DIGNITY responds to American bishops

The Board of Directors of Dignity, Inc., the Roman Catholic organization of gay men and lesbian women and their friends, have issued guidelines in response to recent action taken by several American bishops in denying the use of Church facilities and/or the ministry of diocesan clergy to the organization's chapters.

Dignity has 103 chapters in 36 states and the District of Columbia and Vancouver, Canada. The guidelines reaffirm the Statement and Purpose of the Dignity organization, their beliefs, responsibilities and commitment, and states that the board feels that this document requires neither amendment nor abandonment for the pleasure of the Church.

The board states that they will not deny their deepest convictions by changing their names, their goals or their ministries.

The statement continues, "fulfilling our calling as Catholic men and women, we affirm our rights to full participation in the spiritual life of the Church as proclaimed by the National Council of Catholic Bishops in their 1976 pastoral letter, "To Live In Christ Jesus."

This pastoral letter states: "Homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice. They should have an active role in the Christian community." "

The statement continues, saying that the Dignity organization is proud of what they are—gay and lesbian Roman Catholics and calls for chapters who are affected by local bishops actions to follow the following strategy:

When a chapter is affected by an aggressive move or action of the local bishop, they should immediately communiate with regional leaders of the organization; organize peaceful public protests including picket lines, distribution of literature and organization of public prayer vigils outside Catholic churches during weekend services; contact all media to publicize the injustice by issuing press releases and holding press conferences; organize letter writing campaigns to local bishop, local clergy, diocesan and parish organizations, the Papal Nuncio in Washington, D.C., who represent the Pope in America and the local newspapers; organize public withholding of contributions and funding to diocesan and parish collections; encourage other parishioners to cooperate as well, and channel as much as possible, these funds to other gay and lesbian supportive organizations; and seek support from other local gay and lesbian organizations.

As of mid-February, the following dioceses have taken action to deny the Dignity organization use of Catholic facilities and in some cases, the ministry of the dioceses are Atlanta, GA., Brooklyn, NY., Buffalo, NY., Pensacola, Fl., and Vancouver, Canada, in which the organization has six chapters.

In a detailed response to a proposed FDA regulations, National Gay Rights Advocates strongly denounced the Food and Drug Administration's proposed decontrol of pricing of experimental AIDS drugs — and all Americans to do likewise through a nationwide write-in-campaign.

The FDA proposal will allow drug companies to charge for profit for use of experimental drugs in clinical trials and treatments, even though the drugs in question have not yet been proven effective.

NGRA applauds FDA efforts to expand access to experimental drugs, but takes issue with the FDA's attempt to allow drug companies to price and profit at the cost of creating an insurmountable economic burden for persons with AIDS.

"The people taking these drugs are putting themselves at risk in order to determine the efficacy of new treatments. They should be thanked for their courage, not charged for their participation. We urgently need expanded drug trials — paid for by the federal government, not by people with AIDS," commented Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA.

"The good news is that the FDA has moved to expand access to experimental drugs. The bad news is that they've created a financial bonanza for drug companies at the expense of persons with AIDS. It's unfair for drug companies to exploit people with AIDS by charging them for drugs that may not work," said Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project.

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Holy Trinity's Spring Christian Renewal

Marsha Stevens, a Christian, lesbian, songwriter and author of the popular hymn, "For the Other Side of the Day," will be the featured speaker at the Spring Christian Renewal at Holy Trinity Community Church in San Jose, April 24-26.

Marsha began her musical career at the age of 16 when she and her first husband, Wally Evie, wrote the modern hymn "For the Other Side of the Day," for which Marsh composed most of the songs.

For the Love of Women, her album on which she sang and did back-up vocals on several of the "Maranatha!" and "Praise!" albums and toured the U.S. Canada, Europe and Asia.

Her songs are still played in toto from South Africa to Japan and have been translated into dozens of different languages including such far-flung countries as Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers has included her in their "Praise!" albums and toured the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.

National AIDS network, awards grants

The National AIDS Network (NAN) awarded grants to 18 community based AIDS service organizations at a special bonfire during the National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation's (LHF) biannual conference in Washington, D.C.

The funds are part of the "Stamp Out AIDS" awards, a multi-million dollar solicitation campaign by NAN to raise money for AIDS services in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.

The grants will fund programs that provide direct services to People with AIDS.

The Stamp Out AIDS Foundation, the fundraising arm of NAN, provided $205,000 in grants.

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Nonprofit Organizations

For information on any organization meeting or any location in San Jose, contact the City of San Jose Community Services Department at 408/287-3670.

1984: May 4, 11, 18, 25; Metro Women's Exchange Club. Friendship and fellowship, with special attention to rising middle-aged women. Every Thursday at 7:30 at the San Jose Yacht Club, 1500 Bayview Ave., San Jose. Call 293-8576.


1984: May 9, 16, 23. 30; In-Action. For members of the public, children and adults. 6-9 at the Bayview Community Center, 3105 Bayview Ave., San Jose. Call 293-7222.

1984: May 12-13; Pescaderianos. A weekend of uniting and sharing with the Pescaderia community. San Francisco State University. Call 415/321-1579.

1984: May 14, 21, 28; Namaste. A meditative gathering of women. Every Sunday from 11:00-12:30 at the San Jose Yoga Center, 340 Park Ave., San Jose. Call 293-8669.


1984: May 15-22; San Francisco Lesbian Film Festival. Showcases new and established lesbian film makers. Call 415/725-5633.

