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Love it, Hate it
THE HAIGHT

by Michelle De Ranleau

The sun shines on the Haight. Tourists and dogs and panhandlers and punks and girls sporting black clothes and green hair saunter past kids with heavy metal T-shirts, little old ladies, guys with long hair and girls with flat-tops. Hightops and black cowboy boots, suede bucks and Reeboks and Doc Martens pound the sidewalk.

The Haight is hip and fun is cheap. Pull up a barstool or a table at a cafe and watch the parade of people. Or put on your shades and be the parade; in the Haight, all you need is style and a sense of adventure.

It may not be gay gay gay, but as other shopping areas and club districts in the city are getting squeaky clean and yuppified, the Haight has a relaxed atmosphere and off-beat edge left over from the sixties.

"You don't have to put on mascara to go to the Haight," says Peter Scott, a Haight resident.

"The Haight is a nice, mixed neighborhood," says Sanford Kellman, who owns the I-Beam. "There's a very relaxed atmosphere. It's a neighborhood where a kind of multi-faceted [community] can co-exist."

The Haight's diversity includes many gays and lesbians, though most eschew the stereotypical Castro look for more punk fashions.

"It's really more mixed here," says Jimmy Siege, who owns Distractions, a gift store in the Haight. "There's always been a gay presence here, but it's not as noticeable. (Gays) blend in with the crowd more."

Jay Zarden just opened a restaurant, Zona Rosa, in the Haight. He agrees with Siege. "You don't know who is what around here," he says. "It doesn't seem to matter as much either."



Traci and Kim at Forma, The Haight's avant garde design five and dime.

CA Sixth in Nation

STATE SPENDING ON AIDS UP

by Michael Colbruno

The AIDS Policy Center at George Washington University issued a survey last week on state funding of AIDS programs. It showed that states spent \$495 million on AIDS in fiscal 1989, up about \$200 million from the previous year. States paid an average of 51% of program costs, the federal government paid 47%, and 2% came from private corporations and foundations. Only ten states spent their own money on research with California heading the pack at \$18 million. The next closest state was Massachusetts, which spent a distant \$462,000 on AIDS research. New York, which has the highest number of AIDS cases, spent a meager \$88,000 on research.

The Center for Disease Control reports 102,621 AIDS cases nationwide, with an estimated 1.5 million infected with the virus. Since the federal government is picking up much of the tab on research, states have been burdened with the cost of AIDS education, hospice care, and treatment. However, many states are not picking up their fair share of costs and many legislatures are struggling to find money for AIDS in already tight budgets.

North Carolina is a prime example of a state that has not responded properly to the AIDS epidemic. Even though there were two task force reports on the epidemic, one from the governor and another from the legislature, there was no additional state money allocated to fight AIDS in 1989. Gov. James Martin, a moderate Republican, appointed a task force of his own department heads, that recommended \$13.5 million over the next two years. Included was money for AIDS education, case management, hospice care, residency programs, and money to purchase anti-retroviral drugs for the needy. The governor ended up recommending nothing for AIDS and instead declared October AIDS Awareness Month. The governor did not even go ahead with his own task force recommendation on anti-discrimination laws, but David Jones, of the North Carolina AIDS Services Coalition, said that they did manage to lobby the legislature "to enact anti-discrimination laws covering housing, employment, public transportation and accommodations, etc., that will take effect on October 1st."

David Jolly, the manager of the State Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, told the *Sentinel* that "it's a tough year fiscally in North Carolina. Money is tied up in the construction of new prisons and roads, so there's not much money left over for social programs . . . we did manage to get an additional \$294,000 in additional revenue for AIDS for fiscal 1990, bringing the State's total to \$700,000." David Jones countered, "It's a lie! I realize he has to answer like that, but that \$294,000 comes from indirect federal cost receipts designed to bear the costs of overhead. It is not an appropriation of state money." North Carolina ranks 19th in AIDS cases, but is 39th in state spending, with most of their money coming from the CDC, which provides North Carolina with \$1.4 million to fund the AIDS Control Program.

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Gay nightlife appears to be on the rise in the Haight, with the I-Beam going gay all weekend, including the venerable Sunday tea dance for muscular men who equate dancing with working up a good sweat.

The Nightbreak, a biker bar at the top of Haight Street, has "Female Trouble" Wednesday nights, spotlighting all-woman or woman-fronted bands. The Box, not quite in the Haight but close enough, attracts a stylish crowd with great dance music and mixed clientele.

The gay bar scene, however, is on the wane. Maud's, the 23-year-old women's bar, is being sold next month, and its passing is being commemorated in a television documentary. The

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 A Continuing Series

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FRONT NEWS

AIDS TAX CREDIT SPARKS LITTLE INTEREST IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

After all the time and effort spent in defeating discriminatory measures like 96 and 102 at the polls, it would seem that a proposed initiative that might raise \$96 million per year for AIDS research for the next five years would be met by overwhelming support and enthusiasm from the gay community.

Instead, gay leaders in Northern California declined to campaign for the "AIDS Research Tax Credit Initiative Statute," saying that it would take too much time, money and effort to even get it on the ballot, let alone launch a statewide campaign to pass it.

The proposal would give state income tax credit for voluntary contributions by individuals (\$25), trusts and estates (\$5,000), and corporations (\$10,000), to an AIDS Research Fund. A board would be set up to solicit and distribute the revenues.

The measure is not new. In 1987, a similar measure was passed by the California legislature, but vetoed by Governor Deukmejian. A coalition then tried to qualify it for the 1988 ballot and failed.

But many of the people who attempted to qualify it in 1988, including some of the biggest names in California gay politics, turned down sponsor Bruce Decker's request for support in this latest drive and expressed skepticism that it could succeed.

They say that qualifying the initiative for the ballot would take \$500,000, and getting it to pass would cost another \$2 to \$5 million. But Bruce Decker, the Los Angeles activist behind the initiative, says the cost will be negligible.

Decker says that the estimated half million signatures he needs to put the measure on the ballot could be easily gotten if every AIDS organization in the state solicited 1,000 signatures. As for getting the measure to pass, he says that people "will see four words: 'AIDS

research tax credit' and vote for it."

But Paul Boneberg of the Mobilization Against AIDS says those four words pose a problem to the average person. "Tax credits are a concept that is difficult to explain," he said. This presents a problem for people who are gathering signatures, and ultimately a problem for the initiative.

As for AIDS groups taking respon-

sibility for gathering the signatures, Boneberg points out that most AIDS groups are not political organizations, and besides "they are already swamped trying to meet the commitments they have now."

Brandy Moore, chair of the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS, sees little hope for the initiative. "It's a great idea, I support the concept," he says, "but it's almost September and there's little information in northern California. I don't even see the gay and lesbian community going for it."

Dana Van Gorder, who is organizing the 1990 AIDS conference and was involved in the last drive to get an AIDS research tax credit on the ballot, said "There didn't seem to be much enthusiasm for it then, and there doesn't seem to be now." Besides, he says, "in the end, there's a question of how much money will be generated."

Van Gorder is also expected to take on the governor and the California Republican party, which he predicts would oppose the measure, making it even more expensive to pass.

Some of the negative response to the campaign seems to stem from the way Decker has been running it. Boneberg said that Decker waited until too late to involve AIDS organizations. "If you want to do something for a group, in-

volve them," Boneberg said. "(Decker) was repeatedly urged not to proceed without a consensus, and he did."

Even though gay leaders say they do not support the initiative, they say they do not oppose it. Most agree with Life AIDS Lobby's Rand Martin, "The money for the campaign could be going to direct services for people with AIDS."

TVC To Be Monitored

GALPAC OPENS ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

by Tim Samuels

GALPAC, the Gay and Lesbian Political Awareness Committee, will open its second chapter in Orange County this fall. The Contra Costa County gay advocacy organization is expanding into Southern California to "become an inter-county presence and monitor the Traditional Values Coalition in their own backyard," said GALPAC spokesman Ken Stanley.

The Southern chapter will be based out of Irvine, where its president — Joe Landini — attends the University of California. According to him

'GALPAC-Irvine' already has approximately fifteen members. And he looks for that number to increase as they further organize themselves.

"It's going to allow us to network with GALPAC up here (in Contra Costa) and keep them abreast of TVC activities in Orange County." He continued, "They try all of their tactics out in the south first, before exporting them to the north."

The Traditional Values Coalition, headed by ultra-right conservative Lou Sheldon, is behind the current anti-gay activity in the East Bay. It includes: the repeal of the Concord AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance, the possible recall of Fremont Board of Education President Bob Stipicevich, and much of the opposition to San Francisco's domestic partners legislation.

Landini said that the group will be working in conjunction with I.C.U. (Irvine Citizens United Against Discrimination.) That group is currently fighting the repeal of an anti-discrimination law at the local level in Irvine. Sheldon has also been the primary opponent of Orange County's first gay parade and festival.

Additionally, GALPAC-Irvine will lobby on the campus of UC. According to Landini, "we would like to see more

of the teaching staff acknowledged as gay; as well as the hiring of more minorities."

Both chapters of GALPAC plan to integrate their activities, rather than function as separate entities. Lou Sheldon maintains his residence in Orange County, but makes frequent appearances in the Contra Costa area and press.

This month he was quoted in the Contra Costa Times as saying that GALPAC was coming into Orange County because the gays in the region were "so incompetent."

Said Ken Stanley, "Sheldon has admitted that we are the major thorn in his side here in the East Bay. And by being in Orange County we are going to force the TVC to spend more time and money down there, hopefully taking away from resources targeted for Contra Costa."

GALPAC is a grassroots organization which utilizes letters-to-the-editor, phone calls/appointments with political leaders, and occasional protests to get their message across. Soon, Phil Harrison, of the County Health Department and GALPAC member, will begin publishing a newsletter for the group.

Anyone interested in joining or inquiring about either chapter of GALPAC, can write: P.O. Box 185, Lafayette, CA 94549-0185. Or, in Southern California: P.O. Box 4522, Irvine, CA 92716-4522.

O.C. Parade Ready to Roll

ACTIVISTS PICKET SHELDON HOME

by Andrew Krastins

The Santa Ana score thus far: Gays and lesbians two, fundamentalists zero.

The first point was won when the Santa Ana City Council refused to buckle under fundamentalist pressure to stop this weekend's Gay Pride Festival at Centennial Park, the first in conservative Orange County.

The second point was won just last week, when activists picketed the Anaheim home of the Rev. Lou Sheldon, the right-wing political lobbyist who heads the hyper-conservative Traditional Values Coalition.

Some 80 activists organized by the Orange County Visibility League demonstrated peacefully for about 45 minutes in front of Sheldon's home Aug. 26, even garnering moral support from some of Sheldon's neighbors.

"We encountered no harassment at all from neighbors," said activist Bill Hein. "Most of them feel that while Sheldon has been a good neighbor, he had no right to enact this campaign against us."

Among the more amusing chants to emerge from the protest was "Two, four, six, eight, Sheldon should redecorate," Hein said. Sheldon apparently was not home during the demonstration.

Meanwhile, festival organizers say everything is running on schedule. Janet Avery, president of Orange County Cultural Pride, Inc., the non-profit group sponsoring the event, said the group has sold some 40 booth spaces, which was their initial goal.

Festival security, a long-standing worry of local lesbian and gay residents, also should pose no problems, according to Avery and the Santa Ana Police Department.

Santa Ana Police Lieutenant Bob Helton said he anticipates no violence, either from fundamentalist agitators or from local youth gangs.

"We have contingency plans available in case of any eventuality," Helton said. Helton declined to comment when asked how many police officers will be on hand for the event and what security measures will be taken. "We don't publish the resources we have available," he said.

The festival and parade will take place entirely within Centennial Park, located at Fairview and Edinger Streets in Santa Ana. The parade is scheduled for noon on Sunday. The two couples selected to serve as grand marshalls are

Gates open both days at 10 a.m. Entertainment kicks off both days at 10:30 a.m. and includes such performers as Monica Palacios, Romanovsky and Phillips, Monica Grant, the Laurie Williams Band, Love That Dares, John McKinly, Deidre McCalla and others.

Admission is \$10 per day for tickets purchased at the gate and \$7.50 per day presale.

Avery anticipates a more extensive festival next year. Citing inexperience as its greatest weakness, Avery is quick to acknowledge her group has suffered from numerous organizational problems.

By next year, however, the festival

established county lesbian and gay activists, and from older organizations, Avery said.

Some activists fighting to save the sexual orientation clause in the Irvine Human Rights Ordinance believe the festival and Orange County Cultural Pride will detract from their efforts and adversely affect public opinion, Avery said.

"I don't see any point in having a Human Rights ordinance and then pretending you don't exist," Avery said. She added that "some egos on the part of our community's establishment have been bruised."

Despite the event's admittedly modest proportions, Avery urged people to attend, saying, "This is history."

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Reconciliation with Rome Sought
DIGNITY ENTERS POST-SEXUAL ERA
 by Steve Warren

Following six years of work concerning sexual ethics, Pat Roche, the newly-elected president of Dignity/USA, feels it's time for the organization to move on to other issues. He outlined a five-point agenda after his election at Dignity's Ninth Biennial Convention, held last week in San Francisco:

- 1) the need for special Church ministries to persons with AIDS and a compassionate perspective by all Catholics on the AIDS crisis;
- 2) the need for strenuous opposition to violence against gays and lesbians;
- 3) the need for the Church to remove barriers to women's full participation in the Church;
- 4) the need for consistent Church support for laws protecting the basic human rights of gays and lesbians; and
- 5) the need for Church respect for individual consciences of all persons and the right to dissent.

In line with these principles, the governing House of Delegates passed a number of motions, from broadly worded ones endorsing those concepts to the more specific calls for a "memorial to all Dignity members who have died, [especially] those who have died of AIDS"; and annual Eucharistic celebrations "for the observance of women's contributions, concerns and feminist issues" and "in recognition of women's gifts and their contributions to the Roman Catholic Church."

