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Avoiding the Accidental Tourist

by Ted Milliken

Whether it's getting away from it all or getting into it all, gays and lesbians have a lot of travel and recreation choices, from nearby weekend getaways to full-fledged cruises.

The possibilities range from a luxury RSVP cruise of the Caribbean to a casual nature hike with the Sierra Club's Gay & Lesbian Activity Section. Although Gay & Lesbian activities are growing, sports-minded adventurers can now mark their calendars for the Dinah Shore Golf Classic in Palm Springs this spring, or next year's Gay Games '90 in Vancouver, B.C. An abundance of assistance is available to travelers for either event.

Closer to home, Bay Area residents are fortunate enough to have the Russian River and Lake Tahoe practically at the doorstep, allowing easy and economical getaways.

Dining With Dinah

For women, the Dinah Shore Golf Classic is the big event in the near future, with gay and lesbian activities planned and probably many more ad hoc tours are in the making. "The weekend that wouldn't die" is the way Caroiline Clone, lesbian tour organizer and night club operator, describes the event.

"It's the national lesbian holiday for about 20,000 women — about 30 percent of them come for the golf," she said.

"The secret's out. You can't ignore it; we just take over," she said. "It's 'Girl Town USA,' the biggest women's event of the year in the West Coast."

Some luxury two-bedroom condominiums are still available at $65 per night, she said. Parties are planned nightly, with a tea dance scheduled for Sunday to wind things up. Clone can be reached at (213) 285-4504.

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Race for a Cruise

For those less athletically inclined, New Voyages agency recommends setting sail for Tahiti. The four-year-old local agency is promoting some gay and lesbian-inspired second Thanksgiving cruise on Wind Song, a 440-foot sailing ship signed with four masts.

According to Voyager representative Jonathan Cline, the Tahiti island trip is the first heavily promoted cruise for "mixed" company — a block of 60 gay men and lesbians will share the deck.

Women travelling to Mexico would probably prefer a cruise to its famous climate and golf courses. Palm Springs also has a variety of gay nightlife.

Nature-oriented lesbians and gays can look to the Gay and Lesbian Sierra, an activity section of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club. Although affiliated with the Sierra Club, they do not require club membership for participation in their activities, according to Martin Ellis, a founding member.

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A wide variety of activities are offered, ranging from short nature hikes, to backpacking trips and camping trips.

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For those who want to stay closer to home, however, there is plenty to do here in California.

Lake Tahoe is a favorite with Californians and out-of-state visitors as well. The Ridgewood Inn at South Lake Tahoe caters primarily to gay travelers, according to co-owner John Geller. Located in a wooded setting close to ski areas, the inn has seven rooms and one suite.

The Ridgewood has newly refurbished rooms, a hot tub, and is close to restaurants and shops. The phone number is (916) 541-8599.

Of course travel to Palm Springs is not limited to the Dinah Shore Golf Classic. The desert resort is a popular gay get-away any time of year, according to Don Ettinger, manager of El Mirador, (619) 327-9913. In addition to its famous climate and golf courses, Palm Springs also has a variety of gay nightlife.

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"They have the best gay parade I've ever seen," she said.
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Abortion Activists Hit the Streets
by Karen Everett

Right-to-life and pro-choice advocates demonstrated in the Bay Area last weekend, marking the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion.

On Saturday, 327 people attended the anti-abortion activist group Operation Concern were arrested for blocking the entrance to an abortion clinic in San

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A new breeze is blowing among AIDS researchers, who indicated this week that AIDS may not be 100 percent fatal for people infected with HIV. New studies by the San Francisco Health Department indicate that the average AIDS incubation period is now longer than previously thought — an amazing 12 years.

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Leader Acknowledges King's Influence

Brett Receives Service Award

by Dennis Conkin

Board of Supervisors' President Harry Brett received a Distinguished Service Award at the annual Labor/Community Breakfast on Jan. 16, a federal holiday commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The event was sponsored by the Civic Committee named after the slain civil rights leader.

The award honored Brett for his long record of involvement in civil rights and social justice activities in San Francisco. Brett also played a key role in the group's successful 1963 efforts to remove Southside Drive in Golden Gate Park after King, who was gunned down in Memphis in 1968.

"He had the most important political influence on my life," said Brett. "Harvey (Milk, Britt's mentor) wouldn't mind me saying that. Martin Luther King Jr. challenged everybody on the outside of the American family to demand inclusion, integration, respect and first-class citizenship."

Brett was active in civil rights efforts in Chicago as a Methodist minister during the time that King lived in Chicago. He also marched with King in Montgomery, Ala., during the 1965 civil rights efforts to overturn voting regulations that discriminated against blacks.

Brett acknowledges that much of his political growth is due to his involve­ment in the civil rights movement — but he realizes that his role as pastor limited his effectiveness.

"I lost confidence in the ability of the church to respond to the lives of people," he recalled. "I felt that myself helping people whose lives were in bad shape because of the way the system operated."

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Racism Charged at Local 250 Union

Rosselli Denies Racism Charges

by Dennis Conkin

Federal discrimination charges have been filed against Local 250 of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) stems from Rosselli's alleged "discriminatory treatment" of Harvey Milk, Britt's mentor, in the firing of six minority union staff representatives, five women and one man.

Euisie Mormen, a union member, says that Rosselli's action "has set the union back 20 years."

"For the first time ever to have minority in leadership roles in a union that has the leadership in administration," she said.

Local 250 had just returned to self-government after a two-year period of trusteeship due to a previous ad­ministration's apparent fiscal mismanagement. Rosselli said he had filled 17 union posi­tions, nine of them with minority members.

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LETTERS

AIDS Charities
Neglect Homeless

To the Editor:

There are said to be between 400 and 600 AIDS homeless in San Francisco. Despite their multi-million dollar budgets, the AIDS charities do little, if anything, to help them. The homeless can't use home-delivered meals, groceries, pets, help with the utility bill, tidy beds, apartments, cleaning services, or hardly anything else the AIDS charities provide. Many can't get welfare either, because they don't have ID, and can't get any because of warrants, mental illness, illegal immigration, etc. The homeless can't get Medicare either, so they can't get in any of the better, private health care facilities or hospitals.

The AIDS charities are neglecting those who need help the most. It's time for them to revise their programs. If they don't, then it's time for those who do the fundraising and donating to shift their support.

The Rev. Donald Jackson
Gay Rescue Mission

Deja Vu

To the Editor:

Dean Kinky's "A Voice Cried Out in the Darkness" (Jan. 13) caused a startling sense of deja vu, since the encounter is almost identical to one I had, in the same place (Yan Ness Ave. near Bush St.) about six months ago. Then the late afternoon was cool with incoming fog, typical of July or August, whereas Dean's experience was apparently several months later after the rains had started.

The initial contact was the same, an unusually courteous manner in a youngster, attractive man, roughly but not raggedly dressed, seeming apologetic about "Excuse me, but I have AIDS and I just arrived in San Francisco and..."

I reacted the same as Dean did, immediate sympathy with a trace of suspicion. I went one step further, after a little more conversation, I asked him if he was gay. He said no, but he had used intravenous drugs. Perhaps he thought he would be rejected if he said he was gay. Apparently Dean assumed he was gay. I also gave him money for which he profusely thanked me. He also asked my name, and I told him. I don't remember the name he gave me, but the scene was so poignant I immediately to the Pentagon, corporate polluters and pharmaceuticalists. White workers and project administrators can always find other jobs. Ironically, the real victims of these cutbacks will be people, like myself, who use these organizations to maintain dignity and self-esteem — precisely to avoid seeing ourselves as victims. We know that we are providing a model for people with AIDS in Oakland, in Belle Glade, in Hollywood and Havana, where organizations like Shanti and the AIDS Foundation do not exist.

Kenneth Lee Ratwing

Hand's Off Garrigan

To the Editor:

I have only one question for Charles Linberger, in response to his recent Sentinel article on Radiant Light Ministries and Matt Garrigan. I have not heard the Sentinel pay him to write dubbly non-articles for them? (Oh, and what does he do with it? Huh? Come on, Charles. Out with it now — give us the dirt)

This article, completely devoid of any content be filed with attitude and finger-pointing (can't we leave this for Monday nights at the Stud, dahling?) seems to me to excuse to further the vendetta the Sentinel appears to be waging toward RLM.

I go to Radiant Light. Sometimes I enjoy going. Sometimes I don't. Sometimes I think Matt's fabulous. Sometimes I don't. Sometimes I eat hamburgers. Sometimes I don't. The point is, if you don't like the place, don't come. Do something else. There are some of us who happen to get value out of it. Why not write about that?

Sont McLenAas

Mary Lou Clements, M.D.
NEWS PROFILE

"Lesbian Heaven" Welcomes Gay Men

Skirts Opening Draws Record Crowd

by Karen Everett

The Sunday night kick-off of Skirts, a predominantly women's dance club, drew more than 1,000 revelers, the largest local lesbian bash ever, according to club scene insiders.

"I think I've died and gone to lesbian heaven," said one woman approaching the coat check on opening night. Her sentiments were shared by the hundreds of women who, braced against the cold, entered the steamy SOMA wind on the night of January 15th, finally making their way to the coat check on opening night. Her sentiments were shared by the hundreds of women who, braced against the cold, entered the steamy SOMA wind on the night of January 15th, finally entering the steamy party at 177 Townsend and 3rd Street.

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As the clock ticked toward midnight, a carnival atmosphere charged the spacious dance floor, above which DJ extraordinaire Paige Hodel mixed a floor-packed set of funk, modern rock, black rap, high-energy and dance music.

