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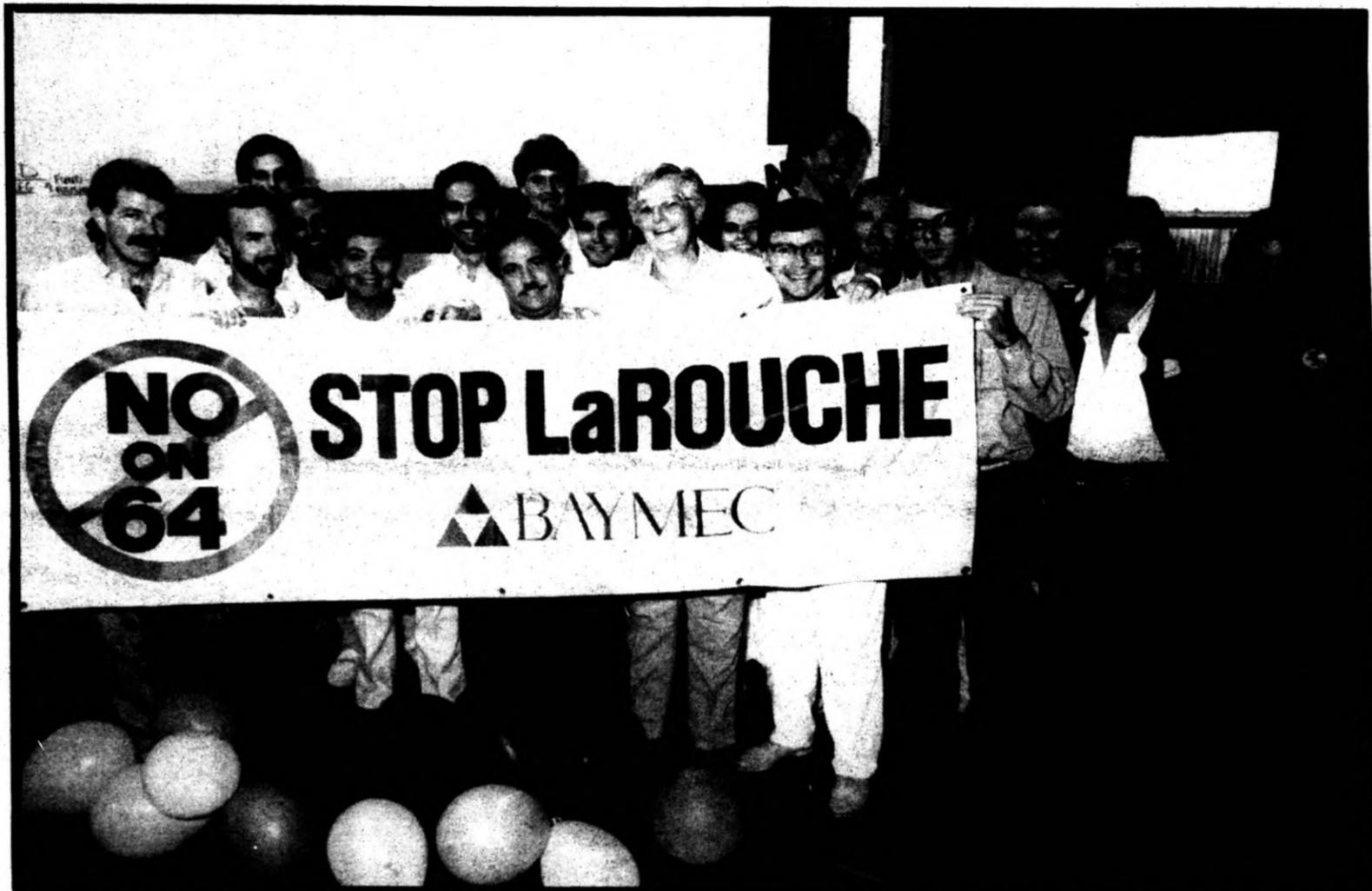


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Lesbian technical illustrator loses class action suit to CIA

by Ben Sbarbaro

Judge Eugene F. Lynch of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, ruled in favor of the CIA on the two points of a class action suit brought by Julie Dubbs, a lesbian Technical Illustrator employed since 1980 by SRI in Menlo Park.

Judge Lynch ruled there was insufficient evidence to conclude that the CIA has a policy of denying security clearances based solely on sexual orientation.

Judge Lynch also ruled that national security allows the CIA to deny a gay person a security clearance without explaining how or why the CIA's decision was made.

History of the Lawsuit

Julie Dubbs who presently has a Department of Defense Top Secret Clearance applied in 1980 for a Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) clearance required for advancement and flexibility in her work assignments a SRI.

After investigations and a year later, William Kotapish, the CIA's Director of security, den-

ied Dubbs a SCI clearance in a letter that reads in part:

... we have noted the recency and persistency of your homosexual activity. Our concern about homosexual activity is that such activity may be exploitable in a manner which may put sensitive intelligence information at risk.

You have acknowledged that you have been an active homosexual. . . however, this information does not appear to have been volunteered or in any way acknowledged by yourself, or your partner, during the course of your initial security investigation. . . (indicating) a perception of vulnerability on your part and a willingness to engage in deceptive behavior. . .

Dubbs said that she was not asked in the initial investigation session if she was gay.

When an investigator during a second interview asked Dubbs if she was gay, Dubbs freely admitted her sexual orientation, writing, "I don't care who in the world knows I and gay."

After her clearance denial, the ACLU advised her against taking the CIA to court, since

pursuing a new clearance through the courts had a low probability of success.

However, four years later, Dubbs had read in a San Francisco gay paper, BAR, that Dick Gayer was looking for others who had similar clearance denials from the CIA.

Gayer and Dubbs agreed to press a class action suit against the CIA in July of 1985 to declare unconstitutional any *per se* CIA policy of denying all gays security clearances and to force the CIA not to infringe on the constitutional rights in determining a gay person's qualifications for clearances.

Dubbs, the first woman to challenge anti-gay security clearance practices, said that she entered into this lawsuit so that "others would not have to go through what I have gone through," and "so that others would know what to expect."

Gayer's First Issue

Dick Gayer argued that the CIA had a *per se* ban against gays having security clearances, saying that the CIA has no evidence showing gays are not categorically denied security

clearances, even though the CIA claims to consider each gay person on a case-by-case basis.

Judge Lynch ruled that, since the CIA says that it doesn't have a *per se* policy against gays, and since the CIA gave Dubbs a

Hospital fires surgical tech for testing positive

San Francisco-National Gay Rights Advocates has filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of a surgical technician who was fired by a hospital for testing HIV/HTLV-III antibody positive.

The technician, James Kautz, maintains that Humana Hospital in Orlando, Florida, learned of his test results when his personal physician violated his confidentiality.

Although a doctor who was consulted by Humana said that Mr. Kautz should be allowed to keep working, the hospital placed him on an involuntary and indefinite leave.

"Humana has violated federal

law which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of perceived handicap," explained Benjamin Schatz, director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"NGRA is determined to keep pressuring the government to enforce this law in AIDS-related cases."

NGRA executive director, Jean O'Leary, said, "It is both cruel and medically unfounded for an employer to fire and employee because of misguided fears about AIDS."

"It is particularly outrageous for a hospital to ignore the medical facts."

"AIDS is simply not transmitted through casual contact."

Mr Kautz, who is in good health, is now employed by another hospital.

Announcing

Peninsula NO on 64: Committee meeting Thursday, September 19, 8 p.m. at GLAS office. Community meeting, Thursday, September 25, 8 p.m. at TBA. For more information contact: Peninsula No On 64, Box 9458, Stanford, CA 94305. (415) 961-1013.

Blush Productions Presents: September 19 and 26, Burlesk erotic danceshow for women. 1 hour show 9 p.m., D.J. Chris Wasmund spins till 2 a.m., Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom, S.F., \$5.

N.O.W. Lesbian Rights Task Force/G.L.A.S. Rap Group: Sunday nights 7:30 p.m. at the Stanford Women's Center (unless otherwise stated). Coordinators: Rose (498) 298-5742 and Marilyn (415) 969-1260. Membership: Lynn (415) 857-9541. N.O.W.: Sue (415) 329-1361.

Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center: presents Gertrude Stein and a Companion September 28, 29, 30 and October 1 at the American Zephyr Theatre, 25 Van Ness in San Francisco. All performances are at 8 p.m./admission is \$7.

Congressman Gary Studds: from Massachusetts and the only gay politician on the national scene, will be the featured speaker at a major fundraiser for the San Mateo County No On 64 committee on September 21. Studds, in a tight race for re-election himself, will appear at the home of S.M. County Supervisor Anna Eshoo, 40 Isabella in Atherton from 3 to 5. A contribution of \$50 per person or \$75 per couple is being asked. More information: (415) 593-4734.

Costume Sale: San Jose Repertory Company will hold a Halloween Costume Sale on Saturday, October 18 at Benjamin Cory Elementary School, located at the corner of Monroe and Kenwood off West Hedding. The one day sale is 10 am to 5 pm. A wide assortment of costume apparel and accessories will be available for purchase at reasonable prices. Proceeds will benefit the Repertory Company. For more information: (408) 995-0733.

Presenter sought for Lesbian and Gay People of Color Conference: Organizations and individuals are invited to submit proposals for workshops, art and cultural presentations at the Conference to be held November 21-23 in Los Angeles. "Joining Our Struggles: Making Our Future" is the theme. Interested presenters are encouraged to submit a synopsis of the event; autobiographical information; audio/visual requirements; and contact person by October 15. Initial response can be made by calling Lanette Alvarez (213) 436-6561 or Aiesha Jones (213) 662-5433. Arts festival presenters should contact Louis Jacinto (213) 665-8852.

Hayward Action Alert: The Hayward City Council is scheduled to consider their AIDS non-discrimination ordinance, Tuesday, September 23. The Council passed this ordinance five to one (with one abstention) in November of 1985. If the ordinance achieves passage September 23, Hayward will become the third Alameda County and sixth California city to enact these protections for people with AIDS. This will be a tough vote with both the Chamber of Commerce and The Daily Review expected to oppose. Your help is needed! For more information phone Bob Kegeles (415) 528-0166.

Gay and lesbians during World War II: Ever wonder what it was like for Lesbians and Gay GI's during World War II? The San Francisco Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society presents "Marching to a Different Drummer" a slide/talk by Allan Berube. This will be the Historical Society's first East Bay Program and it will be held on Thursday, October 2 at 8 pm. General admission is \$5. For more information call (415) 647-5360.

East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club: presents a candidates forum for Berkeley City elections on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm. It will be held at the West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Avenue, the forum will feature the major candidates for mayor, city council and school board. Bob Kegeles, political action chair for EBL/GDC stresses the importance of the forum. "A new mayor will be elected in November," he said, "and for the first time, city councilmembers will be elected by district. This forum will probably be the only time in the campaign the candidates will focus on the concerns of gay men and lesbians. It will also be a good chance for voters to take a close look at those running for office."

Golden Gate Business Association: invites everyone to attend their 7th Annual 22 on the Red benefit. Titled "Crusin' down to Rio," an elegant Brazilian Carnival Casino Night. It will be held Saturday, October 11, beginning at 6 pm with a special benefit gourmet dinner and fashion show. One of the raffle prizes, "Mink Coats" donated by Neiman-Marcus will benefit the S.F. AIDS Fund. Tickets are from \$30 to \$150. Call GGBA at (415) 552-7613 for more information.

Gay Games Medalist saves drowning man's life

by Chuck Jungi

Richard Garrett, four times medal winner at Gay Games II, pulled a drowning man from a submerged car while on a boating trip with the Barbary Coast Boating Club.

On Friday, August 29, a car driven by Robert James Reid, 63 of Citrus Heights, lunged forward, over the bank and into the water at the Point Marina in Rio Vista, hitting a 45 foot motor yacht.

An unidentified woman screamed for help as several people tried unsuccessfully to rescue Mr. Reid from his sinking late model car.

Richard Garrett was standing on the nearby gas dock when he saw the car sink. He immediately took off his clothes and dove into the water. Swimming to the car now settled at the bottom of the marina, Richard pulled the drowning man from the back seat of the submerged car and onto the shore.

Mr. Reid, already blue from the lack of air and the cold water, has stopped breathing.

Two doctors, staying at the marina, performed CPR and artificial resuscitation until the paramedics arrived.

Mr. Reid's foot has slipped off the brake and on to the gas

pedal.

The 45 foot motor yacht, the Daffy Duck from Roseville, has been involved some weeks earlier in an accident with a sail boat. There was not apparent damage caused by the car to the Daffy Duck and it did not sink. Richard was a guest aboard the Mystic, a 34 foot motor vessel owned by Dan Hering and Joel Leenaars of Richmond.