The convention also adopted unanimously a resolution supporting "legislation recognizing the legal status of domestic partners... such as the

Domestic Partners ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco." It encouraged Dignity chapters to develop and practice their own rituals to bless non-traditional unions.

"I think people go to church mainly for rituals," outgoing president Jim Bussen said. His home chapter in Chicago recently held a blessing for couples within the group, while others have created their own variations on the marriage ceremony.

Two San Franciscans were elected with the Seattle-based Roche, incumbent Beth Gorman as vice president and Sophie Miranda as treasurer. Also elected was Michael Flynn of Philadelphia, secretary.

The convention's House of Delegates unanimously accepted the report of the Task Force on Sexual Ethics, which should forever dispel clichés of Catholic guilt and myths of celibacy among lesbian and gay Catholics. It was based on interviews, discussion, grass-roots input and an admittedly unscientific survey in which, according to Bussen, "eighty percent of respondents said they were sexually active and 90 percent of those said they feel good about it."

The organization's voting body was also unanimously in agreeing to add to its official Statement of Position and Purpose a sentence from a resolution ap-



because of his ministry to gays, spoke informally at the convention about Dignity forming its own parishes as other groups have done which could not conform to official edicts, such as those who continue to say mass in Latin.

This year's convention theme was "Twenty Years of Dignity: A Pilgrimage of Hope," and the more than 600 registrants spent much of their time in a structured processing of the past to help find a direction for the future. "In looking back over the past 20 years," Roche said, "we saw where the spirit has led us—from a small group attending home liturgies in San Diego to one of the five largest gay and lesbian organizations in the country..."

"Between 1983 in Seattle and 1989 in San Francisco, Dignity went from the cathedral on the hill [St. James Cathedral, where Dignity held a mass during the Seattle convention] to the Cathedral Hill Hotel [the San Francisco convention site]. In making the journey we may have lost church spires, stained glass windows, candles and incense, but we took on the journey the thing which was most important—one another..."

"The vast majority of people in Dignity have deep love for the heritage of the Catholic church and deep pride in being gay or lesbian, and they don't believe the two are irreconcilable."

Father Bernard Lynch, subject of the video AIDS: A Priest's Testament, who has been persecuted by the church for his work with PWAs in New York, presented a compelling seminar, "Christ Has AIDS," at the convention. It combined basic Christian dogma—much of it in direct conflict with Catholic teachings—with practical tips on how to minister to people with AIDS. "You can never be less than totally human with our brothers with AIDS," Lynch said. "They see through us like a veil."

We can see Christ's suffering in

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proved at the 1987 convention in Miami Beach: "We affirm that gay and lesbian people can express their sexuality physically in a unitive manner that is loving, life giving a life affirming."

The House of Delegates approved "A Call from Dignity/USA to All Our Sisters and Brothers in Faith," which calls for dialogue and an attempt at reconciliation between Dignity and the Roman Catholic church. It reads in part:

"Come, let us sit before the Lord. Let us reconcile one with the other. Let us heed the Lord's call for mutual love. Let us create a climate in which we might better hear the truths each of us has to share in a dialogue for understanding; the truth our God longs to speak to us this day. Let us recognize and uproot prejudice and injustice, especially within our church. Let us openly examine the scriptures, review the Tradition, and discuss the moral principles that relate to sexuality. Let us take seriously the findings of the human sciences. Let us listen to the witness of the lived experiences of lesbian and gay persons."

Roche likened Dignity and the

Roman Catholic church to the story of Ben Hur and Messala, who were boyhood friends but grew up to represent opposing institutions and could no longer find common ground.

The president-elect said he hoped the situation could be more like those of Reagan and Gorbachev or Begin and Sadat who, because they were human, could find issues they agreed on to bridge their differences and help them deal with more difficult questions.

"Twenty years ago," Roche said, "I wouldn't have believed there would ever be an official ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics in any archdiocese in this country." Such ministries have been established in some areas in an attempt to force Dignity out, but they are meeting the needs of some lesbian and gay Catholics who are afraid to step away from the established church.

Although a few Dignity chapters still meet in Catholic churches and most still have priests celebrating mass for them—in spite of being forbidden by Rome to do so—the organization as a whole is further from the church than ever. Father John McNeill, who was expelled from the Jesuits two years ago

POLITICS
MACHINE POLITICS
 by Michael Colbruno

There is something rather strange occurring in the gay community regarding the upcoming vote on the stadium in San Francisco. The entire gay leadership has bowed down to kiss the ass of Mayor Art Agnos and enthusiastically back him on his stadium proposition, yet I cannot find a handful of non-activist gays who support the new ballpark.

A recent Target Research Poll showed that only 41% of San Franciscans support the new ballpark. I remain firmly undecided on the issue and therefore hope that I can objectively raise a few questions. I personally love the Giants and seldom go a week without attending a game, unless they're on the road. I also think that Bob Lurie is a wonderfully progressive team owner and applaud him for his support of domestic partners and his \$5,000 check to get the campaign off the ground. But, I must confess, that I voted against the last stadium proposition because I resented Lurie's "vote my way, or I'll move the team attitude," and I know that I was joined by many others. I also question linking domestic partners and the stadium, as Lurie and Agnos seem intent on doing.

Voters are smarter than politicians give them credit for, and will decide each issue on their own. Agnos knows he has gay voters in his clutch and is using the gay machine to get grassroots support for his beloved ballpark by linking it to domestic partners. Meanwhile, he continues to woo the business community and the more conservative west of Twin Peaks voters with the stadium. Doesn't this reek of machine politics, ala Richard Daley?

I also think that there is another message being sent to Lurie and Agnos: traffic in San Francisco sucks, why build a downtown stadium near the crowded financial district? I really believe that the mayor is being a little selfish in wanting the stadium in San Francisco, which he may be surprised to learn does not sit on the Equator, and no place in its borders is it much warmer, or less windy, than the Stick. San Francisco is already tight on real estate, and perhaps a lot of people just don't want a big ballpark blocking their view of comorants and Navy planes flying in perfect harmony over the bay. I admit that the Stick is awful for baseball. It was clearly designed for football, the foul ball area is much too large and the swirling winds can make a Gold Glover look like a little leaguer.

An option I still like is building a stadium outside of the city. The majority of the fan base has been proven to be outside of the city, so why should we give up the revenue and the land? Santa Clara is not a bad drive and a good Giants-Dodgers game would be a great excuse to "get out of the city" for a day. Teams do not have to play in the city that they're named for. The Dallas Cowboys play in Irving, the New England Patriots in Foxboro, and the New York Giants in New Jersey!

In all honesty, I'd love a Fenway Park in San Francisco. It would indeed be a boon to business and would look great against the skyline, however I don't think the citizenry and Mother Nature feel the same way. Agnos needs to be realistic and spend his energy solving traffic congestion and parking problems. Mr. Lurie needs to realize that the San Francisco Giants can remain just that, even in the balmy 'burbs.

Doo-Little, Doo-Wrong, Doo Wah Doo Wah

Anti-gay Republican State Senator

John Doolittle, a candidate for insurance commissioner, who in the best tradition of William Dannemeyer, Jesse Helms, and the Third Reich introduced SCR 65, which urged the Governor to reject his own AIDS panel's recommendations, continues to move ahead with the resolution. The Sentinel learned that with bipartisan blessings he has continued to put heat on the already "poor on AIDS issues" Governor Deukmejian.

Doolittle's primary objections to the recommendations were condom distribution in prisons, needle exchange for drug abusers, and AIDS education. He also wanted to add mandatory AIDS testing to the recommendations. I was shocked by the bipartisan support that Doo-Doo had for SCR 65 and decided to find out why.

Well, I am happy to report that all fourteen co-sponsors do not think that they are better versed in AIDS policy recommendations than an expert panel. I found no senator who objected to AIDS education and little support for mandatory testing. Needle exchange programs and condom distribution in prisons were the primary reasons everyone signed on. Bill Gage, an aide to Democrat Cecil Green, provided a typical response, citing that Green was a former narcotics commissioner and could find little justification for needle exchange. He also said Green talked to the gay organization MECLA and to the Senate President DeBerti's staff about condom distribution, yet still has personal objections.

On the Republican side, Sen. Ed Davis, who drew fire in the U.S. Senate primary for his pro-gay sentiments, also objected to the needle exchange and condom distribution provisions. Davis' aide, Charles Fennessey, told me that the Senator could not support condom distribution in prisons, but it didn't really matter because the Governor will never go for it anyway. He said the Senator objects to needle exchange programs because "the use of intravenous drugs is illegal," but said Davis might support certain measures. He pointed out that Davis did support methadone clinics and their funding in the past and is open to suggestions.

The bottom line remains that prisoners do have sex in prison, it can't be stopped and AIDS needs to be, and condoms are still the best known way besides abstinence, which remains the most unrealistic approach. Drug abusers continue to shoot up, and clean needles remain the best way of stopping the spread among IV drug abusers. It is due time that the legislature and governor start listening to experts and not Senator Doo-Doo and his band of yo-yo's.

Shorts and Briefs

... Sen. Milton Marks (D-SF/Marin) appointed two gay staffers recently, Mike Bosia and Paul Herman. Bosia worked with Sacramentans for Justice in drafting and passing the city's gay rights ordinance. Herman was policy assistant to Dr. Marc Conant, who headed the AIDS panel that Sen. Doo-Doo found so much fault with.

NGRA DEFENDS RIGHT-TO-DIE CASE

National Gay Rights Advocates, the nation's leading gay civil rights law firm, has filed an amicus curiae brief in an important privacy case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case, *Cruzan v. Cruzan*, will consider whether the constitutional right of privacy includes the right to die. The case is considered one of the most important cases before the Court this term because of its potential impact on a broad range of constitutional privacy issues, including the right to abortion.

"The Supreme Court has already delivered a crushing blow to the sexual privacy rights of gay and lesbian Americans," said attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of National Gay Rights Advocates' AIDS Civil Rights Project. "We cannot allow the Court to further erode our privacy rights by taking away our right to medical privacy as well. The right to medical privacy is particularly crucial for persons with HIV disease because it encompasses such important concerns as access to treatments and freedom from forced testing," Schatz added.

NGRA filed its brief in the case involving Nancy Cruzan, a 31-year-old Missouri woman who sustained devastating injuries following an automobile accident six years ago. She is described as being in a "state of persistent vegetative."

Nancy's family and friends have maintained that she would not want to be kept alive under these conditions.

Nonetheless the state supreme court, citing a Missouri anti-abortion law, ruled that the state's "policy strongly favoring life" outweighed Nancy's right to die by discontinuing artificial life support.

The American Academy of Neurology has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the Missouri decision. This is the first time that the Supreme Court, after four previous requests, has agreed to hear a case involving an individual's right to terminate extraordinary medical life support.

"This case has obvious implications for people with AIDS and their loved ones who may have to make similar decisions," said NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary. "The need for gay persons to make decision regarding medical life support requires an expanded definition of the family which includes gay families and life partners," she added.



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Unified Dates

To the Editor:
How idiotic to make SF & LA parades on different days! The point is a united statement and action, not a dribble of different events.
The number of people who would travel to both parades is minuscule — probably all concentrated in the leadership of Christopher St. West.
No!!
C.M. Jones

New Alliance Party

To the Editor:
I wanted to respond to Geoffrey Minter's article entitled *Left Wing Group Courting Gays* and correct some of the mistakes and charges by some of the people interviewed for the article.
Firstly, I would like to thank the *Sentinel* for providing such extensive coverage of the New Alliance Party's work around this forum entitled: *Which Way For Lesbian & Gay Empowerment?* It is precisely this public dialogue in front of the community, so that they can decide the validity of independent politics, that is vital to our growth and development as a community.
I would like to take issue with Pat Norman's charge that "the New Alliance Party (NAP)'s actions, in effect, 'keep people who a conservative in power.'" Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, it was the Democratic Party controlled Congress which supported Reagan's right-wing nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court which recently voted to gut Roe vs. Wade. Not a single policy, budget cut, political appointment, or Jesse Helms amendment could have passed Congress without the explicit support of the Democratic Party which controls it. Most of us know this but don't know that we have a progressive choice. That's why this public dialogue is so important. What the New Alliance Party is building is an independent community-based people's party that is challenging this *dirty deal* between the Democrats and Republicans which keeps the right wing in power. We need democracy not dealmaking!

I would like to respond to the tone and content of the attacks by Robert Bray of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. At one point during his interview, Bray states that "(NAP) is

cashing in on our movement." Now as a gay activist, I consider myself part of our movement. Since when did Bray define who was included in that. It's exactly this type of exclusionary politics that we in the New Alliance Party are challenging. Our movement must be inclusive of all points of view — even independent points of view. While Bray goes on to claim that he "is not a puppet of the Democratic Party," he reveals his real intentions when he states that the problem with NAP is that it takes votes away from the Democrats. He finally got it!

NAP is an independent, Black-led, multi-racial, pro-gay political party. We have no oath to the Democrats or the Republicans — only to the communities who support us. As the fastest growing political party in America, we are very proud of our 10-year history of militant and passionate work in the Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, women's and lesbian and gay communities. Let this dialogue continue. We must put aside the vicious attacks and get down to the real issues of empowerment for our community. Is the Democratic Party our road to empowerment — or should we begin to explore our independent options? That is a question for our community to decide, not a few self-appointed leaders on the Democratic Party payroll!
Jim Mangia

Abortion

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to two recent letters in the *Sentinel* whose authors argue that gays and lesbians should oppose abortion on demand. Both Mark Miller and Sheila Graves raise the spectre of a prenatal genetic test for homosexuality, and claim that the mere possibility of such a test means that "gays and lesbians stand to lose the most" if abortion on demand is available. Furthermore, Mr. Miller contends that gays and lesbians should oppose the right to choose abortion because "unwanted pregnancies and the abortions that often follow them are a heterosexual problem . . . if heterosexuals are burdened with unwanted pregnancies, then they have obviously not been following the advice they so freely give the gay/lesbian community. Use protection . . . just say no."