"Skirt's opening night was one of the biggest events for women in San Francisco I have ever seen," said Michele Abbott, former manager of Code Blue dance club. She added that Skirts' biggest events for women in San Francisco I have ever seen. "I think I've died and gone to lesbian heaven," said one woman when someone says 'We'll take care of you, they really eat it up!'

— Michelle Mattos
Local DJ

Courting the Guys

Hanson said that after promoting the club with slick, professional flyers at the Stud for three weeks, only 40 gay men showed up — in contrast to more than 900 women. But she hopes to change that ratio, partly because the logistics of the spacious Townsend setting require big turnouts, and partly because she senses a new desire among gay men and women to socialize together.

"I was thrilled at the turnout," said Skirts' producer Mariah Hanson, a 23-year-old Bay Area native. "I was planning on a large crowd but this surpassed my expectations. My only disappointment was that the guys didn't respond more."

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Breakthrough

Hanson describes her dealings with Towne Bad club owner John Ducharme and DNA club manager Jim English as a "breakthrough" for relations between lesbians and the straight club scene.

Straight club owners are often "inhibited" by lesbians because women's clubs seem mysterious and separatist, according to Hanson. "Working together to create Skirts was an idea whose time had come. They (Ducharme and English) were so excited to bridge the gap," she said.

Skirts Producer Mariah Hanson and consultant Ivy Davis.

Skirts takes place every Sunday at a club known on other days of the week as "Towne Bad," a new kid on the city block party. It boasts the dimensions of a college gymnasium and is graced with elegant columns stretching toward high ceilings. Stylistically, the club emotes a "21st-century Flintstone" feel, according to Hanson. The club's cavernous quality is potentially both her biggest headache and most powerful marketing tool.

"It's the perfect place for both gay men and women because there's enough space," said Hanson. "And I think it's time we party in the same space. More than ever we need each other."

Currently, the city's premier mixed gay dance club, the Box, is attracting fewer lesbians than when it first opened last year, presumably because they are turned off by the jostling of sweaty bodies on the crowded floor, according to club regulars.

Looking Out For #1

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Promotional mind," she continued, "and the challenge of promoting Skirts has historical and political reference for me. I think that women expect not to be taken care of, so when someone says 'we'll take care of you,' they really eat it up!"

Accordingly, Hanson never wants the male/female ratio of the club to exceed 40/60 percent. As her promotional message spells out, Skirts is "a hot new club where the gal with gumption reigns and the guy with gusto is welcome."

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INVESTI GAYTIVE REPORTS

11 Staff Laid-Off
Cutbacks at the AIDS Foundation

by Charles Linebarger

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation, one of the nation's earliest and most esteemed AIDS service agencies, has had to lay off 11 staff people in the past month because of shortfalls in the agency's expected income. People with AIDS may be concerned by this because of the help the foundation provides PWA's in its food bank, and in counseling it provides PWA’s in getting government benefits. And a few PWA's may worry about the loss of emergency housing the agency provides.

Tim Wolfred, the director of the SF AIDS Foundation, talked to the Sentinel about the cutbacks and what they portended for services PWA's have come to expect.

The Reason Behind the Cutbacks

The cutbacks are caused by a slackening in national sales of educational materials about AIDS that were produced by the foundation, "to the point where we were going to lose $500,000," said Wolfred.

"Then there is another $150,000 that we had to put into our fund reserve this year (the bank cushion that all charities are expected to put aside to cover temporary cash flow problems)." And Wolfred added that the agency's insurance premiums have increased by $50,000 this year because of the right price of PWA's the foundation has on call. According to the insurer, Entra, the foundation is already using more Entra funds to cover the costs of things like AZT for employees, than the foundation pays to its insurer.

The Thrust to PWA Services

According to Wolfred, the loss of 11 employees will have little impact on the services that PWA's expect from the AIDS Foundation. Four of the 11 layoffs come in the marketing department, two in consulting services, one in education, one in volunteer services, one in client services (a social worker) and two in administration.

The most direct effect on PWA's will come in the loss of one of the agency's ten social workers. This will mean a longer wait for newly diagnosed PWA's to see a social worker to talk about how to apply for the government benefits he or she will be entitled to after diagnosis, an extremely important service to many PWA's.

There will be no affect on the food bank which is run by the AIDS Foundation with donations of food and a budget of $1,848,000 with another $390,000 going to employee salaries. The foundation spends $1,177,000 on education, or 11% of the total foundation's budget.

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Presentation of Candidates for Emperor and Empress

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Lebans and gays give the world over obviously have believed in themselves enough to stand up for their rights and their own dignity, or else today we wouldn’t be able to list the myriad achievements of our community. We need to herald these achievements and not only encourage young gays and lesbians to come out and be seen and heard, but to bring them into the movements and help them get over that difficult period when families are surprised, at the least, or openly hostile and unforgiving, at the worst.

We have talked on this page before about diversity in our community and how that can be our greatest strength as we move into a new decade and ultimately a new century. Lebans and gays are a microcosm of the world as a whole. Poes, business owners, lawyers, secretaries, factory workers, artists... You name it, we are it. We have brought our many talents together to reach a point in 1989 that no one should have to run and hide. We have a mayor here in San Francisco who seeks us out at every turn and is not afraid of what those who won’t try to understand us will think of him. Regardless of political affiliation, regardless of race, regardless of age, we have marched together in the streets as well as in our hearts to let other people know that we are part of this nation, that we contribute to it daily and only expect to be treated as any other citizen would be if it comes to inherent rights and respect.

The 49ers Joe Montana was talking about himself and his teammates the other day. The calm, cool-headed quarterback believes in himself, and that is why today he possesses three Super Bowl rings. We have believed in ourselves and made such great strides in the past two decades that most people would have thought impossible in the early 60’s. Let’s keep arguing constructively with another, because out of constructive argument have come some of the greatest things in the world. But let’s put our pettiness aside and our self-confidence to the fore as we move into this era in San Francisco where we might possibly achieve more at one time than ever before.

If we continue to believe in ourselves we aren’t afraid to stand up and shout it to the world, we will only move forward. Let’s heed Joe’s advice. Who knows? Perhaps the people someday will pour out into the streets in celebration of true equal rights, much like they did the final seconds of the most exciting Super Bowl ever. If we don’t believe that can happen, then it probably never will.

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Lesbian and gay couples have unique legal situations. The law doesn't recognize their relationships as marriages, but it does provide legal protection in other ways that can be useful. Under contract law, parties can make any variety of arrangements between themselves and be legally bound by them. If one party doesn't keep the agreement, the other can enforce it.

Now it seems gays are staying in relationships for longer periods, legal issues arise more frequently. Persons who live together find separation can be very difficult if they have not agreed ahead of time what to do in the event of a breakup. Even heterosexuals have what are called "pre-nuptial" contracts to settle affairs in the event of a divorce. Because breakups can be pretty messy, it pays to plan for them when times are smoother.

Unfortunately, when times are smoother, people don't like to discuss the possibility that love won't last. Living-together contracts cover many issues that might arise between couples who never intend to break up. Even parties who intend to stay together forever realize that none of us lasts on this earth for eternity. Smart couples plan for the separation caused by death long before the need arises. Since they are considering what to do with the property, it pays to plan a "breakup agreement" as part of the living-together contract.

The cost of legal assistance can deter a couple from planning their legal futures. Those who read last week's column know that the Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples has just been printed in a new, revised fifth edition and is available at Castro bookshops for $17.95. Careful use of this volume will help you do your own legal work in a variety of areas without a lawyer, and in other areas it will prepare you with a "mini-education" in the law so that when you consult a lawyer, you'll know what you're talking about and can keep your legal costs down.

Law of Contracts

For example, authors Hayden Curry and Denis Clifford began their book with an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand explanation of the law of contracts. They tell you what a living-together contract is and discuss when you might need to have one. For instance, you can't make a legally enforceable contract promising to exchange something for sexual services, and some states won't enforce a contract where sodomy is illegal. But couples who know what kind of relationship they want can use one of a variety of samples provided by the authors to fashion a legally enforceable contract to cover their needs. Much of the discussion comes from Hayden's practical experience with his lover of 13 years.

Sharing the Home

Renting property or buying a home together can in itself create a legal relationship. What do you do if both names are on the lease and one person wants to move out? How do you determine the value of improvements one partner made to the property? As the authors point out, "All the barriers in the world can't help you when you and your lover discuss whether or not to be monogamous, what to play on the stereo and what to hang on the living room wall." But matters such as rent discrimination, subletting and separation areas are where you can use the legal advice provided in the Legal Guide.

The authors discuss the legal intricacies of buying a home together and provide sample contracts for owning with another. Even if you cannot stomach a living-together contract, a contract is very important when jointly owning a home. It should tell how title is taken, who contributes what, how a breakup affects the situation, what to do if agreement can't be reached after a breakup, what happens if one of you dies, how payments are to be made, and what happens if a party defaults.

Baby Laws

Parenting is more popular now than when the Legal Guide first came out in 1980. Curry says he has become the "unofficial photographer for lesbian families" in the East Bay. Consequently, the new edition has an expanded section discussing having your own child, adoption, foster parenting, guardianships and co-parenting arrangements. Issues of divorce, child custody, visitation and support are covered in another chapter. Name changes, immigration and welfare are lumped together in one chapter. Name changing is relatively easy, immigration relatively hopeless, and welfare mostly a matter of being careful to follow the eligibility rules. The authors discuss breakups where there is no contract, legal research, political cases and lawyer review of your legal work. A list is provided of lesbian and gay legal referrals for times when you need a lawyer.

