastal Communities Hospital, and Whittier Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Hagan received his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine, and completed his residency training at the University of Texas Memorial Hospital in 1974.

Speaking of his appointment, Hagan commented, "it gives our community a forum in a carefully selected group of people that until now has been out of our reach."

"It is necessary that gay people make themselves known in various public arenas."

"Only then will the public

realize that we come from all walks of life."

"At the first meeting for the Council, each member intro-



duced himself. It was very natural that I introduced myself as a gay professional, because of the special interest our community has in sexually transmitted diseases."

Hagan has been active for years in gay and feminist concerns, most recently through his work as a member of the Board of Directors of the state-wide Californians For Individual Rights and Civil Liberties (CIRCL-PAC).

Hagan is also active in the Log Cabin Republican Club of Orange County, and has been instrumental in educating Republican legislators on issues and concerns of the gay community.

As the three-term co-chair of the Elections Committee of the County of Orange, Hagan has been responsible for creating the only gay non-partisan PAC which contributes equally to both Democratic and Republican Party candidates.

AIDS Person receives Key to City

By Jan Cohgen

In a display of support from local women, "Camille," an AIDS patient, was the recipient of a surprise benefit on July 12 at The Savoy in Santa Clara.

When Patrice presented the "Toby and Friends" show, new member Camille had no knowledge that the show was to be a benefit for himself.

Much to his surprise, the Stockton Strip Mayor's Council presented him with a "Key to the City," and the Imperial AIDS Foundation proclaimed the day "Camille Day" each year.

Camille, whose condition is presently in a state of remission, "brought the house down," according to Savoy owner Pat Drennan.

"The audience, comprised of about 90% women, gave Camille standing ovation upon standing ovation," and during the show's finale (a Dionne Warwick imper-



Camille. Photo by Ted Sahl

sonation) — "I Know I'll Never Love This Way Again" — Camille "didn't leave a dry eye in the club," Drennan reported.

The benefit drew an estimated crowd of 225 people, most of whom were women whose support and generosity made the event an overwhelming night for all present.



Toby & Friends at Savoy. Photo by Ted Sahl

Fifties Dance

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose is sponsoring a "Fifties Dance" beginning 7 pm on Saturday, Aug. 2 in the Fire-side Room of the Church Building.

"We have all fifties music and decor," says MCC. "Dress as you did (or would have) in the fifties... We will rock the night away."

LETTERS

Gentlemen & Gentlewomen:
Regardless of their religious affiliations or lack thereof, gay men and women are blessed by the presence on them of the gay and non gay Christians of the Metropolitan Community Church as visible witnesses to other Christians that homosexual persons are welcome by Christ as members of his mystical body the Church.

As a Roman Catholic myself, I find the Eucharistic liturgy of the New Life Metropolitan Community Church which has just moved from the 1st Unitarian Church of Oakland to The Church of the Good Shepherd in Berkeley's Ocean View District) ironically more traditionally Catholic in feeling than the liturgical innovations of the 2nd Vatican Council which replaced the Latin Mass and music with the very dated language and sounds of the 60's.

When they forsake Latin for English, the Romans should have requested the Archbishop of Canterbury for permission to adopt The Book of Common Prayer.

The Christians of the Metropolitan Community Church have set a Christ like example of ecumenicalism.

They welcome everyone and they save theologically and liturgically drawn from both the Catholic and Protestant traditions of Western Christianity.

Yet why did the MCC select such a meaningless name? How does a MCC relate to Christianity?

Obviously, San Jose is a metropolitan community, since it includes most of the Santa Clara Valley. Yet, not all MCC San Joseans are Christians.

It is also difficult to identify a MCC member. Is he or she a Metropolitanite or a MCCer?

Why did not the Church name itself after homosexual lovers within the gospels themselves?

The homophile love of the historical Jesus and John the Beloved presents a good scriptural name for the Church, namely, The Church of Christ and John the Beloved.

The gospel tells us that Jesus called Philip, who in turn called his lover Bartholomew. These apostles present another scriptural name. The Church of the Apostles Philip and Bartholomew.

The Biblical literalists of the new Religious Right would be overjoyed that gay Christians reflect such biblical faithfulness in choosing a name for their church.

Finally, there is that marvellously human saint to whom the Risen Jesus first appeared, the lovely and strongly gentle St. Mary Magdalene. With these qualities she certainly must have been a gay woman!

Why don't the MCCers adopt a more appropriate nomenclature? rely,

Sincerely,
James F. Gibbons

CENTER FIRMLY PLANTED

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center of Santa Clara County, I would like to express our thanks to our Paper for the beautiful plant sent to the Center as a "Center-warming" gift for our Grand Opening celebration.

May it grow with the new Center as we grow with the San Jose Gay Community.

We look forward to many years of shared prosperity in the Gay Zip Code area of San Jose.

We would also like to commend you for your tireless efforts to create a quality product which the entire San Jose Gay Community can look to with pride.

Our job of giving out referrals and information about San Jose would be impossible without the listings and advertisements of our Paper.

Yours in Community,
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President
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CO-AUTHOR!

Please note that the article "Mental Health and the AIDS Crisis" (Our Paper, Jul. 9, '86) was co-authored by Chris DiMaio, M.D. Thank you,

David P. Steward
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
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Los Altos, CA

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Barbary Coast Boating Club, thank you for our Paper's help in publicizing our organization.

Your publication stands out among the crowd as a media that understands the needs of the gay community and presents itself in a professional and superior manner.

The work you are doing in presenting the diverse and positive aspect of the gay community goes a long way in our common struggle for acceptance and understanding.

The extra help you have personally given the club recently by way of the feature article by Steve Lakey has not gone unnoticed by BCBC's membership.

We are looking forward to seeing other great articles in our Paper regarding a wide range of subjects.

Sheldon Donig
Commodore
Barbary Coast Boating Club
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Greenbrae, CA 94904

At its June meeting, High Tech Gays joined many national and local organizations in adopting the Consensus Statement on HTLV-III Antibody Testing and Related Issues, dated May 30, 1986, as follows:

Consensus Statement on HTLV-III Antibody Testing and Related Issues May 30, 1986

We who work most closely with AIDS, and who have been and still are at the forefront of the fight against AIDS, firmly believe that every valid tool available to fight should be employed.

However, the existence of a test does not in and of itself justify its broad-scale use, unless valid medical or public health justifications can be made.

This statement delineates what we believe to be the legitimate and dangerous uses of HTLV-III testing.

I. Antibody Testing

The HTLV-III antibody test measures exposure to and probable infection with the virus associated with AIDS.

It does not diagnose AIDS nor is its predictive value fully known.

For the purpose of prevention, it is prudent to assume the individual is infected, although this test is not proof of ongoing infection.

The presence of antibodies is correlated with HTLV-III infection.

It is known that some of those infected will go on to develop AIDS or AIDS-related conditions and that some will remain asymptomatic at least for five to seven years.

Current studies show that the majority of those testing HTLV-III antibody positive will remain asymptomatic.

Unfortunately, there is no medical intervention for those who test positive.

