Caution Greets AIDS Research

by Ray O'Loughlin

Working from research done at the University of California in San Francisco, an East Bay genetic engineering firm this week announced a major breakthrough in the fight against AIDS. A team of scientists at Chiron Corp. have successfully cloned the AIDS-Related Virus (ARV) that Dr. Jay Levy of UCSF identified late last year. It is generally regarded that ARV is virtually the same as the HTLV-III and LAV viruses identified by other researchers and believed to be the cause of the deadly syndrome.

Cloning the virus will enable scientists not only to reproduce it in quantity for further study but also to break it down into component parts for detailed research that could at some point yield a vaccine for AIDS. Dr. Lacy Overby, of Chiron, told Sentinel, “This is an important milestone that will let us move on in understanding the nature of this virus.” Dr. Levy also praised the joint work of Chiron and UCSF saying, “research is moving faster than anticipated.” The successful effort was led by Dr. Paul Luciw, a Chiron researcher formerly with UCSF, and Dr. Dino Dina, director of virology research for Chiron.

Overby explained that researchers at Chiron were able to identify the genetic components of ARV that produce proteins believed to be key elements in the workings of the virus. Further work remains to be done in exactly specifying those proteins and the mechanism by which they attack the immune system. But Overby was cautiously optimistic on developments in the near future. “In due time, we will have an accurate way of diagnosing the disease,” he said, “and eventually, a vaccine.” Accurate diagnosis has long been a problem in treating people with AIDS.

He did, however, dispute earlier reported estimates that the test and vaccine could be available within weeks to months. Characterizing that claim as an “overstatement”, Overby told Sentinel, “It’s reasonable to say that within six to eight months we will have the diagnostic test and possibly within a year have studies underway to determine if immunization is a practical reality through genetic engineering.”

Both Overby and Levy warned against “creating false hope.” Said Levy, “A vaccine will first have to be treated one antrials to determine if it is effective. To do that we’ll need a model system, such as an animal model, to run tests.” He added, “With a disease this dangerous, we can’t make a vaccine from live virus or even a killed virus. The ideal is a subunit which cloning enables us to do.”

The sophisticated diagnostic test expected to be developed will, it is hoped, enable medical scientists to distinguish active carriers of ARV from individuals who may have had the disease and recovered. Overby explained that this is possible by breaking the virus into components.

“Testing for anti-bodies to the whole virus,” he said, “cannot distinguish carriers from those having recovered. By cloning, we can produce individual virus components and assess the immune response to those specific components.” That will, for example, possibly tell the timing of an infection, providing a clue as to what stage the disease is at all times and respond to attacks. If we have a vaccine that mimics that, we’d see a difference.”

Gay Republicans Organize

Their numbers don’t yet approach those of their Democratic counterparts. And in style, they are deliberately low-key. But gay Republicans are starting to organize themselves and even calling attention to themselves, albeit discreetly.

Sentinel USA talked with Bruce Decker, chairman of the board of directors for Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (CAIR), a newly formed organization for conservative gays and lesbians. A 34-year-old political consultant, Decker has been involved with Republican Party politics since the age of 14 when he campaigned for Barry Goldwater. Later he served on President Gerald Ford’s White House staff and, most recently, was Gov. George Deukmejian’s first gay appointee when he was named to the state’s AIDS Advisory Committee. Decker spoke about the purposes of CAIR, about the role it intends to play in the gay movement and about what many people regard as an affront to the gay community — the Proposition 65 campaign.

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Help for Sexually Abused Men

The Pacific Center is offering a monthly group for men who have been sexually abused in childhood. For more information call 457-0345.

GGMCC Makes Its Move

The Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church has moved its worship services and church offices to 1748 Clay Street between Polk and Van Ness. Rev. James E. Sandmire cordially invites the public to attend services there and to participate in the church outreach programs and fundraising campaigns in the hope that a permanent GGMCC facility can be developed.

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Formula for AIDS Funds

Senator Milton Marks (San Francisco–Marin) testified before the AIDS Investigative Committee to urge the legislature to approve a state AIDS monies for AIDS Education programs. Marks, who co-authored SB-900 which created the AIDS Committee and who introduced SB-900 into the state budget in 1984 for AIDS Education Programs, was concerned that $350,000 of the funds were being diverted to other AIDS Education programs.

"The original intent of the appropriation was clear," said Marks, and he suggested to the Committee that the other AIDS programs be funded by the state coffers, not by funds earmarked for AIDS Education. "We are talking about millions of dollars, not just a few dollars in the state surplus. Yet, we assure those that some go for their original purpose, we will be able to double the amount spent on AIDS Education this year over last year," Marks added.