1984: May 21-22; For These Tears I Weep. A benefit for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. For tickets, call 415/824-3509 or write Box 1155, P.O. Box 55, San Francisco, CA 94112.

1984: May 22; Women's Radio Workshop. For women interested in learning more about radio and its possibilities. Five consecutive Thursday nights at 7:30. Sponsored by the Women's Communication Workshop. Call 415/725-5633 or write to Box 1155, P.O. Box 55, San Francisco, CA 94112.

1984: May 22; The San Jose Spurs, a fast-paced sportswear dance group. Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 p.m. at the San Jose Yacht Club, 1500 Bayview Ave., San Jose. Call 293-8576.

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1984; May 25; Tom's Cafe. A meeting of the Tom's Cafe group facilitators. At the Tom's Cafe building, 1917 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 848-4979.

1984: May 26; The Spinsters of San Francisco. A meeting of the group. Every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 at the Tom's Cafe building, 1917 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 848-4979.
Fool, Folly, Follies
by Nick Red
It is easy to choose a side in the through two rival productions of Shakespere's, 1975
realized Follies this season, the Surrey Theatre Company and the laurels that mean seven by national
American original — even if it is
known as the "right" side. However, the two productions are simmering a number of themes that are
inextricably entwined. They each tackle their respective side of the story, which makes it of interest to
those who want to understand both perspectives. The show has a wonderful score, but it seemed that it was
impossible to separate the two productions.

The show is set in a magnificent story of New York, prior to its demolition.

Other acting: "Asante" stars their stuff, whereas the "Royal" theatre company seems to offer more with the "British" version of the show.

This was the first time that the show was presented on Broadway, and I did not have the opportunity to see the show.

Sally, the bored wife, in contrast, is played by Tom Turner, who has a lovely voice and great comic qualities in characters. The show seems to be creating a sexual tension between Sally and Nana, which is quite intriguing.

The score, with its wittily characterized songs, is both funny and atmospheric. Ellen McElduff plays Sally, the bored wife, with her always interesting character. She is in a constant state of flux, but that seems to be the nature of her character. The show takes place in a New York apartment that is decorated with a touch of glamour and whimsy.

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The story of Lucy and Jessie, who are at a reunion of the "Nana's" group, is quite compelling. Sally is depicted as a woman who is at a crossroads in her life, and she appears to be struggling with her identity.

"I'm Gonna Love Me Again" — smiling at all those people — a palm and card reader at the fair. There is a certain amount of mystery and intrigue in the show, which keeps the audience engaged and interested.

"I'm Gonna Love Me Again" — a lady who has the lucky ticket — how can you not like that?

FYO: "The Right Girl" is aglow with the usual exportables of Follies.
National March on Washington: Organizing has begun in Santa Clara County for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights which has been scheduled for October 11, 1987. Planning meetings will occur in Santa Clara County every Saturday at 12 noon in the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford. For more information call David Gore at 415/493-2077.

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Spring Dance will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the El Matador Center on the shores of Lake Lagunita near the Governor's Corner dormitory complex (Carrillo Street and Santa Teresa Street) on the Stanford Campus from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Everyone is welcome, regardless of gender, age, race, or sexual orientation. For directions or information call GLAS 415/725-1488.

Cabrillo Lesbians Together: Cabrillo's first lesbian organization in March 1986 to promote lesbian visibility and provide support. Members include staff, faculty and students at Cabrillo, as well as lesbians who are not connected with Cabrillo. Weekly meetings will begin on Monday, April 20 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. All lesbians are welcome to attend. They are discussion, support, and socializing. Call 479-6249 for information.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22) For Libras, passion and理想的are combined. For the partner take the lead and dress the show for her/him. Changing rules keeps a loving relationship healthy. Libras this season should look out for the unexpected and be ready to move quickly to adjust.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) One thing that comes into Libras this season is a heightening of your natural instinct and it works. Be sure you are able to meet and deal with every situation as you approach it. This is not the time to be taken by surprise. Make sure you are very clear in your writings.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) Take a chance. The conservative side of your nature is strong now but when you can break out and try a new way of doing things, you will be rewarded. Be prepared to take some chances now and you will be pleased with the outcome.

Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 22) You're avidly pursuing. What you're learning now will be of great use to you in the future. Beyond that, especially in a personal relationship, you are offered the chance to have more freedom and a teacher you get an A. Any excursion into the world of ESP, astrology and age verification will be resolved by being a little less cautious and a lot more open.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20) Look at your career. This is your chance to stand up for what you believe. You can make a difference and have the opportunity to do so.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22) You're happy to be a Libra. Direct your energy into the role of big daddy and loving the recipient of your love could become naturally and give you great satisfaction. Libras are the most amazing vehicle of all. It is important to keep the balance in your life that involves sharing your powers with another. You can be a success in this area.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You are making a great effort to be successful in your work. A raise you are due may materialize now, but you should be patient. Your friends are close and they may wish to share a secret, observe their desires and keep their secrets.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) You are very careful about your money. Be aware of expenditure, especially in a personal relationship. How you spend your money can reflect your character. You've been enjoying the way your energy has been working its way into your life. You'll be pleased and possibly amused by the outcome.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) The sun is in your sign. You are sailing in the Sun. You load the boat and you are ready to share your success. You are more optimistic than you have been this season. Let's go for it! What gives you the most satisfaction is to be involved in a personal relationship where your needs are met. You are too strong to tolerate disappointments.

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