At this time, the principle advice that can be given someone who tests positive is to follow safer sex and other risk reduction guidelines (i.e. not exchanging blood or semen with sex or IV drug using partners).

However, these are recommendations that should be followed by any member of a high-risk group, whether they have tested positive or negative.

(Individuals who are positive should avoid passing on the virus to others and avoid their own reinfection; individuals who are negative should avoid becoming infected. It should be noted that two partners in high-risk groups who have tested negative should also follow these guidelines because of the delay period between infection and development of antibodies.)

It has been suggested that knowledge of antibody status will result in greater incentive to follow risk reduction guidelines.

We have no data to prove this suggested consequence of testing.

We do, however, have data that show that basic education does work to reduce transmission, as judged by dramatically lower STD rates in cities like New York and San Francisco, using programs that do not use the antibody test.

We believe the decision to take this test should be an individual decision given the tremendous psychological, legal, social, and economic impact a positive test result can have on a person's life.

Persons must be given the latitude to decide for themselves whether testing will help them reduce their risk.

When the test is performed, it must be with the full informed consent of the individual.

The informed consent process must be specific for this test; it cannot be part of standard or general waiver associated with a battery of other tests.

The consent process should outline what positive and negative test results do and do not mean, the potential psychological impact of learning one is antibody positive, and the possibilities for difficulties in insurability (insurance companies across the country are seeking to use the test as a basis for denying insurance to those who test positive) and employability (some employers are already attempting to screen their employees for antibodies even though there is no business justification for such testing) if a positive test result is known.

They should also be told that in some jurisdictions test results are reported to public health authorities (and

this is a possibility in others), and the extent to which the agency offering the test will provide counseling. (Supportive psychological counseling by informed and sensitive professionals is essential to any testing program.)

Given these dangers just outlined above, as well as the potential for quarantine of individuals who test positive (as has been suggested in some states), testing should be done on an anonymous basis to protect the confidentiality of those being tested.

Anonymity is the only true assurance of confidentiality.

Even where initially strong protections exist, there are at least four means by which they can be violated: through legislation overriding the initial protections, when a subject voluntarily signs away the confidentiality protections as part of an employment or insurance application (as can be done under Colorado's reporting system, for example), through a court subpoena, and through informal disclosure by those who have access to the test results.

Without guaranteed protections, individuals who need the test to alter their behavior are likely to be afraid to take it.

The U.S. Public Health Service recently recommended mass testing on a voluntary basis of individuals in high-risk groups.

We believe that this undermines the principle that taking the test must be a very individual decision.

In addition, such a program will divert scarce resources from education and counseling programs that have been proven successful in reducing transmission of HTLV-III to a program of unproven value.

It fails to recognize that the nature of the decision may vary according to what purpose the test may serve.

For example, high-risk women thinking of having children should be tested, but a blanket statement for gay men, on the other hand, is inappropriate.

The PHS guidelines also fail to adequately address the issues of informed consent and confidentiality.

Furthermore, they fail to take into account the widespread discrimination accompanying use of the test.

For the government to suggest mass testing without taking measures to prevent the discrimination that may result from such a program is counterproductive.

II. Reporting of Antibody Test Results and Contact Tracing

The first step in any use of this test to change behavior involves convincing the individual to be tested.

If individuals fear that information relating to their status might fall into the wrong hands, they will not consent to the test.

We oppose reporting test results with identifiers to state authorities.

Within STD clinics, or within state health department bureaucracies, assurances that these results will be kept confidential in the same manner as other STD information are simply not adequate.

AIDS is not like other STDs.

The stigma associated with AIDS is far greater than with other STDs and the desire of other government and nongovernment agencies to obtain AIDS-related information is also greater.

The existence of sodomy laws in nearly half the states, and the failure of all but one state to provide protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation add to the fears associated with reporting.

In the context of political hysteria that is often generated around AIDS, how certain can we be that health officials will resist public pressure to turn over names of those who are antibody positive to school officials, police departments, and others?

We seriously question the value of contact tracing, even on a voluntary basis.

While contact tracing may be a traditional technique for managing the spread of STD's, AIDS is not a typical STD.

There is no medical intervention for AIDS as there is for syphilis.

We are not opposed, however, to voluntary contact notification by the person who has tested positive.

Indeed, recommendations for such notification should be part of the counseling process for those who test positive.

Our concern is with the government playing a direct role.

Someone fearful that in the months ahead his or her name might be turned over to health officials as the sexual contact of an antibody positive individual, might refuse to give an accurate name to an individual—thereby eliminating the possibility for informal contact by an infected person of his/her contacts.

This is quite plausible given the number of people using false identifiers in current antibody testing programs.

We would argue, then, that the most effective use of the test is one that is voluntary, and guarantees anonymity and appropriate counseling.

Anything more intrusive is likely to diminish the confidence of the very people a risk reduction program is seeking to reach.

- AIDS Action Council
- American Association of Physicians for Human Rights
- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Lesbian Rights Project
- Mobilization against AIDS
- National AIDS Network
- National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays
- National Coalition of Gay STD Services
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- National Gay Rights Advocates
- National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation
- National Jewish AIDS Project
- Arkansas AIDS Foundation
- AIDS Response Program of Orange County (California)
- Santa Cruz AIDS Project (California)
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- Stop AIDS Project (California)
- Colorado AIDS Project
- Delaware Lesbian/Gay Health Advocates AIDS Committee
- Whitman-Walker Clinic (Washington, D.C.)

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Theatre Reviews

By Rick Rudy

Romanovski & Phillips!!!

Romanovski and Phillips played a one night stand at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco on Tuesday, July 15, and the completely sold out house was amply justified by the performance.

These two singer/songwriters, Ron Romanovski and Paul Phillips have been lovers and performers together for five years.

Their style is simple and their message direct: gay is good.

They have produced two albums (on their own, since no one else would have them) called "I Thought You'd Be Taller" (1983) and "Trouble in Paradise" (1986), and their show is drawn from these works, along with rambling anecdotes and introductions.

Ron plays the guitar and piano, writes most of the songs, and sings the melody.

Paul sings the harmony and wears the rhinestones.

Each of the songs tells a story of what it is like to be gay.

"Outfield Blues" recalls the trauma of the unathletically inclined, forced to play team sports.

"Wimp" reminds us of all the times we give in rather than stand up for what we believe.

"What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?" shows us that not all gays match the gay stereotypes.

Their musical style, lyrics and harmonies are all very simplistic.

There is no sophistication of a Cole Porter, a Stephen Sondheim, or even a Tom Lehrer.

Their rhymes are often forced; or awkward; their parallel third harmonies continue endlessly.

Yet, they are a joy to see and hear, and no amount of dissection can mar the enthusiasm of their performance.

Their stage manner is relaxed, warm, and very endearing; they are very nearly a two-man Gay Freedom Day celebration.

The show opened with comedienne (so she says) Linda Moakes, whose 35 minutes seemed like 2 hours.

Romanovski and Phillips did two sets of over 45 minutes each, plus encores, and that time went by like a flash.

