Muni: A New Face Behind the Wheel
by John Wetzl

San Francisco Municipal Railway's new general manager has held his post for four weeks now and already is looking ahead twenty years. Appointed by Mayor Feinstein in August, the new youthful style of this Eastern-bred transit engineer promises to bring to Muni much needed life breath.

William Stead is a genuine-looking middle-aged, married career man, tied to the excitement of resuscitating what he described as a system with a very good national reputation.

"Every city that I've been in is very critical of its own system. They will be very upbeat about it when they're out of town, but not when they get back. When I've been in Boston and New York, and Philadelphia... all I heard on the east coast was what a good system this is. It's when you get inside that you find out what its weaknesses are," he said.

Asked to rate Muni, in comparison with other systems, Stead replied optimistically. "I think the physical plant, the buses, the stations, all the facilities used by the public, and the coaches, to me is in very very fine condition. In the quality of service, Muni stands very nearly in the middle. Stead described what he saw as a downslide in the system's operational capacity "during the late seventies" but now he insists the system is in an "upswing."

"I will be making recommendations as to what budgetary options are to be had. I will present the city with a range of options," Stead, far from new to the game of urban...
A Message to Muffins

Last week I was interviewed on NBC news concerning the death of Rock Hudson. My comments sounds back to the pilot who spoke only to the kinder of the deceased.

Rock Hudson was trapped by AIDS into emerging from his closet at 59. Even during his first days at the American Hospital in Paris in July there were conflicting reports on the nature of his illness, and false statements from his publicist and friends. It is not of interest about Mr. Hudson's private life. The press, which has been discourse for more than 10 years, has fans to assemble and expose the obvious bits of information. The legend unravelled.

Mr. Hudson deserves no credit for acknowledging under duress what could no longer be hidden. Like 6000 other Americans, he had AIDS. Like most of them, he was a victim.

Unlike most people with AIDS, Rock Hudson could afford to fly to Paris seeking treatment unavailable in the United States. Unlike most people with AIDS, Mr. Hudson could charter a jet for his trip home, and a helicopter for the transfer to UCLA Medical Center.

Again unlike most people with AIDS the response to his coming out was supported, including a telephone call from President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan. Friends in Hollywood rallied and raised one million dollars at a gala benefit in his honor.

Most people with AIDS finds themselves unable to work, and unable to survive on the social security and disability income allowance they eventually receive.

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Farrakhan and Islam

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Farrakhan has a small following in the African-American community, but his appeal is growing. He is a charismatic figure who can unite people behind him.

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In conclusion, it is vital that Mr. Farrakhan's activities are closely monitored and his message is countered by positive alternatives.
Some 400 people gathered in San Francisco’s Harvey Milk Plaza October 3 in memory of the passing of actor Rock Hudson the day earlier. Participants have AIDS. Speaker Paul Boneberg emceed the short rally, coordinated by the People With AIDS Alliance, and the People With AIDS and People With ARC subcommittee of the Mobilization Against AIDS. This week U.S. House and Senate compromise is expected to double proposed AIDS funding for the current year. Such movement is credited to Hudson’s disclosure that he had AIDS.

One thing that bothers me about Rock is, and it is a real struggle, is transfer. I don’t know the magnitude of it. But we are looking at it,” he said. “I will stay in San Francisco as long as it is viable.” He concluded, “But I will stay in the San Francisco area. It’s exciting. I really feel good about being a vital part of San Francisco and working in a setting that works, and makes the city work,” he said.

Stead said he did not know specifically how the scheduled January for Ike would affect operations or budget considerations immediately.

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Author's Healing Event With AIDS Focus
by Jason Serious

About 450 people assembled at San Francisco's First Unitarian Church for the largest alternative AIDS healing presentation ever held in the Bay Area — Louise Hay's presentation titled "AIDS: A Positive Approach." For over two hours, those who provided comfort, sharing with an applauding audience her metaphysical approach to healing one's body and life. The event was held Thursday, September 16.

Louise Hay, best known for her book "Heal Your Body," set the tone for the evening, exploring "mirror work" and had the audience work individually and in groups to explore the mental and emotional factors that contribute to an illness like AIDS. Hay referred to the healing of a man who had suffered from AIDS for two years from what she described as "incredible shape" that he placed himself in San Francisco, according to AIDS activists. Hay also called on the audience to give up the notion that there is a "curse of the aliens." She has the set the tone for the evening, beginning with meditation. As was surrounded by an entrance of stuffed animals, which she referred to as "her kids" while passing them out to the audience. Hay commented, "You are the center of our being in this world of love and, we now allow this love to flow to you."