"It was a horrifying experience," explained Joel, who originally thought his boat had been run into by another boat when he heard the crash, "if Richard hadn't been there the man would have surely drowned."

Just before the accident, the Mystic had docked at the Marina to take on fuel before joining the Barbary Coast Boating Club's Labor Day raft up off the Sacramento River.

The BCBC is the largest gay yacht club in the world with over 80 boats and 160 members. Their Labor Day raft up attracted 35 member boats and over 125 members and guests.

Not only a hero, Richard recently won four medals at the Gay Games II, held in San Francisco during August.

The medals, three silver and 1 bronze, were for swimming. Richard works in Concord and lives in San Francisco.

It was reported by the River News Herald of Rio Vista that Mr. Reid was up and walking around on Sunday, visiting his friends at the local fire station.

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HTG papers sought for new center

by Rick Rudy

On Thursday, September 4, 1986 the San Jose Public Library unveiled its new "Silicon Valley Information Center" (SVIC), and High Tech Gays' newsletters and other papers have been requested for that collection.

In a letter to HTG from the Library, Lenora P. Blouin, Head of Reference said, "I would like to recommend that your newsletter and any other pertinent information you can provide be included in their information files."

SVIC is a unique reference service and collection including annual reports, financial and product information, company histories, employment information, newsletters and journals, t-shirts, buttons, games, posters, videotapes, books, brochures, newspaper and magazine clippings, all chronicling the economy, society and culture of Silicon Valley.

Access to this information is possible through an on-line computerized catalogue which may

be scanned via terminals at the Library or via modem, free, from any outside system.

For the past four years High Tech Gays has held a unique position in the life of Silicon Valley's lesbian and gay residents who keep the high tech businesses running.

HTG's business, social and political activities have been noted by a rapidly growing number of observers of Valley life, and SVIC will provide a permanent home for the record of HTG's accomplishments.

The opening ceremonies at the Library featured brief speeches by San Jose Mayor, Tom McEnery, California State Librarian Gary Strong, San Jose City Librarian Homer Fletcher, San Jose Library Commission Chair Carol Lynne Beardsless, and Friends of the SJ Public Library President Robert Boyles.

In private comments, Mayor McEnery acknowledged the role of lesbians and gays in San Jose and seemed pleased to hear of the outreach from the Library to the gay community.

Congress to hold public hearing on anti-gay violence

Washington, D.C.-As a result of persistent efforts by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to focus on the alarmingly high incidence of anti-gay violence, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the U.S. House of Representatives will hold a public hearing on the problem.

Scheduled to occur on September 25, 1986 at 10 am, the hearing will be the first federal forum on the issue of anti-gay violence. The Subcommittee on Criminal Justice is chaired by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), and is part of the House Judiciary Committee.

The hearings will focus on the scope of harassment and violence against gay men and lesbi-

ans and will examine what is - and what is not - being done to remedy the problem.

In addition to Rep. Conyers, the Subcommittee consists of seven members: Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA), Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), Rep. Frederick Boucher (D-VA), Rep. John Bryant (D-TX), Rep. George Gekas (R-PA), Rep. Patrick Swindall (R-GA) and Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC).

"Violence against gay and lesbian people is a national epidemic," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Violence Project.

"The Subcommittee's hearings are timely and meet a glaring need.

"We hope they will raise public awareness about anti-gay

violence and lead to concrete action by government on all levels to respond to this much overlooked and underestimated problem."

The NGLTF Violence Project was launched in 1982 to develop a coordinated response to violence against gay people.

The project has issued several reports on the extent of anti-gay violence, assisted local gay communities in organizing against violence, and worked actively with criminal justice and law enforcement agencies to ensure that gay and lesbian victims are treated fairly.

In 1984, the Violence Project of the Task Force released the first national study of anti-gay violence, which was conducted in cooperation with gay and lesbian organizations in eight U.S. cities.

Of the nearly 2,100 respondents, more than 90 percent had experienced some type of victimization because of their sexual orientation.

Among the other facts revealed by the survey were the following:

24 percent of male respondents and 9 percent of female respondents reported that they had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten because they were gay.

One third of respondents were verbally abused by relatives because of their sexual orientation; 7 percent experienced physical abuse as well.

Nearly 50 percent of gay men and more than 34 percent of lesbians experienced threats of physical violence because of their sexual orientation.

About 25 percent of respondents had objects thrown at them because they were gay, and more than one-third of all surveyed had been chased or followed.

The Violence Project recently released a report on anti-gay violence and victimization in 1985 which summarized local and regional violence and discrimination surveys.

The report revealed that: At least 2,042 acts of violence and victimization against gay men and lesbians were reported in 1985 by organizations in 44 communities across 31 states.

22 percent of these incidents were physical assaults; 1 percent were bomb threats, homicides or arson; 11 percent were acts of vandalism; and 45 percent involved verbal abuse, threatening notes, telephone harassment, or other menacing actions.

In order to ensure that a wide range of perspectives are addressed, NGLTF urges gay and lesbian organizations to submit written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Groups that have compiled data on anti-gay violence (including police abuse) or that have documented specific inci-

dents are encouraged to include this information in their testimony.

Individuals who have been victimized because of their sexual orientation are also invited to record their experiences for the Subcommittee.

Organizations submitting testimony are asked to:

1. Describe the nature and extent of anti-gay harassment and violence locally (including victimization in school and on campus, in the workplace, in jails and prisons, on the street, and in the home).

2. Describe the response - or lack of it - to the problem by law enforcement, criminal justice, and social service agencies; and

3. List recommendations on ways to curb the problem and ensure that gay and lesbian crime victims are treated fairly.

Testimony should be sent to Representative John Conyers, Chairman, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, House Annex II, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Testimony should be received no later than October 3, 1986. (If possible, please send testimony to the Subcommittee before September 25).

Please send a copy to NGLTF.

Individuals and organizations needing additional information or other assistance in preparing testimony are invited to contact Kevin Berrill at NGLTF.

Weicker takes lead in securing additional funding for AIDS

Washington, D.C.-The Senate adopted a very significant and far reaching piece of AIDS legislation introduced by Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT).

Senator Weicker made a successful appeal to his colleagues on the floor of the Senate to appropriate \$50 million in expanded drug trials after learning of the lack of availability of treatment for those with AIDS.

The \$50 million was obtained when Senator Weicker offered a Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Subcommittee amendment that shifted funds within the Appropriations Bill.

It was cosponsored by Senators William Proxmire (D-WI) and Pete Wilson (R-CA) and supported on the floor by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA).

The amendment was passed by a voice vote and will now go to a conference committee of House and Senate members.

Drug trials offer the only way people with AIDS can obtain the most promising drugs to fight the disease.

The current drug trials fall far short of the number needed.

Of the 10,000 people with AIDS in this country who are still living, current funding allows only 2,000 to enter into these drug trials.

Of these 2,000, 1,000 receive placebos and only 1,000 actually receive the drug.

This funding, along with modified procedures, will increase the availability of these drug trials dramatically and in some cases, may mean the difference between life and death for a person with AIDS.

The drug trials will be administered by the National Institutes of Health under Food and Drug Administration guidelines.

Weicker became aware of the lack of drug availability during a meeting held with representatives of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Chance for Life Committee.

Vic Basile, executive director of the Campaign Fund, a political action committee concerned with increased AIDS funding and civil rights for gays and lesbians, said, "This is a major victory and breakthrough for those who have AIDS."

"These funds will increase the number of tests and bring us closer to a possible cure for this terrible disease that has devastated not just the gay and lesbian community, but all of society."

"We are extremely grateful to Senator Weicker, who showed

real leadership by asking for such a tremendous amount of funding," exclaimed Basile.

"He saw the urgent need for these funds and showed enormous compassion and courage in offering this amendment."

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Putting yourself together again

by Rev. Larry Uhrig

Fragmentation is a reality of most people's personality. Many spheres of our lives and lifestyles are segregated from other parts of ourselves, and we often remain emotionally, psychologically, or mentally compartmentalized.

This is almost universally true of our sexuality; folk wisdom and the custom of our culture call it "a private matter". Sexuality is only for the bedroom, not for any kind of public discussion or visibility. That, supposedly, is why gay people are warned not to demonstrate any form of sexuality or sexual preference in public.

Yet somehow, the exhibition of heterosexuality is glossed over as "innocent affection" or something other than sex. "Innocent affection" on the part of gay people immediately raises fears that overt sexuality will soon follow, hot and heavy.

If two boys holding hands can cause a stir, the issue is a fear of sexuality.

Gay people participate in maintaining the status quo and work to keep their lives private. While at first this may seem to be a route to freedom, it is actually a dead-end street.

I do not advocate open and public sexuality, with copulation on street corners, but I do say that sexuality is a dynamic energy force which is close to our spiritual selves and must be harnessed to our spirituality if we are to be fulfilled.

We have been taught society's model of lifestyle in which spiritual and sexual things are polar opposites.

Western Christianity has long promoted this view.

For example, how would the church you grew up in respond to a prayer which said, "Thank you, Lord, for my sexuality and my joy in sexual expression?"

They would probably fall out or their pews in haste to escort you from yours.

In reality, that is just what has happened to gay men and women.

We have been escorted from the religious community precisely because our very presence threatened to undo the traditional structures which conveniently held sexuality and spirituality apart.

Allowing gay people to remain in the religious fabric invariably brings about a dialogue of the two.

What is needed now is a frontal assault on the old structures, not only within the churches, but within ourselves.

That can be achieved by combining our sexual and spiritual reality - a merger that is often frightening.

Even personally, we often oppose this merger and seek to shore up old walls that provide separation and a false sense of security.

The truth at the heart of the struggle is that there are not two worlds, one sexual and one spiritual.

The truth of the matter is that to know the fullness of spiritual truth, one must engage the substance of sexual energy and its reality.

An equally important truth is that to know the fullness of

sexual energy and its meaning, spiritual reality must be brought into any sexual exchange.

This is the essence of the mystery which religious form and sacrament has sought to communicate for centuries: the achievement of communion, the blending of two lives in ways that profoundly influence and change both.

The depth and height of human love evidences the occasion of holy communion in which two people merge their reality by way of physical sexual sharing.

In doing so, they discover the presence of God in the most vital way humanly possible.

What happens in such union is the revelation of the nature of each person's being, as well as the interdependence of each person with the Divine.

The discovery presents us with a dilemma: the merger of sexual and spiritual "stuff" is violative and life-changing, and we therefore fear it and seek to contain and avoid it.

The motive of containment has been the source of the world's attempts to devise sexual ethics which prohibit sexual expression except in the most restricted of circumstances.

The result is not a sexual ethic at all, but a procreation ethic that does not serve to express the reality of gay people either sexually or spiritually.

But if gay people are essentially so different from the rest of humanity, this ethic does not serve any of us.

The procreation ethic which contains sexuality in order to appease human fear has produced and reinforced the social institution of marriage.

Religious symbols and meaning have been co-opted by our culture in order to aid in the process.

The tragedy is that the deeper purpose of the religious symbol - to express human love and relationship, to mediate the union of sexual and spiritual - has been lost in the process of serving political, social, economic, and other cultural needs.

The old models must now be replaced for the sake of furthering health and wholeness of life for both gay and non gay people.

Let us work out our own ethic which begins with the agenda of discovering our spiritual selves.

The result will be vital and healthy human beings able to love and empowered to create community.

The result will also be the source of reformation and restoration of a decayed and corrupt Western religious tradition which waits for the voices of new prophets.

The place to begin is in our own minds, our own hearts and our own beds.

The best sex you will ever have will be a spiritual experience produced out of communion, dignity, self-respect, love and honesty.

This can't happen with anonymous strangers.

The sexual-spiritual union is a beginning for personal integration; every other pursuit is a vain hope.

This is a road to freedom.

LETTERS

Unscientific Bar Survey
Dear Editor:

Having just returned from a round of the bars in gay (?) San Jose, I am afraid I might have to conclude that Freud was wrong. Of the six bars I went to, there were less than one hundred people out on a Tuesday night between the hours of 11:30 and 1:00 am.

With less than one-tenth of one percent of the population out and about, I begin to wonder if Kinsey was right with his figures.

I have less reason to doubt Kinsey than I do the gay population in general.

Have our habits really changed that much?

There were certainly a lot of cars at the Watergarden where it was buddy night.

That still didn't account for the bars being so quiet.

It was neither a full moon nor a new moon, so I can't say the heavens had anything to do with it.

Is everyone paired off now or what?

Fear of AIDS? Shouldn't be with safe sex guidelines being followed.

Fear of DUI's? Have a few less drinks.

Whatever it is, I don't get it. Here are the counts from the bars from my very unscientific study:

Ryders, 11 people; Visions, 30 people; Kevan's, 5 people; TD's, 25 people; The Landing, 12 people; and the 641 Club, 23 people.

How can these bars even afford to stay in business?

