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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SAN JOSE

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The City of San Jose exists to serve and represent all persons residing within the city regardless of their race, creed, sex, or sexual preference; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America guarantees all citizens equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS: The gay community seeks opportunities for greater self-worth and dignity within their community and, at the same time, provide an atmosphere where all people can feel free to live and work together harmoniously; and

NOW, THEREFORE,
I, Thomas McEnery, Mayor of the City of San Jose, do hereby proclaim June 20, 1987, as Gay and Lesbian Family Rights Day, and commend your efforts to build a community without prejudice.

[Signature]

The Honorable Thomas McEnery
MAYOR

NGLTF launches 1987 campaign for justice

The national organizing effort will track candidate position papers, publish periodic reports for the gay/lesbian electorate, and arrange briefings with candidates and/or their staff members.

"Dukakis is being targeted first because with the withdrawal of former Sen. Gary Hart he is perceived by many as the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination and, while in office, he has implemented an anti-gay policy," explained Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF's Executive Director.

The Task Force effort regarding Dukakis is being conducted in conjunction with the "Dukewatch," launched by the Gay and Lesbian Defense Committee of Boston.

"Dukewatch" will apply pressure to the Dukakis campaign through public actions and media education across the country.

The campaign will specifically target the New Hampshire and Iowa primaries as avenues through which this issue can be raised in a way that will have an impact on the Dukakis campaign.

Dukakis has recently lobbied for the "California Works!" Award for its efforts on behalf of those stricken with the disease. Being Alive, composed of persons with AIDS, offers a peer network for emotional and social support for those living with AIDS.

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Later that evening, McCarthy led 2,000 participants in West Hollywood Candlelight AIDS Vigil and march from Plummer Park to West Hollywood Park. Following are some remarks from McCarthy's news conference:

"Most, if not all of us here tonight, have friends or loved ones who were lost to AIDS. But we are here not only to mourn.

There is a feeling of unity in our shared pain, unity that strengthens us in the face of a disease that has made us feel powerless.

And it will take harnessing your anger and frustration over the loss of the loved ones we remember tonight, and releasing it through public demonstrations, through letters and phone calls to the White House, the Governor's Office and to your other elected officials locally, in Sacramento and in Washington.

Then one day soon we may be able to look back and remember not only the losses, but the victory brought about by the difference we made.

To urge better education programs so that countless thousands of lives may be spared;

To show our support for quality care for those who are sick—especially in home and hospice care...

We must also develop practical and effective AIDS education programs to prevent the spread of this disease into those groups it threatens; young and old, gay and straight, white, black, Asian and Hispanic.

It will be some time before there is a vaccine for AIDS, but there is a vaccine for AIDS fear—education.

Several days ago Attorney General Van de Kamp suggested creating a public-private consortium to link research and testing more closely to patient care.

As a Regent of the University of California, I will work to create a public-private body to help coordinate all three prongs of our attack on AIDS—research, education, and care.

And I will use my office in any way I can, because when you're fighting an enemy like AIDS you do whatever it takes.

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AIDS Support Group

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Memorial Day in San Jose

by Ted Sahl

It's a grand old flag—all 8 by 12 feet—and it is being proudly flown down Santa Clara Street as the San Jose Memorial Day Parade wound its way out between street barriers.

This year's parade couldn't have been more typical. Marching down from the old Marine Barracks at Alapay, just off the old Alapay, are the San Jose Memorial Day Drill Teams. Marching in and out of step, the units, so high school drum corps and "real" U.S. Military Service, were all there. And so were the politicians, and so they arrived in a car caravan waving to all.

Sir Rod Diridon (supervisor), Mayor Tom McEntee, Chief of Police John Landis and others—John is a number of Arts and is himself an AIDS patient. John looked great, was in good spirits and fighting back, taking special care of himself and taking his last days as a war veteran. The other politicians, I'm sure, were not looking forward to being shown up.

For you local fans, here's how Mayor Tom McEntee couldn't find Santa Clara Street the barricades confused him, someone thought they saw bags driving down the road to Gilroy. The parade managed to floo- der on with a float from Beyond for the kiddies as one big hit, also our own local BFI garbage truck (without the garbage container, of course) teeming ready to the crowd.

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Finally, three dozen veterans of Viet Nam comprising the men and women of the USAF Airborne, and a black banner representing former combat troops of the Peace Thieves Memorial Project, held immediately following the parade, which read, "We Are Not Forgotten."

About an hour later, it was all over—Memorial Services were held immediately following the ten services, 100 unit Memorial Day Parade. You should have been there!
Sen. Doolittle's Open Letter to the Gay Community

Dear Editor,

In the interest of public health, I am currently introducing the enclosed "Open Letter" to your readers. The bill mentions and the letter are identical. I believe that this is an important matter that all gay community leaders should be aware of. The letter is self-explanatory, and I hope you will publish it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Gay Community:

I am asking for your support in the effort to legitimize the homosexual lifestyle. We each must recognize that the future of our nation is threatened by a serious health crisis more fearsome than AIDS. CDC estimates are that at least one million Americans are suffering from AIDS.