Marks also urged the Committee to devise a more equitable way to distribute AIDS Education monies statewide. Last year, many observers felt that San Francisco was short-changed by the state. However, it seems that a "matching formula" be used, so that for every $1,000 raised locally for AIDS Education, the state would contribute $1.50. Using such a formula, communities such as San Francisco will not be left out, and those who have not responded will be motivated to begin the fight against AIDS.

Senior Lesbians' Dance

A tea dance for Lesbians over 60 and their friends, sponsored by G.L.O.E., will be held on Sunday, September 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at San Francisco Home Health Services, 225 30th Street (between Church and Dolores). For additional information call Sheryl Goldberg at 626-7000.

Operation Concern Needs Volunteers

Volunteer training classes will be held on Friday, September 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for those interested in helping to assist with office administration, workshops, social events, fundraising outreach, women's and men's groups, and visitor tours for the Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders programs as part of Operation Concern. Contact Cheryl Goldberg and Reg Anker for more information at 626-7000.

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GGBA HOSTS BENEFIT CONCERT

The Ad-...
Church vs Koch

by David Lamb

Religious groups and gay rights groups in New York have been on important legal skirmishes recently. A judge has ruled that a constitutional law enforcement committee of the Catholic Church can be enjoined from banning same-sex interviews on gay men and lesbians from being interviewed on a radio network in New York City.

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Editorial

What’s Your Politics?

When Charles B. Roberts and I purchased The Sentinel earlier this year, the most frequently asked question we faced was, “What’s your politics?” There were many reasons: you can’t help noticing the gulf between the words written for legislation, causes, and candidates. Newspapers can exude machismo, hypocontic, and hyperbole, and yet still fail to elicit the heart.

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Ira Kleinbarg

P.S. Among even better portrayals of Gay Burgess is in John Schlesinger’s, film of Gay Burgess’ account of his life in Russia after defection, which has an entrancingly witty script and excellent production values.

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Editor

Tom Murray

Report from London Part II

Dear Sirs,
The report from London by Dick in the May issue of the Sentinel caught my attention when I took it to my 6th grade social studies class and read it aloud. My students were impressed by the report and I wanted to hear more. I was delighted to learn about the invention of the atomic bomb and the significant role it played in World War II.

Dick, the founder of the atomic bomb, is a hero who truly deserves our admiration. His contributions to science and technology have had a profound impact on the world. I am grateful to have learned about his life and work through your report.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Ronald Alfred

Letters

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On Live!

Robert Coney

What’s your politics?

The Sentinel under publisher Charles Morris was a controversial, dynamic, progressive voice in San Francisco politics and a history of involvement in promoting human rights (through the written word).

Thus it is that we welcome the editors and publishers who are now owners and will be examined by the community. This election year is a lively subject for everyone interested in the political process that we select. Gay and lesbian issues are particularly vulnerable to the human rights organizations that do a tremendous job of promoting social justice.

We share with you in this issue our interview with candidates for the City and County of San Francisco. We are also meeting with candidates for the board of supervisors.

Ronald Alfred

Enthusiasm

I remain, sir, your obedient servant.

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The history of gay people in the South of Market area is largely the history of the emergence of the male leather community in San Francisco. Leather means many things. Since the 1950s, it has been a central symbol for a complex gay sensibility and cultural experience focused around masculine imagery and behavior. Leather has never been about mainstream, corporate or white-collar masculinity. The imagery of leather comes primarily from the motorcycle gear worn by the bikers of the 1950s and 1960s and the heavy streetwear worn by urban street gangs which emulated them. Other major sources are the police, the military and blue-collar men generally. Leathermen are gay and straight. In the sense that their public social status are replaced by distinctions of sexual role and fantasy, Leathermen may be accounted for by the history of male homosexuality. It would be wrong to say that the leather subculture is a separate entity from the main body of gay life. The leathermen are integrated into the larger gay scene, and many of them are deeply involved in that scene. However, the leather community has its own distinct subculture. It is a community of men who are attracted to the culture of leather and its associated behaviors.

In the mid-1960s, when the leather subculture began to emerge, there were few specific places to go to practice leather. Most of the men who were involved in the leather subculture were members of the motorcycle gangs that were widespread in the area. The leathermen were often seen wearing leather jackets, boots and gloves, and carrying whips and other leather items. The leather subculture was centered around the San Francisco leather bar, the Bootcamp, which opened in 1967. The Bootcamp was a popular meeting place for leathermen, and it was here that the leather subculture began to take shape.

The history of the leather subculture is also closely tied to the history of the leather bar, the Bootcamp. The Bootcamp was a popular leather bar in San Francisco, and it was here that the leather subculture began to emerge. The Bootcamp was located on the corner of Folsom and Eddy streets, and it was a popular meeting place for leathermen. The Bootcamp was known for its leather decor, and it was here that the leather subculture began to take shape.

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Brian McNabour
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