Buy their albums and go see their shows if you can. It is fine entertainment.

Dear Mr. Rudy,
Thank you for sending your review. I appreciate your response so much.
My best to you.
Lily Coulter

Book Review

Golden Years

by John Preston
Alyson Publications 1984
123 pages / \$4.00

Golden Years is one of the best novels I have read in years. Fortunately, it was only 123 pages so I was able to turn the light off about 3 am. Unfortunately, it was only 123 pages because I didn't want it to end.

There is great plot, good character development, nerve tingling suspense and action; it would make a great movie.

Golden Years gives us heroes, the main one being Alex Kane. His only goal is justice for gay people and he achieves it any way he can.

We get know a delightful gay man in his seventies, Joe Talbot. Joe knows he is growing old and is looking forward to a carefree retirement with other gay men in the beautiful, clear air of Arizona at SON Valley.

However, someone wants to take Joe's savings away from him; someone who preys on the dreams of older gay men.

Alex finds a friend, a real one, the kind you can depend on when the going gets rough. He also finds that he is in love; with this knowledge, Alex also learns that he can share his life.

If you enjoy romance, action, suspense and revenge, Golden Years is the book for you.



Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

But the real scene stealers are Irene's friends Helen and Jane (Christie Solandro and Tammy Nelson) and the male dresser-maker, who goes by the name "Madame Lucy" for professional reasons, played by Doug Baird.

Baird is a fine comic actor who has played dozens of superb supporting roles over the years.

His Madame Lucy has just the right mixture of charlatan, decaying snobbery, high camp, and (surprise) realism.

Baird manages to make Madame Lucy mince when he is demonstrating how to model a dress, but is never otherwise offensive or swishy.

Solandro and Nelson are a comic pair who keep us in stitches as they play out their high society fraud in Madame Lucy's stylish gowns.

Nelson is especially good, keeping a sober, and sometimes even pained look, on her face during her own wonderful antics.

The chorus of singers and dancers is well rehearsed, and they take their many changing roles well in hand.

The choreography, by Debbie Wilson, especially "The Riviera Rage", is well structured and somehow manages to avoid any over crowding even with the very large cast.

The musical direction, under the baton of Wanda Saxton, is the weakest part of the production.

The orchestra seems to have just seen the score minutes before the curtain.

And they don't sight read very well.

The stage direction by John P. Healy is neat and well handled, the comedy and slapstick never getting out of hand.

It is all great fun! Irene continues through August 9, and it is a show not to be missed.

Call (408) 268-3777 for tickets.



HOLLY NEAR will appear in concert at 8 p.m. on August 8, 1986 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts (San Carlos and Almaden Blvd.) in a performance to benefit the women's organizations of Nicaragua and El Salvador. With eleven albums to her credit, the singer/songwriter is also an actress, college lecturer, poet, and "international troubador for peace." Near was recently chosen as MS. Magazine's "Woman of the Year." Tickets are available at BASS outlets or through the event's sponsor, Sisterspirit, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose 95126. Phone (408) 293-9372. Photo by Irene Young

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Street Talk

by Richard Kendall



I'm sure you will forgive me for not having a column last issue; I took a much needed sabbatical after my heavy June schedule.

There is much to reflect on since last we talked.

The community center had their grand opening which in turn kicked off the Rally.

The Center's new facility is very impressive.

They should be able to accommodate the larger groups in our community.

Stop by and browse in Sister-spirits Bookstore and tour the new gay and lesbian center.

The Rally came off despite the continued rumors that no one would show up.

The weather over cooperated by giving us San Jose's hottest day of the year.

Officially, it was 95 sweltering degrees.

There were a few hitches... but I'll bet you couldn't tell me when and where they occurred.

Lots of thanks are in order for the many individuals who helped pull it together the day of the Rally.

A big thank you to my other half, Richard, who was so patient he even surprised me.

He told me many days later what a grouch I had become.

Thank you's are also in order for those of you who helped by volunteering to sell tickets and pour beer and sodas.

I don't have space here to name names, but you know who you are.

Next time you see Becky, give a big hug and show your appreciation for the job she did.

She was the real driving force that made it happen after the last minute financial fiasco.

I really think she gave more than was necessary from one person.

It was unfortunate that she was not able to enjoy the fruits of her

labor. No rest and too much sun sent her home early in the day.

Becky, we showed a lot of people what can be done when the chips are down.

I want you on my team when the going gets rough... you are one gutsy lady.

I have started a tradition of sorts, the last three years anyway, that is:

The weekend following our Rally is my turn to relax and recuperate.

Where else better to do it than in the city.

The San Francisco Parade is a great excuse to get away and play in the city.

Richard and I went to the city on Friday, and stayed at the Atherton, just up from Civic Center.

We played tourist on Saturday, doing the Pier 39 to Girardelli walk.

The city can be fun and exciting to see by foot and taxi during the day.

The nights we played and toured the south of Market Bars.

It never ceases to amaze me how the S.O.M. comes alive with the people after dark.

We stopped into the Eagle then walked to the Rawhide with side trips to the other bars.

It's wonderful to feel so relaxed and free to walk arm in arm, to be totally open about being gay.

One of these days I hope we can feel that in San Jose.

The parade on Sunday was wonderful and exciting.

I think it meant more this year since I had met the co-chairs Autumn and Patric and the president, Ken.

I was pleased to see so many people representing several San Jose groups.

It always is fun to grab a beer and wander through the large crowd at Civic Center after the

parade. Just when you think things will never change, look out... one of San Jose's longest running shows has just ended.

Yes, it's true, Margartet, is no longer at David's... oh my! what next...

A belated birthday to Bert at the 641.

The Lady and Bert both celebrating on the 4th of July.

Bert was decked out in his green silk statue of liberty dress just for the occasion.

Just for the record, he was feeling no pain.

Speaking of dresses, Miss Clambaker startled the Renegades crowd with his grand entrance draped in his new red silk statue of liberty dress complete with tiara.

And she claims she's still looking for a husband... no wonder she can't find one!

Rumor has it that she was to the pilsner again the weekend of the parade; but I haven't be able to verify it this time.

Bert of the 641 informs me there is an effort being made to restart the San Jose Tavern Guild (the old one died from lack of active leadership).

The concept is a good one and could benefit the community if all the participants become active and put their personal gripes and petty bickering behind them.

The Guild could become a leader in this community just by showing a united front with the police department.

The time to get organized is now with an election coming up and assaults from the religious right on the increase.

Call Bert at 641 for more details.

Darlene's Bay Cruise is go for August 9. The cruise is the same day as the opening events for Gay Games II, so why not make a whole day of it.

I just found out there is a gay and lesbian county employee group here in Santa Clara County.

The fledgeling group meets monthly at noon in the Rosegarden on Naglee, bring your brown bag lunch to the next meeting on August 21.