Since it is inevitable that a lawyer will sometimes be needed, Curry tries to help his clients minimize their need for one as much as possible. He told the Sentinel: "I try to help people use me in an efficient way. To organize before they come to see me save money...Be prepared. Make sure the lawyer is doing what you want them to do. Remember, they are your servants."

The Legal Guide also deals extensively with estate planning and medical emergencies. Because these areas are so important to us at this time, it would be a better idea not to summarize here the legal issues involved. Look to a future column where the subject will be covered in more depth, but don't hesitate to get The Legal Guide if you're faced with an immediate situation in this area.

Many gay and lesbian couples have taken the book to heart. Sales "plug along," Curry says, at about 15,000 copies a year. He says, "I'm a small county lawyer in a big city," but his smile hints that he knows the impact the book has had.

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The View From LA

by Daniel Wilson

The major political item in Southern California is Tom Bradley's re-election race for mayor of Los Angeles. Bradley's strongest foe, Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky, surprised locals when he announced he would not run because of Bradley's popularity.

Yaroslavsky's campaign was based in his Westside council district and focused on growth, pollution and gang violence. A poll done by the Yaroslavsky campaign showed most voters were concerned about oil drilling, limited growth and police funding, but were unwilling to blame the popular mayor.

According to the poll, 63 percent of Angelenos opposed oil drilling off Pacific Palisades, which Bradley supports and Yaroslavsky opposes. Those polled agreed with Yaroslavsky's position on slow growth by 58 to 21 percent, and with his call for more police funding by 66 to 18 percent.

All these numbers would make any politician jump for joy, or higher office. Unfortunately for Yaroslavsky, the voters in the poll also refused to blame Bradley for identified problems. The poll also showed Yaroslavsky had a major name recognition problem. At the heart of Yaroslavsky's support was the slow-growth NIMBYs (Not In My BackYard). Gaining in strength, the Westside machine were Bradley's number one fear, with them out of the way, Bradley should have no trouble beating Ward or Holden.

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HEALING RESOURCES

Feeling Intensely Separate

Loneliness The Private Addiction

by Julian Baird

I creep up on you like late afternoon gray fog. Before you fully realize, it has surrounded and permeated your being with a damp, cold and thick feeling, causing you to pull deeply within and experience the familiar gnawing pain of isolation and aloneness. Your body contracts and you want to hide, or disappear. The distress is so great, the profound feelings of anguish so intense, there can be only one way out of loneliness.

The last straw when all addiction substitutes have failed, the ace-up-the-sleeve is always there to pull out when the personal distress and emotional reality of loneliness is too exasperating. Suicide, the ultimate last resort of choice, is fantasized and often realized as the romantic jump from the Golden Gate Bridge, the taking of desperate pills, or the dramatic shooting of one’s self. The motive or intention is usually the same—the ultimate life avoidance, out of profound feelings of aloneness, separateness and not being good, accepted or loved by another.

This “coup de grace” or death blow is an often felt yet very covert thought of most people who have experienced the pain of loneliness. Think about it. Your lover left you or died, you are addicts again and the AIDS epidemic has instilled so much fear that you panic at the thought of finding another, or you have never really had a relationship. You are getting older, fatty, greyer, and time’s running out. The bars are boring, the bathhouses are closed, and your phone-sex addiction has cost you more than way more for the past three months. Face it, you feel deeper, separate and hungry for affection and intimacy. Sex has almost become an afterthought. You know suicide isn’t the answer.

For many gays are the excuse, the reason for “cruising together,” when what is really wanted is to be simply touched, held and caressed. In other words, to love and be loved. Whether one is in rush-hour traffic, in the office, in a crowded football stadium, dance bar or completely by one’s self, loneliness can surface in the mental-emotional body and take on like a poisioning migration head-burden.

Kinds of Loneliness

The emptiness and separateness experienced by so many is more than a psychological or sociological dilemma. It is a malady that exists on both spiritual and emotional levels. There are two basic kinds of loneliness. One is the deep psycho-emotional experience of not touching and being touched physically by another. This is the need of individuals to communicate, to reach out, to experience giving and receiving intimacy, both emotionally and sex-ually. Many people are touch-starved. As children and adolescents, you were not allowed to express your natural desires and feelings to touch, hold and care for one another. For many, hugging is seen as overly affectionate, and too emotional. As one learns to feel and express compassion, the walls of separation from family, friends and lovers can dissolve and with these barriers, loneliness and fear.

Loneliness can result in acute addictions to alcohol, drugs, food, material possessions, work and sex among many. Turn to these substance fulfillments to replace the emptiness, hunger and lack in their lives, either personal, social or work barriers related. The result is compound addiction.

Behind many of these substitutions or impor­tant ways of soothing yourself are the fears of rejection, abandonment, shame or guilt; a strong dose of “I’m not good enough or I don’t deserve to have what I want.” Many stay in loneliness out of the “confusion dreams” of “I don’t know what I want” or “what I should do.” These core beliefs perpetuate the sick cycle of going for false substitutes (membership, alcohol, drugs, etc.) and then experiencing loneliness again. The core problem is never solved unless you honestly confront your underlying beliefs about yourself and others. Forgive yourself and others, and truly communicate your feelings. The most important step in the healing process is to find out what you truly desire, want to express, and then “ask for it.” Feeling and communicating is the real magic. Loneliness then is no longer felt as a social disease but is experienced as a touching doorway to life expression and fulfillment.

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Another expression of loneliness is the “dark night of the soul.” This affliction is the “spiritual experience” of loneliness. It is often recognized as a dark and painful gut intimacy with one’s self. For many, it is a strong identification with the “belief in separation,” almost a mystical feeling of disconnection from self, another, others in general or all of life. This form of loneliness is experienced when one makes a major change in life work expression or goes through the “mid-life crisis.” It can happen when you are in a happy relationship or by yourself. It is recognized as the time one becomes or takes on a new identity — such as coming out sexually or spiritually and taking a stand on one’s core inner beliefs.

Spiritual loneliness is when you do not feel the love that you are. It is a deep sense of all loneliness. The “one’s self” of aloneness is experienced as meaning by “one’s self” in contrast to the oneness of all life — the feeling of being connected to everything and everyone. This is a time that is often very necessary for one’s soul growth and evolution of consciousness. It is a time when one shifts from an ego-centered life of “me, my and mine” to “other centered,” when life becomes an opportunity for personal contribution.

Working, being in relationships, and living one’s life becomes about everyone wining; competition and being right becomes petty and “the good of the whole” is the driving inner force that manifests outwardly. Loneliness can be experienced by anyone, at any age. It begins with a deep and profound inner peace. The road to inner contentment comes out of a depth that when you are focused, aware and committed to self-love. Love is allowing your dark side to exist, as well as all years of imperfections of being. To move into this level of self-love, you become reunited with the relationships with self on all levels of spirit, mind, emotion and body. This realization marks the deep spiritual feelings of separateness. Peace replaces pain, connection replaces isolation and loneliness transforms into feeling nourished, by one’s self and others.

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I have noticed that many gay people are attracted to the New Age movement. Why do you think that is?

I think that in some ways the New Age is particularly suited to attract gays and lesbians. It holds out the promise of changing your life and healing your hurts without ever leaving your house. And why do you think that is a problem?

It's a problem because it does a tremendous disservice to the gay and lesbian community. Because the 'problem' with being gay is not a personal problem to be solved, it is a problem of oppression. Learning to enjoy and be comfortable with your own sexuality is important but when you've gotten there, there's still an oppressive society out there that you aren't going to be able to lead an open life.

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Jan. 27-Feb. 2
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ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 19): There's something you've been needing to say under the duress of time. Let it out in the most direct and blunt manner possible. The other person doesn't "get" subtlety now. A Taurus makes overtures in your direction.

TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20): There's definitely a reward, probably financial, for reconnecting with family now. Don't worry — the "same old stuff" is sufficient if not gone at this time. Give 'em a call!

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun 20): Romance, music, art, children. Sound like stuff you've been avoiding? Now the Taurus are made off. Yes. The human mind gets "tickled" without fantasy. Put yourself on your Fantasy Island this week to relax the burdens you've been carrying at work.


LEO (Jul 23 - Aug 22): There are rings and then there are partnerships — lifelong, loving relationships. And you've been ignoring yours. Cancel appointments. Stay home from work. Your loved one needs attention now.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sep 22): Six months ago you were working out in the sunshine looking for security — "Will I have enough? Should I love, buy, sell?" Now it's time to let go of possessions — give things away, get your will in order. It is not Bangladesh — you won't die even if you do lose your worldly goods.

LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22): It's time to talk some serious talk about a fear that's been with you for more than three months. Don't discount a lover as the one who will hear you and lend support.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): Look around you. What you have accomplished and what you haven't accomplished in the past year is hanging in the balance for all to see. Be proud, be sad, but be responsible for it. And be willing to change what you don't like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): A relaxed shift in the wind concerns a certain group of people you've called friends. Pick one that's uplifting and supportive and drop the rest. You've changed. Sag. There's no time now for wasted effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19): Your past tends to be practical, pragmatic and logical. He always sees what will work and won't work on the business front. Right? famously. This week your mind is all but backwards. Capricorn. There's a haze over your intellect. Don't try to make major logical decisions. Spend time alone and try some meditation.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18): Most Aquarians don't even live in their bodies. — so why would they know how to dress them? This week realize that your image is very much taken as you. Get some new fashions and do something with that hair!

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20): Normal Plum doesn't care much for budgeting and finance. But this week if you figure out on paper what you'll need and how to get it for the next year you won't feel it continually pull you. A Taurus helps.

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AIDS NEWS TALK

The University of California at Berkeley has established a new center for teaching the latest techniques of monitoring and preventing the spread of AIDS to health scientists from developing countries.