"The more we love ourselves, the easier we can share our love to others."

Hay has been found no cases of transmission of the disease to health care workers even when they have had needle sticks or other accidental exposure to AIDS virus. Of the 50, 15 percent had no antibody to the AIDS virus. For the AIDS antibody.

The results of our study prove, and we strengthen ourselves inwardly." The size of the audience (nearly 1,000) was estimated by the KRON TV (Channel 4) presentation that San Francisco General Hospital has found no cases of transmission of the disease to health care workers even when they have had needle sticks or other accidental exposure to AIDS virus.

Rising AIDS Concern:
City Agency Eyes Option of 'Clean' Needles for IV Users
by John Wied

Despite growing and shifting into San Francisco health care this week, the city's AIDS Substance Abuse Task Force discussed a possible program for dispensing sterile hypodermic needles and syringes to prevent AIDS spread among intravenous drug users.

Similar debate reached a significant moment in New York City last week, beginning city administrators on the measures. Therefore, Mayor Ed Koch, who has not yet committed solid proposal brought by Health Commissioner Dr. David J. Sencer on the matter. The proposal would have made attempts in initiatives to obtain sterile needles and syringes to the public.

The use of the site (nearly 19 times what has been pro­ posed for the evening evidenced a conscious concern in San Francisco as an AIDS activist health ap­ proach to needle-sharing that has concerned Hay for the last year."

The need for questions from the auditorium's "mirror work" and Hay's notion that one has a "false idea of the self," she said, that this needs to be changed. On a KRON TV Channel 4 interview the same afternoon, Hay explained, "What I try to do is to strengthen the mental immune system which then, in turn, helps the physical immune system. We teach people to love themselves, and no antibody to the AIDS virus /

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"There are so many factors that contribute to the spread of AIDS, it's not just one factor that contributed to it, and we just can't look at the evidence, we have to take action."

The process will take into the account the level of success experienced in the administration of a similar program currently in progress in New York City, said local health agency representatives.

The proposal most likely will prevent any resolution in the short term, according to several social service professionals, given built­ in legal, moral and practical de­ cisions that would have to be made. Said John Newbury of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic, "It sounds like we're condoning drug abuse."

The new concern over the IV transmission problem, which has been recognized, but not fully responded to on a par with the concern of H.I.V. transmission through sexual activity, has its roots in the debate over IV/AIDS.

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Foster Says Agency ‘Paid Dues’

by John West

Health Commissioner Jim Foster responded to criticism of his board’s decision to withdraw funding for the Wayne, a gay-specific drug abuse treatment center, by saying that supporters of 18th Street Services had “paid their dues” in preserving establishment of the board.

Under commission procedure any contracts would have gone out to bid to allow for equal access to contracts by agencies.

Foster said the backers of 18th Street Services, left without funding after the collapse of the Pride Foundation, had stayed with the program, and had argued consistently for the need for drug abuse treatment in the gay community.

“The decision was based on the fact that the people who could get the job done were 18th Street Services. The only people who showed any interest in getting the program funded were with 18th Street Services. In a lot of respects, those guys have paid their dues,” he said.

Most criticism of the drug contract focused on the procedures taken by the commission. Foster indicated that he put out a request for proposal which probably would not have substantially altered the time line on actions. He did indicate that he wanted to “get on with it,” however.

Hearings had been conducted since May re-establishing services through the 18th Street Services agency. As a result of these, those with 18th Street Services had already been selected.

Jim Foster, Health Commissioner

18th Street).

The first approval of the contract was granted by the Drug Abuse Board of the City Community Substance Abuse Services agency. Next the contract received approval of an appropriate commission of the Health Commission, which had been chaired by Foster.

Finally, the full commission voted in favor of awarding an initial $2,000 to 18th Street Services on the premise that an additional $12,000 would be put up to bid once released by the state.

It is presumed that 18th Street Services would be a stronger candidate for such an RFP than the initial missions had gone elsewhere.

The contract approval was made by the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and the Health Commission again.