Savoy's "As Is" headed toward playoffs

The Savoy's women's softball team "As Is" has only two more games to win to make it to the playoffs next month. Manager Peggy Lutke and Coach Mickey Noak appear to be leading their team to a banner year. This season's games are being held at Crittendon in Mt. View on Tues. evenings. □

I had the pleasure of seeing the show put on by Patrice and Toby July 12 at the Savoy.

The Hot Chocolate, Patrice, Latasha and Cheri did an excellent job entertaining the packed house.

The show was a surprise fundraiser for Camille of the Hot Chocolates who has been ill of late.

The Mayor's Council made her an honorary citizen of San Jose.

I had the honor of reading her the proclamation and presenting it to her.

Mayor Jeff was there to present her roses and the key to the city.

Camille is very deserving of this award.

She has done a lot of entertaining in and around San Jose, never refusing a chance to help out when called upon.

The Stop LaRouche forces are gearing up for a tough campaign.

I'm sure you've heard about LaRouche, he's the one who wants to quarantine all persons with AIDS.

It seems if the initiative passes, every Californian would be required to have a test for AIDS.

About 60 concerned citizens gathered at the Community Center on July 16 to form a steering committee to work here in Santa Clara County.

I was surprised at the diversity of the gathering.

If you like Country and Western music, you must acquire one of the tapes made by the DJ's from Ryders and the High Chaparral.

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Don't forget Darlene's Bay Cruise on August 9, tickets are still available. Call either me or Darlene for information and or tickets.

The latest figure for diagnosed cases of AIDS is 133.

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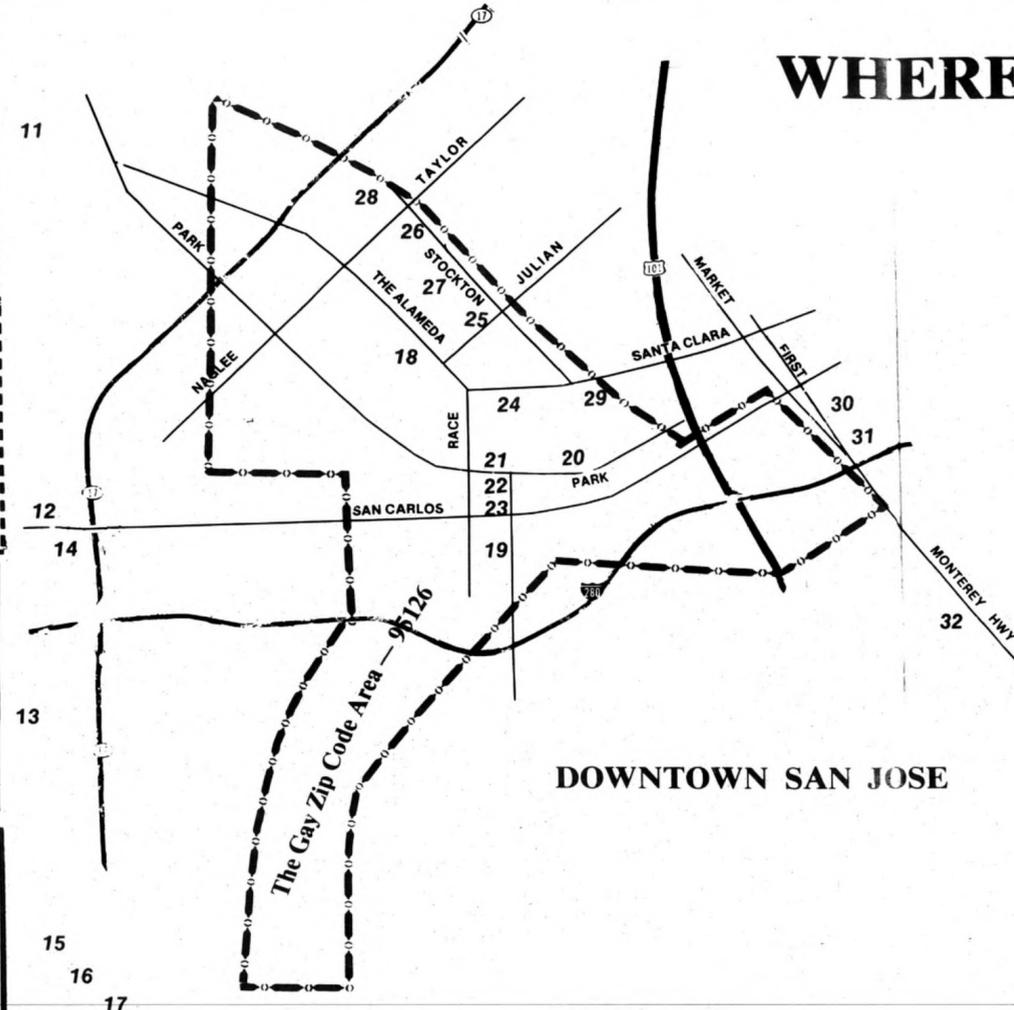
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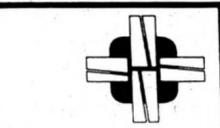
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New Music Director of Women's Philharmonic

San Francisco, The Bay Area Women's Philharmonic appointing JoAnn Falletta as Music Director of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic effective July 1, 1986.

The nationally-renowned conductor will conduct all subscription concerts of the Women's Philharmonic during her three-year term.

The appointment of JoAnn Falletta culminates a year-long national search by the Women's Philharmonic for a new Music Director.

Ms. Falletta made a very successful Bay Area debut with the Women's Philharmonic in November 1985, the same year she captured national attention as the winner of the Leopold Stokowski Conducting Competition and the Toscanini Conductor's Award.

In addition to her position as Music Director of the Bay Area Woman's Philharmonic, Ms. Falletta will continue as Associate Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony and Music Director of the Denver Chamber Orchestra and the Queens Philharmonic.

"The spirit of the members of the Woman's Philharmonic," commented Music Director-designate JoAnn Falletta, "and their dedication to quality performances greatly impressed me."

"This, in combination with the Philharmonic's innovative programming makes the prospect of working with them so exciting. I am also delighted by their enthusiastic community support."

"We are thrilled," Women's Philharmonic Executive Director Miriam Abrams said, "to welcome JoAnn Falletta as Music Director of the Women's Philharmonic. Her performance with us last fall was very inspiring."

The concert gave us a taste of the kind of music-making we can expect during her tenure with us, and we are confident she will help bring us to a new level of artistic excellence."

"Ms. Falletta has been a joy to work with," Artistic Director Nan Washburn added.

"She commands the respect of the players and treats them with great consideration."

"I am looking forward to the musical leadership she will bring to the Philharmonic and I know



JoAnn Falletta.

File Photo

she will greatly enhance the Philharmonic's stature locally and nationally."

The extensive national Music Director search was headed by a committee made up of the members of the orchestra, staff and Board of Directors.

Input from all members of the Philharmonic was vital to the process as well.

In addition to having the best conductor possible, the Women's Philharmonic sought a conductor who had a knowledge and interest in contemporary American music and an interest in promoting works by women composers as these form the essence of the Women's Philharmonic's repertoire.