In its first year, the center will bring scientists from Brazil, Zimbabwe and the Dominican Republic to the Bay Area to study AIDS research methods. The program will include epidemiological and basic science aspects of AIDS, and laboratory diagnosis. Most importantly, the five-year program will provide visiting scientists with intensive on-one support and training for the design and implementation of research projects that will be carried out in their home countries, according to Arthur Reingold, MD, professor of epidemiology at Berkeley and principal investigator for the project. Call (415) 643-3734 for information.

San Francisco — UCSF scientists have simultaneously isolated both types of AIDS virus, HIV-1 and HIV-2, from a West African AIDS patient, showing for the first time that both viruses can infect the same individual.

Until now, there were doubts that a person could become infected with both AIDS viruses could be infected by another. The study indicates that HIV-infected individuals should continue to take precautions for infection by the AIDS virus because they could be susceptible to another HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) strain that might damage the immune system even more rapidly, the UCSF researchers warn.

HIV-2, like HIV-1, causes a variety of illnesses, including AIDS. While HIV-1 has killed more than 45,000 persons so far in the United States, HIV-2 to date has been found only in West African patients visiting the US. So far, the HIV-2 subtype has been primarily limited to West Africa and parts of Europe. Source: Randy Englund et al. (415) 476-2557.

San Francisco — The largest AIDS benefit to date in Santa Clara County featured psychic Sylvia Brown and was held January 7, 1989, at 8:00 at the Center for Performing Arts, in San Jose.

This event benefited the “Home Sweet Home” project of Neocentrum and More, Inc. ($400) 292-3751, which will establish a small residential care home for the homeless person with AIDS/ARC. It was an exceptionally moving and successful event; Sylvia Brown was outstanding and powerful in her talk on AIDS. Sections of the NAMES Project Quilt, a national AIDS memorial, were on stage. Each 3" x 6" panel memorializes the life of someone who has died of AIDS.

San Francisco — Positives Being Positive — for persons who have tested positive to the AIDS virus — started late in 1988 by the AIDS Health Project in San Francisco. It sponsors a network of groups meeting weekly at individual homes, and also conducts eight-week drop-in groups for anyone who has tested positive. Source: AIDS/ARC. It was an exceptionally moving and successful event.

Washington — A new test for the HIV-virus, which is generally acknowledged to cause AIDS, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The test is patented, and is not preventive equipment.

The new test, called Rechelabor HIV-1 Late Agglutination Test, uses an engineered protein and microscopic beads to detect antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. It's designed for use only under supervision of medical professionals.

"This technical advance should help make testing available to all who want to be tested," FDA Commissioner Frank E. Young said. "It will also be particularly useful in remote areas of the world that lack the facilities for earlier approved tests." He said the test also should be "as a preliminary screening measure in emergency situations in this country.

The FDA announcement said false-negative reactions can occur in the test, "because of interpretation errors, some medical conditions and problem of sample quality that do not ordinarily affect the ELISA test.

The FDA has said positive results using the new test must be verified with repeat testing. Source: Paul Reuter — Associated Press.

Dallas — Carrington Laboratories and the US Food and Drug Administration will permit it to test its experimental Carington drug on 24 healthy patients for a comparison with a concurrent test on AIDS-affected patients in Belgium.

Carrington began a controlled test of patients with AIDS-related complex in Belgium in October 1987 and expects the study to be completed some time next year, said Thomas Marquet, chairman of Carrington. The drug has not undergone a controlled test on humans in the United States. Source: Dean Takahashi, Dallas Times Herald, November 25, 1988.

Washington, DC — Immunizations for influenza and for pneumococcal pneumonia should be strongly considered for everyone with HIV infection. There is conclusive evidence from studies of vaccinations given to HIV-infected people that flu and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccinations do not adversely affect HIV-infected people. There are effective ways of helping reduce the risk of illness. Check with your doctor, but don't wait. Get vaccinated! Source: Garry Lambert.

New York — People With AIDS Coalition New York released Surviving and Thriving with AIDS Volume Two — Collected Wisdom, a 368 page book of writing by people with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It also contains many photographs of people with AIDS.

The Coalition also announced that Surviving and Thriving with AIDS: Hints for the Newly Diagnosed, published in Summer, 1987, will be reprinted for the second time. Twenty thousand copies have been distributed. Both books are offered free to people with AIDS and ARC. Call PWA Coalition at (212) 532-0290.

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Tokyo, Japan — November 22, 1988. An extract of the illicit mushroom may slow or even block the spread of HIV virus associated with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), according to Japanese researchers at Yamanashi University.

LEM is currently sold in Japan by M.O.N. Company of Tokyo under the product name MY LENTIN. It has recently been introduced into the US food supplement market by Zenko Laboratories in Tusini, California. Zenko is the sole US distributor. For further information contact: Tim M. Shores, PhD, (714) 751-1152.

Brazil — AIDS first appeared in Brazil in 1984. Although the rate of advance has slowed, new cases of AIDS are still doubling every eight months. Now, there are close to 5,000 diagnosed cases, the world's third highest incidence. Government figures predict 38,000 cases by 1990.

Paul Cesar Bonfim, the head of a private AIDS prevention group, said: "AIDS has made it clear that Brazil's health policies are bankrupt."

In the state of Rio de Janeiro, health authorities have stopped screening blood due to lack of funds, even though the state has at least 10 percent of Brazil's AIDS cases. Source: San Francisco Examiner, January 15, 1989.
Carnival in Rio

The Truth Behind the Illusion

by Robert Julian

It is early evening in Rio de Janeiro. The madness of Carnival has subsided and the seemingly endless parade of drug queens and scanty parties has finally come to a halt. Waves rush onto white sand as Dario and I stroll along the esplanade at Ipanema, picking up the threads of a conversation that began a week ago. Since Brazil's military regime was replaced by a democratic government three years ago, Dario feels there have been positive changes. "Some things are better. Now we can see Costa-Gavras films, and the torturing has stopped."

This kind of information, so casually juxtaposed and delivered with the same relative weight, can overload the circuits of an American mind. But it is impossible to understand Third World sensibilities while retaining a First World mentality. In Brazil, everything is relative, and life's reality is substantially more complicated than its appearance. One of the more scarce, and complex realities of Brazilian life is AIDS.

Sexual transmission accounts for 80% of all Brazilian AIDS cases, while IV drug use is responsible for only 6% (in the US, IV drug use accounts for over 20% of all cases). One of the most unusual AIDS statistics coming from Brazil is that 25% of all cases are attributed to bisexuality.

This statistic reflects sexual behavior patterns vastly different from those of the United States. Brazil is an overtly sexual country, especially during Carnival, bordered on the hyperkinetic. It is a country where sensuality is common and accepted by society. And perhaps most significant, it is a country of severe economic crisis where disease and poverty are part of daily life.

In Brazil, health good is not taken for granted, and sex is not always for procreation or recreation. It is often a strategy for survival — providing a guaranteed minimum income for the young and beautiful in a country whose annual inflation rate is over 900%. The conversations that follow, four sexual active men openly discuss their personal lives as residents of Rio de Janeiro. Since it is not acceptable to be publicly gay in Brazil, the names of the men you are about to meet have changed.

Although it is listed in gay guides as a "sauna," the small stucco building, six blocks from the beach at Copacabana, contains what is essentially a brothel. Alex works here three nights a week during the summer season as a male prostitute. His high completion and intelligent demeanor stand out among the dark, semi-iterate Brazilian beauties who are his co-workers.

Alex is 25 years old, a native of Argentina, and has lived in Brazil for three years. Every six months he travels to the Argentine border to obtain a new visa and return to Rio de Janeiro. Staying across from me on the padded, wall-to-wall platform of a small private room, the facts of his life spill out in the glare of a bare lightbulb mounted on a white wall.

"In Argentina, my father is a businessman. I was in law school for two years when I came to Rio for a ten day holiday, bringing my life's savings, $4,000, with me. A woman I knew told me to come stay with her and she would take care of everything. She did. One morning she left, disappeared, with all my money. I couldn't go back to Buenos Aires and let my family know. I was in Rio by accident, life is a game of destiny and this is why I suffer..."

"Are you afraid of AIDS?"

"No," he replies without hesitation.

"I'm afraid of dying from hunger."
has many friends, attorneys and people with a great deal of money. They go to the beach at Ipanema and meet these with a great deal of money. They go to beautiful women who come to Rio from there, take a woman home for a couple of weeks and support here, buy her clothes and presents. Then after a few weeks, a month, when they tire of each other, she goes away and finds another man. The whole summer passes this way.

"I recently saw a public service announcement on television that was clearly aimed at raising public consciousness about the problem of AIDS. Do you think behavior is changing here?"

"I think so, but sometimes it's difficult to perceive the change. You go to the beach and there are still people. Carnival is the same — there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. But people are becoming cautious. Men I have sex with insist on condoms, and I feel I am meeting less people than ever because of AIDS, but my age may have something to do with it."

"If you have money, you have a good hospital and AZT. If you don't have money, you go to the public hospital where they just let you die, or you stay at home. Everyone knows this. In Brazil public hospitals are horrible. I have a friend who worked for a large shirt company and when the company found out he had AIDS, they terminated him, even though he was still capable of working. We have laws against this, but if you don't have the money to take someone to court, the law doesn't help you."

"In life in Rio different now from what it was two years ago?"

"Yes, there are many gay people in Brazil who have led their lives without thinking. Now they think. That's the difference. Many people have died here without people changing their lifestyle or behavior. But people are now changing their sexual behaviors, they are telling people that they cannot come inside being unemployed for several years. One of 13 children, Adolfo speaks Portuguese, Spanish and Italian, although he is functionally illiterate in all three, even his native Portuguese. Over dinner in a small Italian restaurant, I place the tape recorder in the center of the table, and proceed in Spanish, the only language we have in common. We have established an easy rapport, and Adolfo is not insulated by my direct question about his formal education.