TD's had three employees, Visions had at least two.

This is an average of one employee per ten customers.

These are only simple questions and I am only wondering, but if you have answers or suggestions as to where one might go within a city of over 600,000 pop., to meet nice eligible young men for dating and socializing on a Tuesday night, please let me know.

Bored & without in San Jose, Name withheld by request

Credit Due
Dear Editor:

We wish to express concern that the Mayor's Council was not given credit for sponsoring the Comedy Cabaret Evening which was held at Ryder's on July 20, 1986.

Without our organizational efforts, the event would not have occurred.

The August 8 issue of Our Paper contained three photographs of this event which was held as a benefit for Gay Games II.

We took the initiative to contact Rosemary Mitchell (Board of Directors, Gay Games II) who obtained the services of excellent entertainment.

However, she was in need of a venue; this is where the Mayor's Council came in.

We contacted Ron Moss and David Parker, owners of Ryder's who were enthusiastic about hosting the event.

The Mayor's Council provided coordination and advertising for a function that we hoped would demonstrate the solidarity and pride of the San Jose Gay Community for Gay Games II - an event that only occurs every 4 years.

In the past, Our Paper has mentioned the Mayor's Council in conjunction with fundraisers we've sponsored.

It should not take too much extra effort for your staff to ask a few questions or consult available advertising at the events they report on in order to get the full story.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Bullard Richard Kendall
Joe Maestas Mark Bannick
Kenn Rose

When Is Closing Time?
Dear Editor:

On a recent Friday night, my lover and I decided to end our evening at The Landing - spend a couple of hours listening to Carolyn at the piano and enjoy an atmosphere where we could relax and hear one another talk.

At 1 a.m. the piano stopped, so we moved to the bar. When seated, we ordered another drink, and I went to "freshen up."

When I came back, an old friend whom we hadn't seen in a long time came up, and we attempted to order him a drink.

Jeff, the bartender, said, "Sorry, I called last call."

We explained to Jeff that we hadn't heard him call "last call" and that it was only 1:25 a.m.

Jeff said he was sorry, but his boss, Joe Cooper (the manager) had told him to call it and he had.

(My experience with closing time at bars has been that the sound of "last call" is certainly one which is noticed and is never done quietly.)

Since Joe Cooper was sitting talking to someone at the end of the bar, we went down and asked if indeed this was true.

Joe replied, in an abrupt tone of voice, "Yes, it is! I intend to be out of here at 1:30."

We asked if the closing time wasn't in fact 2 a.m., as advertised. Joe replied, "Yes, but I'll close when I want to; I'm the boss."

My concerns about this incident are:
(1) Since we were the only

Beware of Insurance Companies
Dear Editor:

Californians need to be aware that insurance companies are using a new method of evading the California law that prohibits requiring the AIDS anti-body test for the issuance of insurance.

Recently, an agent of New York Life Insurance Company suggested to me that he could provide life insurance coverage equivalent to my current coverage at a lower cost.

I agreed to allow a medical doctor employed by the insurance company, examine me.

Some time after the examination, I was contacted by a representative of Healthmasters in San Rafael, CA, to schedule another meeting with their doctor to obtain a blood sample.

I asked the Healthmasters representative specifically what tests would be performed on this blood sample.

The representative then read a list of about 25 tests that would be performed.

The representative also stated that I would have to sign a form allowing several other tests to be performed in addition to the 25 listed.

I asked what tests would be additional.

The representative of Healthmasters then stated that the form would allow the HTLV test (the AIDS anti-body test) as well as drug profile and Cocaine profile.

I told the Healthmasters representative that I believed it to be a violation of California law to require the AIDS anti-body test for the issuance of insurance.

I have since verified that this is the case.

The Healthmasters representative then said that the New York Life Insurance company underwriter in New York wanted this test performed, and that although the blood sample would be taken in California,

the actual tests would be performed in Kansas, thus avoiding the prohibition of the California law.

Since the HTLV test is designed solely for the purpose of screening blood donations, and the HTLV test is not accurate enough for diagnostic purposes, California law prohibits the use of the test for insurance screening purposes.

New York Life Insurance Company, and Healthmasters of San Rafael (the agent of New York Life) are clearly attempting to evade the intent of the California law by performing the actual analysis outside California on California applicants.

I believe action is required to stop this practice.

The California law should be amended to prohibit out of state HTLV analysis of blood drawn in California from California insurance applicants.

Californians should write or call their State Assembly representative and State Senator demanding this needed amendment to the existing law.

women there at the time, it could well be taken as not wanting women in the bar - and that's how a lot of problems start with the reputation of gay bars;

(2) Does it matter if a business serving the public advertises 2 a.m. as closing time, then arbitrarily closes whenever it "feels good"?

(3) Is this attitude of the manager reflective of the owners' attitude?

My lover and I frequently stop by our local neighborhood "straight bar" for a closing nightcap, and I must say we have never been treated rudely.

This is certainly not the first discourteous incident I have ever witnessed or experienced at a gay establishment, but is the last one I will observe silently.

Maybe it's misogyny, maybe it's ingrown homophobia, but whatever, there seems to be an attitude within the gay community towards one another.

I strongly believe in property rights and the right of an owner to set his own hours and rules of demeanor. However, I think a business serving the public should be consistent and should be truthful in advertising.

If I owned a bar nowadays, I would be more concerned about the dollars that cross the counter, not whose dollars they are; and I would want my customers to know that I abide by the law's set hours, not my own whims, and that I want them to enjoy the establishment and to come back.

What had started as an enjoyable evening ended on a sour note, and I, for one, have no intention of returning for a reply.

Sincerely,
Johnie Staggs

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sympathy for minority problems.

Bauman grew up with an alcoholic father; spent time in a boys military academy (learning his first sexual lessons); converted to Catholicism at the age of seven; and put himself through law school with the image of Abe Lincoln as his hero.

But he was also an alcoholic himself and a deeply closeted gay.

He readily confesses to having been a regular patron at many of Washington's gay bars, and candidly speaks of the dozens of other highly placed public officials (though he reveals no names) who did likewise.

It is all pretty ho-hum stuff to those of us who know that homosexuality crosses all boundaries of race, culture, sex, profession, and intellectual ability.

But to "uptight Washington" this may be news.

If it is, it is high time for it to be shouted from the rooftops.

It is easy for gays who are out to be smug at Bauman's comeuppance; after all, he got his just desserts.

The irony, of course, is that Bauman was not friend of the gay community while in Congress, following the conservative path of self-righteousness and lack of

Sincerely,
James E. Candlin
Los Altos, CA

Letters *continued*

Dear Editor:

I'd like to comment on three developments in the news and give my scattered opinion:

1. The Georgia sodomy law was upheld by the Supreme Court.

2. The Meese Commission report on pornography was released.

3. William Rehnquist was nominated by the Reagan administration as a Supreme Court judge.

All three of these events are linked to the efforts of the Republican Party to limit the American people's right to make individual decisions.

I feel this attempt will spell disaster for the Republican Party in 1986 and more importantly, 1988.

I base my conclusions on my gay intuition and a feeling of what's happening.

I can see it all around me. People (mostly straight) are becoming somewhat perturbed at the possibility of their sexual freedom being limited by:

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Americans will not put up with judicial curtailment of their sexual activity.

The Republican Party isn't any better at predicting the future than anybody else.

I think this time they are coasting on Reagan too much and will find that all other viable Republican candidates have no appeal to the American electorate.

I voted for Reagan twice and don't regret it, but he won't be running in 1988 and George Bush is nauseating - there are no Republicans that the American people will not look at with a very suspicious eye.

Surveys have shown that first voter Republicans were Republicans because they voted for Reagan and no other reason.

After Reagan, there is no Republican leadership.

And why not? He's a great leader with great charisma who has unified this country, but lately, the people of his administration have been carrying out policy that is going against the grain of the ideals and morality of the people of America.

Suspiciously, there is no one in the administration who has one fraction of the appeal, love, trustworthiness and timing that Reagan has, no second in command.

Nancy doesn't count. We'll likely see little of the more offensive Reagan Administration policy remaining in our government without Reagan himself in charge (providing the military is kept in check).

Once Reagan is out of the picture, there'll be little strength or support for a Republican administration

in Washington or anywhere else for that matter.

A big power vacuum is coming up boys and girls. I'd like to see more dykes in high government positions.

There's nothing stronger than the self confidence of a healthy lesbian.

An example of Republican repulsion is Governor Deukmejian.

I can't stand him because he seems so deviously against gay Californians.

He has done nothing to validate me as a gay person and has tried a lot to invalidate me because I'm gay.

My parents are Republicans and I usually vote for Republicans in all elections, but Deukmejian is a prime example of how antagonistic the Republican Party is to gay people and that makes me so mad that I'm voting for Tom Bradley!

(And probably straight Democratic on local elections, even though they chickened out and scrapped the gay caucus).

You can be damn sure that Deukmejian will loose this next election.

My feelings are not unusual in the ranks of Republicans.

I'd like to say to all the gay readers: "Put on a happy face!"

Don't you see there is a tide against religious hysteria and homophobia that has been going on for over a year now?

Jerry Falwell is having such a terrible time at making ends meet.

Mini-skirts are in again. And the recent "set-backs" for gay rights are putting so much power into the cause of individual liberty and gay rights.

Yet we all went through a coming out crisis, an inevitable journey, in this homophobic society, and none would like to have been forced out so suddenly and with such devastating consequences.

The tragedy of Bauman's story, though, is not his personal loss, but society's inhumanity, the Church's inhumanity, and the thorough brainwashing that American society accomplishes so that even some openly gay individuals cannot rid themselves of their own self hatred.

Bauman "cured" his alcoholism by drying out.

But several years of therapy could not alter his inner needs and sexual attraction to other men.

It speaks volumes of the conservative mind that, even in writing this book, he concludes it with a prayer that God help him.

Surely, he figured out that God of Catholic Church is not interested in helping him; though many Catholic clergy had been willing to lend more

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Gayellow Pages

Dear Editor:

It has come to the attention of Gayellow Pages (please note the *trade-marked* spelling that the company known as Gay International Inc. of San Francisco, refers to in its publication "Gay Times" No. 1, to its "Gay Areas Telephone Directory" as "The Original Gay Yellow Pages.")

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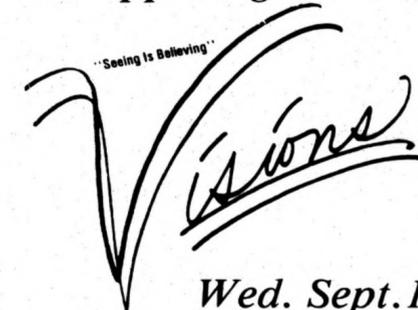
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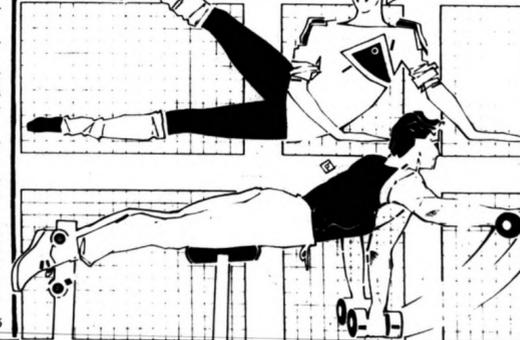
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Holy Trinity Community Church. (San Jose Family) celebrated the close of its first year of ministry in June. Our first year report to the community is filled with many surprises for both the community and the church family. A total of \$994.43 was given to community service organizations without stipulations on how the money was to be used. A total of \$789.46 was given to individuals. In addition to the above totals, Holy Trinity purchased \$700.00 of Ensure Plus food supplement for persons with AIDS through our "Necessities And More" ministry to those with AIDS and ARC. This gives a grand total of \$2,483.89 given back to the community. We worship together at 10 am on Sunday mornings at the new Billy DeFrank Center on Park Avenue. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Randy Hill (408) 292-3071.

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AIDS SPECIAL

INTERVIEW

(This interview with David Burgess and Dr. DeArmond of the Santa Clara County AIDS Project was conducted by Our Paper's advertising manager, Jan Cohgen)



Photo by Ted Sahl
 Dr. DeArmond



Photo by Ted Sahl
 David Burgess

JAN: What is AIDS?

DAVID: AIDS is acronym for Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It's a relatively new disease to us, first occurring in this country as early as 1979. Some cases before that are questionable, but the first cases that are recorded are in 1979, although it wasn't recognized by medical staff or physicians until 1981. One physician, Dr. Michael Godfy, of UCLA, saw four patients all with similar pneumonia. That was the beginning of the 'strange unusual's' known today as AIDS.

JAN: What does AIDS actually do?