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**Sex Industry AIDS Forum**

"Sex in the Age of AIDS" a forum for women who work in the sex industry will be held at the First Congregational Church, 620 Post and Mission, San Francisco, on Friday, October 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Parties interested in the acquisition or development of a particular property, or the renovation of an existing Department facility, may express views. Written opinions may be sent to Open Space/Park Renewal Citizen Advisory Committee, McLane Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 50, 3117.

**Barge Party**

The Committee to Preserve our Sexual and Civil Liberties will host a first anniversary fundraiser on Saturday, October 22, 6 to 10 pm. Admission is $5 at the door. Guest of honor: Brian Jones, former news editor, BAR. Admission proceeds will be used to support the gay community's struggle to keep the gay bar scene alive and vibrant.

**The City Hall Fair**

Oct. 15: Hannah Grant Bell, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "From the Greeks to the French Revolution," will lecture on "Women in the Making of Mexico," 700 California St., level 10.

*City Hall Fair* is the theme of the upcoming fair held noon to 5 p.m. on October 17, at City Hall, Van Ness entrance. There is no admission charge.

**Open Park Space**

The Open Space Advisory Committee and the California Arts Commission have scheduled a month-long "Art in the Open," an annual event. Each month, through October, a different area of the park will hold an opening reception in the evening, at 7 p.m.

**FrontRunners**

Monday, October 16: Columbia Day Run, 1 to 5 miles. Begins 10 a.m. at McLane Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 50, 3117.

**Sunday, October 23: China Day Run, 1 1/2 to 5 miles. Begins 10 a.m. at Lake Merced parking lot, south of Sunset Blvd. for more information: (41) 644-4545**

**Let's Go!**

Group Discus, October 25 (Friday) 6:30 - 10 p.m. For information call 430-2100. Emily Deloussou, L.M. W. Baling, Medical, Primary Insurance. Gay men's annual computer/ game therapy group, October 20 (Moscow Club 1-6:30 pm) Jim Fishman, M.S.W. Slide, Form and Jomber Therapy, Operation Concern 626-7000. "Release and Forgiveness." Irene Smith of the Community Hospice of San Francisco, will lead a group designed to assist in releasing the negative emotions and in becoming the best possible person.

**City Health Fair**

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**Wicchcraft Meeting**

Andy Vann and friends lead a discussion and guided visualization exploring contemporary Witchcraft, magic and the meaning of All Hallows' Eve. 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Valencia Rose Cafe, 563 Valencia Street, San Francisco. Free. Info: 864-3132.

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The City's Department of Social Services and its administrator Lilian Johnson have received much of the criticism. And by association, some of the fault is placed with the mayor.

Mayor Feinstein has continued to face two-thirds of San Francisco's budget. And at the city's annual budget publi

cation, there is no question that the city is headed to insolvency. But with services at odds, these problems will be inextricably linked to the city's fiscal insolvency

The glaring truth is that no U.S. city has yet come up with a workable solution for its homeless youth. San Francisco has been among the longest running municipals of recidivism rates and significant cost of sin-

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McNight, O'Day, & The Roches

A great American Music Hall recently I touched base with SF's own Sharon McNight for the first time in years. Since she’s acquired a four-piece band and two backup singers — now too heavy a sound for my taste, but appropriate, I suppose, for what she’s concentrating on these days which, alas, is sdw.

She has to mean that’s my sister’s marriage; and it’s particularly unfortunate when you recall that a Martha Stewart’s "Pardon Me For Loving And Running," Billy Joel’s "I’ve Loved These Days," a great-but-undiscovered LP that everyone has...

...out the charming "I Could Have Been Jean Sophie Tucker impersonation on "I Don’t Want Myself to Be Seen," the group—no less vital than, say, The Manhattan School of Music and Rebirthing

It appears that everyone who’s thus far written...well...yes. We're in for an evening of drum solos (always a nightmare), that wasn't the case. Ms. Carter has hit San Francisco since the Mocambo "rediscovered" Eartha Kitt and subsequently treated us to Mabel Mercer.

While Blomstedt has had a foreign musical education, he realizes that...

...in a non-homophobic space...

...and a little eye magic convinces you it's the funniest thing on earth. "The Hallelujah Chorus."
Interview: Edmund White

Autobiography: Could It Be Pederasty?
by David Lamble

Edmund White's novel Boy's Own Story can be likened to a bittersweet love story. This is also true of the sinkhole continent of actual boyhood from the slippery shores of gay adolescence.

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