Both arguments reveal an astounding degree of political shortsightedness, as well as a deplorable lack of compassion on their authors' parts. First, and most obviously, recriminalizing abortion will not change the deeply-seated homophobia which might prompt some people to abort "gay fetuses" if a prenatal genetic test for homosexuality were ever constructed (which I think is highly unlikely anyway, considering contemporary understandings of both sexuality and genetics.) Gays and lesbians already have plenty of experience in a far more humane — and effective — strategy for preventing the development of such an inherently homophobic test. We are already adept at fighting limited and limiting genetic constructions of sexuality and constructions of homosexuality as a frightful abnormality, whether these conceptions arise from scientific or religious communities, legislatures, or the courts. To point to only one notable example of our hard-won gains, we are successfully contesting the construction of AIDS as a "gay plague" caused by "the inherent unhealthiness of the gay lifestyle." Yes, there are still many people who see AIDS as a "gay scourge," and yes, there may always be people who would abort "gay fetuses" if they could, but we cannot deny millions the right to choose because some will make choices to which we are opposed. To do so is to contribute to the mentality of those who would deny gays and lesbians the very means of life because they do not agree with our choice of sexual/emotional partners.

Mr. Miller's assertion that abortion is primarily the messy consequence of irresponsible heterosexual sex and his thinly veiled implication that women who get pregnant must "live with the consequences" are also eerily reminiscent of right-wing arguments. Hasn't the right-wing been telling us that AIDS is the consequence of irresponsible (read: inherently immoral) gay sex, and that people with AIDS deserve what they get since this epidemic began? I'd like to remind Mr. Miller that condoms break, diaphragms fail, and that no one in this culture, heterosexual, homosexual or otherwise, has been encouraged to think about or talk about sexuality honestly. Therefore "responsibility" is not really the issue — desire, misinformation, fear, shame, and confusion are. Not to mention rape and in-

cest, which happen to lesbians as well as heterosexual women and girls. Finally, in response to Mr. Miller's fatuous and patronizing claim that his "lesbian sisters" who choose to become mothers are an "example to the aborting heterosexuals." I'd like to ask Mr. Miller to ask all his "lesbian sisters" how many of them had or considered having abortions when they were involved with men, how many of them are survivors of rape and/or incest, and how many of them think abortion is primarily a question of "responsibility." Wise up, Mr. Miller — your ideas are far more dangerous to gays and lesbians (and everyone else) than legal abortion on demand could ever be.
Lisa Nash

Yes On S and P

To the Editor:
We feel the two writers opposing the new ballpark and its linkage with Domestic Partners *Sentinel* letters, 31 Aug) have overlooked the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity given gay voters by Prop. P, the Downtown Stadium Measure.

For decades we minority gays have sought acceptance and respect from the majority non-gays. We have moved toward this goal — as the last substantial constituency relegated to the "back of the bus" by too many bigoted straights — by evidencing that we differ from non-gays *only* by virtue of same-sex love.

We now ask all San Francisco voters to recognize us as complete citizens and total humans by affirming Domestic Partners. We must not, therefore, default on our half of what may in effect be a ballot *quid pro quo* by contributing to the defeat of a new ballpark which will bring to all citizens — irrespective of age, political or sexual orientation — economic, recreational and social advantages and benefits.

Passage of Prop P, the Downtown Stadium, will prove to San Francisco that we gays have matured beyond "one issue voting." Passage of Prop S, the Domestic Partners Measure, will likewise prove to America that the people of San Francisco have cast off the last vestiges of homophobia.
Thomas F. Lundquist
Thomas M. Edwards

Lurie's Toys

To the Editor:
After reading a recent article in the *S.F. Chronicle* I found myself getting very angry. I am a native San Franciscan and have been a loyal Giants fan for many years. I'm not very happy about the stadium. I voted against it last year and will vote against it again this year. Who are the Gay political groups to speak for the whole gay community as a whole? I think that it's a sad day when the people of this city let a man like Bob Lurie and the Giants ball team hold this city hostage. They act like a bunch of little children, *if we don't get our way we will take our toys and play elsewhere.* I for one say let them go, and how dare they think that the gay community of this city can be bought out! The hollow promises made by Mr. Lurie and our Mayor need to be filled with more than just air. Please keep your stadium and your petitions out of my face, thank you.
Michael Gardner

CORRECTION

The October meeting of the S.F. Parade Committee will be on October 8th at 5 p.m. The address is 1519 Mission St.



The *Sentinel* welcomes your letters. All submissions must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 200 words. Brevity is a virtue. We reserve the right to edit according to our space needs. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification purposes.

EDITORIAL

WE WANT SEPARATE PARADE DATES

by Marsha Levine and Bartholomew Casimir

Regarding your article on the San Francisco Parade Committee's decision not to alternate dates with Christopher Street West/Los Angeles — We'd like to clear up some mis-information with some missing information.

First of all, a vote on the proposed by-law change that would institute the alternating date plan actually happened at the July General Membership meeting, not the last General Membership meeting (August), as Mr. White stated. And the vote was far from being unanimous, it was closer to a 60%-40% split. Secondly, there was a subsequent motion passed by about 85% of the voters that requested we keep the communications open between the two cities and try to come up with other possibilities.

What Mr. White was *not* present to witness, since he walked into the August meeting as we were getting ready to adjourn, was the lack of interest in bringing the by-law change issue back up for discussion at this time. He would have also learned that an unofficial task force was set-up to discuss this further. Right now that group consists of two main facilitators and hopefully the persons who contacted us through approximately 10 phone calls and 12 letters. Should anyone desire to attend a meeting of this group and contribute to the discussions, they should call 864-3733 about upcoming sessions.

CSW/LA did *not* initiate the alternating dates proposal. Our Vice-President Bart Casimir asked Los Angeles why they had to be on the same weekend as San Francisco, at the annual California Pride Coordinators Conference in Long Beach last November. A long time ago, CSW/LA was told they would not have adequate police participation if the event was held on Father's Day weekend. They also have a clause in their by-laws that states that they will hold their event on the 4th weekend of June. And there are other reasons that have to do with insurance policies and/or the scheduling around

the dates of other local street fairs/statewide lesbian & gay pride celebrations.

Both cities were approached at that conference by members of the San Jose, Long Beach, San Diego, and Orange County Lesbian/Gay Pride Committees and asked if they could please try to work out a plan that would enable groups to participate at both events. Our representatives agreed and devised such a plan. That plan was passed by the San Francisco and Los Angeles Board of Directors in April of 1989.

Since this would require a by-laws change, we had to announce that we would be discussing this at the General Membership meeting, and the proposed amendment would require two readings. The first reading took place at the July meeting and it failed. This meant that there would be no second reading. Those who voted against the by-law amendment and voted for the subsequent "open communication motion", when quizzed publicly, said that they had voted down the by-law change because they felt that there had been inadequate time for discussion and processing. They felt that the decision was being railroaded through. They just wanted some more time to think about it.

Mr. White is wrong if he thinks this is a "dead" or "non" issue. Since the General Membership passed the subsequent motion, and since there has been an unofficial task force established, this issue will remain as old business on the agenda until some resolution happens. And just because the by-law amendment failed this time, it doesn't mean

that people can't bring this item up again, and again, and again.

While Mr. White may have been the Media Coordinator (a paid position) for the Parade and Celebration the last two years, he has extremely limited knowledge of how the organization is structured and how it operates. Witness when he states that he feels that CSW/LA's motivation could be economical, he goes on to say that people pay to get into the LA parade, but that "ours is free and you just join in as it goes along." LA's parade application fees are 25% to 50% lower than San Francisco's parade fees. You must register to be in both parades. Allen knows that we use these application forms to determine the line-up formation and official estimates for the press, and that we will take steps to prevent unregistered groups from appearing in our parade.

This senseless competition has got to stop! And just what is there to compete against and compare to anyways? Comparing both cities is like comparing apples and oranges. Compare a two-day festival produced by a total self-sufficient organization that grosses over \$500,000 annually — to a one-day parade and celebration that depends upon city funds, outside grants, and heavy fundraising that *might* possibly gross over \$15,000? Compare a grassroots committee to an organization that has *bought* and financed the reconstruction of a building to be used as an AIDS hospice (it was originally supposed to be a gay and lesbian senior retirement home), and makes donations

to community organizations that send volunteers to work at the festival? We can see no similarities, therefore no real (or imagined) basis for competition — financial or otherwise!

The real reason behind the alternating dates plan was and will remain the desire of our sister cities in pride wanting to be able to participate in ALL California Lesbian/Gay Pride events. Not just those geographically convenient and economical. We hoped that during our tenure with this organization that we would proudly watch San Francisco welcome and embrace our southern California brothers and sisters, and we will continue to work towards extending that hand as long as we are members of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee.

Marsha Levine is President and Bartholomew Casimir is Vice President of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee.

POINT OF VIEW

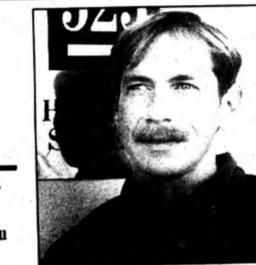
CAN I GET A WITNESS?

by Andrew Pelfini

When you are a little kid riding your bike for the first time, you might have said "Hey mom, look at what I can do!" Why do you think you did that? Perhaps it was because you wanted attention for an accomplishment, perhaps it was because you felt proud of yourself, or it could have been simply because your mother was your closest friend at the time and you wanted to share the experience with someone else. And if you've grown up to hate your mother, this might be a bad example!

The need to be recognized and encouraged is ongoing — we don't seem to outgrow it. So much of our self-esteem is based on the validation that we get from outside of ourselves. The car we drive, the clothes we wear, how we live and how we look are frequently in the forefront in determining our self-image. Although this is a mainstream American cultural value, it is a value that is in conflict with the dual reality that self-esteem and integrity also come out of the commitment in human relationships. Our continuing positive identity has much more to do with being heard, understood and valued. AIDS has challenged our identities, re-defined our sense of security and made the need for ongoing human relationships more immediate, and sometimes more threatening.

AIDS has shaken our sense of constancy, for what we have believed to be constant, including our lovers, our friends, our extended families and even our survival have been jeopardized. The first relationship we had in the world



Andrew Pelfini.

continues to increase. Something is not coming together. And that something is an individual waiting to meet another person, both committed to affirming and acknowledging the continuing struggle of AIDS.

People still need the contact of peer counselors in learning how to adapt and be supported for their independent living. It's hard to keep promising the constancy of emotional support when volunteer applications diminish instead of increasing. I can think of many reasons why: Maybe it's too hard, maybe you're afraid, maybe you're tired of this, maybe the politics of AIDS or of Shanti Project obscure your view of this work, maybe your best friend just died. While it makes sense to pull away, it also makes sense to come together and enter into a volunteer body which offers recognition of your qualities, your feelings and the commitment to significant relationships making a difference in living with AIDS.

It's difficult to imagine living in San Francisco and not having some sort of reaction to AIDS. We need your reaction and will pay attention to what you know, how you feel and what you can do with other people to acknowledge their accomplishments in the epidemic.

Like the kid on the bicycle, no one has outgrown that need to be witnessed, to have attention paid to them.

Volunteer programs rely on community involvement. And in the community, we have taken care of each other, not only as volunteers but as friends. I want to personally thank the thousands of volunteers who chose Shanti Project as their way of helping in the epidemic. We need people to keep choosing, to keep saying yes to becoming a volunteer. Consider becoming a Shanti Emotional Support Volunteer for just a little while. Your six month commitment will teach you more about yourself, and will give someone on the waiting list an opportunity to be understood and supported. We're all taking turns. Help us uphold the promise of constancy.

Andrew Pelfini is the Director of Shanti Project's Emotional Support Program. Trainings occur five times a year — the next Emotional Support Volunteer Training is September 15, 16, 17 and 22, 23, 24. For information on becoming a volunteer, please call 777-2273.

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HOW HAS HAIGHT STREET CHANGED?

by John W. Holmes



Paige: "Too many cafes, they need a good dentist's office."



Peter: "Hasn't changed at all, it's still the same."



Sally: "It's changed for the worse, only because it's too commercial, like a side-show."



Thomas: "Haight Street is turning back as it was in the early '60s. The same spirit that was then is still here, but in a new age and I believe that God has his church on the corner of Haight Street to reach out for souls."



Andrew: "There's a totally open attitude, feels like a real neighborhood . . . a big community."

COVER STORY

STATE	RANK	PER CAP	CASES	RANK (POP)	TOTAL
NY	1	\$3.62	23,424	1	\$52,884,926
HA	2	3.62	389	28	3,974,144
FL	3	2.95	8,248	3	17,765,244
MA	4	2.88	2,190	9	14,754,308
RI	4	2.88	256	33	2,864,668
CA	6	2.72	20,478	2	76,877,000
CT	7	2.12	1,282	14	6,861,471
NJ	8	1.69	7,074	4	13,012,804
WA	9	1.18	1,348	10	5,475,000
MD	10	1.11	1,835	25	5,148,751
SC	11	.98	561	44	3,429,000
AK	12	.95	66	44	498,000
GA	13	.76	2,513	8	4,840,215
LA	14	.70	1,344	13	3,102,582
MI	14	.70	545	26	2,997,000
MN	16	.57	1,211	16	5,239,300
IL	17	.49	3,013	6	5,636,261
DE	18	.42	194	38	278,323
PA	19	.39	2,855	7	4,645,000
ME	20	.33	129	40	403,444
NM	21	.31	197	37	462,489
MO	22	.29	1,026	18	1,509,763
NH	22	.29	120	41	319,847
OR	22	.29	608	22	808,341
VA	25	.23	1,228	15	1,353,500
OH	26	.19	1,405	11	2,103,000
OK	26	.19	434	27	625,000
MI	26	.19	321	31	500,000
KA	26	.19	256	33	471,125
NV	26	.19	376	29	197,691
AL	31	.16	565	24	667,920
UT	31	.16	208	36	273,400
TX	33	.14	6,969	5	2,336,572
IN	34	.13	577	23	701,000
KY	34	.13	269	32	500,000
WI	36	.12	355	30	556,500
AZ	36	.12	821	20	429,011
CO	38	.09	1,068	17	290,000
NC	39	.06	895	19	400,000
TN	39	.06	656	21	308,900
NB	39	.06	111	42	101,500
AR	42	.05	218	35	107,753

PER CAPITA SPENDING ON AIDS

The following states allocate no state money for AIDS (cases in parenthesis): IA (140), WV (90), VT (44), ID (43), MT (31), WY (24), SD (16), & ND (15).