DAVID: There's so many different stages of AIDS. The virus; which causes AIDS, in part, and there's some other things going on which help bring a person to that level where they're diagnosed with AIDS. The virus is transmitted a few different ways: sexual contact, blood transfusions, and sharing needles. What happens is this: a very particular cell in the immune system is attacked, and then destroyed, and because it's destroyed, the whole immune system factory shuts down. Things that you would normally fight off every day, "a sea of germs", suddenly you can't fight them off. So what the people who are diagnosed with AIDS get, are very particular infections and cancers. They're called opportunistic infections. So, there's getting the virus, there's the difference between those who get ill, and those who don't, and for those who do become ill, there's the many different infections they may get. The infections are what's deadly.

JAN: So basically, AIDS is really just a destruction of the immune system?

DAVID: Yes, the virus destroys the immune system, setting the body up for attack by these different organisms, even things we handle every day in the atmosphere, or even things we get in our own body that we already may have isolated that don't cause us a problem. Without defenses, or without 'the dam wall holding back the waters', like things in the ears, nose, and throat that could move on to the lungs and cause rare infection's; a pneumonia called Pneumocystis carinni pneumonia (PCP)

JAN: Is pneumonia then, one of the first signs of AIDS?

DAVID: Well, that one pneumonia is certainly the one infection that the majority of AIDS patients come down with. 65 percent of all cases have come down with that pneumonia; and a cancer called Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS). Kaposi's Sarcoma is another common infection. It's a tumor of the organs and blood vessels that shows up on the skin like a sort of purplish bruise. Other infections that have rather complicated names like Toxoplasmosis, Histoplasmosis, and Cryptosporidiosis. They're rare infections that, with immunity, could be easily treated because the body could respond, assist the drugs and vitamins. Without immunity they're really hard to treat, and that's what AIDS patients die of, all these multiple infections.

JAN: What are some of the other symptoms you should be able to recognize?

DAVID: It's funny, sometimes with symptoms, I find myself saying, "This is kind of vague". Then again, they're very specific; they're specific for certain infections, but they're vague because they're

BAYMEC's No On 64/ Stop LaRouche campaign office opens!

BAYMEC's No on 64/Stop LaRouche campaign kick off got off on the right track with it's open house/fundraiser at their headquarters in the Billy De-Frank Center at 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose, on Sunday, September 7th.

The fundraising for the afternoon netted approximately \$7,400 from a crowd of about 200.

Paul Wysocki, head of the fundraising committee opened the ceremonies with Becky O'Bryan at his side, thanking her for the successful turnout that she had worked so diligently to achieve.

his annual summer party held in his home.

Among the crowd of supporters were Tom Dolan, supervisor from San Mateo county; Helen Miramontes R.N., President of California Nurses Association; Lane Weil, candidate for U.S. Congress; Eileen Hodson representing Senator Dan McCorquodale; Scott Strickland, President of Santa Clara County Board of Education; Bob Sorenson, Director, Santa Clara County ARIS Project; Stan Horton, candidate for Sheriff of Santa Clara County; and Greg Larson, aide to Mayor Tom McEnery.

and vote overwhelmingly to defeat Prop 64."

Hammer went on to say, "I'm very confident that it's going to happen. I think it's going to get a lot of people to the polls."

"There are also a couple of other important initiatives on the ballot, but this (Prop 64) to me is the most important."

"It really speaks of the quality of life and what we're all about."

"I think that with a lot of hard work by us all, that the voters around the state are going to show the wisdom of those 4 year-olds and say NO once and for all to Lyndon LaRouche and his antics."



Photo by Ted Sahl

Also on the receiving end of thanks from Wysocki were Richard Kendall, Lee Stanford, Robin Ash, Richard Montes and Jan Cohgen from Our Paper.

Representing High Tech Gays, Rick Rudy presented a check in the amount of \$2,905, to Ken Yeager, campaign coordinator for No on 64/Stop LaRouche.

Ron Taylor presented Ken with a check for \$871, raised at

Guest Speaker, Susan Hammer, long-time supporter of gay/lesbians rights related to the audience a story of a 4 year-old AIDS victim in Southern California who was welcomed by his classmates on the first day of pre-school with open arms, and stated, "I hope that the adult voters in this state have the wisdom and courage of those preschoolers on November 4th

Vice Mayor Hammer reported that the San Jose City Council voted unanimously to oppose Proposition 64.

Founder and Finance Chair of the Statewide No on 64 campaign, Bruce Decker also spoke to the enthusiastic audience.

He pointed out that 54 percent of the people in California don't

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AIDS, Drink and Drugs an insidious connection

Sacramento, CA-The roots of chemical dependency run deep into and throughout the AIDS epidemic, according to psychologist, Ellen Ratner who addressed a conference of California AIDS organizations

A study in the Wall Street Journal reported that over seventy percent of AIDS patients have a history of drug abuse. "The study's suspect," said Ratner.

"But the point is valid. "A large number of the people with AIDS in my practice are recovering from addiction to alcohol or other drugs," she says.

"There's a real need for reliable data on how many chemically dependent people come down with AIDS.

"The urgent issue, though, is not to analyze history but to change it," she added. Ratner, who directs the clinical program at a new facility which only treats addicted gay

people, offered several reasons why chemical dependency has such an impact on the AIDS epidemic.

"It's speculative but many researchers think there's a link between the immune response itself and drinking and drugging. "We know that excessive abuse can make you generally run down, affect the liver, heat and bones but is there a link beyond that?"

"Our medical advisor, Dr Mel Pohl, tells me that there is fascinating research going on into the links between opiate receptors and immune response but I think the jury is still out."

For people who are already immune compromised, the denial of alcoholism or drug addiction puts their whole health in jeopardy.

The chemical dependency itself is a block to well-being and behavior under the influence of chemicals may bring on further health hazards.

High Risks linked to addiction

According to Ratner, the link between chemical dependency and high risk behavior is a definite one and it is important to all gay men.

Most chemicals do reduce inhibitions and a person who is under the influence of alcohol, cocaine or a narcotic is more likely to engage in sexual activities that transmit body fluids.

"All the good reasons to wear a condom or to stay with low risk playing suddenly seems a lot less important than the urges of the moment," she added.

"And that's a frightening behavior when 50 percent of the men on offer in major cities may be infectious for LAV (the presumed AIDS virus)."

Barbara Faltz of San Francisco General Hospital reported that 9 percent of gay men in her city were responsible for over 40

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Ryders 1st Anniversary Celebration Weekend

This weekend Ryders will be celebrating their first anniversary with a schedule of events starting on Friday and lasting through Sunday.

There will be non-stop entertainment, games, dancing, food and prizes the whole weekend.

To start things off, the Mayor's Council is sponsoring a Casino each night for the benefit of BAYMEC's "No on 64 Campaign."

The Casino will feature regulation Blackjack, Roulette, Wheel of Fortune and Poker.

Each person making a donation to the "No on 64 Campaign" will receive chips for play at the gaming tables.

When a person has finished playing, they may turn their chips in for tickets to a drawing.

There will be drawings all

through the evening for all kinds of prizes.

The grand prizes include a weekend for two at Fifes, unlimited day use for one year at The Highlands and a weekend for two at Camelot.

Throughout the weekend there will be dance exhibitions featuring different forms of country western dancing.

Friday night will feature square dancing with the Foggy City Dancers.

In addition to exhibition dancing by the Foggy City Dancers, there will be general square dancing including mainstream squares and plus level star tip along with all your favorite country western dance music.

On Saturday, clogging will be featured with exhibitions by the Barbary Coast Cloggers and the

Hillbilly Cloggers.

In addition some of the beginners from San Jose who have been taking lessons this summer will be showing us what they have learned.

Sunday's exhibitions will be by the San Jose Spurs, the South Bay Stompers and the San Francisco Saddletramps.

These groups will be doing dance exhibitions based on all the various country western dance steps.

In addition, the San Jose Swing Trio will be entertaining everyone with their couple dance routines.

As a special added attraction for Sunday, Carl Berry will be

directing a show starring Pat Montclair and Shannon featuring dancers from the San Jose Spurs.

Mr. Berry is the director of the Closet Ball in San Francisco and Pat Montclair and Shannon are currently appearing at Kimo's in San Francisco.

The San Jose Spurs are holding a raffle for a 19" Color TV.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and may be purchased from any of the Spurs or from Ryders bartenders.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 21.

All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Spurs to help them raise funds to represent San Jose

at the various Gay Rodeos held across the country.

Ryders will be having a free buffet starting at 6 pm on Friday.

There will be a Barbecue Chicken/Ribs Dinner for \$3.45 and on Sunday a Barbecue Steak Dinner for \$3.95.

In addition there will be a beer bust on Friday and Saturday from 7 to 9 pm with all the draft beer you can drink for \$2.50.

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 symptoms that you can get from a lot of different illnesses; from a bad cold, to more serious things. One of the symptoms that many cases have had, and usually one of the first is extreme weakness or fatigue. It would be an abnormal amount of fatigue, not because you've had a heavy weekend, or just ran 10 miles. It would be a more unexplained amount that persists, and goes on and on.

JAN: Kind of like mononucleosis?

DAVID: Yes, maybe like that type of fatigue. Other things that they're experiencing are night sweats, chills, and fevers. All these symptoms, I should first say, are persistent. They last for 2-3 months. I would hope most people, if they are experiencing things like this on an on-going basis, would see their physician.

JAN: Are there any free clinic's locally, where you can discretely go to get tested?

DAVID: Yes, there's several different things available to those in the community. If you have your own personal family physician, or there's also physicians available at hospitals, or at Kaiser and certain insurance programs. Valley Medical Center has a group of people working on AIDS and related issues. People with concerns can phone there. Here at the Health Department, we offer a HTLV-III alternative test site. HTLV-III is a name given to the virus.

JAN: And what about LaRouche?

DeArmond: I don't know what would happen with LaRouche. If Prop. 64 passed as things are now, there would really be no significant difference, other than the theory that doctor's would have to report to us people who they 'felt' might have AIDS. Whether that would be interpreted as people who were anti-body positive or not, would be up for grabs. If they reported it to us, our approach at this point, would be to make sure that these people have gotten information about prevention. The implication that worries us is that the LaRouche supporters feel that the health officials should go out and round up everyone with AIDS and quarantine them. We have very limited monies to solve the AIDS problem, and that's not how the money should be spent.

JAN: One of the problems with the LaRouche initiative is that they're asking for it to be a mandate that it's a reportable communicable disease, and it already is.

DAVID: Yes, as far as the public, like the people out in front of the Gemco stores, or the Post Office... when approached; one of the tactic's the LaRouche people used was, "Don't you think AIDS should be considered a communicable disease like the others?" I think people think... "Yeah, sure, I guess it should be." Health and safety code regulations number 2500 state that AIDS must be reported by physicians and other health providers, to the Health

Department. AIDS does not appear on the list because the list was developed before AIDS was identified. However, in March of 1983, AIDS was made a reportable disease under a supplement health regulation law, 2503. All reportable communicable diseases are subject to disease control regulations including quarantine and isolation status.

JAN: Could you give me an example of under what circumstances, a person with AIDS would have to be quarantined?

DAVID: We've never been presented with that issue, but I've heard about it in other areas of the country. I suppose it would have to be something where you know someone had AIDS, and perhaps that person was coming in to your V.D. clinic and they're Gonorrhea, Syphilis positive, or were willfully spreading the disease... I imagine so. There's the public health responsibility to the entire public that includes the rights and guarantee's, that a person with AIDS has, in addition to everyone else in the community. There's still the right to protect the public.

JAN: So, the chances of you even coming across a case where you would really need to isolate someone, would be almost none?

DAVID: Right. Probably first, before even considering quarantine, we would sit down with that person, and certainly try to work with their position, trying to get the information to, and discuss the position of the patient. Making sure everyone understands quarantine, would probably be our last resort.

JAN: Do you think people are communicating their own interest in pursuing safe sex practices?

DAVID: There's people out there - if they meet someone, go home with them - maybe in their hearts, they really want to be safe, but feel pressured into doing something they think is risky. If people would only communicate with each other...

DeArmond: I think it's the same in all human sexuality. People sometimes get pressured into things that are uncomfortable, or get carried away in the heat of the moment, or that had a few more to drink so that their judgements have been impaired, and the same thing with women and pregnancy. If you're waiting for something that has to be done at that moment, that hasn't been discussed ahead of time, then people sometimes don't take precautions. I think it's much easier to listen to a message about safe sex when a community of people share the same values, and you know the person that you're with will not have a different expectation, or who's not going to laugh at you and say, "Oh, are you worried about that?" If you say, "I want to use a condom" (where it's not an awkward thing-where it's just accepted) people will enhance their love making around that, and not let it be a barrier to them. They'll find a way to make it pleasurable. And that's why it really takes community support, which we're beginning to get. Middle-class gay men have probably made the most dramatic health changes of any group in the United States, and if this kind of community support continues to grow, it will actually save many, many lives.