JoAnn Falletta is currently completing her first season as Associate Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, her third season as Music Director of the Denver Chamber Or-

chestra and her seventh season as Music Director of the Queens Philharmonic.

Ms. Falletta has conducted extensively throughout the United States and in France, Italy, Denmark and Switzerland.

The sole doctoral student in Juilliard's prestigious conducting program, Ms. Falletta studies with Jorge Mester and Sixten Ehrling on full scholarship.

For further information about JoAnn Falletta's appointment as Music Director of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic, please phone Miriam Abrams at (415) 626-4888.

Sisterspirit's dream comes true

By Jan Cohgen

...so says Karen Hester, (one of the four cofounders of Sisterspirit), since realizing what seemed an unreachable two-year long goal... their new store front location in the DeFrank Center at 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose.

"If you had asked me six months ago if we'd have a store front now, I'd probably have smiled and said 'maybe', and thought 'no way'" admitted Ms Hester.

In April, 1984, three women attending a women's studies class at San Jose State University, (Mary Jefferies, Marilyn Cook, and Karen Hester) in a combined decision with Amy Caffrey, who is closely associated with (NOW) the National Organization for Women, committed themselves to the creation of a non-profit women's bookstore/coffeehouse with the goal of becoming multicultural, in a setting of collective members who would network with all races of women.

Following that decision came two years of relentless and successful efforts; fundraising and coffeehousing, "wherever we could".

It was a long road, but they already (since their grand opening on June 27, 1986) are progressing rapidly.

Sisterspirit sells new and used books by and about women, children's books, gay male books, albums and tapes, cards, t-shirts, mugs and jewelry.

Periodicals including Plexus, Off Our Backs, Connexions, Business Woman Magazine, and the Gay Community News are also for sale.

The Sisterspirit Friday night Coffeehouse begins at 8 pm with live entertainment beginning at 9 pm, featuring local women artists in the areas of music, video,

dance, poetry, and book readings.

In addition to a full calendar of upcoming events, (including a Holly Near Concert on August 8, 1986 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts with partial proceeds benefitting the women's organizations of Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Sisterspirit is publishing a newsletter.

Sisterspirit has grown to fifteen volunteers, but Karen says, "We still need more women to volunteer their time, so that we can extend our hours and put more on the calendar."

Sisterspirit is committed to decision making by consensus, so not only will volunteers be listened to, but they will be heard. As if the co-founders didn't have enough to keep them busy, Karen and Mary host KKUP (91.5fm), a listener sponsored, non commercial radio station with a women's radio hour every Sunday morning 11 am to 12 noon.

The program includes women's music, interviews and a community calendar. (Including a program dedicated to the music of Redwood artist Holly Near on August 3, 1986).

Sisterspirit's calendar of events follows: July 25-Claire Mix and Fast Trax (Friday night coffeehouse); August 1-Xcentrix (a local women's band featuring a diversity of instruments); August 8-Holly Near Concert (interpreted for the hearing impaired; both concert and reception are wheelchair accessible; childcare provided); August 15-Open Talent Night (you strut your stuff or applaud the women that strut theirs); and August 22-Ain't I A Woman (Charmaine Crowell presents this moving monodrama of the life of Sojourner Truth).

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FORTUNES By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-Your career Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-Although you could take a surprising leap. Surpr- may appear to others now as one who ing to you because you're much more has unlimited resources, you know interested in play than work right differently. You want very much to now. While you're having fun in the give as much as you can but in order sun a co-worker or admirer may be to do so most effectively you realize working behind the scenes for your that foresight and planning are benefit.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)-Can anyone Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-Did you have to many admirers? You'll learn something on a recent trip that certainly fine out. The main relation- only now may be coming clear? The ship in your life is strong and secure, memory of recent pleasures could Perhaps that is part of the attraction, bring future pleasures. This may have Acquaintances that don't have it so to do with combining future travel good may be envious and attempt to with a new business venture, make a move.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-A couple Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-You that you're close to need your loving both need and deserve the break in advice. They could be your parents or the action that you're going to give your best friends. While this may put you yourself. Right? Right! Enough deci- you in a position that you're not used sions and dealings and consultations to being in, you'll be of great help are enough. Whatever kind of holi- simply by being you. day is within your budget, take it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-Well its Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-Truth is about time that you got more than beauty and the truth inspires you, you were planning on. Right, Can- Your eyes are open to something that cer? The most likely avenue for this you hadn't seen before. Perhaps it increase is in the realm of travel. A was right under your nose. You may short trip you'd been planning could fight secretive and protective about turn into a long and exciting adven- your discovery. The present is de- ture. Keep all options open. lightful and a bit mysterious.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-A swimmer Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-You're not turns to miniature golf. A couch known as a particularly suspicious potato is off to the tennis court. In any sign, but never mind that. If you've other words, you may find yourself any reason to be suspicious about involved in a new sport or game, anyone concerning anything go ahead Something that has never had any and follow your hunch. It's time to appeal to you is now fun and put an end to someone's strange interesting. behavior. Enough is enough.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Keep a han- Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-Don't pro- ph on your love handles. If you're mise more than you can deliver. You one who has a tendency to gain can deliver a lot but there are limits! weight, suddenly this could be one of Too much of one thing usually those times. A new exercise regime means not enough of another. Don't would of course be very helpful. Try let your love life suffer at the expens making it one that you can share with of your professional and vice versa, a friend or partner.

Health and the Gay Community

by David P. Steward



Because of the AIDS crisis, there are those who equate sickness, death and homosexuality. In his deplorable opposition to a reasonable level of AIDS funding, Assemblyman Sebastiani made an ignorant comment that no one other than gay men have AIDS, and that any assertion to the contrary is a political ploy of the gay rights activists.

My contention, for which there is a plethora of evidence, is that gay men and lesbians are very healthy, mentally, physically and spiritually.

Physically, the stereotype of the young macho straight male, whom I will call "Joe Macho," has more than a grain of truth in it.

He is sedentary, both at work and at home, his major exertion being to order "the little wife" to bring him another Bud while he watches the Giants lose on the boob tube.

Joe Macho doesn't think much of men who eat "rabbit food," preferring a more "manly" (and cholesterol laden) 16oz steak.

He avoids feelings, and gives full vent to only one permitted emotion, anger.

Feelings of embarrassment, failure, confusion, sadness, and vulnerability are all turned into the only emotion permitted to all the Joe Machos of America, anger.

Joe has no friends, male or female.

There is no model or pattern for non-sexual relationships with female friends, so he either has none, or he has troublesome "affair-ettes" with them.

To be intimate with men touches on straight America's most stringently (and often, violently) enforced taboo, that of being close to other men.

To do otherwise is to court rejection, and worse, to be thought queer.

The joke about spending the evening "lying face down in a jar of Noxema" is often more truth than humor.

The gay male community long ago learned that "healthy looking is hot looking". The salt and pepper Daddy, working out on the machines at the spa is really a daddy, but his children are not eight or ten years old, but twenty-five.

I have a gay friend who was "carded" at the bars until he was 35 years old.

He had a son at that time who was almost of age himself!