STATE SPENDING

Continued from front page
Jones pointed out that the governor's hands have been tied by concessions he

had to make to appease Helms Republicans. Helms is the State's homophobic U.S. Senator, who has held up AIDS bills, civil rights protections for gay men and women, and offered amendments to keep gays off the Hate Crimes Bill in the Senate. Jones says, "Helms has these right-wing attorneys strategically placed throughout Martin's administration. They sit in on

strategy meetings and cabinet meetings and report back to Helms. It's unfortunate, with the lack of response we're getting, we're going to go from a low prevalence state to a high one."

Texas has probably had the worst response to the epidemic of any state, they are fifth in AIDS cases and 33rd in per capita spending. Emily Untermeyer of the Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee says that there are many reasons why Texas has been bad in responding to the AIDS crisis, "We were in a serious economic slump when AIDS funding first came before the legislature and Texas had no money to spare. Remember, Texas has had more banks close than any other state. We're also a more decentralized state with numerous state health agencies, and the Department of Health has a sketchy relationship with local health organizations, which are county based and independent Also, Medicaid is much more restrictive here, than say in California, this is the south and like Alabama or Mississippi, we don't traditionally fund health and human service cases." Untermeyer did add encouraging words for the future, pointing out that Texas has allocated \$7.9 million for AIDS in FY 1990 and \$10.5 million for FY 1991. In contrast, New Jersey, which has about the same number of cases, spends \$13 million on AIDS, which is twenty-eight times more per capita in state funding. Untermeyer added, "Because of our Legislative Task Force recommendations, we have taken a quantum leap forward, but Texas will always have to depend on private funding."

Of states with at least 1,000 AIDS cases, Colorado has the lowest per capita allocation of state funds for AIDS. Colorado has 1,068 AIDS cases, with an estimated 30,000 more who are infected. The CDC estimates that the state will have around 4,000 cases by 1991, yet Colorado spends a meager nine cents per capita on AIDS. In contrast, the state just ahead of Colorado in AIDS cases, Michigan, spends nearly ten times as much. Ann Randolph of the Colorado AIDS Project told the *Sentinel* that "the governor is

paying attention, but little has come from the legislature." Colorado is known to have a very conservative legislature which is currently in recess and we were unable to reach legislators for comment. However, Julian Rush, director of the Colorado AIDS Project, did explain that not only are they conservative "but predominately rural and have a very territorial attitude. They feel the problems of the cities are not theirs. They are poorly informed and irresponsible. We receive no city, no county, and no state funding." Randolph did say that they have "pretty good funding from local grants and trusts, including \$10,000 from both AT&T and Prudential Life Insurance, plus an additional \$20,000 from the city of Denver, where 85% of the state's AIDS cases occur."

In contrast to states like Texas, Colorado, and North Carolina are states like Hawaii, South Carolina, Alaska, and Rhode Island, which all contribute heavily even though they have been only moderately effected by the crisis. Alaska has the benefit of a healthy state surplus and Rhode Island was forced to respond to an Omnibus AIDS Bill with heavy state funding. Rhode Island's law required costly testing of inmates at the Adult Correctional Facility, prostitutes and their customers, people caught with hypodermic needles, and requires offering of testing for pre-natal and pre-marital cases, STD clinic patients, and those at drug treatment centers. Ann Marie Silvia, of Rhode Island Project AIDS, says, "The money for pre-natal and pre-marital cases could be much better used for support services, prevention, education, and counseling. But these are the compromises one has to make." The Project received \$425,000 in state funds to provide services, the same amount that the state of Arizona provides with over three times the caseload.

When Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) announced his tenpoint plan to combat AIDS recently, he stressed that "Funding is urgently needed at the local level to create front-line partnerships to address the full spectrum of AIDS and HIV care needs."

Gay and Catholic WALKING WITH DIGNITY

by Frederic Millen

Gentle reader, when was the last time you were in a room with several hundred lesbian and gay folk for some purpose other than cocktails? To be gay and Catholic on Labor Day weekend in San Francisco meant lifting our voices in song with over 700 compatriots. It meant listening to blunt criticism of the Roman hierarchy. It meant welcoming fellow Catholics from Anglican and Greek traditions. It meant women and men worshipping together as equals.

Convention co-facilitator Evelyn Whitehead said, "Dignity is a grassroots organization working for social change. To be a member is to understand that change must come from below."

Incoming national president Pat Roche of Seattle said, "Dignity members are committed to the deeper values of a 20-year-old, worldwide movement. If we won't stand up for the goodness in our relationships, who will?"

Delegates responded enthusiastically to Roche's remarks. Representatives were present from Dignity/Dignite of Canada; Quest of Great Britain, and Acceptance of Australia. Dignity chaplain Bernard Lynch of New York City described the work of Reach, an Irish organization of lesbian and gay Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

"They meet for worship in a Redemptorist priory," said Lynch. "This would not be possible without the Protestant connection. Their work is vitally important for the eventual solution to the conflict in the north."

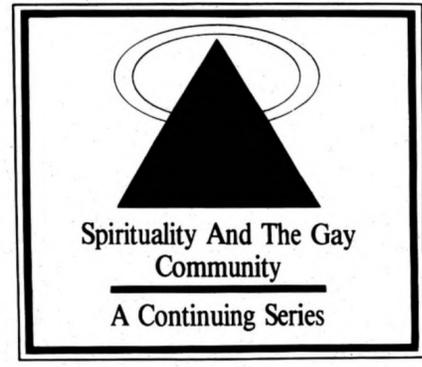
At a week-long series of meetings, delegates developed a vision of what it means to live in freedom as children of God. Legislative sessions affirmed Dignity's interest in healing, social justice, equality between women and

Pittsburgh Priests. The group is organized around a core membership of married priests with a 20 year history as antiwar, civil rights and sexual equality activists. APP supports a proposed gay rights ordinance against the opposition of the local Roman bishop. The measure is up for reconsideration next year. Priests from the association serve as presiders at Dignity services and as substitutes for vacationing rectors.

Edmund Dwyer said, "Dignity New York is without clergy, but so are straight Catholics in many parts of the country." Like outgoing national president Jim Bussen, he sees a great opportunity for networking among Catholics who are alienated from the official church over divorce, married priests and women's issues.



The parade of banners at the 9th Biennial Dignity Convention



men, integration of spirituality with sexuality, and maturity in the relationship between lesbians, gay men and self-appointed church authorities.

Co-facilitator James Whitehead hailed the "revolutionary energy" of Dignity. "You are embarked on the latest stage of the centuries old journey of Jews and Christians," he said.

Bill Nist of Pittsburgh said, "The future belongs to those willing to be opposed." He described his chapter's close relationship with Association of

Frank Nigro. Liturgy takes place at St. Margaret's Episcopal church. "We've accomplished so much more from having to fight for our rights," Nigro said.

Noreen Whipple, a nurse from Long Beach, conducted a seminar on living creatively as a single lesbian. "The great gift we have in these gatherings is our own resources," she said.

Uppermost in the minds of seminar participants, and perhaps for most lesbians at the convention, was how to meet a good Catholic girl. The women were agreed that there is a lack of support for single women and bars are frequently the only place to socialize. Gay men are perceived as more supportive of single women than lesbian couples are. Dignity is seen as much more welcoming than formerly but still not a good place to meet women.

"I receive a great deal of love and support from men in Dignity," Whipple said, and other women had similar experiences to share. In Los Angeles the women's rap group Connexis was mentioned as a good resource. Meetings are friendly and always crowded. For at least two of the women, the seminar was more than theoretically helpful. They were seen dancing cheek to cheek after

the banquet on Saturday. "Dear Abby was right, you can meet a man in church," was the theme of a men's relationship seminar. It was given by Mel Stenger and Vince Morgante, who met at a Dignity mass seven years ago. Stenger is a sixth grade teacher in Oakland public schools. Morgante is a psychotherapist with a large lesbian, gay and family practice. They have been approved by Alameda county to adopt a five year old boy from an abusive home.

About 90 percent of the men in the seminar were in relationships, which ranged from 34 years to two months in duration. The couples met at Dignity, in bars or in more public places. One couple was married in a Roman Catholic church in Cincinnati. Two others were wed in an Episcopal church.

One man said, "My partner is an atheist and he's the one who got me involved with Dignity." Another man, married to a priest, said, "My mother in law is the church." The biggest problem in male relationships was described as the difficulty of achieving equality.

"We're a consciousness raising group," said Dwyer. "For the first time in history, lesbians and gay men are visible." He ministers among gay prisoners at Rikers Island. The Washington D.C. chapter has doubled in size since being evicted from Georgetown University, according to

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CITY BEAT

Love it, Hate it THE HAIGHT

Kris Kross on her new Harley and Roy Patten and Jauquin Sanchez of La Rosa

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DeLuxe, formerly a friendly dive with '50s atmosphere, is installing an oyster bar and stocking premium beer and liquor to attract a "yuppie" clientele. Trax is the lone holdout, pride flags hanging from the ceiling and a crowd of staunch regulars at the bar.

"I feel more comfortable here (in the Haight) than in the Castro," says Alan Spears, who moved to San Francisco a year ago from Oklahoma. "There's not so much... emphasis on gay. I feel like I can relax more."

However, not everyone seems to feel that way. "It's very tatty," says Gerard Kite, a native of England who has lived here three years. "I think a lot of (gays) are very prissy and... prefer nicer areas," such as the Castro and north Fillmore.

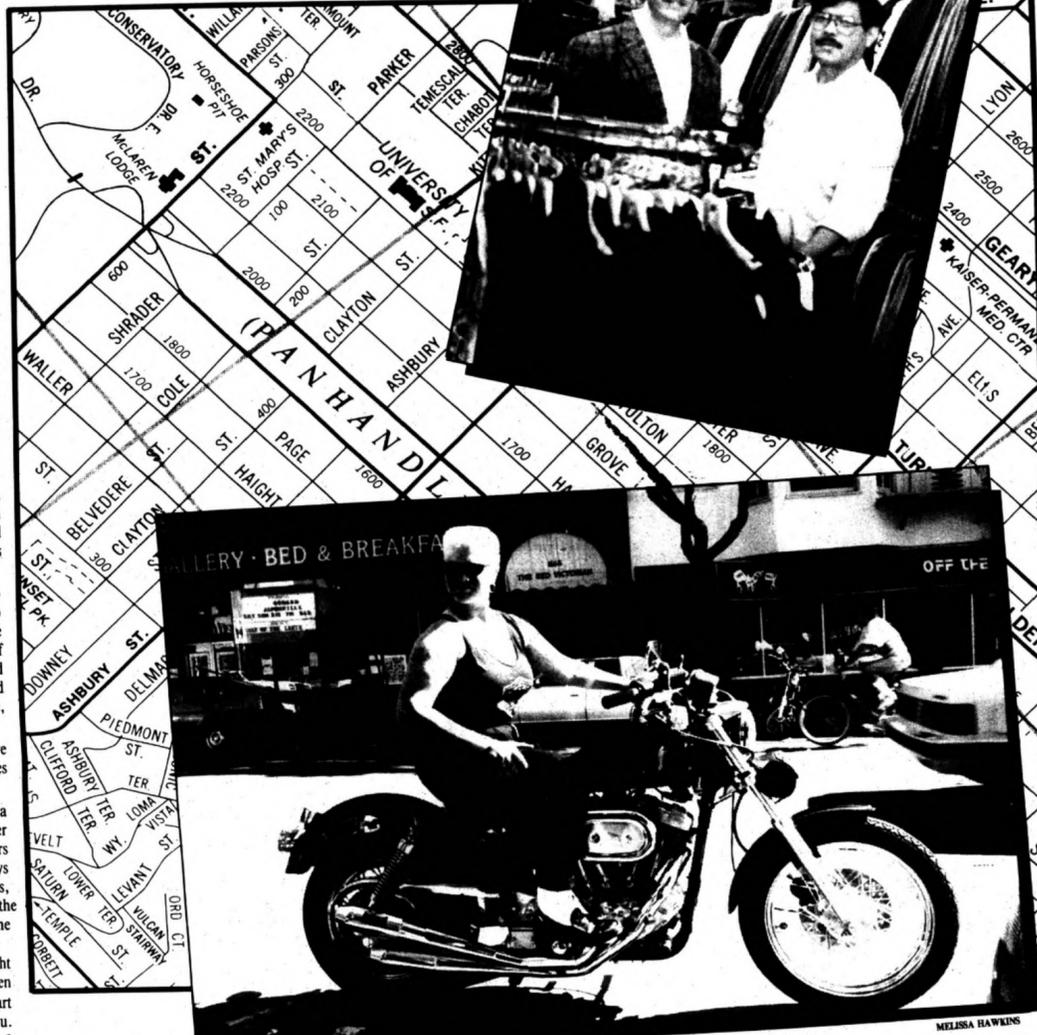
But the shopping in the area is far more eclectic than in the more "prissy" areas. Thrift stores and head shops about vintage formalwear shops and toy stores. Gay owned businesses are a strong presence in the Haight, although several owners have died of AIDS, and there are no gay merchant associations in the Haight.