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by Ted Sahl

"I guess the Silver Fox really does go back to the Eighties," said Dennis Andrews, "when I first got involved with the gay/lesbian community."

"Getting involved," explained Andrews, "meant thinking about your gay brothers and sisters, and that's when it all got started."

"I was elected as Mr. Gay San Jose, Chris Gow was elected Ms Gay San Jose and together we put on many functions to raise money for whatever cause it might be."

"Later on as Emperor of Casa de San Jose with Empress Darlene, more fundraising for gay causes, I guess it's sort of in my blood now."

"With all that past experience, I figure, why stop now? Especially at this crucial point in time with the AIDS crisis."

"Some of my friends have lost loved ones from this dreadful disease."

"AIDS is something we must all be aware of and leary about, even if you think you're not going to be infected, and I think that's the biggest problem in this community."

"There are people who feel, no way... it's not going to happen to me!"

"But the numbers are printed in the newspapers and it is happening, and yes, it might happen to you!"

"Which brings me a back to the present," said Andrews.

"It makes me so mad that we must raise money for something like stopping that maniac LaRouche, when we could spend that same money for something more beneficial like AIDS research."

"That's why the Silver Fox bar is having an auction on September 26th, to stop Prop 64."

O.P. Raising money through auctions has sort of become a trademark of the Silver Fox.

D.A. I guess you're right, Ted. We've had four or five successful auctions since opening. The silver Fox has raised close to \$10,000. For different groups in San Jose. I'm real proud, much of the credit must go to Silver

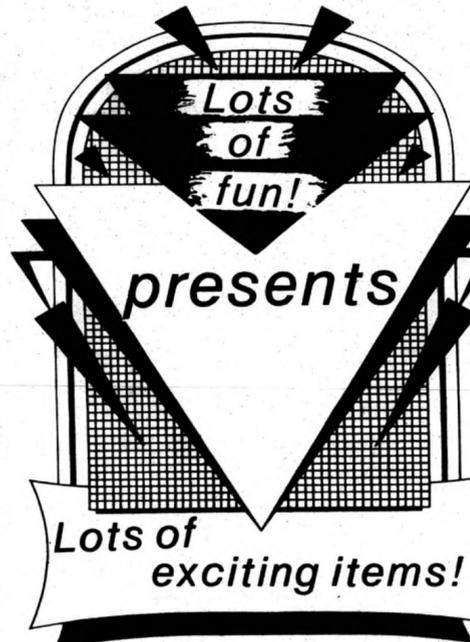
Fox customers who not only bid on items, but donate most of the articles themselves. I've seen people make final bids on items only to turn around and give them back to be auctioned off again, and again. I believe you were here the night I had four bicycles, and one bicycle raised \$500. It was donated back so many times. Everybody gets involved; hearts get turned on and it gets emotional. The Silver Fox wouldn't be what it is without Steve Completo, my sister... and our customers, they make Silver Fox what it is. They deserve most of the credit; don't forget the bartenders who are great, and always give a little more... Clay Maxwell, Frank, Martin and Robbie; and a new addition to the "family", a woman bartender will be serving and her name is Karen Sadow-ski.

So come on out to the Silver Fox's auction. We're located 10095 Saich Way in Cupertino. Help us help you defeat the LaRouche Initiative/Prop 64. If you would like to donate an item, don't be bashful, call the bar 255-3673.

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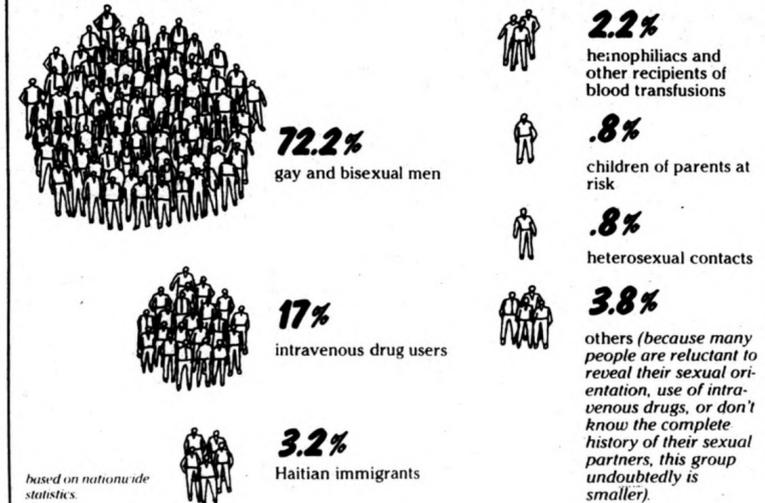
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AIDS: Who is at risk?

The medical condition which has come to be known as AIDS first began to appear in 1979. More than 8500 cases have been reported as of March, 1985. More than 50% of these cases were diagnosed in 1984. As of the beginning of 1985, the number of new cases reported is doubling every ten months. The method of transmission of AIDS is thought to be the HTLV-III virus, and particular groups appear to be at increased risk.*



Medical evidence indicates that the AIDS agent is transmitted through blood and semen. Although casual contact with an AIDS patient presents *no danger* of infection to health care workers, hospital infection control guidelines have been designed to protect workers from direct exposure to blood-contaminated bodily secretions of an AIDS patient.

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ARIS Project

by Bob Sorenson

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS.

Three years ago, few people knew the meaning of those words.

Fewer people understood the human impact AIDS had on individual lives.

Information about AIDS came slowly at first.

It was a new disease, apparently affecting mostly gay males, drug users, hemophiliacs and Haitians.

It was a sexually transmittable disease, and fatal.

AIDS was being diagnosed in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

It seemed that "fast lane types" were those being diagnosed, and some who had received blood transfusions containing the virus.

AIDS seemed far away to most of us.

In the few short years since researchers identified the AIDS virus, AIDS has become a concern of almost everyone who reads a newspaper or catches the evening news.

Most gay and lesbian persons in the Santa Clara County community have known someone or known of someone who has died of AIDS.

Many heterosexual and bisexual people are realizing their need to be informed about AIDS.

Even parents of school age children are questioning the safety of their children in the classroom.

AIDS is no longer far away.

The lives affected by AIDS cannot even be moved as far away as our next door neighbor.

AIDS has changed our lives,

ARIS PROJECT

AIDS Support Services in Santa Clara County

595 Millich Drive, Suite 104, Campbell, California 95008 408/370-3272

An urgent call for volunteers...

The incidence of AIDS is increasing. And the Santa Clara Valley is no exception to the national trend.

That's why the ARIS Project was started: to provide support to people with AIDS, ARC, their loved ones and those grieving the death of someone with AIDS.

We're about caring. About being there. We believe that only by first listening and sensitively hearing one another can we truly offer emotional support.

Right now we need volunteers. People who are willing to be there for someone as they face a life changed by AIDS. We need your help.

Please, call or write to us. Ask to be a part of our next volunteer training.

It can change your life. The dates for the two-weekend training are to the right. The deadline for applications is October 10.

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November Volunteer Training

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Both weekends are required. The cost is \$125. Scholarships are available.

and still few of us understand its full impact on individual lives; our own lives.

Change is almost always difficult for people to cope with.

Many people put off dealing with change for as long as possible.

Arguments are put forward which try to make the problem belong to someone else.

As long as we are told, or tell ourselves that AIDS is someone else's problem, we tell ourselves we can avoid the reality of change in ourselves.

As our awareness and reality of AIDS has grown, we have often heard messages and experienced responses that have

brought more confusion than answers.

The national media reported that various sources had termed AIDS a gay plague and God's punishment to gay people for the way they live their lives.

A new level of fear toward interaction with gay people created a search for blame which was always shifted to "someone else."

In the meantime, the reality of AIDS has irrevocably changed our lives.

The physical spread of the virus has gone on while people, governments and human service agencies grappled with how to respond to the situation.

AIDS altered the lives of a few at first, and then more.

People diagnosed with AIDS had contacted this unknown assault on their physical health.

Their lovers, friends and families found themselves responding to the untimely death of these people close to them.

Physicians, nurses, and health care workers found themselves in a position of responding to a new disease they were powerless to cure and with which at times they feared personal contact.

This human response has not been easy.

For each individual the response to AIDS has meant coping with unexpected change,

personal fear, learning and growth.

How do we respond? How do we respond to a friend who has been diagnosed?

How do we respond to parents who learn simultaneously that their son is gay and is diagnosed with AIDS?

How do we respond to a young heterosexual woman who has contacted AIDS from a blood transfusion received during a routine surgical operation?

How do we respond to our own feelings interacting with persons who are very ill?

How do we respond to ourselves when we consider our own risk of contracting AIDS, or

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What are the symptoms of AIDS?

Many symptoms of AIDS may appear in illnesses such as bronchitis, and stomach flu. However, persistence of one or more of the following symptoms should be discussed with a physician who is familiar with AIDS.

-Unexplained, increasing and persistent fatigue.

-Fever greater than 100, shaking, chills, drenching night sweats not accompanied by a known illness and lasting longer than several weeks.

-Weight loss that is unexpected and greater than ten pounds in less than two months.

-Swollen glands (enlarged lymph nodes with or without pain, usually in the neck, armpits or groin) lasting for more than two weeks.

-Pink to purple flat or raised blotches or bumps, usually painless, occurring on or under the skin or inside the mouth. Initially, they may look like bruises, but they do not go

away, and are usually harder than the skin around them.

-Frequent dry cough that is not from smoking and has lasted too long to be from a cold.

-Diarrhea, lasting more than one or two weeks.

-White patches in the mouth or on the tongue. Many of these symptoms occur with "everyday" illness, and do not mean the person has AIDS. They become more suggestive if the person is in one of the risk groups for AIDS.

What if a friend or love one has AIDS?

We are all living on the edge of our lives.

Those with AIDS feel that edge more keenly.

The diagnosis has severely affected their prospects for a long life.

It is easy to worry about saying the wrong thing.

There is no one best way to

be, but these are suggestions from others who work with people facing a serious illness.

-Be there: to listen, to talk, to share. Be there as the loved one or friend that you have always been. It is especially important now, when they feel they are changing.

-Don't be afraid of touching or hugging. AIDS is not spread by casual contact.

-Call before visiting. They may be too tired for company, or it may just be the time you are needed most. Let them know they can tell you either way.

-Tell them what you would like to do, and if they agree, do it. Keep your promises.

-Ask about a shopping list. Bring a favorite dish with enough for you to stay and eat as well. Perhaps a bit more for left-overs.

-Don't be angry if they are coping with the disease in a way you think inappropriate. Don't confuse their acceptance of the illness with defeat. Their acceptance may free them, and give them a sense of their own power.

-Talk about the future with them - next week - next month - next year. The reality of today does not eliminate tomorrow.

Survey

(This survey is being done in behalf of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department by OUR PAPER. No names, addresses or other identifying information is needed)

- Age
- Sex
- Do you consider yourself a member of an AIDS "high-risk" group?
 - yes no
 - gay IV drug user
 - Transfusion recipient Bisexual
 - Hemophiliac Artificial Insemination Other
 - Sexual partner in "high-risk" group
- Do you know about "safe sex" practices?
 - yes no
- Do you follow safe sex practices?
 - yes no sometimes
- Do your friends follow safe sex practices?
 - yes no sometimes don't know

- Do you feel comfortable talking to your partner about safe sex practices?
 - yes no sometimes
- Do you believe that the gay/lesbian community is supportive of safe sex practices?
 - yes no
- Would you like to see more articles on "safe sex" in OUR PAPER?
 - yes no

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The No on 64 Campaign

by John Follesdal

Two months have passed since Secretary of State March Fong Eu announced that the LaRouche Initiative had qualified for the November ballot.

For the many activists fighting the initiative, it has been a hectic but rewarding time.

The No on 64 campaign is well under way, and although more money and volunteers are needed, Ken Yeager, the full-time campaign coordinator in the South Bay says, that he is "happy with the way the campaign is going."

"It's an uphill battle, but I think we'll get the message out about how AIDS is spread and that the proposition is medically unsound."

Proposition 64 was placed on the ballot by followers of Lyndon LaRouche, an extremist politician whose organization is headquartered in Virginia.

LaRouche, who was raised in an evangelical Republican family, was a member of the Socialist Workers' Party as a young man, and in the 1960's was active in the Students for a Democratic Society.

By the 1970's, however, his views had changed to the extreme right.

He also began claiming that Queen Elizabeth pushes drugs (from interview with LaRouche on NBC's "First Camera" March 1984), and that Mondale, Kissinger and George Bundy were agents of influence of the KGB (from interview with Washington Post, January 13, 1986).

LaRouche's latest endeavor is to get a foothold in California politics, and he has chosen the AIDS crisis as a vehicle to ride in on.