That rarely happens in the straight community. One would expect that the members of the most-hated minority in America would be plagued with emotional problems, filled with self-hate, and would have a high rate of psychotic break down.

Such is not the case. Most gay men and lesbians think well of themselves most of the time, and treat themselves and others with compassion, respect and tolerance.

While the Jerry Fallwells and the Lyndon LaRouches of the world are calling for forced HTLV testing and quarantine (or worse), gay people have, for the most part, confined themselves to jamming Fallwell's 800 phone line, or naming outdoor toilets after him in New York City.

The versatility of gay people is legendary.

We have had to be "all things to all people" for so long that it has paid off.

What is androgeny, other than a kind of versatility in the personality, apparently not available to less blessed straight people?

Gay men and lesbians have been in the forefront of spiritual change in this country, even at a time when one could not be open in the religious establishments of straight America.

Malcolm Boyd was only one of the clergy for black people, knowing deep down that his personal issue was the same, but different.

Many of the clergy who marched in Selma, facing Bull Connor's attack dogs and water cannons were gay.

What would the religious establishment of America look like if no gay man or lesbian had ever been ordained, took vows as a nun, played the organ, directed the choir, or taught in the parochial schools?

The question "shall we have gay priests? (nuns, ministers, etc)" is as silly as the question "shall we have gay teachers?"

Could the schools run without them?

In summary, we are living in an age in which HEALTH is being re-defined.

Health is no longer seen as the absence of disease, but, rather,

involves optimum wellness, the pursuit of excellence in all spheres of life.

In this pursuit, gay men and lesbians are at the vanguard, now as always.

In this age of anxiety and trial: "It's time to hold your head up,

to spread your wings and fly, open up your heart, and reach for the sky."

Gay Anthem

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AIDS Legislation Approved

Legislation by Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti declaring that realtors do not have to inform prospective tenants that previous tenants had AIDS has been approved by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

The committee voted 6 - 2 in support of the bill (SB 2484), sending it to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank) commented: "Current law is silent regarding the materiality of the fact that a prior occupant had AIDS."

"As a result, sellers, landlords and agents are unclear regarding their legal responsibilities."

"There is hysteria and confusion regarding the transmission of AIDS, however, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta conclusively reports that AIDS cannot be transmitted by occupation of real property."

Roberti also said he has received numerous letters from throughout the state from gay organizations and individuals endorsing his measure.

In other legislative action addressing AIDS, the Senate approved AB 3667 (Agnos / Roberti).

The measure, which would provide consent and confidentiality laws relating to the use of the AIDS antibody test and disclosure of test results, was approved by a 23-8 vote.

The bill also would make a declaration that "AIDS is a physical handicap" for the purposes of anti-discrimination as various state codes apply to physical handicaps.

The measure is now on the governor's desk.

American Lutheran Church publishes report on pastoral care

Chicago - AIDS is "A Challenge to the Church," according to a useful new 8-page report from the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and its Division for Mission and Service in America.

The report has been sent to ALC congregations and pastors in an effort to provide information and to stimulate discussion on the serious and frightening disease that has become a worldwide concern.

The disease "calls for an enormous amount of sanity, sensitivity, compassion, and level-headedness on behalf of the church and the society-at-large," according to Rev. James Siefkes, director of the division's Mission Discovery Project.

The Mission Discovery report was developed from the U.S. Center for Disease Control of Atlanta (CDC/Atlanta), Lutherans Concerned/North America (a Christian ministry for gay/lesbian understanding), and a number of AIDS service centers, hospices, chaplains and doctors.

Alongside the research summaries of facts, figures and myths of the disease in the paper, it also addresses theological and pastoral issues.

"The congregation through its members and its pastoral ministry can offer reconciliation, support, and consolation.

The spiritual needs for faith, hope, forgiveness, reconciliation, human caring and non-judgmental unconditional love are present. . . For the pastoral care provider, the response to people with AIDS should be the same response as to anyone in pain and distress from serious or terminal illness.

Since the majority of the patients with AIDS have thus far been gay males, clergy and church people must come to terms with both the diseases of AIDS and homophobia; that is, fear, distress, and hostility toward gay and lesbian people."

The paper offers several useful sections.

"Each of us as individuals must know the facts of the disease, about its transmission and its prevention.

"Professionals in civic government, business and spiritual leaders must deal with the realities and it must be done now," writes Siefkes.

Copies of the report are available by writing to: Mission Discoveries, Division for Service and Mission in America, The American Lutheran Church, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Some people think you can catch AIDS from a glass.

Or from a bus seat. Or a hot tub. Or a water fountain. It's not surprising that there are so many misconceptions about AIDS. Because a lot of what you hear or read about this deadly new disease has been distorted by the fear that surrounds it. And that fear is hiding facts everyone should know.

The fact is, we know what causes AIDS. A virus. This virus can attack men and women, and people of all ages and all colors.

The fact is, we know the four ways AIDS can spread. Through sexual intercourse with a person infected with the AIDS virus. By sharing IV drug needles with an infected person. By injecting of contaminated blood products. And by an AIDS-infected pregnant woman passing the disease to her baby.

The fact is, AIDS is never spread by sharing typewriters, telephones, pens/pills, clothing, bathroom facilities, coffee pots, eating utensils or breathing the same air.

The fact is, people with AIDS need the same kind of concern and respect that anyone suffering from a serious disease deserves. And you can show that concern and respect without any fear for yourself.

There is no known cure for AIDS. But there is a cure for fear. Learn the facts. Please call the toll-free AIDS hotline for answers to questions or an informative brochure. Once you know the facts, you can help stop the fear.

Fight the fear with the facts.

Toll-free in Northern California For educational programs, information or referrals, call: **800-367-AIDS** 299-5858

A public education campaign presented by the Northern California AIDS Agencies, partially funded by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the California Department of Health Services. A project of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Gays, Sexuality, and Chemical Dependence: A Critical Connection

Humorist Ogden Nash once flippantly observed that when it came to our culture's dating and mating rituals, "Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker."

In fact, the link between sexuality and alcohol - and by extension, alcoholism and other forms of chemical dependence - is far stronger than Nash probably realized.

Issues relating to sexuality play a tremendous role in the formation and development of chemical dependence - and can continue to plague even those who are well on the way to recovery.

For gay men and women, that link can be particularly strong.

"Everybody has some anxiety when it comes to their sexuality," explains Ellen Ratner, Vice President of Pride Institute, an innovative chemical dependence center specifically designed for lesbians and gay men.

"But for gays, you have to take all the anxiety surrounding dating, meeting people and other aspects of sexuality - and multiply it many times over."

"After all," she adds, "these are people living in a culture where their sexual orientation is not accepted by the majority of people, where in fact their sexual practices are illegal in many parts of the country."

"If you're gay you're limited in how and where you can in-

teract safely, you are often fearful about whether your family will accept you, you may worry that your sexuality could cost you your job.

"And now, on top of everything else, you've got to worry about AIDS."

"So yes, that added stress can lead to a greater incidence of chemical dependence."

The figures bear out Ratner's argument.