In fact, gay business owners tend to be very low key. Several referred to their shops as "businesses whose owners happen to be gay." Siege of Distractions noted that his gay-oriented merchandise is not selling as well, and says he is buying for a broader clientele, including more lesbians.

Politically, the Haight is even more liberal than the Castro, and it votes consistently for gay candidates.

But most of all, the Haight is just a nice place to hang out. Even the lower Haight has a certain draw as more bars and clubs become popular with gays and straights. Cafe's, unique shops, and some swell restaurants make the neighborhood well worth a visit, but the area is still tough.

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TRAVEL

TURNING ON THE HEAT THIS WINTER

by Jonathan Klein

Here in quirky California, we're going into what is usually our warmest time of the year. But let's not forget that winter is just around the corner, and our September sun will soon give way to December drizzle. Yes, the days of battered umbrellas and soggy tennis shoes are drawing near. But don't get depressed — get even and get away to a sunny spot this winter. Better start planning your escape now, or you may be left out in the cold. Here are some hot ideas for your next vacation.

Hawaii

Hawaii has plenty to offer gay vacationers, particularly Californians who can take advantage of economical airfares and a relatively short travel time. Those looking for nightlife should stick with Waikiki, where Hula's and Dirty Mary's still dominate a very lively scene (the daytime in front of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel or at Queen's Surf Beach is quite festive as well). Hamburger Mary's on Maui has been closed for more than a year; gays now gather at a bar called Betino's, which is nothing to write home about. The real action on the outer islands is definitely the beach: Little Makena on Maui and Donkey Beach on Kauai.

For a real taste of a gay Hawaiian lifestyle, consider staying at a gay-owned guesthouse or hotel. Right in the middle of Waikiki, Hotel Honolulu has been welcoming gay visitors for several years. Located in the gay Kuhio District, Hotel Honolulu offers fully-furnished studios or one-bedroom apartments at very reasonable rates. A minor drawback is that all rooms are furnished with one king-size bed rather than separate beds, so it might not be appropriate if you're bringing your mother along (which is too bad, because she would be charmed by the tropical ambience and friendly staff). Kauai boasts three gay-owned guesthouses, one of which, Mahina Kai, is like a gay Zen retreat in paradise. Japanese architecture, modern and oriental art, and lush foliage all combine to create a uniquely relaxing and enlightening environment. One good reason to spend some time on



three weeks exploring this rich and varied part of the world.

Key West

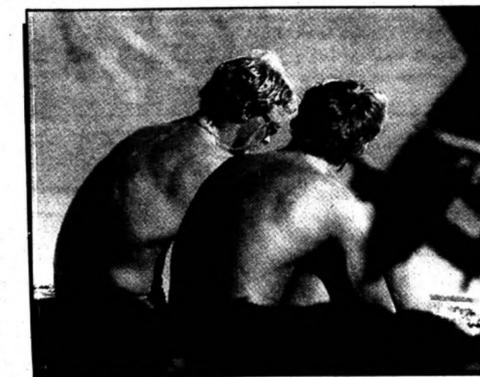
have to generate their own electricity). Located close to Volcanos National Park, a stay here gives you the opportunity to explore an other-worldly environment of lava flows, natural steam baths and hot pools.

Hot tip: ask your travel agent about Pacific Ocean Holidays, a gay-owned Hawaii package vacation company. They can put together competitively-priced packages including airfare, car rentals, and accommodations at either standard or gay-owned properties. Their Waikiki packages also include a welcome orientation breakfast at Hamburger Mary's.

Mexico

The ads invite you to "feel the warmth of Mexico," and during the

the Hana side of Maui is Hana Plantation Houses. Not a guesthouse or hotel, Hana Plantation consists of individual vacation rental homes, some of which can accommodate up to six people. The young, energetic proprietors (ex-Californians, of course) will be happy



Catching some rays — and your breath — in Key West.

to point out the special attractions of this remote, beautiful area. On the Big Island, RBR Farms is a secluded macadamia nut and coffee farm about twenty minutes from Kailua-Kona. With only three guest units you should definitely be looking for privacy, but the views of the ocean from a 700-ft. elevation are spectacular, the breakfasts are made-to-order, and there is a small swimming pool. On the opposite side of the Big Island, 45 minutes from Hilo, Huliale'a is even more rustic (they

winter months lots of gay vacationers do just that. Surprisingly, many of the major resort areas such as Mazatlan, Ixtapa and Cabo San Lucas, have no visible or organized gay presence. California gays seem to be drawn primarily to Puerto Vallarta, and it's not hard to understand why. It combines the charm of the sleepy fishing village it once was with the sophistication of a jet set resort, it's accessible by short, non-stop flights, it has accommodations ranging from budget rooms

Key West has been a popular gay vacation spot since the early '70s, and it's still going strong. There's not much of a beach, so during the day activity centers around the numerous gay guesthouses. The new owners of Island House, one of the larger establishments primarily for men, recently purchased The Chelsea House and have turned it into a guesthouse for women. The Brass Key Guesthouse now has a swimming pool to supplement the large jacuzzi. Among the more than thirty other gay properties include perennial favorites Alexander's, Curry House, and Early House. Accommodations should be booked well in advance during winter months.

Unfortunately for Bay Area residents wishing to visit Key West, the recent upheaval with Eastern Airlines has left San Francisco with no non-stop flights to Florida, so what has always been a long trip just got longer. But once you get to Florida, direct commuter flights into Key West are offered from Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Miami, so you might want to sample the scene at one of these hotspots on your way.

Palm Springs

Palm Springs now boasts more than twenty gay hotels and guesthouses. The largest concentration is on or near Warm Sands Drive, where longtime favorite El Mirasol Villas has just been joined by Hacienda En Sueno, Vista Grande Villas, Whispering Palms and Alexander Resort. In Cathedral City, close to the gay nightlife, the Desert Palms and the Villa provide a central gathering place during the day.

A hot tip about getting there: flights from the Bay Area directly to Palm Springs are limited, and the lowest roundtrip airfare as of this writing is \$128. But Ontario airport is only 1½ hour's drive from Palm Springs, flights are more frequent, and right now roundtrip tickets can be purchased for as little as \$58. Since you'll probably be renting a car anyway, you might want to consider flying into Ontario and driving from there.

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Mardi Gras

I almost decided not to mention Mardi Gras in New Orleans in this article about warm winter getaways: last year's revelers froze their buns off! But this year's festivities happen a little later in the season (they climax on February 27), and even if the weather doesn't cooperate, the party will go on. It's virtually impossible to find accommodations in any of the gay establishments during Mardi Gras, but if you act soon you might be able to find something decent in the French Quarter (be prepared for outrageously inflated prices.) Good weather is virtually assured in Sydney for Gay Mardi Gras, a unique celebration which combines the best of Halloween, Carnival and Gay Freedom Day (1990's Gay Mardi Gras culminates on February 24.) It's a great time of year to visit Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific; plan on spending at least

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San Francisco Symphony. Pianist Annie Chang makes debut in 10th annual all-San Francisco concert. 8:30 p.m. Davies Symphony Hall. Tickets \$7.00 Call 552-8000 for tickets & information.

EXHIBITION

John Berggruen Gallery. A showing of recent sculpture by Bay Area sculptor Fran Martin thru October 14. Gallery hours 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 685 Market St. Call 495-6850 re September 13 reception.

LECTURE

Isador. Robert Gorter, MD, speaks on the use of Isador, a mistletoe preparation used successfully in Europe for years in the treatment of cancer, on HIV disease. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 3220 Sacramento St. Suggested donation \$5.00. Call 621-8890 for information.

TELEVISION

San Francisco Cable 6. This week Community Action Network looks at Gay & Lesbian Seniors; Donna Summer; Bette Midler; Joan Rivers and the boycott against General Electric. 6:30 p.m.

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'Pantagleize.' Theatre Telos presents a bitter-sweet farce covering the universe of Carnival. Through September 30. Wednesday through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Preview tonight 8:00 p.m. Intersection for the Arts, 766 Valencia St. \$10 general admission \$8.00 students & seniors.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cabaret Bubba. A tour-de-force of the best and worst in international entertainment featuring homocoreotics. 8:30 p.m. EXITheatre, 366 Eddy St. \$6.00

EXHIBITION

Museo Italo Americano. A showing of large scale paintings by Tony Lignarri, Italian American artist from New York. Through November 19. Italian Educational Cultural Center Building C Fort Mason Center. Call 673-2200.

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READINGS

Lesbian & Gay Writers. Four noted S.F. writers read from their recently published and unpublished works which explore lesbian/gay desire in a variety of cultural and social contexts. \$4.00 general, \$3.00 members. Southern Exposure Gallery at Project Artaud, 401 Alabama St. 8:00 p.m.

9 SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY

BENEFIT

United States Mission Shelter. The Overpass Bar 488 Hayes St. presents 'A Fall Preview' featuring an auction, beerbust and hor's d'oeuvres. Entertainment by Danny Williams and Irene Soderberg. Proceeds to benefit the shelter for gay & homeless men. 4 to 10 p.m.



"Women Emerging", see Saturday.

CINEMA

Film Benefit. 'Women Emerging' presents the outrageous films 'Kamikaze Hearts'; 'Hold Me While I'm Naked' and 'Thundercrack'.

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EXHIBITION

Clay Sculpture. Artist Guy Dawson presents a retrospective of his clay sculptures on next two weekends. Opening nite preview 7 to 10 p.m. Noble Center for the Arts, 347 Dolores St. Call 742-9232 for information.

FESTIVAL

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PARTY

GAWK. Gay Artists and Writers Collective hold get-together for members and new writers. 7:00 p.m. Musical Jam. Call Jon Sugar at 731-2424 for information.

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Univ. of California. A 'bring your own food & drink' outing. Charcoal provided. Lake Temescal, Oakland. 2:00 p.m. till dark. \$2.00 donation requested. All proceeds to UCGALA scholarship fund. Call 272-0566 for more information.

GARAGE SALE

Harvey Milk Branch Library. Gay & Lesbian Historical Society fundraising garage sale. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. 16th St. near Market. Donations needed. For info. call 648-8455.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of S.F. Rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3978 18th St. Donations tax-deductible. Call 586-8022 to donate.

Santa Cruz Lesbian and Gay Community Center. Giant Rummage sale sponsored by LGCC, SCAP and the Living Room. SCAP parking lot (1606 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz.) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. For donating or pick-up call (408) 479-1026.

WORKSHOP

'Stretch for Life.' The first of a series of workshops for older lesbians and friends is sponsored by Operation Concern's Gay & Lesbian Outreach program. 10 a.m. to noon. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St. Refreshments. For further information call GLOE 626-7000.

AIDS BULLETIN BOARD NOTICE

As a community service the SF Sentinel offers AIDS Bulletin Board listings free, space permitting. However, because of the growing request for free listings under our AIDS Bulletin Board — we respectfully ask that free ads be limited to forty words and be resubmitted — in writing — every two weeks. Ads will not run indefinitely and will not be run if there is any question as to the validity or non-profit ability of associations or group requesting free listings.

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WEEKLY ANTIBODY-POSITIVE DROP-IN SUPPORT GROUP
This is a support group which meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Health Center #1, 3850 17th Street (near Sanchez), Room 206. No fee, no advance registration. For more information, call Operation Concern, 626-7000. All persons with ARC are welcome. (36)

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SAN MATEO COUNTY AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

An AIDS Support Group is offered during the day at Family Service Agency in Burlingame. The group meets on Tuesdays, from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. at 1870 El Camino Real (between Millbrae and Trousdale). This on-going, drop-in group is facilitated by Shariene Simon, MSW and David Fisher, MFCC for San Mateo County residents. There is no fee; a brief telephone intake is required. For more information, call 692-0555. (36)