Last spring, his organization, the Prevent AIDS NOW Initiative

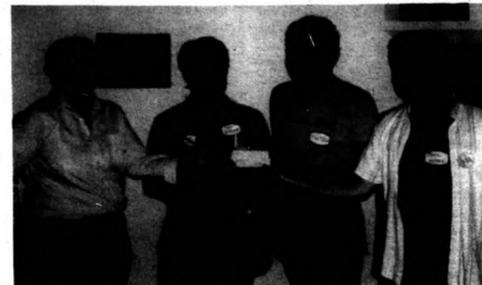


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Committee (PANIC) managed to qualify Proposition 64 for the ballot.

If passed, the proposition would result in:

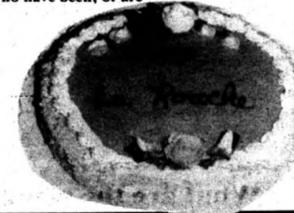
large scale testing and quarantine of people who have been exposed, or are suspected of having been exposed, to the HTLV-III virus, regardless of whether they have developed AIDS or not.

make it a misdemeanor to not report persons suspected of having been exposed to the HTLV-III virus.

prevent food handlers and bartenders from working if they have been, or are suspected of having been exposed to the HTLV-III virus.

exclude students, teachers and staff from schools and universities if they have been, or are suspected of having been exposed to the HTLV-III virus.

allow local law enforcement authorities to restrict the travel of persons who have been, or are



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when a diagnosis of AIDS could be given to us?:

In the midst of this, how do we remain positive?

How do we see through the problems and illnesses to find the joys of life and of love?

In the spring of 1985, a support group had been formed in San Jose where people with AIDS or with concerns about AIDS came together weekly to be supportive of each other.

A public meeting was held by the County Health Department AIDS Project to communicate the numbers of AIDS cases being reported in Santa Clara County.

A result of that meeting was an acknowledgement that there were people in places throughout the County who were coping with their response to the needs of people with AIDS.

The coming together of these people and subsequent meetings established a new organization which became ARIS Project.

The commitment of providing support services to people with AIDS brought this group together and bonded them to a common purpose.

Beyond wanting to offer help, the group realized the need for appropriate training to enable volunteers to respond both to their own concerns and to the needs of people with AIDS and those close to them.

Building a response program with volunteers is the mission of ARIS Project.

The volunteer response is individual and personal.

AIDS is changing the lives of those who contact the virus.

It is also changing the lives of those who volunteer in response to needs created by the circumstances of AIDS.

Responding to the life changes induced by AIDS, requires time to learn how we take care of ourselves and cope with our own

feelings.

In the midst of a situation where there seems so little personal control, there is need to respect the self-determination that people can retain in their lives.

Something as simple as first asking whether someone desires a visit from a friend can open us to focusing on the control we do have in our feelings and choices.

While there are many needs to be met, one choice is to acknowledge that we cannot always change circumstances, and some things just can't be "fixed."

ARIS Project support groups offer an opportunity for persons to work through that process of learning their own response.

The support group offers a small group atmosphere where feelings such as frustration and discovery can be shared and acknowledged.

Weekly support groups are held for persons with AIDS and ARC diagnoses, those with positive test results to the AIDS virus antibodies, significant others of those with AIDS or ARC, and others who are looking to work through their fears about AIDS.

ARIS Project volunteers also meet weekly in support of their own experiences through this process.

People who feel prepared to volunteer their time in support to people with AIDS/ARC and their significant others can participate in the ARIS Project Emotional Support Volunteer Training.

Following the training, individual assignments are made between volunteers and persons requesting a volunteer.

Volunteers then meet with them, individually, and confidentially, on a regular basis.

Volunteers are there to support the emotional highs and lows of persons responding to their own circumstances.

The volunteer training pro-

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Our Campaign needs YOU!

The marvelous Gay and Lesbian community in Santa Clara County is working together to build a strong, well-organized campaign against Proposition 64, the AIDS Initiative.

Many people already have contributed time, money and energy to get the campaign off the ground. The campaign headquarters is in full operation, thousands of dollars have been raised, and speaking engagements have been arranged.

We are ahead of San Francisco in several areas of the campaign, such as planning home parties and working with local Gay and Lesbian organizations.

Unfortunately, the real work is yet to come. We can't relax until after election night. LaRouche is scheduled to start his \$3 million dollar television campaign in October.

- ✓ You can make the difference in making sure we stop LaRouche in Santa Clara County.
- ✓ We need you to talk to everyone you know about how AIDS is and is not transmitted.
- ✓ We need you to hold a small party in your home to raise money for the campaign.
- ✓ We need you to volunteer in the campaign office.
- ✓ We need you to register voters.

And most of all, we need you to donate money to pay for our statewide media campaign.

You can help by contacting the local headquarters at (408) 292-0370 or by sending money to: BAYMEC/Stop LaRouche at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126.

Thank you for all of your support.

Together we can win!



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NO on 64

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Nobody ever got AIDS through the telephone lines

by Jim Trudeau

Santa Clara-They are called "J-O phone lines," fantasy phone-sex lines, telephone porn, etc.

I help produce them. . . I am proud of my role.

Our personal liberties, protected by the Bill of Rights, are now threatened by the U.S. Supreme Court, the right-wing lunatic fringe (Falwell, LaRouche, etc.) and by our government's executive branch (the Meese Commission, for example) so I ask you to consider these liberties, and the "flagrant abuse" they apparently suffer at the hands of the gay community.

For example, the "979" telephone service industry is currently being attacked by the Reagan administration because it offers sexually explicit material to the gay community, which leads to "violence, moral decay, child molestation," and virtually all the ills known to trouble American society.

What nonsense!
Frankly, we hope to expand

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gram teaches the value of simply listening and being present for others.

These relationships, themselves, can be life changing experiences for both the volunteer and the person requesting the service.

Some persons have acknowledged such relationships as having shown them the value of caring interaction for the first time in their lives.

ARIS Project Emotional Support Volunteer Training Programs are held over two consecutive weekends.

The next training is to be held in early November and requires an application and interview prior to that time.

The circumstances and needs experienced by a person with AIDS can change drastically and quickly.

Coping with those conditions and feelings is something the volunteer explores with the individual.

Because of these drastic changes in physical ability, people with AIDS often must rely upon others to assist them in conducting otherwise ordinary daily tasks.

ARIS Project is working to recruit and train volunteers to assist in these Practical Support Service needs.

ARIS Project personnel assist in locating services provided by other agencies that can be of help.

Where other services are not available, ARIS Project volunteers can provide assistance with rides to appointments or running errands.

Volunteers helping with light household chores or preparing meals can make a significant difference in maintaining a positive home life and in people accomplishing the tasks necessary to care for themselves.

The services of ARIS Project

services, providing additional "976" phone lines to the gay community, including a telephone bulletin board that allows callers to post notices as well as hear messages and phone numbers from people who are promoting a lot more than just sexual activity.

The "Gayline Bulletin Board" makes it possible for local gays to contact each other for virtually any reason; to announce a garage sale, promote a political event, raise money for an AIDS charity, publicize a disco party, (and yes, cruise by phone).

When this service is fully in place, you'll be able to use it like

any other bulletin board, leaving messages and reviewing the ads, from all kinds of gay people.

In short, it will be about as threatening to public morality as the bulletin board in your laundromat or local gay bar.

However, in addition to this kind of service, I suggest that our openly sexually-oriented services serve a very valuable function.

I admit that we try to make 415/976-7825, 213/976-7825 and 415/976-3478, 408/976-3478 really raunchy.

In fact, we try to make this hardcore material the most heavy duty stuff you'll ever hear, on the phone, or through any other medium.

These phone services were developed for gay men to use to

get their rocks off - no holds barred.

Of course, we are aware that gay men will use the Gayline Bulletin Board to talk "dirty" to each other.

We are also aware that *Nobody Ever Got AIDS Through A Telephone Line*. OPhone sex is safe sex!

Ever heard of a disease being transmitted over the phone?

We face the most devastating health threat of the century in this epidemic, spread through sexual contact, and we are being condemned for providing a sexual alternative which we believe should be encouraged.

Yes, we help gay men to meet - and they could possibly do things together that would lead to infection.

We offer the same risks as a church meeting or a Republican picnic.

For those gay men who have wisely developed their imaginations to the point that phone sex is a viable outlet, we feel we provide a valuable and irreplaceable service.

For \$2.00 we offer an alternative to unsafe sex practices - and we will continue to make 976-7825 and 976-3478 as funky, raunchy, and sexual as our callers want.

If you have any thoughts on this, write to me:

Jim Trudeau
Production Director
Intercambio, Inc.
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BAYMEC's No On 64/Stop LaRouche Calendar

September 19, 29, 21

Ryder's Casino Weekend

September 21

Renegade's Beer Bust

September 25

Vision's Lip Sync Contest

September 26

Silver Fox Auction

(see ads for these events)

Lesbians and AIDS What's the connection?

AIDS-Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - is a disease caused by a virus which breaks down a part of the body's immune system. As of June, 1986 over 21,000 people have been diagnosed with AIDS in the U.S.

Approximately 7 percent of the people with AIDS in the U.S. are women - 50 percent of these women are Black, 23 percent are Hispanic and 26 percent are Caucasian.

Lesbians are not at high risk of contracting or transmitting the AIDS virus at this time unless they use IV drugs or have unsafe sexual contact with people in risk groups.

AM I AT RISK?

Since the AIDS virus is transmitted primarily through blood and semen, lesbians who may be at risk are those who:

*Share needles or any other paraphernalia if using IV drugs. This is the single most important risk category for lesbians.

*Have had sexual contact with:

people who use IV drugs
men who have had gay sex since 1979
people of either sex whose sexual histories are unknown
people who are hemophilic, or who have received blood transfusions or blood products between 1979-1985

*Have used semen for donor insemination from a donor in a high risk group who is known to be antibody positive, or whose risk status is unknown.

*Have received blood transfusions or blood products between 1979-1985.

IF I THINK I MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

You may want to consider taking the AIDS antibody test at a testing site where your anonymity is guaranteed.

If you are infected with the AIDS virus, your body will produce antibodies. The AIDS antibody test detects the presence of these antibodies. Most people infected with the AIDS virus will probably not get AIDS but will probably remain contagious indefinitely.

You may want to take the test if you are considering pregnancy or want to know if you are infectious.

Don't share IV needles and other paraphernalia. Clean your works with alcohol or bleach and rinse thoroughly between each use.

WHAT IF I WANT TO USE DONOR INSEMINATION TO BECOME PREGNANT?

If you are planning pregnancy through donor insemination, you may want to follow the recommendations listed below. They suggest screening techniques which may reduce your risk of exposure to the AIDS virus.

*You need to do a risk assessment of your donor(s) on a case-by-case basis. If you want a gay man as a donor, remember that many, but not all gay

men are infected with the AIDS virus. Not all have engaged in high risk behaviors.

*Get information about your donor's health, medical and sexual history.

*With the availability of the AIDS antibody test, many lesbians have asked their donor(s) to be tested. Seriously consider having your donor tested for the AIDS antibody at a site where his anonymity and confidentiality is guaranteed.

*There is a slim possibility that someone could have a negative antibody test result and yet be a virus carrier, especially if he is in a high risk group.

*The antibody test should be done twice prior to insemination with a period of 3 to 6 months between tests. Your donor should practice safe sex between tests.

*All sperm banks and private physicians have been advised to test sperm donors for the AIDS antibody.

IF I'M NOT AT RISK FOR AIDS, WHAT DOES ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

Many lesbians have been personally affected by AIDS related deaths or illnesses of people close to them.

Increased anti-gay hostility and discrimination as a result of AIDS hysteria affect lesbians as well as gay men.

The AIDS epidemic emphasizes the need to address problems of substance abuse, and especially IV drug use, in the lesbian community.

Insemination choices and co-parenting options have been limited by AIDS.

Many lesbians are involved in AIDS related work as volunteers and paid workers. Lesbian contributions have strengthened and enriched the entire gay and lesbian community and furthered the fight against AIDS.

As these and other AIDS related issues continue to be apart of our lives, we will need to find creative and effective ways to support one another.

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know anything about Proposition 64; that out of 46 percent that are aware, 18 percent are undecided.

Wiggy Siversten, Chair of the No on 64 campaign announced a speaker training class on AIDS and how to argue the LaRouche Initiative effectively will be held on September 13th at 11 am at the DeFrank Center.

As the final speaker, Wiggy encouraged the audiences' diligent participation in the campaign.

"She said, 'you don't have to carry palcards, all you have to do is talk! talk! talk! talk! teach people about AIDS - we can use this opportunity not only to Stop LaRouche, but to educate - and thereby save the lives of a lot of people - gay and straight alike!'"