"I went to grade school for four years. The normal required education is six years in Brazil. There is a law that children must go to school until the seventh grade, but it is not enforced. Many children reach the age of 12 or 14, and know absolutely nothing because their parents have no money and their children must work until five or six in the evening."

Adolfo expresses a typically Brazilian attitude of mistrust toward the government. Here in Brazil, any information coming from official sources is received with great skepticism.

"Are you saying that the government doesn't tell the truth?"

"Yes. They say on television that there are a few thousand cases of AIDS, but there are many more. I have two or three friends who are ill now, and between October and January of last year, I had six friends die.

"What type of benefits or assistance is available for people with AIDS?"

"In your sexual behavior different now because of AIDS?"

"Yes, two and a half, three years ago I began to change my activities. I have not been sexually active at all. Two weeks ago I went and bought some condoms. A whole case of them, but they were all broken — they were made in Brazil. It's not a problem, changing my sexual behavior, because I feel if you want to live you'd better rely a little more on sexual fantasy."

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O nly recently, I don’t read “bestsellers” because they tend to be junk. But I felt in the mood for a big long read, and so I picked up Tom Wolfe’s first novel, The Bonfire of the Vanities, which has been a bestseller and yet for some reason I hadn’t read any reviews of it.

It turned out to be one of the best novels I’ve read in ages, and is clearly a major work of our time. For in it Wolfe has captured many of the bitter realities of life in urban America while at the same time maintaining an ironic, almost sardonic attitude toward the excess of our excessive culture; it’s awful, but it’s also right-on and at times downright hilarious.

Tom Wolfe is some of his earlier non-fiction books, especially Radical Chic & Mau-Mauing the Flak Catchers (1970), has shown an uncanny ability to tell you which necktie came from which exclusive shop better than Tom Wolfe can, but once that shop closes, the book becomes old news.

In The Bonfire of the Vanities, on the other hand, Wolfe’s skill at detail, his eye for how people behave and think, his ear for how they talk, all contribute to a book that’s every bit as important for our age as The Great Gatsby was for its, with a liveliness and honesty that is breathtaking.

The story concerns one Sherman McCoy, who, despite the last name, is not Irish, but a WASP in New York City who makes almost a million dollars a year as a big-time bond salesman. He owns a fancy apartment, with monthly payments of $21,000, expensive clothes and furniture, and several cars, one of which becomes involved in a driving incident labeled “reckless endangerment.” The fact that the victim of the accident is a black teenager in the Bronx becomes the focus of a mad campaign to get white, to get the rich, even though the events of the accident are ambiguous and it’s the rich man’s mistress who was driving in the first place.

Wolfe is absolutely ruthless in his depiction of the various factions that control or want to control New York City today. He is particularly unsentimental about blacks and the hideous environment of the Bronx and makes the reader believe absolutely in the self-serving political machinations of black ministers, Jewish assistant district attorneys, Irish cops and the sensationalist press, to say nothing of the attorneys, Jewish assistant district attorneys, Irish cops and the sensationalist press. He is particularly unsentimental about blacks and the hideous environment of the Bronx and makes the reader believe absolutely in the self-serving political machinations of black ministers, Jewish assistant district attorneys, Irish cops and the sensationalist press. Wolfe is absolutely riveting as he takes the reader through a typical session of speculative bond trading or the preparations for prosecuting a case in the gutter and be as street smart and cynical as anybody else.

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The theme of the book seems to be that in order to survive in our culture, a white man nowadays must throw off the civilized restraints and get down in the gutter.

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The most stunning part of the novel is the way in which the author proves how truthful things and cut through all the bullshit and the euphemistic unwillingness to see things as they really are. "Hurray for Tom Wolfe!

Daniel Curzon is author of Curzon in Love.

MOVIES

New Video Chronicles
Funny, Bizarre Pageant

by David Nahmod

The combined Miss Gay Universe and Mr. Asia Pacific Pageants, held this past August at the city's Palace of Fine Arts, is a strange, catty semi-serious affair. At first glance it seems like a serious competition; at second glance, it becomes an obvious spoof of the Miss America pageants, but well — there are real judges in the audience, and the winners are real.

Hosted by Desiree, the pageant is a good natural affair in which no one on stage or in the audience takes anything too seriously. The contestants, many of which look beautiful in drag, all have absurd sounding names, and silly bios.

The event is chronicled in a forthcoming video by Gary Arata. Titled simply, "The Miss Gay Universe and Mr. Asia Pacific '88 Pageant," the video is impressive, thanks in large part to independently produced videos that have presented popular community events, Arata's work is technically polished. With clear, sharp images, imaginative editing, and good sound quality (most of the time) the video is a pleasant affair.

"But there were problems," Arata said with a laugh. "I'm amazed that the finished product came off as well as it did.

The pageant is a slightly disorganized affair. We couldn't properly block our cameras Angie because some of the contestants didn't show up until after the pageant began, so we had no idea of who would be on stage when. And one of my people was not a professional. I had to set up and focus his camera myself, and rely on him to keep his finger on the play button."

It was a surprise to hear this, because the finished product has a smooth feel to it. There were some sound problems on the final third portion of the tape, but that seemed to be due more to the Palace of Fine Arts faulty sound system.

The pageant itself needs to be a tad shorter, clocking in at over ninety minutes in which we spent way too much of the entertainment segments. Seeing drag queens lip sync disco records is old and tired. It's sometimes hard to understand why some of these people, who are so adept at beautiful costuming and makeup, cannot stretch their talents one step further and do more original acts. The Miss Gay Universe video would benefit greatly from cutting these segments.

But less than perfection does not a bad evening make. Personally, I'd like to see Gary Arata preserve more gay events on video. The Miss Gay Universe and Mr. Asia Pacific videos will be available through mail order in various gay publications. It may also hit local video stores.

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The Amazing Michael Keams

by Mark Salzwedel

As an AIDS activist, Michael Keams has combined his talents with writing, performance art, and social work. He has become well-known for his activism and commitment to addressing the issues surrounding AIDS. In this interview, he discusses the impact of AIDS on his life, his role as an actor, and his work as an activist. He also speaks about his experiences with the AIDS crisis and how it has shaped his personal and professional life.

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IN THE THIRD PERSON

by Mario Mondelli

Having trouble with this one? Just tune in to any of the daytime talk shows for help.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 28.
Piano Virtuoso Gives Dazzling Performance

by Bill Huck

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aries Hall presented two recitals last week that give hope to those who fear that classical music performances just aren't what they used to be. Monday night, Ivo Pogorelich made a dazzling performance on the piano, and then Friday night cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Emanuel Ax teamed up for a less showy but even more satisfying program.

Pogorelich is a young, handsome, neurotic man who approaches the piano with the world weariness of a rose, but once seated on his bench, flies from his hands. Pogorelich began with Brahms' Two Rhapsodies, Op. 79, but he played them with a vehemence that he drains the passion of his feelings. Pogorelich's problem is that he plays too frequently in 3,000-seat houses. He often loses the audience, but he plays them with a vehemence that he drains the passion of his feelings.

The great Liszt Sonata in B minor turned harsh as he approached For­mato, but never ostentatiously. In every instance, the pianist gave lessons in piano playing.

The players never stretched the point or glossed over the punch line. Here Pogorelich underscored the emotional hesitations that deepened the deep-throated cry from the heart. Nor did he gloss over the punch line. The piano turned harsh as he approached Formato, but never ostentatiously. In every instance, the pianist gave lessons in piano playing.

What was perhaps most rewarding in this recital was the way these two artists melded together in their ensemble. Too frequently, great soloists like Ma have accompanying artists who are not their equals, and uneven distribution of talent unbalances their music-making. With Ax and Ma, the audience gets an equal integration on both parts and yet a ben­efit that is complete.

In this appearance, the pair began with Stravinsky's Suite Italienne, not the more famous violin version, but another transcription from the Petrucci manuscript Stravinsky made with the help of cellist Gregor Piatigorsky. jungle is one of the hardest elements to bring off in all his work, but Ax and Ma highlighted Stravinsky's tongue-in-cheek jokes with deftness. The players never stretched the point or glossed over the punch line.

The heart of the program came in the Brahms Sonata No. 1 in E minor, Op. 38. The opening Allegro was richly rendered by both pianist and cellist. Each player articulated the heart-rending main melody with a warmth and humanity rarely seen even in Brahms. Here the deep, textured sound of Ma's lower register aptly portrayed the yearning of the minor-keyed tune. Ax matched Ma point for point, but never ostentatiously. In every instance, the pianist gave lessons in decorum.

This sonata has no slow movement, because Brahms is so nostalgic throughout. The C minor Minuet was a game of charm that had a tear. In the commanding Fugato finale, the two players wedded with Brahms' thick textures and musical writing with the same kind of magic that masked the effort. It was a stunning display, deeply musical and rewarding.

After intermission, Ma and Ax ven­ted briefly into the music of our time with Lutoslawski's 1981 Gavotte. Even this austere Polish composer has been touched by the recent upsurge of Romanticism, and here the cellist and pianist dealt out Lutoslawski's long­lived rvery with compassion. As the music wound ever tighter, the musicians gradually added spark and excitement. Chopin's Sonata for Cello and Piano closed the program. The sonata is a bleak work from which Ax and Ma wrung even more sadness, because they refused to become sentimental. If Chopin does not always have Brahms' ability to vary his material, he has a songfulness that even the later composer might have envied, and Ma is one of the great songbirds of modern times.