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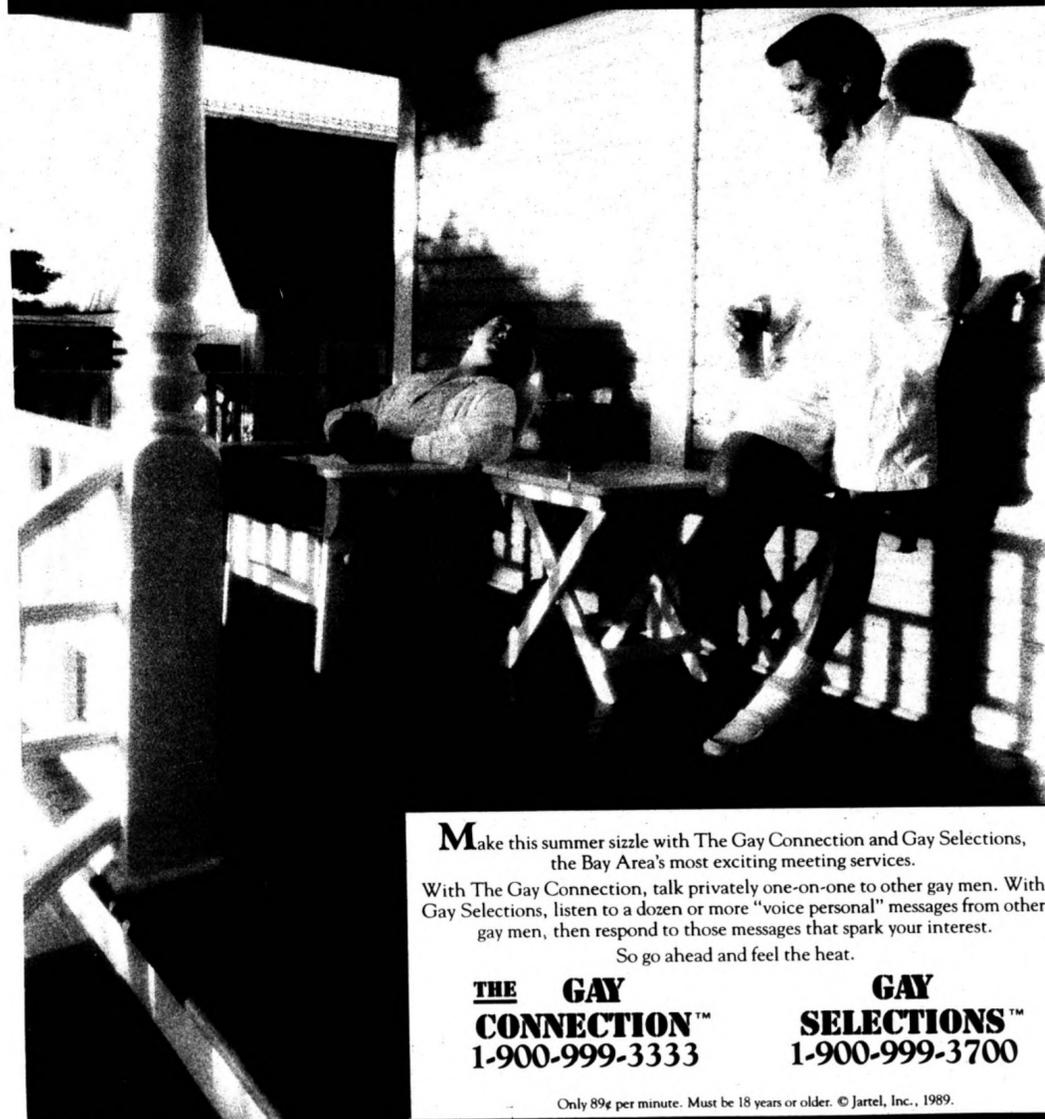
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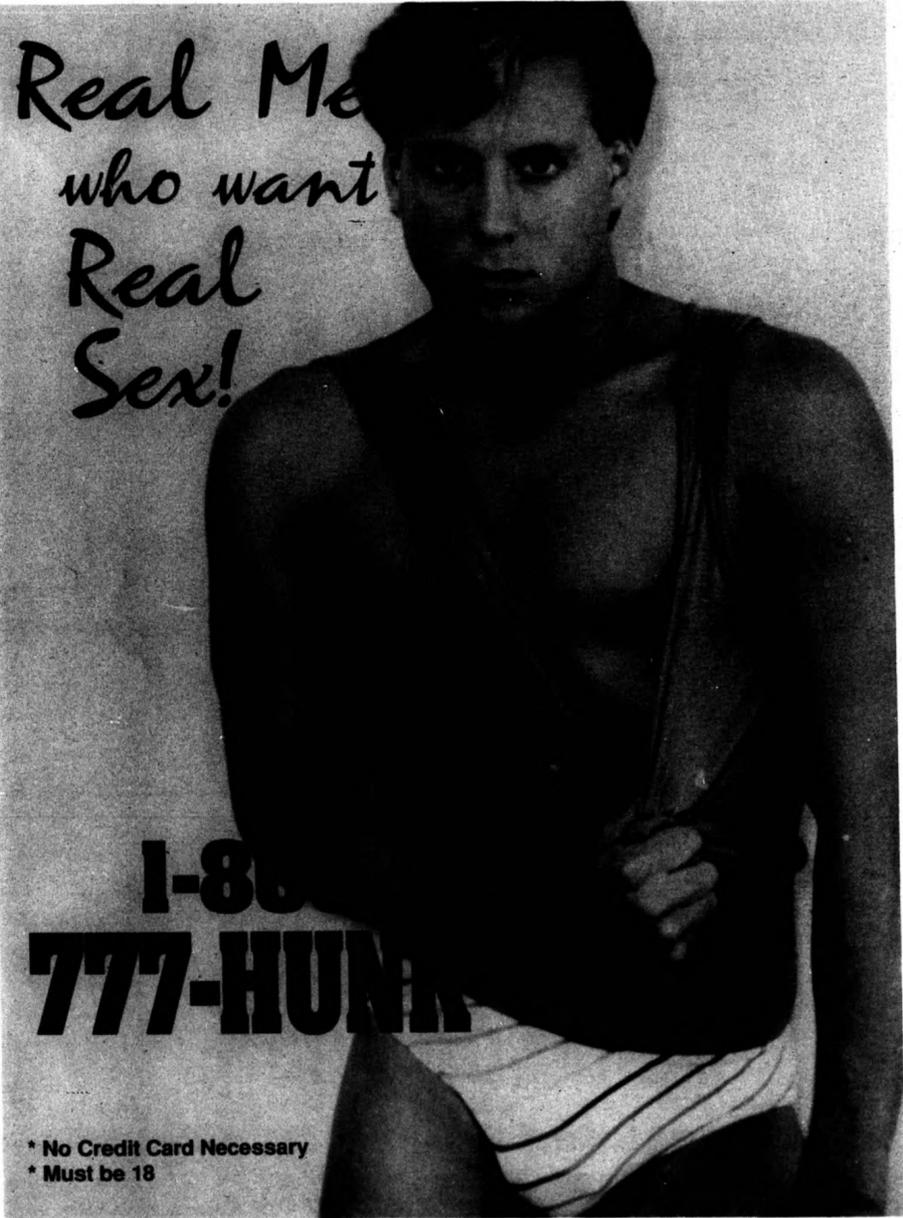
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AIDS NEWS

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by Stephan Pardi BS,
RRT

Lately, there has been an increasing preponderance of encouraging news for those HIV positive and their loved ones. Increasing options and alternatives exist, as well as more promising new ones being investigated. All these developments create a sense of hope, and are certainly a much needed respite from the unabated toll of AIDS. It has also, unfortunately, given rise to some unintended, and potentially destructive, side effects.

For your own sake and health, or that of your loved one, let's take a closer look at some examples.

The recent study on AZT (see 8/24 edition) and its implications, has stimulated a lot of interest and discussion in those who have not yet expressed any. That's good. However, the undercurrent sense being felt isn't.

While the news created renewed hope and determination, some unfortunately have greeted the same news by exacerbating the problem with a return to risky lifestyles. Recent studies, in more detail later, have indicated a steadily increasing rise in new HIV infections. The paradox is developing in which new drug treatment conditions somehow are also deferring the spectre of AIDS itself.

Confounding as it is, announcements like the AZT study, foster an impression that the "safe sex and less risky lifestyle" behavior attitude that has long and successfully been integrated, can now be relaxed. The new generation of sexually active youth have not seemingly come to grips yet with what present day survivors live with, because, hey, like now there's like, you know, cool stuff happen'ing and all.

Let's use zidovudine as a counterpoint for a moment. The flipside to the announcement does not believe the fact that not all is good news.

Many retrovir taking patients swear they owe their continued existence to the drug, and that this study reinforces this belief. Others, quite vocally, strongly feel otherwise. Some, like *New York Native* writer John Lauritsen seemingly foam at the mouth at the mere mention of the subject, ranting and raving about how the treatment is a myth, perpetuated by false FDA data, not being scientifically or fully developed, and is indeed a "poison by prescription."

I do not feel either stance is warranted. The fact is, zidovudine is a "poison." But it is also a treatment — not a great one perhaps, but at present a viable one — and certainly *not* a license to cause a sigh of relief for anyone. Retrovir still cannot be tolerated by a great many (with the recent study indicating those with a history of OIs being the key.) Some anecdotal evidence given me demonstrated that some who have initially shown good results, lessen over time after a year or so. Viral resistance seems to develop after eighteen months, and toxicity problems are sometimes evident by that time if not before. Discontinuance rates are high.

No, the news regarding AZT will create more problems than it solves — particularly in regards to the financial aspect.

More encouraging prospects for the drug seem to lie in early intervention — taking AZT while symptom free with T-cell counts relatively high — before the disease progression ensues. Some leading AIDS specialists are prescribing zidovudine for those with greater than 200 T-cells (the current federal "label

caution was also strongly included because of the numerous, and potentially harmful, unknowns regarding the effective enzyme component, trichosanthin. This has been especially true of those associated with clinical manifestations of AIDS dementia and other related CNS-disorders. Two other published reports of deaths "linked" to "Q" (one ruled a suicide, the other a case of aspiration following emerging from a coma) have underscored the need for careful and thorough evaluation, monitoring, and intervention.

However, an ad has recently appeared in a number of gay newspapers that has caused some personal alarm. Seems these people don't read for they have ignored the FDA's warning regarding taking any more of "Q" until the complete data is in (which is, incidentally, scheduled to be released in mid-September.) "Royal Afrorint Herbs" a group in Texas, is offering "Chinese Trichosantes" [sic], or "Q" in an oral form. The ad (rather misleadingly) states "in tests kill HIV/AIDS/ARC virus." Given the information just dispensed, you may wish to indeed contact them — but *not* to order any samples from them mind you. Express yourself and your disgust personally by writing them c/o: P.O. Box 52882, Houston, TX. 77052-2882; or phone (818) 753-3336.

Really, it's amazing what crawls out of the woodwork with this disease. Another ad also currently running, is another hoot. For "only \$14.95," you can get a 30-day supply of "Z-TEA" from the Far East Herb Company, in which the ad claims the "herbs taken in the tea can strengthen your immune system up to 50 times!" Yeah, right. You may wish to give them something instead (like a headache perhaps): 1-800-829-HERB (cute, isn't it), or write this bunch at 41 Sutter St., Ste. 1210-DT, San Francisco, CA 94104.



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HEALING RESOURCES

THE HEALING CIRCLE

by Ted Milliken

You have to learn to love your virus."
"If you think the doctor is the one with the
answer, then you're going to be waiting for a while."
"In some ways AIDS is the answer to our
prayers."

These and other non-traditional thoughts were
expressed by two men who are winning their fight against AIDS,
speaking to a meeting of the Healing Circle of Contra Costa and
the Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force. An audience of
more than 100 was at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
to hear George R. Melton and Wil Garcia of Mill Valley describe
how they have restored their health through spiritual and natural
means.

In 1985 Garcia was diagnosed with
Kaposi's sarcoma and Melton with
ARC. Having taken no medications
since 1986, they said they have rid
themselves of the KS lesions and other
symptoms through "psycho-neuro im-
munology," a spiritual "mind over
matter" approach to self-healing.

The two have written a book,
"Beyond AIDS," and have given 80
lectures and workshops at cities around
the country.

"I had to learn to love my virus and
realize the virus and I can co-exist,"
Garcia said. "The virus needs me — if I
die, guess who dies with it."

"Instead of trying to kill it, I said to
the virus: 'You're so safe inside my
body, you can go to sleep if you want
to.'"

Melton said when he was diagnosed,
"It was the first time in my life anybody
had ever told me there was nothing I
could do about something. At that
point you have to go to your spirituality
and get a second opinion."

"There are no incurable diseases, but
there are diseases that demand you go
beyond the body," he said.

"Maybe there is not a cure, but there
is no disease that cannot be healed.
Cure is what they do to ham and bacon
— it means 'to preserve.'"

"A lot of people, especially gay peo-
ple, are afraid of spirituality because
they think it means religion," Melton
said. "If everytime you hear the word
'Jesus' you freeze, then you have
something you have to forgive."

"The past is over and the future
never gets here. Forgiveness allows you
to let the past go. Now is the only mo-
ment that is real."

"Gay men already know how to die
better than anyone who has ever lived
on this planet. We have to learn how to
live."

"You don't have to kill the virus, but
you do have to make peace with your
self. Instead of being a killer, AIDS
has been the greatest teacher of life I've
ever had."

"Some people carry the virus in their
bodies, but as a species, we all carry it
in our minds."

The Healing Circle of Contra Costa
meets every Friday from 7-9 p.m. at
various locations. Information is
available from the Task Force at (415)
689-1077.

Garcia and Melton are conducting a
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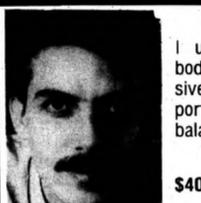
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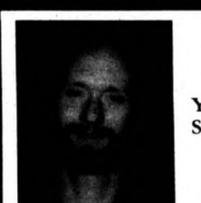
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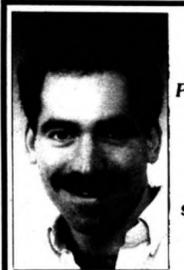
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RSVP

A lot has already been said and writ-
ten about RSVP cruises (not to mention
photographed and videotaped), but no
article about gay wintertime travel
would be complete without highlighting
this exciting vacation option. Most of
RSVP's 1990 program takes place dur-
ing February and March, including
their tried-and-true New Orleans-Key
West-Yucatan itinerary and their Mex-
ican Riviera cruise out of San Diego.
Their newest offering, a Caribbean
cruise out of Miami visiting the U.S.
Virgin Islands, St. Barts and the
Dominican Republic, has proven so
popular that two departures are already
sold out and a third has been added
(March 4-11.) This means that if all the
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CIAO, ITALIA!

by Maryhope Tobin

Sometimes there's nothing more amusing than reading the text of a Hello Kitty coloring book, or the instructions and descriptions of toys manufactured in Asia. It's cheap, it's fun, anyone can do it. Of course, I always keep in mind the fact that if I were to attempt to communicate with any of the people responsible for bizarre and different uses of the Queen's tongue, their command of English would be far superior to my command of, say, Cantonese, Japanese or even English, at times. Having said that, as any responsible journalist would, I will now proceed to amuse you all by quoting the presskit of two excellent Italian bands, Birdmen of Alkatraz and Steeplejack. Francesco Alaimo of Contempo Records writes me that he "really likes to hear good news from the West," and would "be very glad to see some reviews appeared in [his] favourite town." Okay, so I guess you have to read the whole letter to really appreciate it. So it's a cheap shot. Look, my deadline's early this week and cheap shots are about all I can get.

