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 Chicago Committee Against Cuts, 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.

A 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. Wiggsy 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 23 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 waving." 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 (HTG), besides members of the Billy DeFrank Community Center and many concerned unaffiliated individuals.

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
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed an $18 million discrimination action challenging a Broward County policy that bars AIDS patients from employment, a violation of federal law and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Theatre Reviews

Rick Rudy

Romano and Phillips!!!

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

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By Rick Rudy

Romano and Phillips played a one night stand at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco. It was a sold out show and the crowd was electric. The energy was palpable and the crowd was there to see and hear two of the most talented performers in the business.

Romano's songwriting is powerful and moving. His songs tell the story of the human condition and the struggles we all face. His voice is raw and honest and he delivers each song with a depth of emotion that is truly moving.

Phillips, on the other hand, is a master of Kabuki. His performances are highly stylized and theatrical, and he is able to convey a wide range of emotions through his movements and expressions.

Together, Romano and Phillips create a powerful and unforgettable musical experience. There is no other duo like them in the world of music today.

Their songs are often deeply personal and touching, but they are never sappy or sentimental. They have a unique ability to make music that is both accessible and profound.

Romano and Phillips are two of the most talented performers in the business today. Their music is a testament to their artistic vision and their dedication to their craft. I highly recommend seeing them live if you have the chance.

Letter from an Anonymous Reader

Dear Mr. Rudy,

Thank you for your review of the Romano and Phillips concert.

I agree with you that their music is powerful and moving. Their songs are deeply personal and touching, but never sappy or sentimental. They have a unique ability to make music that is both accessible and profound.

Their voices are a perfect complement to each other, and their harmonies are beautiful.

I would highly recommend seeing them live if you have the chance.

Sincerely,
[Anonymous]
Street Talk
by Richard Kendall

I'm sure you will forgive me for not having a column last issue. I took a much needed sabatical after my heavy June schedule. I was much too busy to reflect on or write about my activities, which is not normally our custom at the Rally. The memory of the event that took place in the last few weeks. The Rally is a sort of renaissance for San Jose's gay and lesbian community. It was a time of celebration and camaraderie, and it is a time that we will always remember.

The Rally was held in the Civic Center, and it was a tremendous success. The city was packed with people, and the atmosphere was electric. The parade was a highlight of the day, and it was a joy to see so many people coming together to celebrate.

There were a few problems, of course. The parade was delayed because of the rain, and the city had to make some adjustments. But the people were patient, and the event went on as planned.

I had the pleasure of walking in the parade, and I was able to meet many of the people who were there. It was a great opportunity to connect with the community and to share in the excitement.

The Rally was a huge success, and I am sure that it will be remembered for years to come. It was a special day for everyone who was there, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

Thank you to all of the people who made the Rally possible, especially the organizers and volunteers. It was a great honor to be a part of this important event.

I hope to see you all next year, when the Rally will be held again.

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In addition to a full calendar of upcoming events, including a performance by the Women's Philharmonic on August 13, 1985 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, the program continues to benefit the organization's programs for women and children in need.

Sisterspirit is publishing a new quarterly newsletter titled "Those People: A Magazine of Women's Concerns." The newsletter will feature articles, stories, and poetry written by women, and will be available at the bookstore and at community events.

Sisterspirit will hold its first conference in November 1985, with a focus on women's health and wellness. The conference will feature keynote speakers and workshops on topics such as nutrition, exercise, and stress management.

Sisterspirit is also developing a new program to provide support and resources for women with AIDS. The program will include a helpline, support groups, and counseling services.

Sisterspirit is committed to promoting social justice and human rights for all women, and to creating a space for women to come together and share their stories.

For more information on Sisterspirit and its programs, visit the bookstore and attend one of the monthly meetings.

Sisterspirit is a nonprofit organization founded in 1984 to support and empower women in the San Jose area. The organization provides a variety of services and resources for women, including a women's bookstore, a women's radio hour, and a community calendar of events.

Sisterspirit is also working to raise awareness about issues affecting women, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and economic inequality.

Sisterspirit is committed to creating a community where women can support each other and work towards social justice.

Sisterspirit encourages all women to get involved and make a difference.

For more information, visit the bookstore or attend one of the monthly meetings.
Gays, Sexuality, and Chemical Dependence: A Critical Connection

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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. Denial a promotion to Fire Chief there, he went to Ingles­ood as Chief. Later he applied and was hired as Fire Chief of San Jose. When asked what the 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 and what role he was going to play.

The chief said that AIDS is a medical issue, a national health crisis. He also is a member of the California AIDS Advisory Committee. He also is a member of the California AIDS Drugs Panel. He is a member of the Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin's AIDS Task Force, and the United Way Go­vernamental Relations Sub­committee.

Osby commented: "The members of the Senate Rules Committee take great pride and pleasure in commending Stan Hadden for his exemplary record of public service. His accomplishments have made a lasting contribution to the people of California."

Pat Norman addresses San Jose High Tech Gays

By Ted Sahi

High Tech Gays of San Jose listened to their guest speaker Pat Norman praise them for their organizations success, but quickly warned that 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 kind 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 by a certain kind of political 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 that we are not going to have the kind of connections, and that gay can no longer teach; this is hitting a nerve where people are running scared - 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 medical care that heretofore has not been available in all of the counties of California.

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

"We are going into a place where people would like very pieople to come together and participate in all kinds of things to people."

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

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 to participate in the process that will in fact in­clude us so that we can fight the sorts 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 want to work with you for our kind of justice and end to it all. I'm saying that we should be involved in a movement to change those 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. Of course, they don't reach out or under­stand how they oppress other minorities.

"Nor do they take the respon­sibilities of this oppression and 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 and you are free.' I'm out there, and it is easy for me. I don't have to worry about the back! I don't have a choice about it; I make a clear decision!"

"My mother is a political leader; she is 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 new kind of relationship across the nation. A community that will stand up and take responsibility for living in ways responsibility for living in ways that are productive, is 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.

"We have to have the rights that we started with if we do not take action now."

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

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. 