The duo ended the evening with the Andante from Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata, and here Ma gave the melody a deep-throated cry from the heart. Nor was Ax far behind, with his almost painful hesitation that deepened the lyrical power of one of Rachmaninoff's greatest inspirations.

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Last year as the Gay Freedom Day Parade was forming, the best spot to kick back and view all the activity was the front table area of the Capri Pizza Restaurant opposite Pier 1 Imports — that's how I discovered it. My branch that day was a pizza sandwich and two bottles of beer, and it was good enough that I made a mental note to return.

I finally found my way back last weekend. It was after a four-hour meeting in the Castro — too late for lunch and too early for dinner, and I was looking for more than a snack. The hand-lettered sign in the Capri window proclaimed real pummikas at $8.65 at the dinner special of the day, and that was enticing enough to offset the plastic bunches of grapes that also adorned the window. I took a chance.

There is no one at the Capri to greet you at the door — just a sign telling you to pick a spot you like and get comfortable. The tablecloths are protected by slabs of glass, and the napkins is not linen, but paper. Not much was spent on decor here, but the cheaply framed prints are bright and pleasant. Another nice touch: the flowers on the tables are real. The tables are big, comfortable and not too close together, and there’s a cheerful overall feeling about the place. The restaurant is bigger than it first appears — a rear mezzanine will seat 25, in addition to the 35-40 seats on the main floor.

Service is casual, but efficient — the waitress did check back after serving to make sure everything was OK (this is the most important single element of good service, but it's often forgotten in much more “upscale” dinner houses). The main thing here is pizza (also calzone), but there's a surprisingly extensive menu (the same menu all day) with the emphasis on veal and pasta.

Another note I'd opt for the minestrone; the dinner salad was very creative, but inadequate. It consists of turkey lettuce, tomatoes, a generous scatter of garbanzo and kidney beans and an overly tart Italian dressing (there are a couple other dressing choices). The veal was nicely sauced and generously smothered in melted cheese; the accompanying vegetables were fresh, crunchy and deliciously seasoned. As a side dish, the options are french fries or spaghetti — the latter is quite wonderful. I make a good sauce, and have several friends who also do, so I'm often disappointed in restaurant sauces... the Capri's is delicious. The spaghetti side is a sizable platter, and both the sauce and the sauce are served piping hot.

You know that warm and wonderful place where you drift when your stomach's satisfied, your spirit untroubled, your body at rest, and your wine glass still half full? I was floating right there when the waitress suggested dessert. The only dessert is Baklava, which was my first clue that the ownership is not Italian, but Greek. I settled for a very good cappucino (espresso is also offered).

The bill — for a large dinner with salad, a couple glasses of wine and the cappucino — was about $20 (tax included). You'd be hard-pressed to spend much more than that at the Capri, but you could still eat heartily for much less. There's also a nice selection of hot sandwiches.

The limited wine list covers most of the bases, at moderate prices, and beer is available by the pitcher. Wine by the glass isjug (15 oz) for $1.50.

BAY DINER

Capri Pizza Offers Tasty Italian Dishes

by Gary Menger

The Blue Muse Restaurant and Bar at 409 Georgia Street has continental cuisine featuring many house signature dishes, including fresh seafood and homemade desserts. Our indoor garden banquet room seats 60 people. We also offer American brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. The staff is friendly, courteous and renders excellent professional service. For reservations call 415-745-7000.

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THEATER

The Magic Continues

Breaking the Code

Extended at the Magic

by Aeric LOCKERBIE

Breaking the Code by Hugh Whitmore, at the Magic Theatre, Fort Mason, Building D, Ticketon $10 or $12, and
Ticketton. Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

THE PLAY

In her first fully produced play, True Beauties, which enjoyed a successful run at the Magic Theatre in 1987, Whitmore used the life of a simple southern woman to explore the emotions, the search for individuality and courage in the face of insurmountable evil. Whitmore's unusual synthesis of poetic lyricism and structural originality makes True Beauties comparable with the works of Tennessee Williams, a distinction few contemporary playwrights have been able to achieve. Beneath the Thin Skin and Almost Asleep are equally impressive, and perhaps even more memorable.

Beneath the Thin Skin is choreographed by Deborah Slater, Hebert's collaborator. The piece is concerned with the protagonist's ambivalent feeling toward emotional and sexual dependency. The play is performed in John Mayne's surreal constructed set, which also serves as the set for Almost Asleep. Slater employs a striking vocabulary of movement, at once fluid and staccato, to suggest the character's desire for control and her resentment of her need for it. Despite her repeated literary, "I will not trust; I will not need; I will not hurt," Slater ends the dance with a powerful gesture of acceptance, and also of challenge. Almost Asleep, takes place in the mind of Linda, as she lies half-asleep. Linda is the victim of a brutal rape, and each performer enact a different aspect of her response to this nightmarish experience. We encounter Linda as the innocent little girl, the sensualist ("I still like men...some men. I like Jack. Stephen, Randy, John, Bill..."), the outraged cynic, and the self-conscious intellectual, all watched over by a figure who represents Linda's fundamental identity as a woman. Linda's five inner beings both clash, and are united only in fear. Hebert presents a startlingly accurate picture of the way we think in periods of conflict. As Linda's subconscious struggles towards ground on where her warring responses can meet, she plunges together the memories she remembers from childhood, "if someone attacks you with your own weapon and you survive, you are a fool — but you will live forever." The fact that Linda has survived is the one thing on which each faction of her psyche can agree. It is an unsavory rule of the theatre that no playwright should be allowed to direct his/ her own work, but Hebert is the famous exception. Her understanding of production values is as cogent as her writing; her virtually flawless production of Almost Asleep at Intersection for the Arts was compelling. The five performers: Mary Forcade, Gina Lehman, Lynn Odell, Esther Scott, and Deborah Slater, give seamless ensemble performances, without sacrificing their individuality. The design is by Gina Lehman (music), Novella Smith (fighting), Laura Hacht (costumes) and John Mayne (text).
CLASSES

MEN'S MYTHS AND RITUALS - Creating a New Male Mythology. Using dance, movement, bodywork, drawing, voice, performance and dialogue, this weekly class will explore themes that are common to all men: intimacy, power, sexuality, safety, performance and parenting. Tampa Library, 401-9470. Thursday class through March 16, 7:30-10 pm. Eighth St. Studio, 2525 8th St. (at Dwight Way), Berkeley, $100/series of eight classes.

SANTA CRUZ DANCE SERIES — Classes for beginners. Thursdays, 7-9 pm. New Hayes St., 255-9097.


REMEMBER MY NAME - By Carlisle visits the Castro Theatre. 8:30 pm, and Sunday, 2 pm and 8 pm.พระราช.ts 776-8999.

THE NIGHT HEARTS - By Jerry Ackerman, and The Eggkeeper by Mary McGuire, presented by the Phoenix Theatre Company. 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, through Feb. 11. 301 8th St. at Folsom. 621-4423.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

ART

IMAGES OF MEN - Pie Galaxy opening reception. Exhibit runs through Feb. 20. The female interpretation of the male subject. 393 Hayes St., 255-9097.

PAINTING INSTALLATION - "Questionable Blessings," small oil paintings, through Feb. 4. Intersection for the Arts Gallery, 766 Valencia. Peter Edlund explores his personal feelings and reactions to growing up gay and having lost friends to AIDS. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6:30 pm.

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THE MASTERS DANCE SERIES — Joe Goode, Live Oak Studio, 117 Diamond (at 18th St.). Foggy City Dancers. Call Cathy, 339-0537, or John, 586-2748.

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ROCK
Labelle Salutes Sylvester
by Maryhope Tobin

Patti Labelle, Deserie Coleman, 1/20, Circle Star Theater: "I still can't believe he's gone." Patti Labelle spoke of her friend Sylvester. A tribute to Sylvester and a benefit for the Shanti Project was touching as well as exhilarating. Miss Patti sang, danced, talked to the audience and jumped around the stage, as did her band, for two hours, an hour over schedule. She confessed after her first number that she was nervous and didn't know why. She said she felt very protective of her protégée, Deserie Coleman, who opened the show with a trio set. Miss Labelle needn't have worried: Deserie is an utterly charming performer, skipping across the stage, singing about love in a promising, strong voice and displaying exceptional range.

Miss Patti performed familiar material, although she promised that her new album is finally coming out in March. Despite her glimmerous costume and royal entrance, she created a wonderfully personal relationship with the audience from the start. She invited friends of Sylvester to sit on the edge of the stage as she sang, gave away her stole, her eyeshadow ("they were on upside down"), and borrowed some perfume from a member of the audience ("but I'm afraid it's clashing with Miss Patti's chemistry"). Each song got a wilder response than the last, and so did Gladys Knight, who was discovered sitting a few rows from the stage.

"I've got some frisky children here tonight," Miss Patti laughed as she asked the doorman three men, and even ran out while security held a dozen back. The ecstatic men danced and sang along to "Lady Marmalade." The finale, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," was incredibly powerful — certainly the world's singing of a little girl from Kansas. But her most moving number was Sylvester's "You Are My People." She played a recording of for Sylvester last October, and he said simply, "thank you for singing my song."

CLARIFICATION: Due to so human failing, my review of the ska show at Film's Cinema was too negative and space requirements, leaving out the main point of the article: An audience consisting mostly of young kids and privileged white adults were listening to a type of music far removed from its origins. The Del Rubios are three women (yes, really triplets) who have great legs, fabulous hair and a deadpan delivery on everything they sing, from "Walk Like an Egyptian" to "Be Me Mucho" and "Light My Fire." They must be seen to be appreciated. And with Buck Naked for openers, it should be a night to remember. The Del Rubios will be out in force. (1748 Haight, 668-6006).