Anyhow, the two albums truly are "milestones of great value," maybe not "one of those ten records to save in case of catastrophe," but "absolutely relevant" nonetheless. Florence-based Stefano Magni, Daniele Caputo,

twang on "Rootin Groundhog Blues" than Mick Jagger ever did on "Girl With The Faraway Eyes." Their lyrics tend to sound like the result of Bruce Springsteen channelling Salvador Dali, with boy and girl running away into the



hardly earth-shattering or revolutionary. Youth in Asia are nice and gloomy, with major King Crimson and Ultravox influences. "Babylon" is a good, would be an even better song if "Christening Walk" and "Wait" didn't sound just like it. Dreams Die Hard are a band whose single "Doncha Run My Life (Ode to Ollie North)" combines p.c. lyrics with a surfin' safari beat. Their other two cuts featured here, "Silent Screams" and "I Wanna Know" are tedious self-consciously serious. Broken Toys and Threnody chip in pleasant but forgettable tracks, and if it weren't an awesome song with a great fiddle track that could be described as rockabilly by one person or Celtic rock by another, but it's not the Stray Cats or U2. Harm Farm plays all over the place, so see them when you get a chance. As for Steppingstone, it deserves more attention than it's getting. Write to them at P.O. Box 4264, San Francisco, 94101, to get in touch with still more of the Bay Area's music scene.

If you didn't see them last night, catch Bad Brains tonight at the Stone. Friday the 7th the always fun Mr. T Experience takes the Berkeley Square, and Saturday night you should not go to El Rio unless you really want to see Buck Naked and the Bare Bottom Boys. But you should go to the Club Euphoria (Crystal Pistol) on Saturday nights, if only because Tom is the world's perfect doorman - charming, handsome and paying me to write this. But seriously, it's an alternative to that dreary disco scene. Need something fun and free to do when you're not club-hopping? Check out this year's Shakespeare in the Park. They're doing an excellent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, just west of the conservatory, Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 now through October 4. Monday night, September 11, there's something exciting going on at Nightbreak: the Broad Squad, headed by nonstop Nancy Kravitz, will be shooting a video, with performances by Lesbian Snake Charmers, Stone Fox and Industrial Rain Forest. So put on your very best ripped jeans, slap on excessive amounts of black eyeliner, tease your hair and hurry on over! Got the mid-week blahs? Check out the free, early (10:00) show at the I-Beam, where Anita and Sep will be presenting Bird Killers and Caterwaul. Then call in sick on Thursday, sleep late and go shopping.

night as scenery melts and turns colors around them. "Say Green Say Yellow" is a puzzle for sure; "little young child, eating chips, spitting down, on sunset's tail," but my favorite line comes from "You Walked Away": "Come into this butcher shop with me pretty girl, we will touch the meat 'til we won't know if we're alive or dead in our heads." I give both albums five bats. So don't hesitate. Francesco Alaimo wants to hear from you! Beseech your local record dealer, or write to Contempo Records, call them at +39-55-287 592 or fax them at +39-55-219 119, and tell them you saw it in the Sentinel.

In local news, Steppingstone is a tiny magazine dedicated to promoting alternative music, both local and national. Their record label, Baby Faze, has just put out a compilation of Bay Area talent called *Everybody's Famous, Vol. 1*, and yes, there's the ubiquitous picture of Andy Warhol. Getting unknown bands recorded and publicized is a noble ambition; unfortunately, most of the material on *Everybody's Famous* is



Vesti La Guibba! Birdmen of Alkatraz

Francesco Bocciardi, and Gianfranco Migliaccio are the Birdmen of Alkatraz, and their album *From the Birdcage* runs all over the place in big, looping, psychedelic circles. Everything that was great about the early Rolling Stones, Velvet Underground and Iron Butterfly is pulled screaming into the '90s, all bass-heavy and gloriously trippy. (Having listened to this album under the influence of nothing more than decaf tea, I know it must be them and not me.) Their unique grasp of English only helps emphasize their somewhat ethereal/surreal titles and lyrics. They provide brief explanations to the Oscar Meyer Weiner Wagon - "If you look out of your window you'll see me standing there, gazing up at the moon 'shining, wishing you care." Or how about this: "Jack O'Diamonds: Drains fish brains, as he shoves he never loves."

Steeplejack lean a little more towards blues than towards psychedelia, but *Pow Wow* is no less relevant nor any less surreal than *From the Birdcage*. Their vocalist puts on a better country

CLASSICS

OPERA COMES ALIVE ON DISC

by Bill Huck

If the recordings made of the last three operas of the Fall season, Vivaldi's *Orlando Furioso* can be dealt with most quickly, for it has only one: Marilyn Horne's razzle-dazzling performance with Victoria de los Angeles under the baton of Claudio Scimone on Erato-CD.

Wagner's *Lohengrin* is a more complicated case altogether. The standard for Wagnerian singing in this country was set between the two world wars. For purity of style matched with expressiveness of character, those singers have never been equalled. A useful collection focusing on this period is EMI's *Wagner on Record, 1926-42*. The *Lohengrin* selections give one a taste of what one might have encountered in the opera house during those years. The limpidly pure voice of a young Elisabeth Rethberg gets Elsa's Dream. Lotte Lehmann's sumptuous control of character can be experienced in Elsa's Tower song, and Helge Rosvaenge's shining top notes and even production can be heard in the hero's last two solos.

But the glory of this group is Tiana Lemnitz's Bedroom duet with Torsten Knight, but his convincing way with the words and his sovereign command of the music make his recordings very interesting indeed. His recording of the Bedroom duet with Emmy Betendorff is not only one of the fullest from that period, but also a model of passion and refinement (DACO-117). Two last inter-war *Lohengrins* need to be mentioned: the Italian Aureliano Pertile, whose imaginative grasp of the Knight's mysterious mission is unique (GB 1019), and Richard Tauber, who, though he never sang the full role, frequently sang "In fernem Land" in recitals (see LCD-139).

Of the modern recordings, the greatest is Rudolf Kempe's glowing account with Jess Thomas, Elisabeth Grummer, Christa Ludwig and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (Angel-CD). Grummer was Lemnitz's successor in terms of



Ralf. Lemnitz's ethereal loveliness, her tone floating softly yet richly over Wagner's orchestra, makes a perfect embodiment of Elsa's angelic goodness. The curious connoisseur will want to search out Lemnitz's other *Lohengrin* recordings, including Elsa's Dream and Tower song on LV 101, as well as the Elsa-Ortrud duet with the magisterial Margarete Klose on LV 160.

As Lemnitz had the perfect voice (and musicianship) for Elsa, Franz Volker was the perfect poet for *Lohengrin*. A Telefunken record (KT11017) features his shimmeringly effortless hero, together with the radiant Elsa of Maria Muller. Lauritz Melchior's voice was too heavy and baritone for him to be an optimal Swan

the right note of ethereal purity on record. On the debit side is Eva Randova's coarse and unimaginative Ortrud, and Solti's conducting, who turns the opera into a Wagnerian Western. Nonetheless Domingo and Norman fans will not be disappointed.

The discography of Strauss's *Die Frau ohne Schatten* is somewhat easier, because the opera wasn't popular with record producers until long past WW II. The only two sets in the current catalogue are Karl Bohm's 1977 live recording from Vienna with Leonie Rysanek, Birgit Nilsson, James King and Walter Berry (DG-CD), and Wolfgang Sawallisch's complete (studio) version with Cheryl Studer, Ute Vinzing, Rene Kollo and Alfred Muff (Angel-CD). Of these I would choose the Sawallisch. Its sound is better and it allows you to make up your own mind about the music Bohm cut. Bohm is the greater conductor — on the one hand, tightening the screws more painfully and, on the other, pacing the dialogue more pertly. But Sawallisch has the better cast.

Studer is a bright and sharply focused Empress, who puts real angst into the Nightmare scene. Rysanek was, of course, one of those who led the *Frau* revival in the '50s and '60s, but by 1977, her voice was worn. It isn't until the third act that you get a true pitch, and for all the expert characterization, the flat singing is a trial.

I deeply wish *Frau* impresarios would realize that the crucial role of Barak's Wife ought to go to a youthful, lyric soprano rather than an over-the-hill, dramatic one. Strauss wrote the part for the 30-year-old Lotte Lehmann, who was to become a famous Marschallin, the most compelling Sieglinde, a loving Elsa and an in-



Strauss as conductor

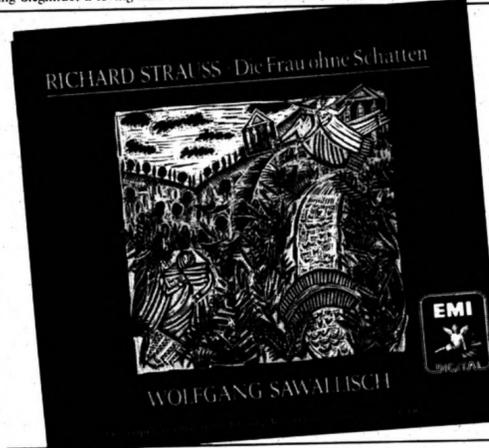
Dyer's Wife is still less strained than her Brunnhilde.

Both Muff and Berry are attractive singers for the role of the patient husband, Barak, with Muff providing the younger and warmer sound. But neither rivals the greatest of his predecessors. For them you must go to either Bohm's

the scenes in the second act, but there are moments of such inspired lyricism that you want to reach out and kiss the old man. When Barak, for example, explains to his brothers that his wife is bitter not from shrewishness but from the hardness of her life, Karajan and a young Berry shape the passage with an unsurpassed melodic surge.

Karajan also has the only singer who brings to the part of Barak's Wife the right vocal equipment. Christa Ludwig's voice is a fountain of beauty, and her characterization is marvelously apt. It is a performance not to be missed. For those who want just a taste of it, there is a big chunk of the third act that Ludwig and Berry recorded for Seraphim in 1967, but it's hard to find.

Even for Karajan Rysanek took some time to warm up, so if you want to hear the great diva at her best — and it is an awesome performance — you must either wait for London to reissue the 1955 Bohm performance on CD or go out searching for the LPs in used record stores. Here there is a delicacy of approach, mixed with that shining top, for which Rysanek is best remembered. Unfortunately Christel Goltz had sung too many Elektras before she tackled the Dyer's Wife. But Paul Schoeffler is a noble Barak, and Bohm has the singers completely under his will. The result is Straussian music-drama of the highest order. The only other set, Keilberth's live performance from Munich, 1963, is, like Karajan's extensively cut, but it does boast an extraordinarily warm and compelling pair of earthly lovers in Inge Borkh and Fischer-Dieskau.



time lieder singer, but never a Brunnhilde or Isolde. Nilsson is at least better (more in tune and more supple) than she was here five years later, but it is still an over-blown approach. Vinzing's rendition of the Dyer's Wife shows that she was a lyric pushed into parts too heavy for her. Such over-extension robbed the warmth from her voice, but her

first set on London or to Joseph Keilberth's on DG.

But before we get to those works, we need to look at another CD set, which has popped up recently in the stores: Herbert von Karajan's live performance from Vienna, 1964 (Nuova Era). It is the most cut of the series, and Karajan even takes it upon himself to rearrange

COUNTRY

REBA — STILL NUMBER ONE

by Tyler Sweetman

Four weeks after its release, *Sweet Sixteen* was the number one country album. Fifteen weeks later, still on its first single, the album went gold. And this week it became the first album by a female country artist to maintain number one for 11 straight weeks according to *Billboard Magazine*.

This is Reba's sixteenth album and I'm beginning to wonder if she shouldn't change her name to Remake Reba. No just kidding, it's nice when an artist such as Reba can outdo the original artist. Reba has co-written three songs on the album, and all I can say is that all of the songs on the album are good.

We know about "Cathy's Clown" and "Till Love Comes Again," so let's move on to the rest of the album. One

of "Walk On." We don't get many songs like this one, but when one comes along we get real excited.

The final cut on side two is another good uptempoed two steppin song entitled "A New Love." From the sound of Reba's voice, one can tell that she really enjoys singing this one, perhaps it's that she has a new husband. For those of you who don't know, Reba married her manager Narvel Blackstock July 1 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Reba



and Narvel are expecting a little critter sometime in March. Don't panic, in a recent interview she said that she would keep on touring right up until the little one arrives.

The Country Music Awards show is scheduled for October 9 on CBS. Reba has been nominated again for CMA's Entertainer Of The Year. And of course she has also been nominated for CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year. As a final note, everyone that does not already own Reba's "Sweet Sixteen" should run, don't walk and get the first copy you can get your hot little hands on. Expect good things from this one.

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THEATRE

"FOOL FOR LOVE" OPENS AT NEW THEATER

by Tom Kelly

San Francisco has a new theatre space! And given the trend over the last three years of theatres closing—S.F. Repertory, One-Act Second Stage, and then the One-Act Theatre itself, Bannam Place, etc., etc.—this is significant news.

The Hungry Id Theatre is an intimate space (about 70 seats) located in the basement of Sporty's Bar, next to Banducci's Restaurant—on Broadway—in North Beach. So get there early, have a drink or dinner and then venture down the stairs to North Beach Repertory's hot, hot, HOT production of *Fool for Love* by Sam Shepard.

The Mojave Desert and a seedy motel room with greenish walls and yellow door bring together a natural wasteland and a man-made one to provide the setting for two of life-and-love's human flotsam.

May (Edith Bryson) and Eddie (Anthony St. Martin) alternately sweet-talk and scream, cling and claw, love and hate. Through the course of the play, they come together only to separate again and again.

"We're connected, May," Eddie explains. "We got a pact." And connected they most certainly are. Though they sprang from different mothers, they have a father in common. That makes May a half-sister to Eddie. "Which half?" asks Martin. May's would-be date for the evening. And when he learns that May and Eddie have "fooled around" Martin rather stupidly mutters, "That's illegal, isn't it?" It might be, but these two can't control their grasping hands. "We couldn't breathe without thinking about each other."

