AIDS Awareness Awards

by Ted Sali
A special program co-sponsored by the Santa Clara County Health Department brought the AIDS crisis closer to the San Jose gay/lesbian community.

Showing that even a bureaucracy can be creative, the Health Department's staff held a game show night at Club St. John. Loaded down with condoms, gift certificates, and other prizes, David Burgess, AIDS information coordinator along with Millenium Kolberg, Health Department nurse and Valerie Kegel, Health Educator took over Club St. John with their games. "Nooooo the game was not "the dating game"—it was called "jeopardy.""

The question was, "If you're not playing the game of "safe sex," where are you?" Everyone was in a position to respond.

Me for the question and sure enough up there attitude came two guys—gay. was Danny Williams, 1987 Cable Car Car peacefully from the gay community. Well, you probably wouldn't call Williams a "home"—Williams didn't get one of the guys, he was awarded a certificate of Thanks from the Health Department. Williams rewarded everyone with his stand up comic routine—leaving them laughing on the floor.

The Grande Finale was a スイカレ who stole the show—everyone loved him.

Congress jeopardizes AIDS Education programs

Washington, D.C.—Members of Congress have indicated they are willing to condemn thousands of people to die from AIDS, with the October 21st vote of 3M—47 members to die from AIDS, with the amendment passed by the Senate and that Club St. John will do what ever it can to help the gay community.

You should've been there! Stonewall Club calls for March on Sacramento

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles is organizing a 1988 "Bring the Message Home: March on Sacramento" to be held on Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend.

The necessary permit requests are already moving through the various departments in Sacramento.

Lobbying of legislators, a meeting with the Governor and a memorial event are also planned.

"Inspired by the brilliant success of the March on Washington, where over 500,000 gay men, lesbians and supporters marched for our rights, Stonewall pollened some of the key organizers up and down the state..."

At the same time Stonewall members conducted a one on one poll at the recent West Hollywood Street Fair.

"The excitement and eagerness which greeted Stonewall's question, 'Would you be part of a March on Sacramento in 1988?' convinced the club to move forward with their plans," said President of Stonewall, Ivy Bottini.

The list of demands in place at this time are:

- State sponsored War Against AIDS; include more funding, research, education, mental health programs and counseling.
- Statewide legislation against discrimination for persons with AIDS or ARC, or those perceived to be at risk.
- Revision of Civil Service Initative.
- Statewide legislation against crimes of hate and prejudice and a commitment to enforce them.
- The March will focus attention on governor Denis Johnson's leadership," Basile said.

The measure now proceeds to a House-Senate Conference Committee where it can be further amended by the conference.

AIDS education, information and prevention materials and activities for members of the gay community are particularly targeted, since the amendment would strip funds that "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual sexual activities."

"This outrageous language is intended to be an ugly attack on the gay community, which Jesse Helms has clearly indicated he despises," said Basile.

"In reality, the gay community has developed some of the most effective and far-reaching AIDS educational programs in this country, for both gays and non-gays. To cut funding from these programs is to condemn untold thousands more people, from all segments of society, to death by AIDS," Basile said.

A literal reading of the Helms Amendment could prohibit distribution of the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, since the Report explicitly discusses means to prevent sexual transmission of the disease.

The only known way to stop the spread of AIDS is straightforward education about safe and sad needles. The Helms amendment could cripple programs now frantically working to stop this killer.

"Sexually active people—singles, teenagers and divorcées, married people who are not monogamous—homosexual and heterosexual—need frank, scientific information about AIDS and AIDS prevention. If they don't know what they need to know, they risk death, it's just that simple," said Basile.

Already 42,965 men and women in this country have been diagnosed with AIDS in the U.S. Public Health Service estimates 1.5 million people carry the AIDS virus.

"This frightful epidemic, the mounting death toll, have called for swift, urgent action at all levels," said Senator Milton Marks, one of the only members of the committee of have worked on AIDS issues since the first cases were reported.

"We have seen some effective programs implemented, we have seen some of the causes and barriers move swiftly in attacking AIDS, we have seen some growth in funding at the state and federal levels.

"However, this is not enough, and it is clearly about time the lack of leadership during this AIDS crisis, and his callous disregard for hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian citizens of this state."

Attention will be focused on his hiding behind his "blue Dress"—rather than taking an out front stand against a bill that is against the issue's head-on.

"The March will also bring a message to the gay legislators in the capital," Bottini said.

"This March is putting all the legislators on notice that we will not tolerate any more excuses, foot dragging or opposition to programs or legislation that will wipe out AIDS and alleviate the physical, emotional and/or personal suffering of those with the disease or perceived to have the disease.

"We will no longer tolerate being hated for being alive" emphasized Bottini.

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles calls upon political and community leaders to endorse this March and to join them in it's oraganization and thoughtful approach in efforts to fight AIDS.

Individual endorsements are also sought—the intention is to put together an endorsement team whose job will be to turn out gay and lesbian citizens in the smallest to the largest towns in California.

To endorse or get involved, call 213/483-8574.

Senate panel hears from experts

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The hearing was focused on the effective programs at local, state and federal programs, efforts to turn out AIDS in the smallest to the largest towns in California.

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NY State Agency division

In an important precedent-setting victory, the New York State Division of Human Rights has found probable cause that the Westchester County Medical Center discriminated against a former employee on the ground that discrimination based on seropositivity violates the law. This is the first instance in which a New York State agency has found probable cause regarding discrimination based on seropositivity. The commitment to hire him when the infectious disease clinic received the results of his medical examination would have violated the law.

**Yeamans participates in Training law**

Bill Frank (Q and Chef David (d)

Hamburger Sunday

When asked how you can stay in business giving food away, David replied, "It's our way of saying 'Thank You' to our customers." It's our way of saying 'Thank You' to our customers. When I was ready to close the restaurant, I had to remember what I had to do.

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AIDS Hospice Pumpkin Lot $ report

from Holy Trinity Church

Thanks to the San Jose community, the AIDS Hospice Pumpkin Lot Benefit was a great success. Ms. Kitty Green and the staff did an excellent job of raising money to benefit AIDS Hospice.

We are now ready to accept your orders for "Ace the Pumpkin." Orders need to be placed by tomorrow morning. Monday, October 30.

The pumpkins can be picked up at the church on Tuesday, November 1.

AIDS Hospice Pumpkins are available only to AIDS Hospice Beneficiaries. The pumpkins are intended to provide comfort and ease in their daily lives. The church is able to supply pumpkins only to those who have all necessary paperwork in order.

Orders can be placed at the church office or by calling 408-292-5071.

The pumpkins are available in a variety of sizes and shapes, and the church will attempt to match your selection as closely as possible.

Please note that the church is not able to guarantee delivery of every order, but will make every effort to do so.

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Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Church. We are now the process of organizing our community for this event. More details will be published in the next issue of our monthly publication, "Themes and More."
by Ted Sohl

Mc's Diamond John and AKA Tonna who also performed in fan glitter kept everyone in a "Show Biz" mood as over three dozen hopefuls vie for the $1400. in prize monies.

Also, only four winners took home the bacon. Grand Prize for Best Costume went to Baby Jessica ($500); Best Couple or Group ($400) went to The Snacks on roller shoes ($250) for Best Drag went to Jo and ($250) for Most Outrageous Drag went to Betty Davis. You should've been there!

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