Del Rubio Triplets, Buck Naked & The Bare Bodom Boys, 1/27, 1-Besan, $5 advance/$6 show, 10:30: This is truly the show of the week, maybe even the year. In case you missed them the last time they played here, you missed Pre-Wen's Christmas special, the Del Rubios are three women (yes, really triplets) who have great legs, fabulous hair and a deadpan delivery on everything they sing, from "Walk Like an Egyptian" to "Be Me Mucho" and "Light My Fire." They must be seen to be appreciated. And with Buck Naked for openers, it should be a night to remember. The Del Rubios will be out in force. (1748 Haight, 668-6006).

Jonathan Richman, 1/27, Kennedy Club, $10 advance/$11 show, 10:30: This would be my show of choice on any other occasion. Ecstatic and lovable, Jonathan is the genius behind "Hey There Little Insect" and "Ice Cream Man." A tough choice to make, between him and the Del Rubios. (628 Divisadero, 931-1942).

Jerry Garcia Band, 1/27 & 1/28, Orpheum. $12.50, 9:00: On a mellow note...I think that about sums it up. (Bk & Market, 392-7462).
SPORTS

White Swallow Wave
Vs. San Diego's Bourbon Street

A Classic WCC Pool Showdown

by Rick Mariani

Editor's Note: The following article is Part II of Rick's coverage of last week's WCC XXVIII statewide tournament at which time members of the San Francisco Pool League and the Long Beach Pool League were among the competitors. The following is an action account of the all-around team tournament and its results.

The White Swallow Wave — SF champions and finalists in WCC statewide pool tournament.

The team began the day Friday, San Diego's Bourbon Street played Los Angeles' The Study to a 5-5 tie before San Diego's team had and won the next four games for a 9-5 victory.

Meanwhile, San Francisco's White Swallow Wave and Long Beach's Broadway Ball Breakers started off close with a 3-3 tie before the Wave surged to a final 9-4 pounding.

Friday evening, the Wave was tranquil and couldn't find the way to the beach as San Diego walloped our heroes 9-2. At one point the San Diego players had three table runs in a row while our players had difficulty running in three balls at a turn. The other match of the evening was a barn burner as Los Angeles fell behind to Long Beach before finally tying it up 8-8.

The tiebreaker is a best-of-seven format, as three balls at a turn. The other match was eliminated either team from further tension was apparent as a loss was defeat Long Beach to have another chance at San Diego scheduled in the morning.

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The White Swallow tightened up and both teams won three games, bringing it down to the final game. The tension was apparent as a loss eliminated other team from further competition. Long Beach pulled off the upset and their first ever WCC team victory but fell to the final.

SP's White Swallow now needed to defeat Long Beach to have another chance against the dreaded Bourbon Street team from San Diego. Playing pool at 8 am on a Saturday isn't usually in our schedule but practice began at that time because of a starting time of 9 am. San Francisco felt behind immediately 4-1 before waking up and tying it at six apiece. The Wave then went on to win, placing them in a position to win, but Long Beach was about to fold and tied it 8-8.

The White Swallow tightened up their approach and put together four straight to get the win and another chance at San Diego scheduled in the afternoon. During the wait, White Swallow players Jim Russo and Rick Mariani also had to play in the in-door matches which had begun. They both played up to the team starting time and were hot as they began the match against San Diego. This time around, the Wave did their job as they won the match 9-4, setting up final showdowns for Sunday morning.

The individuals tournament still has a lot of competition for the players of all ages and skill levels. The individuals tournament is open to all WCC throughout the state.

The Sentinel tennis article by Neil A. Christie

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The Sentinel tennis team will play in the competitive division of the GSL and in a number of gay tournaments. Plans are for the team to also play in some straight tournaments and possibly a City League during the year.

The Sentinel team looks forward to another fun year in the GSL and wishes a happy and healthy year for the league and its players.

Joyce Baske — 1998 Alameda & SF Open Bodybuilding Champion

Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding/A Developing Sport

If preparation for PHYSIQUE '99, the Third Annual National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships, the board of directors of the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society announce a series of three seminars dedicated to the health of the gay community.

The first seminar: HOW TO DEVELOP A LEANER, STRONGER BODY will be held at the John Sims Building, 1519 Mission (near Van Ness) on Thursday, February 26th at 7:30.

This seminar will be lead by trainers Richard Aubrey and Joyce Baske.

The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society is also offering PHYSIQUE '99, National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships, will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at the Palace of Fine Arts. We expect 60 to 70 bodybuilders from all over the world.

For more information call Gayle Brintma at (415) 43-6254.

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New GSL Team

by Jack 'Irene' McGowan

The game finally lived up to its billing — it indeed was super. The San Francisco 49'er's center, one of a brilliantly directed 92-yard touchdown drive by Joe Montana, defeated an overmatched but game Cincinnati Bengal team 20-16. The Castro went wild — you would have thought it was a Gay Freedom Day Celebration.

Everybody was happy! Even Irene — who while having predicted a Bengal win cried all the way to the bank with her winnings, having snatched up the eight points she was given by 49'er detractors who objected to last week's column. While the other major columnist in the city wrote that the game would be a runaway, I felt it and felt Cincinnati was a formidable foe.

Further, I have a hunch that had not the Bengals' Tim Krumrie broken his leg in two places — while tackling 49'er running back Roger Craig halfway in the first quarter — things would have been different. If the first few series of downs were indicative, Krumrie would have been in Montana's face during the entire game. And those 11 points, Montana to Rice, would have been a little more difficult to complete.

However, in the long run, I will admit that the 49'er's were the better team and will begrudgingly eat crow — so all you Irene-haters can gloat for a while. I can be wrong — or, in this case, half wrong — but not often.

Essentially, one other aspect of the game really pleased me — the Notre Dame connection. Having been born, bred and bird (we have a few bad years — especially the Jerry Faust era) at Notre Dame fan, it was thrilling to see Montana do it again. Ever since his spectacular senior year performance for Notre Dame against Houston in the Cotton Bowl, bringing his team back from a 26-point deficit in the last quarter, Montana has been fooling the doomsayers.

One wonders how much a publicity play the whole "Damon Montana" campaign played in the media. Can you really believe that the 49'er owner, Edward J. DeBartolo Jr., one of the top-money Notre Dame alumni — would turn his back on a fellow "Golden Domino?" About as much chance as the pope canceling Harvey Milk... etc.

Let's get letters. In this issue we have printed a couple of the letters you, the readers, have addressed to this writer. However, there was one I particularly wanted to handle (we, at the Sentinel, want our sports page to be an open forum for you, our readership, and will from time to time publish both favorable and unfavorable letters).

May I quote the following, exactly as it was sent to me, including, the errors, on a postcard:

Dear Mr. Baske,

You're back and bitches as ever. Why didn't you stay in Chicago; what happened to your Diamonds bar? Is there a scandal there we should all know about?

I like your style — but I hate your goddamn attitude. STICK TO SPORTS! We love your sports writing, but it's your attacks on people who don't agree with you that is b-o-r-i-n-g. Why don't you practice what you preach? God knows you're too old and fat to be an athlete. Be a sport, not a bitter.

BILL MC INTYRE

PS: The Bengals! Surely you're losing it Jack! * * *

Dear Mr. McInerney (your spelling, not our typesetter's):

Thank you for reading Sportscope. Readers like you make it all worthwhile. It's nice to know that mean-mindedness is not a thing of the past. Without you to prove it, we'd have to pull out on a dull Tuesday after a great sports weekend, what a boring world it would be.

To answer your question about your staying in Chicago: Since my lover of 30+ years is a native San Francisco and I have lived here — except for two brief Chicago sojourns and a four year tour in the Navy since the late '40's — I'm fighting and fighting for the freedoms we now enjoy in San Francisco — I guess I have a right to come back, at least as much as you have to be here in the first place.

As to a scandal in Chicago: If it's a scandal for my Harry and me to work seven days a week for three years trying and failing to make a sports bar go in a neighborhood ravaged by hookers, dopers and punks — much like Turk Street in the Tenderloin — many of whom called me "Miss Thing" — then I guess there was a scandal.

I'm not going to change I people I disagree with. I invite and welcome differing opinions. In fact, I enjoy playing the devil's advocate. However, I likewise enjoy attacking people who, no matter how subtly, question my integrity — when they do that I treat them like an athlete. I hereby publicly challenge you, Mr. McIntyre (if that's your name) to a contest in any 10 sports you and I can agree on. If I can't beat you in at least six of the 10, regardless of your age, I will donate $500 to any one of the worthy AIDS Foundations in San Francisco.

I must warn you — baseball, football, (I'd love to play a forarsman smash on you; legal, of course), basketball (I once won a free-throw shooting contest), another 9-4 in baseball, wrestling, gymnastics and golf are just a few of my choices. I presume yours will be chess, knitting, drag racing, and bickering. McInerney — the gauntlet has been thrown down. I presume I will hear from your seconds.

* * *

"Til next time keep winning — and remember, if you can't play a sport, be one.
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Francis Medeiros
The San Francisco gay community and the Community Softball League in particular lost a leader, a player and, most importantly, a friend in Francis Medeiros, former CSL commissioner.

Francis was born May 14, 1956, in New Bedford, Mass., and passed away Jan. 20, 1989, after a long and valiant bout with complications from AIDS. Francis was elected CSL commissioner in 1987 and retained the office throughout 1988. He formerly had served as secretary and assistant commissioner of the CSL. His terms were highlighted by his dedication and fairness he showed to all members.