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SAFE SEX GUIDELINES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK

If either woman may be carrying the virus, she should not allow her menstrual blood, vaginal secretions, urine, feces or breast milk to enter her partner's body through the mouth, rectum, vagina, or broken skin. Although the virus has been found in saliva, there is no evidence that it can be transmitted through this fluid.

SAFE SEX PRACTICES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK

massaging, hugging, social (dry) kissing, body to body rubbing, voyeurism, exhibitionism, fantasy, touching your own genitals (masturbation), vibrators or other sex toys (using your own), S/M or other activities that do not involve the exchange of body fluids.

This information was provided by Women's AIDS Network.

POSSIBLY SAFE SEX PRACTICES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK

oral-genital contact (cunnilingus) using a thin piece of latex placed between the vulva and tongue, hand/finger to genital contact, vaginal or anal penetration with finger(s) using a disposable latex glove or finger cots, french (wet) kissing, external urine contact, anal-oral contact (rimming) with a latex barrier.

AIDS, Drinks . . .

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percent of the unsafe sex taking place.

Many experts said that indications were that this 9 percent was likely to include many substance abusers.

On the controversial question of compulsive sexuality, Ratner says she is unsure about whether it really qualifies as addiction.

"But there's some interesting research going out there - mostly among straight women - that suggests that people can become addicted to having sex with new partners.

"And I firmly believe that it is the process of mood change that people get addicted to - it doesn't matter what the mood is.

"A large number of different partners produce that kind of series of stimulations from anticipation to excitement to intense pleasure and event o revulsion," she said.

The therapist concluded by saying that there is a great deal of truth to the old country song, "All the girls get prettier at closing time".

"You're just more likely to find someone irresistible who, when you're sober, would turn out to be really quite easy to resist.

"You know what I mean if you ever woke up and said, 'I know he or she didn't look like that last night,'" she added.

Good sex is sober sex

"A lot of people just can't have sober sex," Tatner pointed out.

"Many have been brought up to believe that sex is dirty and shameful and they have been told that's ten times as true for gay sex.

"They can't do it unless they're stoned and that means sex is always something you did when you were not responsible or aware.

"It reinforces internalized homophobia and it makes for irresponsible, uncaring sex even between lovers," she said.

At Pride Institute, where Ratner is in charge of treatment programs, patients are told that decisions about who to have sex with and what to do with them are personal.

But that it's impossible to make informed, rational decisions when an individual is drunk or high.

"It's a problem for many of our patients - male and female. "But for gay men, these are life and death decisions and throughout our month-long program we stress safe sex over and over again," Ratner said.

Epidemic of drinking and drug-ging

The audience of California AIDS educators heard from speaker after speaker who said that AIDS could not be contained unless the epidemic of chemical dependency in the gay community was contained.

Over 30 percent of gay men and lesbians have problems with alcohol or drugs according to recent studies.

"That's 30 percent who will forget all safe sex practices."

In-patient therapy has a distinct edge over community-based programs, according to Ratner.

She explained that the recovery process involves close monitoring; a re-socialization process that gets the patient used to life without substance abuse; providing sober - and preferably gay - role models.

"It's much easier to do all that in a closed environment," Ratner said.

Gay Pride key to recovery

The Institute's program focuses on gay culture, gay behavior and gay achievements.

It aims to build gay pride and to teach sober behavior in a gay environment.

Ratner and her colleagues have started a nationwide list of referrals and resources.

People with substance abuse problems or their friends or lovers can get more information on treatment options by calling 1-800-54-PRIDE (in Minnesota, 612-934-7554).

The call is toll free and Pride Institute's professionals can provide the names of local therapists, gay sensitive AA groups, details on other community-based resources and information on residential programs.

All records are kept strictly confidential and data on sexual orientation is never released to anyone without a patient's consent.

Information provided by Van Vechten & Associated, Medical Information, 427 East 74th Street, NYC, NY 10021.

The Premier Gay Club
of Santa Cruz (408) 423-7117
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Sept Sat 27th

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No On 64/Stop La Rouche
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HELP DEFEAT
PROP 64.

Quarantining AIDS patients and those
infected with the AIDS virus is not only
unnecessary, but is also inhumane.
Sick persons would be isolated from
their loved ones when they need each
other most.

*"Health professionals believe that
Proposition 64 would seriously hurt their
ability to treat and find a cure for AIDS.
Current medical efforts based on years of
research will be undermined by the fear
generated by this irrational proposition."*

Helen Miramontes, R.N., President
California Nurses Association

**LaRouche and his followers are
not qualified to determine public
health policy.**

LaRouche, who lives in Virginia,
is cynically using AIDS to increase
the power of his political organization
and the visibility of his campaign for
President. Neither he nor his California
spokesmen are physicians or are in any
other way qualified to make rational
decisions about our public health.

LaRouche leads a political cult with
fantastic conspiracy theories about world
problems, such as that the Queen of
England is a drug pusher. He and his
followers have a long history of
anti-Semitic and racist positions as
well as criminal charges for theft,
fraud and harassment.

Condoms

Condoms (rubbers) are a good way to stop many
sexually transmitted diseases (such as syphilis,
gonorrhea, and chlamydia). AIDS is spread in the
same manner. While condoms protect you, they
can also enhance sexual pleasure. Women, as well
as men, may want to carry a supply. Follow the
directions given on the package to be sure that the
condom does not break. Remove and dispose of it
carefully. Never re-use a condom!



Lubricants

Sexual lubricants should be water soluble. DON'T
use vaseline, Crisco, mineral or vegetable oil.
These make the condoms break more rapidly.
Lubricants and spermicides (used for birth control)
that contain an ingredient called nonoxynol 9
will provide extra protection against the AIDS virus,
but are NOT substitutes for condoms. Lubricants,
spermicides, and condoms can be purchased in a
drug store without a prescription.



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**Everyone agrees:
Prop. 64 is bad news.**

The opposition to Proposition 64 is nearly
unanimous. Those who have expressed
their opposition include:

- California Medical Association
- California Nurses Association
- Senator Alan Cranston
- Congressman Ed Zschau
- League of Women Voters
- California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
- California Hospital Association
- Hemophilia Council of California
- Service Employees International Union
— State Council
- California Manufacturers Association
- National Organization for Women
- California Council of Local Health Officers
- Mayor Tom Bradley
- Assembly Speaker Willie Brown
- Bill Honig, Supt. of Public Instruction
- Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy
- Kolaynu — New Jewish Agenda,
Santa Cruz
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
- California Psychiatric Association
- American Praticioners In Infection Control
- Matrix Newsmagazine
- Freedom Democratic Caucus
- Los Angeles Times
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Cruz Sentinel
- Los Angeles Herald Examiner
- Sacramento Bee
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat
- Visalia Times Delta
- Fresno Bee
- San Diego Union
- Modesto Bee
- Davis Enterprise
- Boards of Supervisors of Santa Clara,
San Mateo, San Francisco and Contra
Costa Counties
- City Councils of Los Angeles, San Diego,
Sacramento, West Hollywood, Laguna
Beach, Santa Monica

*When it comes
to AIDS, the
biggest threat is
misinformation*

**WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY
ABOUT PROP 64 AND AIDS**

- "No public health purpose would be
served by this action. . . . This type of
action will not serve to limit the epidemic,
but rather will prolong the spread of this
terrible illness."
— California Medical Association Council
- "No evidence supports AIDS transmission
by casual contact, by the airborne route, by
objects handled by people with AIDS, or
by contaminated environmental surfaces."
— Dr. James W. Curran, Director
AIDS Activity, Centers for Disease Control
- "It infuriates me that we have to spend
time trying to objectively analyze an
absurd, stupid proposition. . . . If we have
to focus on food handlers and school-
children, we would not prevent, in my
opinion, one single case of transmission."
— Dr. James Chin, Chief
Infectious Disease Section
Calif. Dept. of Health Services

**VOTE
NO on LaRouche
NO on 64**

**You can help fight this
dangerous measure!**

Register to vote.
Make sure your friends are registered
too.

Keep informed. Inform others.
Know the facts about AIDS. (See inside.)

Get involved.
The Santa Cruz Stop LaRouche/No on 64
Campaign welcomes your participation.
Call 425-6577 to volunteer, or come by
the office at 1110 Pacific Ave., Suite 260,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Santa Cruz Stop Larouche . No on 64

Schedule of Events;

- September 19-21**
Rummage and Bake Sale/808 Columbia (Donated
items can be dropped off at this address. For more
info; Vern Isakson 423-9000)
- September 27**
Blue Lagoon Midnight Raffle, 923 Pacific Av
- September 28**
In Touch Auction, 1535 Commercial Way
- October 4**
Green Supper, YWCA, 5:30-9:30
- October 12**
Romanofsky and Phillips/Kuumbwa Jazz Center,
7:30 and 9:30, *6 advance/\$7-10 at door
- October 18**
Sixties Dance, UCSC, 9 pm
- October 26**
Poetry Reading: Adrienne Rich & Ellen Bass,
Louden Nelson Center
- October 31**
Community Halloween DAcE, Eagles Hall, 9 pm
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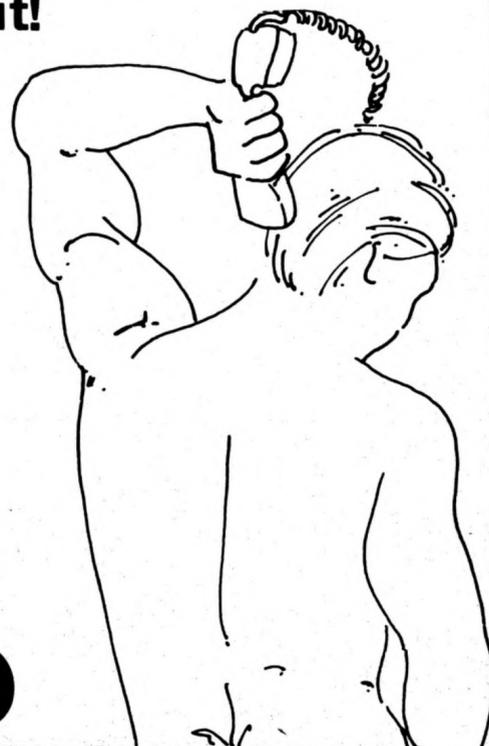
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ARIS opens official offices



Bob Sorenson of ARIS Project and Darryl Cox, Budget Analyst for Santa Clara County Department of Health.



Photo by Ted Sahl

by Ted Sahl

The grand opening of the ARIS offices, 595 Millich Dr., Suite 104, in Campbell took place on September 3, 1986.

ARIS, a non profit group providing emotional support as well as support services for men/women suffering from AIDS/ARC, extending help to friends, lovers and family.

For many the open house was an opportunity to meet and talk with Bob Sorenson, Executive director for ARIS.

The project is not new to Sorenson who has been working with ARIS since 1985, as a board member, and administrative assistant.

He is continuing in a background which includes working with non profit organizations and human service groups.

Thanks to the hard work and persistence of BAYMEC, (Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee), funding for the ARIS offices was a direct result of lobbying the Santa Clara County board of Supervisors who voted an expenditure of \$60,000 back in February for AIDS Support Services.

Sorenson explains, "That expenditure provided for this suite of offices and conference rooms that are needed for counseling, and administrative purposes and lots of room for volunteers to do their work on current projects and basically take care of most needs."

The Tuesday night meetings

of AIDS/ARC patients will continue to meet at the 1st Methodist Church, 24 N. 5th Street in San Jose.

That group comprised of over 70 people, requires much more room as they split into several groups.

When asked what direction ARIS might take in the future, Sorenson replied, "At the present time, the Santa Clara County Health Department is recording 20 new cases of AIDS/ARC a month."

"That means for ARIS, we have a continuous need to train emotional support volunteers to replace those who might move, or have to leave ARIS for personal reasons."

"We need to continuously refill the volunteer ranks."

"The second prortion of the ARIS project, the Practical Support Services Program which provides badly needed transportation, cooking meals, requires a large staff and presently we're looking for a volunteer to direct that project."

"The County and our board have been discussing at what level a hosice type of building designated for residential living facility can be purchased, leased, or loaned, if and when such a need occurs for persons with AIDS who can't afford, or for some reason is out of a current housing situation."

"Today's open house is part of that future," said Sorenson.

Cycle for Life complete 4,200 mile Funraiser a success

San Francisco-Cycle for Life, a nationwide fundraising even to benefit AIDS service organizations, has completed its 4,200 mile journey from New York City to San Francisco.

The project was designed to raise awareness about AIDS as well as collecting money.

The beneficiaries of donations are: AIDS 800, the national, toll-free crisis line offering information, counseling and referral and various service organizations in communities across the country.

Local fundraisers were held in Cleveland, Chicago, Des Moines, madison, Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City and Sacramento.

In addition, cyclists from Dallas and Los Angeles joined the coast-to-coast riders for their own communities' AIDS organizations.