Most experts agree that the rate of alcohol abuse among the general population is 10-13 percent.

Yet according to a 1975 study of gays living in Los Angeles County, 31.4 percent showed signs of alcoholism; a subsequent study of four Kansas towns revealed that 29 percent of the gay population has alcoholic tendencies.

And, according to the National Gay Task Force, 3000 gays die each year because of alcohol and drug abuse.

Exacerbating the problem is the central role of bars in the gay subculture.

Because of discrimination at all levels of society, many gays view the bar scene as their primary outlet for expressing their sexuality and meeting potential romantic and sexual partners.

Bars, of course, promote drinking.

And that, in turn, promotes alcoholism.

"Bars make it easier for gays to meet each other largely because of the disinhibiting effects of alcohol and other drugs," says Gerald Shulman, Vice President of Clinical Programs at Addiction Recovery Corporation, which runs seven residential treatment programs for substance abusers.

"When the high stress levels are reduced, it's less frightening to make contact, to begin a conversation, to ask someone to come home with you."

"However," he continues, "once you have that association between chemicals and sex, the pattern tends to be repeated and ritualized."

"And that's what leads to chemical dependence."

"A gay man who used to use alcohol as a social lubricant may still say that he goes to the bar to meet other men - but now the real reason is to ingest alcohol."

"Where romance may have been the original significant motivation, the use of the chemical itself now becomes the dominant theme."

Because of their sexuality, chemically dependent gays have traditionally lacked the treatment options available to their straight counterparts.

In fact, they traditionally have encountered the same discrimination and homophobia at treatment centers that they experience in society at large.

Staff and other patients may discourage them from discussing sexual issues - the same issues which contributed to the development of the disease in the first place.

The result: despite the high levels of substance abuse in the gay community, only an estimated 1 to 2 percent of those in treatment centers generally identify themselves as gay.

The treatment itself can also be more problematic.

Some gay patients may be confronting their sexuality openly for the first time during treatment, and it's not unusual for them to "come out" to their family and friends as part of the process.

These "significant others" now have two major issues to deal with at once - the chemical dependence and the homosexuality - and their reactions can greatly affect the course of the treatment.

What's more, most treatment centers recognize the need to work with spouses and other family members.

Fewer accord a gay patient's lover the same level of recognition.

Yet all experts agree that exploration of co-dependence issues - those relating to the role played by those close to a chemically dependent person - is critical to the ultimate success of the treatment program.

"So what you have," points out Ratner, "is a system which does much to foster chemical abuse among those who have difficulty accepting their sexuality, but does little to help them recover from the problem."

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Behavioral Medicine

By Jimmy Joe

As the AIDS crisis continues, many of us have been asking ourselves how we can stay as healthy as possible, and keep our spirits positive and happy.

In my quest for the answer to this question, I have located some sources to give me additional information.

What can a gay man do to strengthen his immune system?

I have been in touch with a local medical internist who also has an earned doctorate in nutrition.

Dr. William C. Cooper has been in practice for a number of years in Cupertino, and is now actively expanding his practice to include the gay community.

Dr. Cooper told me that several important factors are necessary to maintain good health.

These include physical exercise and fitness, proper nutrition, adequate relaxation and stress reduction, and an awareness of our environment.

Certainly these ideas are not new.

But putting them in proper perspective so that we can use these ideas will assist us in creating the high level of health we all are seeking.

The latest term is called "behavioral medicine."

This means that we each take a personal and active responsibility in our own health.

Gone are the days when the physician gives us a pill, and our symptoms disappear.

There has been an obvious interest in all the aspects of health, and there is no better time for us to participate in our own wellness than now.

Dr. Cooper says that the four leading causes of death in America are heart attacks, strokes, cancer and violent accidents.

Each one of these is usually precipitated by a lifestyle that is less than optimum.

Dr. Cooper's contention is that if we change our lifestyle for the better, our health must also improve.

Since the information he has given to me is so extensive, I am planning to write a series of articles on the subject of gay health and wellness, and how we

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Fire Chief

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plause for having the courage to speak at the meeting.

In the question and answer session, Chief Osby explained how he came up through the ranks in San Diego.

Denied a promotion to Fire Chief there, he went to Inglewood as Chief.

Later he applied and was hired as Fire Chief of San Jose.

When asked about his policy on gay people on the force, he stated that the San Jose city policy was his policy also.

If a gay is hired, Osby stated that he will deal with the peoples reaction.

"The first people that come out will have to be strong and probably suffer to pave the way."

Osby was also asked at the HTG meeting to discuss the AIDS issue as related to public service.

The chief said that AIDS is a medical issue, a national health crisis.



Fire Chief. Photo by Ted Sahl

"Any firefighter refusing to offer help to someone with AIDS during an emergency will be disciplined."

When asked what he was doing about anti-gay attitudes, Osby stated that he doesn't think he can change attitudes but he can do a lot in changing behavior.

Osby stated that he would support an openly gay person on the force "the same way I support fire women on the force."

"I am supported by the City Manager."

One HTG member asked, "How can we trust you?"

Osby replied, "Try me, the headline statements don't reflect Robert Osby."

Gay Games II

Local Athletes To Compete

By Neil Christie

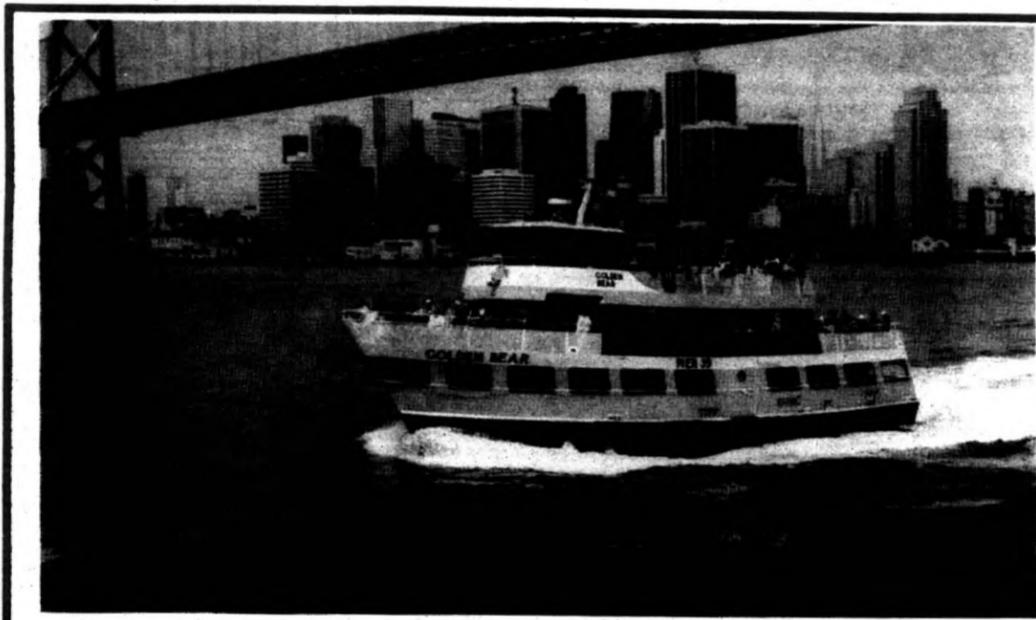
Led by the San Jose Men's Volleyball Team and the San Jose Men's and Women's Bowling Teams, our local communities will be well represented at this year's Gay Games II competitions.