AIDS is always fatal. Death is the ultimate blow to the world, is threatened by a disease that is spreading at an alarming rate. We are saddled with a disease that is not just limited to the gay community. It can affect anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or lifestyle. The disease is caused by the HIV virus.

AIDS Update

The program is called Shared Housing Project (SHP). BAYMEC has been involved in the SHP for over a year. We have been working closely with the National AIDS Housing Association to ensure that the program is effective and efficient.

BAYMEC is proud to report that our SHP has been successful in helping many individuals and families find safe and affordable housing.

BAYMEC continues to support and promote the AIDS Housing Project. We believe that everyone deserves a place to call home. We will continue to work towards this goal.

Cynthia Greenwalt
Executive Director
BAYMEC

Response to Doolittle's Open Letter

Recently, Senator John Doolittle (R-California) sent an open letter to the gay community expressing concern about the spread of HIV and AIDS. The letter was widely criticized by the gay community and AIDS activists.

Doolittle's letter was met with a mix of criticism and support. Some gay community leaders praised Doolittle for acknowledging the threat of AIDS, while others criticized his approach as paternalistic and insensitive.

Doolittle acknowledged the severity of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and its impact on the gay community. He also recognized the need for increased public awareness and education about HIV and AIDS. However, his letter was criticized for its tone and approach.

Doolittle's letter was seen as a failed attempt to portray the gay community as a cohesive entity with a single voice. The letter was also criticized for its suggestions on how the gay community should respond to the epidemic.

The gay community responded with a strong counter-attack, asserting their right to self-determination and calling for a more progressive approach to addressing the epidemic.

Update

The general public is often misled by片面 reports and片面 statements. It is important to understand the complex and multifaceted nature of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The epidemic is not just about the gay community. It affects everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or lifestyle.

It is crucial to promote a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to addressing the epidemic. This includes education, prevention, and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

We must continue to work towards eradicating the epidemic and ensuring that everyone has access to quality healthcare and support services.

John Doe
AIDS Activist

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Today's AIDs crisis has introduced the concept of "safe sex" to get men, and as sexual practices change, so too do risks. To help "straight" sex offenders, John Preston, Phil Andrews T.R. Romano and others present seven types of "safe sex" with both safe and exciting.

Candellight Vigil

A Candellight Vigil organized locally by the Aids Project is part of the International action held in front of City Hall on Monday, May 31st as a personal expression to honor the dead whom we have lost. Candles and not-$4.22, pro-

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A Call to Action!

To Ted Halk

October 11th, 1987 has been chosen for the Second National March on Washington for Lesbians and Gay Rights. On that date, thousands of us will gather at the Billy Frank Jr. Center, Betty Patterson, National AIDS Memorial composed of thousands of individuals. A wreath and candles were left at the front door of City Hall. The service ended with Janet Childs singing, "The Road, love is my road..." the words touched every-

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They started at 5:30 in the morning; they had no spare change, the first thing on the schedule was to wait to get on the Golden Gate Bridge; the other was to get on the bridge. This was 1968, their first stop was Allegro because they wanted to go to the roof to see the view. They got on the roof and the people there were so friendly. They could see the entire city from there. They got down, ate breakfast, and then went to the Golden Gate Bridge. They got on the bridge and started walking. It was a lovely day, the sun was shining, and the water was sparkling. They walked for about an hour and a half, and then got off the bridge. They walked around the city for a while, and then went back to the bridge to get a better view of the bay. They didn't have much money, so they decided to stay in the Bay Area for a while, hoping to find some work. They ended up staying there for a year, and during that time they met a lot of interesting people. They even started a small business selling souvenirs and other items. They had a lot of fun, and it was a great experience for them. They are now back home, and they look forward to seeing everyone again soon.
**Face of AIDS**

"Face of AIDS" photos exhibit the human face behind the disease, reality behind the numbers. The images are being donated to the Alameda County Government Center. Thirty photographs of Alameda County residents will be exhibited, 30 portraits of persons with AIDS in each of six categories: black and white, single, married, single with children, family, and groups. The exhibit will be held at the Alameda County Government Center, Resource Center, 12th and Santa Clara St. in Oakland from June 2nd-26th. The exhibit is sponsored by the Alameda County AIDS Board. President, Tom Nolan, with the cooperation of the show. One of the Bay Area's leading advocates of increased funding for AIDS research and treatment, Nolan was instrumental in the passing of the Alameda County AIDS Board and is hosting the exhibit at the County Government Center. The show will appear at the Corner Gallery, an exhibition space managed by the Arts Council and dedicated to works that challenge and reshape our experience. According to Jennifer Forrester, Executive Director of the Alameda County Arts Council, the setting—a space where anyone having business with the county government will encounter it—is an important part of the message.

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