Cycle for Life is still accepting donations at the following address: Cycle for Life, P.O.Box 1652, NYC, NY 10009. All donations are tax deductible.

Proposition 64 will destroy our efforts to stop AIDS.

Proposition 64 would cost California taxpayers a fortune.



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By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-If you let the excitement of your career blind you to the possibility of a different kind of excitement on Friday or Saturday night, you'll be sorry. Hard work and excitement - or hard play and excitement - can go hand in hand.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)- Both you and your friend show all of the energy required for some very frolicsome activities. Autumn may have its official start on the 23rd, but its summer kind of fun with a springtime kind of feeling that you'll be sharing.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-Oh inquisitive one, you've answered a number of questions lately. While you're feeling relieved, you may also feel a bit overwhelmed. Staying home and reading a good book - even being a couch potato wouldn't be a bad idea. Take a break!

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-Sex and romance are perfectly joined. Need I say more? Probably not. And you won't need to say much either. The perfect expression of your deepest feelings is beyond words. You embrace the depth and joy of love.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-A major purchase may be in the picture. You will at least be tempted by and consider the possibility of spending big bucks. The process itself could prove very interesting. Check out every detail. Good luck!

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Combining business and creativity is not something that many do very well. The need and ability to do it is yours. Make use of all of your talents. Remember that good business people know how to delegate tasks and authority.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-Commerce is a big topic all over the zodiac now, but nowhere is salesmanship so pronounced as in your sign. You could almost literally sell anything to anyone. Selling could also now mean convincing - but it does not mean deceiving. Keep it honest!

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-Talking to an old friend about a new situation is what you need to do. The public and the private you are moving further and further apart. Success - at the expense of feeling surrounded - is not what you had in mind. Talk about it.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-Communication from a male relative could be both good and important. You may respond in a whole new way to an old situation. Breaking a habit could be the impetus you need to get things moving.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)-What you value is what you're concerned with. You've been able to cut away a lot of the extraneous clutter from your life and are devoting your energies in a singledminded kind of way. Concentration is the key.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-It's time to share recent interests and discoveries with your partner. You've been so deeply involved in your personal quest that you may have given too little attention to your loved one. Don't be afraid of judgement.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-Your contentment shows. But it may be taken as disinterest by one who would like to get to know you better. Don't be shy. Who is so satisfied that they wouldn't enjoy the pleasure of a new friend?

OUR DIRECTORY

Congress to hold public hearing on anti-gay violence

Washington, D.C.-As a result of persistent efforts by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to focus on the alarmingly high incidence of anti-gay violence, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the U.S. House of Representatives will hold a public hearing on the problem.

Scheduled to occur on September 25, 1986 at 10 am, the hearing will be the first federal forum on the issue of anti-gay violence.

The Subcommittee on Criminal Justice is chaired by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), and is part of the House Judiciary Committee.

The hearings will focus on the scope of harassment and violence against gay men and lesbians and will examine what is - and what is not - being done to remedy the problem.

In addition to Rep. Conyers, the Subcommittee consists of seven members: Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA), Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), Rep. Frederick Boucher (D-VA), Rep. John Bryant (D-TX), Rep. George Gekas (R-PA), Rep. Patrick Swindall (R-GA) and Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC).

"Violence against gay and lesbian people is a national epidemic," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Violence Project.

"The Subcommittee's hearings are timely and meet a glaring need. We hope they will raise public awareness about anti-gay violence and lead to concrete action by government on all levels to respond to this much overlooked and underestimated problem."

The NGLTF Violence Project was launched in 1982 to develop a coordinated response to violence against gay people.

Dealing with violence: A guide for gay and lesbian people

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announces the release of a new publication entitled *Dealing With Violence: A guide for gay and lesbian people*.

The thirty-page booklet offers practical information for gay people on how to deal with the growing problem of harassment and assault.

The guide describes the patterns of anti-gay violence, and suggests steps gay people can take to protect themselves.

It also provides information on coping with the emotional aftermath of violence, dealing with criminal justice and victim service agencies, handling police abuse, and organizing against anti-gay violence.

"Now more than ever, gay and lesbian people need practical information on how to empower themselves, protect themselves, and get help when harassment and violence occurs," stated Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Violence Project and Coordinator of its national violence study.

"As a community targeted for violence, we owe it to ourselves to learn how to deal with this

growing problem." He noted that the guide is a first of its kind; a resource for both gay people and professionals who work with gay crime victims.

The NGLTF booklet has been praised by service providers working with gay and lesbian crime victims, including David Wertheimer, Executive Director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

Wertheimer described the guide as "an important resource for the lesbian and gay community as we address the devastating consequences of anti-gay violence."

Copies of *Dealing With Violence: A guide for gay and lesbian people* are available for \$3.50 each; \$2.50 each with orders of ten or more (includes postage and handling).

The booklet and other materials on organizing against anti-gay violence may be obtained from NGLTF, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

The NGLTF guide was made possible in part by grants from the Chicago Resource Center, the Fund for Human Dignity, and the Playboy Foundation.

Insurance industry giant forced to withdraw anti-gay guidelines

San Francisco-National Gay Rights Advocates has forced the nation's largest insurance investigation organization to revoke its guidelines for identifying people at risk for AIDS.

The guidelines were issued by Equifax, Inc., which earns approximately \$500 million a year by performing detective work for most of the nation's insurance companies.

Equifax has instructed its investigators to help insurance companies screen out "high-risk" applicants by highlighting their "lifestyles."

Factors such as marital status, gender, occupation, "living arrangements" and "irregular beneficiary" were to be brought to the special attention of insurance companies.

When NGRA threatened to sue Equifax for discriminating against gay people, Equifax backed down and revoked its guidelines.

"The previous insurance industry practice of denying coverage to all Black applicants because Blacks were thought to be poor risks was long ago discredited. It should not be resurrected and applied to other groups," declared Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"AIDS, unlike the insurance industry, does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

NGRA Executive Director, Jean O'Leary said: "Investiga-

tive agencies such as Equifax must not be allowed to set up red flags to help insurance companies discriminate against gay applicants.

"NGRA will continue to lead the fight against AIDS-related discrimination, no matter what form it takes."

Equifax agreed to withdraw its guidelines on August 29, less than two weeks after NGRA threatened to take them to court.

In a letter to NGRA, Equifax admitted that its guidelines had been issued without receiving proper review.

The Atlanta-based corporation also agreed not to focus on sexual orientation in future investigations.

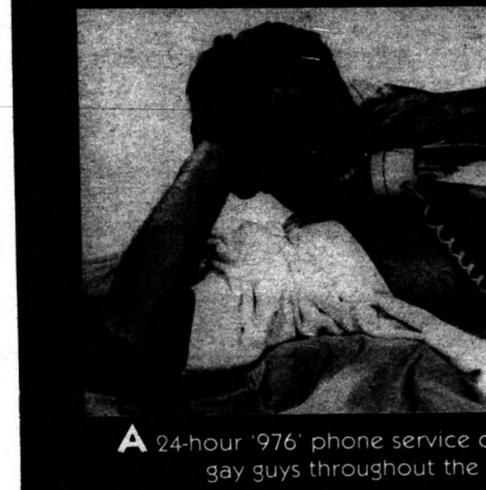
"We decided to have an open house to let people in the community know in fact, we are here; and there are names, faces to associate with the program."

"Health care and social work agencies have been invited to simply come, meet with us, see we are here and find out what ARIS project is all about so we can begin networking with them, work out the referral process so that people can find out that we are here and utilize our service."

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CIA SUIT

Gayer's Second Issue
 Gayer argues that the CIA infringes constitutional rights in considering homosexual conduct, and want the CIA to explain precisely why the CIA considers a gay person to be a security risk.

In ruling on this issue, Judge Lynch followed the Doe vs. Casey ruling, reported in the last issue of *Our Paper*, which said that the CIA Director has "great deference" when national security issues exist, and that "the mere explanation of why information must be withheld can

convey valuable information to a foreign intelligence agency."

The Doe court said that the court can consider if an "arguable infringement of constitutional rights" or if "excess of statutory authority" occurs.

But Judge Lynch argues that Gayer's first issue is the only example of an "arguable infringement of constitutional rights," and that no infringement was proven.

Judge Lynch further wrote that national security allows the CIA to consider the "sexual orientation on an individual basis without precise articulation of how it is being considered.

Proposition 64 affects all of us.

S.F. big bash at Hyatt for No on 64



Robin Williams Photo by Ted Sahl



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Pictured L to R: Ken Yeager, local campaign manager; Helen Miramontes, president of California Nurses Association; and Rich Gordon, Peninsula No on 64 activist. Photo by Ted Sahl



Dr. Ken Kizer, Director of Public Health, State of California at BAYMEC's Campaign headquarters opening. Photo by Ted Sahl

Most states will prosecute AIDS-related discrimination

San Francisco-A study by National Gay Right Advocates reveals that most states will prosecute complaints of AIDS-related discrimination under laws which forbid discrimination on the basis of physical handicap.

Thirty-four states have indicated that they are willing to accept AIDS-related discrimination complaints or have declared such discrimination to be improper.

Although the U.S. Department of Justice issued an opinion in June stating that federal handicap law permits discrimination based on the fear of transmission of AIDS, not one of the states surveyed indicated that it has adopted this interpretation.

"The Justice Department's strained interpretation of handicap discrimination law has been clearly and overwhelmingly rejected," said Benjamin Schatz, director of NGR's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"It is heartening to see that most state agencies are unwilling to allow prejudice and fear to interfere with their obligation to enforce the law."

"Our survey proves what we have known all along: existing law prohibits discrimination against people with AIDS, ARC, or HTLV-III antibodies," stated NGRA Executive Director, Jean O'Leary.

"NGRA will continue to monitor state agencies to make sure that the law is vigorously and fairly enforced."

Results of the survey indicate

that most states which have not yet made a determination are either studying the issue or waiting for an actual AIDS discrimination complaint.

Only one state, Kentucky, has indicated that AIDS is not a protected handicap under its laws.

Kentucky is one of two states with statutes which explicitly exclude communicable diseases from coverage.

However, Georgia, the other state with this exception, is unwilling to assume that it applies to AIDS.

In its letter to NGRA, the Georgia Department of Human Resources reports that it "advises employers to continue the employment of AIDS victims since the disease is not transmitted through casual contact."

NGRA's survey also reveals that, while 50 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws which prohibit discrimination against the physically handicapped, these laws vary widely.

A few laws protect only public employees, while some others protect only those with "actual", as opposed to "perceived" handicaps.

Many laws cover only discrimination in such areas as housing, public accommodation, credit and state service.

(Editor's Note: NGRA's actual survey is in the office of OUR PAPER and you may stop by for a look at it if you are interested.)





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Our Calendar

17 Wednesday

VISIONS: Happy Hours 5-7 with Gay Games II Video Kickoff.

18 Thursday

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

19 Friday

RYDERS: No on 64 Casino Night Fundraiser.

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

20 Saturday

LANDING: ARIS Auction preview Fundraiser.

RYDERS: No on 64 Casino Night Fundraiser.

SISTERSPIRIT: Coffeehouse with Reardon and Munsen/Kathy Tapp - 8pm.

21 Sunday

SILVER FOX: 2 for 1, 3 to 5 pm.

LANDING: ARIS Auction Fundraiser/noon.

RYDERS: No on 64 Casino Night Fundraiser.

22 Monday

TD'S: Monday Night Football.

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

23 Tuesday

SAVOY: South Bay 8 Ball League/open player meeting at 7.

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

24 Wednesday

VISIONS: Dynasty Kickoff.

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

25 Thursday

VISIONS: No on 64 Lip Sync Fundraiser 8 pm.

VISIONS: Happy Hour 5-7 with Gay Games II video.

26 Friday

SILVER FOX: No on 64 Fundraiser Auction.

VISIONS: Happy Hour with Gay Games II video.

27 Saturday

BLUE LAGOON: Midnight Raffle Fundraiser for Santa Cruz No on 64 and Santa Cruz AIDS Foundation.

28 Sunday

VISIONS: Tea Dance 2 pm.

SILVER FOX: 2 for 1, 3 to 5 pm.

IN TOUCH: Santa Cruz No on 64/Stop LaRouche Fundraiser Auction/5 pm.

29 Monday

30 Tuesday



1 Wednesday

IN TOUCH: Lip Sync Contest 8 pm.

PACIFIC HARBOR TRAVEL: Basic training classes 8:30 am M-W-F.

2 Thursday



3 Friday



4 Saturday



5 Sunday

SILVER FOX: 2 for 1, 3 to 5 pm.

6 Monday



7 Tuesday



8 Wednesday



9 Thursday

10 Friday



11 Saturday



12 Sunday

SILVER FOX: 2 for 1, 3 to 5 pm.

13 Monday

14 Tuesday



15 Wednesday

16 Thursday