In addition to the San Jose teams, there will be bowling teams from Los Gatos and Santa Clara as well as other individuals representing various cities in Santa Clara County in such sports as Cycling, Track, Tennis, Swimming and the Triathlon.

These athletes will join over 3000 others from around the world to march into Kezar Stadium in San Francisco to kick off the 1986 Gay Games II.

The Opening Ceremonies will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 and the Closing Ceremonies will also be held at Kezar on Sunday, Aug. 17 with Jennifer Holiday as the featured performer.

We would like to hear from some of the individual athletes who will be representing cities in our area. If you are signed up for the Games as an individual, please call 408/723-3586.



Once again, Darlene Lutz, bartender at The Savoy, is sponsoring a moonlight cruise on the San Francisco Bay, on the opening day of Gay Games II, Aug. 9. The cruise ship "Golden Bear" will cast off at 8:00 p.m. from Pier 39 in San Francisco (boarding will begin at 7:30 p.m.) and passengers will disembark at midnight after a romantic and fun-filled evening of disco, dancing, and a moonlight buffet. Door prizes will also be given on this strictly gay chartered cruise. Tickets are available for \$25 per person at The Savoy, 3546 Flora Vista, Santa Clara. Photo by Norm Fisher

Pat Norman addresses San Jose High Tech Gays

By Ted Sahl

High Tech Gays of San Jose listened to their guest speaker Pat Norman praise them for their organizations success, but quickly warned then it might not protect them from the LaRouches, and the homophobes of the world.

At this point in time it is important to make the kind of connections, and the kind of networking that High Tech Gays are doing, said Norman.

More than ever it is necessary to have the kinds of connections, the kinds of communications, the kind of camaraderie you are building, it will be most useful as we face the future.

Because, said Norman, the tide is turning: "I'm sure you all have noticed it already. In California legislation has already passed the Senate that allows prostitutes to be tested for HTLV3 without their consent. People who want to get married are being told they will also be tested to make sure they are not positive."

"People who go to jail for more than three days are also vulnerable to being tested. They have already passed this in the Senate so far."

"It seems like what is happening here is something we thought we had passed when we went

through the 50s, 60s and 70s; when we said, of course this is our road to liberation - and we won't have to go through this again.

"It seems to me that the way people are networking says that it's absolutely necessary we join together because the time is here, and it is happening."

She reminded everybody of the LaRouche initiative that is coming.

Basically what it wants to do is say that in the state of California, people who are food handlers, child care workers, and teachers cannot have a job in their chosen profession if they have been tested HTLV3 positive, or if they are the kind of person who might be at risk.

It also says that people who have AIDS, or who have an HTLV3 positive should be quarantined, under the guise that what's going to happen is, they will be taken care of. They will be able to get some kind of health care that heretofore has not been available in all of the counties of California.

Under this rationale, said Norman, "we are quite frankly, in deep trouble. This is not just the Briggs Initiative that just said okay, teachers who are gay can no longer teach; this is hitting a

nerve where people are running scared to death of you.

"Someone standing next to you on a street corner, on a bus, or in a restaurant is going to make a decision based on distorted, misinformation; they are going to decide whether or not you should have your job taken away, or whether you should be put away in some of those camps that were used to intern Japanese citizens."

"They are actually thinking in those terms."

"They are also thinking in terms of a federal hospital that is no longer being used."

"So you can see why it is so very useful that you are in a group where at least, you can get information. On the other hand, as I listened to Wiggys speak, I thought, uh huh! it sounds like maybe people don't really understand the real importance of our participation in the political process, the electoral process, in any kind of political process you can get your hands on, because as I mentioned before, it seems as though we are going backwards."

"We are going into a place where people would like very much to see us isolated, right now liberalism is out and conservatism is in; and it's okay for folks to do things to people."

On the political side Norman said one of the reasons she is running for supervisor is because she doesn't like injustice.

Norman continued, "I would hope that all of us at this point in time, take the time to work with each other on all different levels: whether that is the nuclear freeze, the peace movement, on Central America, whether it's the black movement, the latino community. . . whatever contact or whatever your special cause is.

That you begin to get out of the single issue orientation and move into the human kind of political movement so that in fact we can be a part of and not separate from the rest of the world."

"Seems like to me that instead of looking at and wanting to sort of isolate ourselves from all those other people that we are a part of, that we will begin to reach out and come out, to participate in the process that will in fact include us so that we can fight the sort of oppression that is coming."

"This is the time now, that in fact you should tell everyone around you that you are real tired of being oppressed, and feeling you must apologize for your sexual orientation, your dress or whatever. Just say, 'I'm tired, I

Stan Hadden commended

Sacramento — Senate Pres. David Roberti authored a Senate Rules Committee Resolution commending Stan Hadden for his role in influencing California's AIDS programs.

Hadden has been appointed twice by the Senate Rules Committee as a member of the California AIDS Advisory Committee.

He also is a member of the California AIDS Strategic Planning Commission, the state Department of Mental Health AIDS Task Force, the Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin's AIDS Task Force, and the United Way Governmental Relations Subcommittee.

Roberti commented:

"The members of the Senate Rules Committee take great pride and pleasure in commending Stan Hadden for his exemplary record of public and professional leadership."

"His accomplishments have made a lasting contribution to the people of California."

want to work with you for our kind of justice and equality.' I'm saying that we should be involved in a movement to change all injustices, not only our own."

"Many times I've heard lesbians and gay men talk about how in fact they are part of a minority. On the other hand, they don't reach out or understand how they oppress other minorities."

"Nor do they take the responsibility of changing the way they relate to other people so there can be an expanded consciousness and an expanded relationship between those communities we are involved with."

"With outreach, involvement and communication, we will be able to make a change."

Norman spoke about gay homophobia: how we cringe when there is a drag queen; how we become embarrassed about ourselves, how we won't speak about ourselves, about who we are.

"Someone said to me, 'It's easy for you to say, you are out there!' Well, you are darn right, I'm out there, and it is easy for me to say, because I'm not going back! I don't have a choice about it; I made a clear decision!"

"On the other hand, I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about how we need to be able to relate to each other, not only in words, but in deeds. We need a community in California and across the nation. A community that will stand up and take responsibility for living in ways that are productive, in ways that are useful. Groups like this (High Tech Gays) is where it starts."

Finally, Norman prodded her audience to do more, to reach out, to unify, to pull together.

In ten years we won't have the rights that we started out with if we do not take action now.

Norman quoted a favorite saying by her mother, "arise from your limitation and to your possibilities."

And that is what all of us must do in order to be able to get past all of that obstruction we give ourselves; and this is the time to do it.

A question and answer period followed.