As a player, he excelled on defense, while as coach and captain, he led various teams, including The Village, The Seabees and The Satin. As one of the member of the CSL, he spent the last eight years serving the league unstintingly and loyally, becoming one of the most popular CSL'ers on record. Francis will be sorely missed and forever loved by his teammates and friends.

Survivors include his twin brother, Michael, residing in Maine; his parents, Tony and Areta Medeiros of New Bedford, Mass.; his sister, Tina, in Southern California; and a multitude of close friends.

A celebration of his life will be held in the lower room of the California Club, 1700 Clay St., Feb. 5 from 3-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Francis' name to The Godfather Service Fund, 8225, 584 Castro St., San Francisco 94114. For further information, call Tom at 753-8740.

Basketball
Men
Friday, 6:30 pm, Waller and Belvedere, San Francisco. Info: Tony at 671-2710.

Women
Monday, 7:30 pm. St. Mary's gym — Murray St., outer Mission St. Susan Kennedy, 563-0569 or Nancy Warren, 861-4789.

Track and Field
Practice. Every Sunday, 10:30 am. Meet at Polo Fields parking lot, Golden Gate Park. All levels of ability welcome to off-season training sessions. Info: Rick at 826-8784 or Earl 826-8789.

Hiking
SAGA North is planning a massive outing for the February 10-13 outing, a Gay Ski Weekend at Heavenly Valley. More information call (415) 453-4118.

Hiking Club
Jan. 29, Sunday. Lafayette Park Loop: Meet at Sacramento and Octavia Streets at 10 am for a 3.5 mile rolling hills run. For more information call Tom at (415) 431-4118.

Outdoor Events
Hiking (Gay Games) Inaugural event to off-season training sessions. Info: Laurie at 558-9195 or Gary at 554-8500.

Karate for the Gay/Lesbian Community
Tenth Street, 7:30 pm. Banners will be served. Non-members are welcome. Information: (415) 554-8500.

Hiking Club
Jan. 29, Sunday. See Elephant Seals at Point and Naveol (6:45 am. Leader, Michael Chinn (845-1031, best to call evenings from 6 to 9 pm, or weekends.) You must call Michael in advance for a reservation. Tour the elephant seal breeding grounds, 20 miles northwest of Santa Cruz. Afterwards we’ll do a short hike. Cost is $4.75 per person for the guided tour, plus $5.00 per car divided among passengers. Bring lunch and water. Rain does not cancel. Non-members welcome.

Feb. 2, Thursday. General Club Meeting, 7:30 pm. Dolores Church, 15th and Dolores. Enter the church through the main doors. Our room is downstairs. We will show slides of the Club trip to remote mountain ranges in Nevada. Refreshments will be served. Non-members are welcome.

Gay Valleyball
Every Sunday from 6 to 9 pm, at playground behind elementary school located at 18th St. S. & Dolores. Everyone is welcome including beginners. For information call Jay at (415) 864-2578 after 8:30 pm.

Karate for the Gay/Lesbian Community
Continued on page 34.
Sports Letters
Sit-in Thanks
To Jack "Irene" McGowan:
I would like to take this opportunity
to extend a personal thank you to
you and the Sentinel staff for taking
an interest in my world record setting
activity of sitting in a bathtub filled
with pork and beans. As you know,
this event was planned to supplement
my primary effort, a global walk
("Race Against Time") to general
AIDS awareness and funding for
research through WHO.

Because of the positive response to
your article by the rest of the Bay
Area media, my world record setting
pork and beans sit-in was very suc-
cessful and generated more than
$1,400.
Other businesses in your commu-
nity which were extremely helpful are as
follows: The Eagle, which provided
me with a place to kick off my pork
and bean adventure; The Placer Inn,
Francine's, Uncle Bert's, The
Transfer, which allowed guest ap-
pearance; and especially the Jaguar
book store/Flor You florist, which
provided front window space for
seven nights, eight days of rather
messy residing.

From San Francisco I will be
heading north to Russian River,
Sacramento, Reno and points east.
Mr. Len Sprague has accepted the
responsibility of liaison between San
Francisco and myself until such time
that I return to continue my walk. He
will be acting as my goodwill am-
bassador and will keep the media
posted as to my whereabouts and ac-
tivities. Any information can be ac-
cquired through him at 121 A Eureka,
San Francisco 94114 (661-1845).
Bill Mule

Everything, everyone
To Jack "Irene" McGowan:
Please allow me to respond to
Chuck Martin's editorial (reprinted
from the Seattle Gay News) on our
plans for Celebration '90 Gay Games II
and Cultural Festival.

From my several readings of his
opinion piece, I believe his main con-
cern is that inclusion on an equal
basis of other aspects of the lesbian
and gay lifestyle will overshadow the
sports achievements and deny athletes
what "loving, creative, strong and
healthy people are." (Waddell's
words.) It takes more than a broken
record to share these qualities
with each other and even more so
with the non-gay media.

Let's remember that the world's at-
tention to our activities will be only as
big as the events themselves. The size
of the spotlight isn't limited; it grows
according to the size of its subject.

By creating Celebration '90 as an
eight-day festival of gay and lesbian
athletics and culture, we are giving
every person in the world who wants
the chance to see, and maybe ex-
perience, the personal best of every
aspect of how we live.

Your Vancouver hosts could have
settled for a program of sports events
day and social activities each night
—but how does that give the majori-
ity of participants, most not from the
super urban centers, anything but an
intensi.id repetition of the experience
they receive from the hundreds of
regional tournaments held each year?

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When closing Triumph '86, Wad-
dell said, "Gay Games II and the
Procession of the Arts have become
historic reminders of who and what
we really are and what we have
become... We have demonstrated
what tolerance, friendship and
understanding can achieve."

I believe Waddell would be very
pleased with the international flavors
Celebration '90 will bring to the
Games and the diversity of lesbian
and gay achievement we will show to
the world. As long as the athletic
component of the celebration remains
healthy — and the addition of 11 new
sports refrains suggestions it's getting
pushed into the background — more
people will gain in more ways.

I cannot close without a personal
reaction to Martin's worries that non-
gays will see us as only an artistic
people. The sooner we ourselves learn —
and accept — that we truly are
everything and everyone (athletes, ar-
tists, skilled and unskilled, conser-
vatives, activists and so on), only then
will we be united and self-tolerant
enough to effectively educate the non-
gay world about us.

Thanks for reading our publica-
tions; thanks also to Sentinel sports
editor Jack McGowan for seeking our
viewpoints. I hope we will see each
other in Vancouver in 1990 at both a
ballet and a basketball game.

Barry G. McDell, Spokesperson
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Field for a last-minute touchdown — Montana to John Taylor — giving the 49ers a 20-16 win over the Bengals of Cincinnati. Montana was coolness personified as he and Rice completed almost impossible passes during the 92-yard drive. The impressive display befuddled a fighting bowl championship team in this decade — can now officially lay claim to the title "Team of the 70's."
PHONE TALK

AIDS BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service the SF Sentinel offers AIDS Bulletin Board listings free, space permitting.

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HIV GROUP

Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation, this group is free and meets weekly. Contact: Christopher Alexander, 864-5855, ext. 9591.

WEEKLY ANXIETY, DEPRESSION & ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP

This is a support group which meets every Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Operation Support Group, 2653 Market Street. No fee, no advance registration required. For more information, call Operation Support Group, 626-7000. 

JEWISH PRIDEWORKERS AND AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

The AIDS Project of Jewish Family and Children's Services offers a weekly emergency and information group, support and education affected by HIV. Call Andy Rose at 626-8596 for more information.

THE HEALING

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH & MEDICAL

THERAPY THAF is a non-profit organization providing access to discounted uninsured vitamins, minerals, herbs and other products. Most members of our community are active in THAF and receive benefits. For more information, call 864-5855 ext. 9591.

SUPPORT GROUP: "The Center" is a multi-service drop-in center for the gay community. In The East Bay, THAF also needs volunteers to run the drop-in office on Saturday from 3-7 p.m. Call for more information.

AIDSDRUGSERVICES

Offered weekly are group counseling and support classes for drug users. Some classes are for the general public and others need application. Call 864-5855 ext. 9591 for a class.

AIDSMASTERY

Come and participate in this series of workshops providing practical tools to combat the AIDS epidemic. Open to all. Next workshop begins February 3. To register, please call The Center at 655-3435 for more information.

BAY Area AIDS, HIV + SOCIAL GROUP

Newly formed social group meets in my home the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month, 7-9 p.m. Call 415-519-8250 for location and dates.

AIDS MASTERY


AIDS Switchboard

Staffed by people with AIDS and ARC. Please call if you need advice, looking for info, confused, anxious, depressed. We want to help. Staffed Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 864-5855 ext. 9591.

EPAL ADVOCACY FORUM

Kaiser Permanente advocates. A forum for individuals and members of our friends to voice their concerns to Kaiser Permanente about AIDS. Call 895-0975 for more information.

TAKE CARE Switchboard

To arrange a test session or for information call (415) 626-2000.

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Women's Support Group

The Women's Support Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Castro Street Healing Group, 306 Castro St., 3rd Floor. For info call 864-5855 ext. 9591.

AIDS Support Group

A healing circle for anyone concerned or interested in gaining strength and comfort through the sharing of experiences. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Castro Street Healing Group, 306 Castro St., 3rd Floor. For info call 864-5855 ext. 9591.

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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The AIDS Family Project at Operation Support Group is looking for a Development Director. The center is a multi-service drop-in center for the gay community. In the East Bay, THAF also needs volunteers to run the drop-in office on Saturday from 3-7 p.m. Call 864-5855 ext. 9591 for more information.

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Volunteers Needed

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