Bryson and St. Martin's erotic Russian roulette is electrifying. Bryson (recently seen as Estelle in *No Exit* at the Phoenix Theatre) embodies an earthy, sensuous May who spreads her legs, hugs walls and definitely means "yes" when she screams "no." I mean, if you're trying to keep your horny brother away from you, would you slip into a clingy red dress? Well? The significance of St. Martin's opening scene is somewhat ambiguous. He sensually rubs a brown leather glove then "rides" in slow motion a chair as if it were a bucking bronco. Very sexy in tight jeans with ankles to the wind, but what's the point? But once the play gets rolling, his portrayal of the lusty,

wandering rodeo performer/cowboy is powerful—rippling with internal tensions and external intensities. Also excellent, though in smaller roles are Bill Hall as the Old Man and Richard Lindstrom as Martin. A superb production for a company created to focus on the work of the actor.

North Beach Repertory is almost as new as their playing space. This small coalition of students from the Jean Shelton acting school first gathered in a basement in June 1988. Their workshop, dedicated to strengthening stage-craft technique, focused on the basics of Stanislavski's Method. St. Martin had studied with Stella Adler (internationally famous for her insights into the Method) and acted Off-Broadway before returning to San Francisco with a sense of purpose. "Our goal is to continue to develop as an ensemble, and, through careful play selection, create a style of theatre which is not only entertaining and provocative, but also believable." After eight months, a company was formed whose "emphasis is on actors' discovery rather than directorial concept." And little more than a year from its inception, NRT is still in a basement (albeit one more accommodating to audiences), but now it is the well-appointed, subterranean Hungry Id Theatre.

Linda Pacino and Margie Pratchenko both make their directorial debuts in *Fool for Love*. Their approach is appropriately simple. This works well with the company's goals as well as Shepard's script which demands unpretentious staging but complex psychological homework on the parts of the actors. As a result, each moment grows from the words of Sam Shepard



Anthony St. Martin and Edith Bryson in Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*.

and the minds of these powerful actors.

True to North Beach style, the Hungry Id Theatre is flashy, complete with a full-sized sports car (remember, we are directly below Sporty's Bar) suspended from the ceiling directly over the heads of the audience. Of course, given my preference (in light of recent, much less perpetual, local earthquake

activity), I'd rather sit through a show without a car hanging over my head, but flash is flash. Motor vehicle aside, the theatre space is long and narrow, adorned along one side with a genuine, old-fashioned brick wall. With less than ten rows of less than ten seats each, there's not a bad seat in the house.

So check out one of San Francisco's

newest theatrical production companies in the City's newest theatre. *Fool for Love* is a powerful play in the hands of these gutsy actors. Definitely a winner! *Fool for Love* at the Hungry Id Theatre through September 30. 441-4084.

MOVIES

MASOCHISTIC FILM AT ROXIE

by Kathleen Baca

Claire Devers' *Noir et Blanc* which opens at the Roxie on September 8, is about setting limits. I'm talking serious limits. Like knowing when to say no to pain, which our protagonist Antoine (Francis Frappat) does not like to do.

Antoine is a wimpy guy who makes a living from balancing other people's books. He is shy, methodical and boring. He lives with a woman who is either his girlfriend or his sister, it's hard to tell. The only thing that is certain is that she chooses his clothes. You figure it out! It isn't until Antoine gets an accounting job at a Paris health club that he becomes interesting.

At the urging of his boss, who after taking a look at Antoine's body urges Antoine to use the facilities. (In other words, "get a body Antoine!") Antoine tries and begins by getting regular massages from Dominique (Jacques Martial) a black masseur. Not that it matters that Dominique is black, he just

is, and the basic premise of the film is based on Tennessee Williams' short story "Desire and the Black Masseur".

Antoine uses Dominique to explore his own sadistic tendencies. Dominique's massages are brutal. Often leaving Antoine bloody and bruised. Finally the boss walks in on them and finds Dominique holding Antoine down on the table while he beats him. He throws the two out. Antoine is hospitalized. And it is here that the movie finally picks up. Dominique sneaks Antoine out of the hospital. The two get a hotel room together (where they sleep in separate beds) and the beatings continue until Dominique leaves. Antoine becomes sicker and sicker. When Dominique returns he says to him, "Hit me Dominique, hit me as hard as you can." Dominique obliges and expresses his only feeling throughout the film, that he is afraid.

The fact the movie is in black and white adds credibility to its almost



Francis Frappat from *Noir et Blanc*.

unbelievable premise. Through this technique Devers manages to create an eerie feeling throughout the film that evokes some degree of emotion allowing her to push sado-masochism to its darkest limits. What's most disturbing

about this film is its ending. Without giving it away, I'll only say that there is a lot more to little Antoine than anyone expects.

Noir et Blanc will play at the Roxie through September 14.

BENEFIT FOR WOMEN LEAVING THE INDUSTRY

by Kathleen Baca

If you had been a prostitute for seven years, or an exotic dancer for thirteen and you wanted to change professions, where would you go? The unemployment office?

When Robin Layton decided three years ago to leave the sex industry, she found there were no places that offered women like herself support or counseling during such a difficult period in their lives. So Layton did what many who find themselves outside of the mainstream do, she formed an agency, Women Emerging, that provides women who are in the process of leaving or have left the sex industry with counseling, AIDS education and referrals to emergency shelters, job training, legal advocacy, and survival services.

Women Emerging will hold its first benefit this Saturday at the Roxie theater. Proceeds from this film benefit will go towards expanding its services. Layton now dreams of creating a halfway house for women and providing them with job training. She'd like to find employers willing to train the women.

In the year and a half Women Emerging has been open, over 150 women have passed through its doors. Rita Ricardo has been an exotic dancer for thirteen years, and starred in three feature porn films. She is now working on a master's degree in clinical psychology. Women Emerging, she says, offers her the support she needs as she leaves behind a life of good money and fancy costumes.

"It's difficult to start a new life," she says, "introducing myself as Rita Ricardo porno star doesn't go far," she laughs.

The films that will be shown will look at various aspects of sexuality. Kamikaze Hearts, for example, is about the real life story of Sharon and Tina, lesbian lovers who worked as x-rated film actresses.

Says Layton, lesbian women need to come to terms with themselves regarding lesbian prostitutes. It's very common, she says, to find lesbians working as prostitutes, but it's often difficult for lesbians to accept that a lesbian is sleeping with men.

"It's a difficult concept for many lesbians," she says, "they say how can you be a lesbian and service men. Lesbians have been victims of child abuse, battering like anyone else. Abused people tend to repeat this behavior. Lesbians are no different."

The other films to be shown are "Hold me while I'm naked," and "Thundercrack," both films are by underground

filmmaker George Kuchar. After the 7:30 showing on Saturday night there will be a panel discussion with M.C. Rita Ricardo, Headliner at the Condor Club, Layton and several other members of Women Emerging.

Women Emerging, both women agree, helps women to become part of the establishment again, and not feel so alone and isolated.

"When you're in the business," Ricardo says, "you get plenty of sup-

port. You live in a world that only exists in a dressing room, let's say, and when you leave that room, it's a whole other world."

The films will be at the Roxie September 9-10

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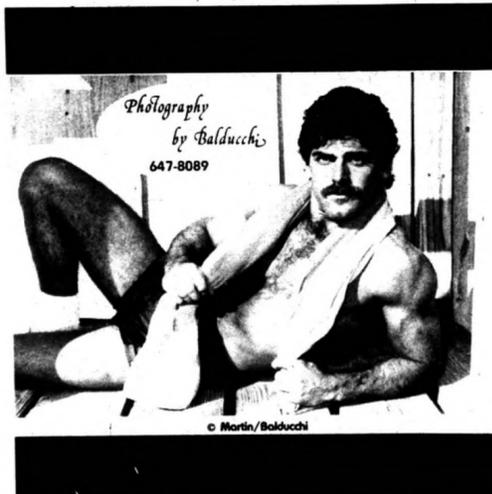
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BAY DINING

INEXPENSIVE DINING IN THE HAIGHT

by Mike Sher



Padrino's waitron Led.

The Summer of Love and flower children has long gone from Haight Ashbury. In its wake is an engaging neighborhood of groceries and hardware stores mixed with second hand boutiques and enjoyable establishments like the Deluxe and the I Beam. After a day of browsing and possibly cruising, I'd like to suggest Padrino's at Stanyan and Frederick.

Good, inexpensive neighborhood restaurants are something that makes our city unique something I love. Yet, if you want to spend money at big name, expensive restaurants in San Francisco, you can do it. In virtually every area of town, however, you can find wonderful restaurants offering food from just about every corner of the world at very reasonable prices. Try going out to the neighborhoods of some of the bigger Eastern cities, by comparison, and at least from a diner's point of view you'll see why San Franciscans are so lucky!

Turning to Padrino's, it's in its fifth year of business and offers a wide variety of Italian dishes at remarkably low prices in comfortable intimate surroundings. For that reader who wrote in asking about vegetarian possibilities, Padrino's vegetarian pizza was voted best in town in a recent citywide competition.

miniature Pirelli tires. Padrino's is right on the money, and has a choice of cocktail sauce or tartar sauce for dipping. Just wonderful!

Gambrelli pesto (\$3.25) has very fresh prawns in a basil and oil sauce. It was soft, subtle, and flavorful, but doesn't anyone use pine nuts in pesto sauce anymore? I thought that helped make the dish unique and it doesn't cost that much. **Crepes Florentina** (\$3.00) brings a crepe filled with bacon, mushrooms and spinach. It was very light and the bacon didn't overwhelm the spinach or mushrooms. **Insalata mista** (\$2.50; \$3.75 with shrimp) had greens, tomatoes and black olives in a light, creamy Italian style dressing.

In case you think you're seeing things on prices, you're not. I've doublechecked against the menu, and as low as they seem, all prices in this column are correct, making Padrino's much less ex-



Padrino's at Stanyan and Frederick.

Regrettably, Padrino's doesn't deliver pizzas, but those willing to eat in or carry one home will get a first class pizza. For those of you who may remember an uproar of about a year ago, it has no relation whatever to Il Padrino of North Beach which allegedly was a front for Mafia drug dealings. The owner confessed, however, that he enjoyed the publicity resulting from the confusion to some extent.

You can dine either on ground level or on a charming upstairs balcony. Peering over the black wrought iron railing, you can gaze down on fellow diners and out the top of the tall windows to Stanyan Street. Lighting is intimate and background music is romantic, so a friendship made during the day on Haight Street might be cemented here at night.

Start with some **garlic bread** (\$1.50), flecked with parsley and oozing with buttery garlic flavor. Worry about kissing later or surreptitiously reach for **Lavoris**. Try the **Calamari fritti** (\$3.00), crisp, greaseless and fresh. Cooking calamari is an art, because if you overdo it you wind up with

persive than many of the neighborhood Italian places recently tried. This extends not only to starters, but also to main courses.

If you're in the mood for pastas, Padrino's are generous of portion and served al dente. **Spagettini** (\$6.25) had a very light tomato sauce and lots of shrimp and very sweet little scallops swirled in. Because one of our party was allergic to shrimp, we were given an all scallop sauce. **Fettuccine** (\$6.00) was a light and elegant version of fettuccine alfredo, with four cheeses blended into a creamy sauce. For \$6.50, you can have it with shrimp.

Veal can be ordered in a number of different ways, all costing \$7.75. **Veal Scallopine** is done the traditional way with thinly pounded slices lightly sauteed and topped with a lemony sauce. **Veal francesca**, not always available, has an egg batter and just about floats off the plate. **Veal parmigiana, milanese**, and plain **veal cutlet** are also available.

Prawns (\$8.75) were juicy and tender, being prepared in a brandy cream sauce. By the time they came

out, my table mate Linda was running out of steam, so most of her prawns found their way to other palates. **Fish of the day** (\$9.95) was a moderate sized slice of fresh salmon in a marvelous light, creamy sauce using chives, dill, nutmeg, lemon and a secret ingredient that the owner refused to disclose despite our offer of an all expenses paid two week trip to Union City. (Maybe we should have just offered one week.) All dishes came with julienne carrots and asparagus tips.

Desserts include **mousse** (\$2.50), a bit pudding like but flavorful and topped with whipped cream. What you should ask for, however, is **Cafe Padrino**, a not on the menu treat blending iced cream, whipped cream, and espresso. Its blending of creamy vanilla and coffee flavors will send you out onto Haight Street singing "Santa Lucia," and you'll be ready to come

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SPORTS

SPORTSCOPE

by Jack 'Irene' Mc Gowan

Anybody who thinks that Baseball is no longer America's pastime obviously didn't catch the recent Little League championship game on ABC. The American champions, from Trumbull, Connecticut... which is, I am proud to say a suburb of my home town... nobody makes winners like Bridgeporters... won the world crown by defeating the talented Taiwanese youngsters 5 to 2.

Teams from Taiwan had won the last three Little League World Series and 18 of the last 22. This year's Taiwanese team hadn't given up a run during their pre-championship games and were heavy favorites to defend their championship. It didn't turn out that way. The American kids did us proud.

While watching and sharing in the pride and joy of their families and friends I was carried back to two similar victories that I had shared with gay ballplayers and their friends and families.

I was reminded of the day in June of 1974 when our Twin Peaks team beat the S.F. Police 9 to 4 and a late August afternoon in 1983 when my 'Sidetrack'

team from Chicago won the NAGAAA gay 'World Series'.

Both times our fans cried and jumped with joy while the players and I pounded and pushed each other all over the field much like the Trumbull team and their followers did in Williamsport, PA. I thought how alike we all are...

If only we would all remember that. Rather than stress the differences in our lifestyles we should emphasize the sameness. Only together can all San Franciscans ensure an economically healthy and socially comfortable city. We must stand as a unit to meet the awesome responsibility of the AIDS crisis as well as of the homeless and the

insidious crack epidemic running rampant across our neighborhoods.

Everything cannot be painted 'gay or straight'. What is good for the city is good for all of us. If you think I am leading up to the China Basin Ball Park issue you are right. Proposition 'P' can and would stand on its own two feet among gay voters without coupling it with 'our' Proposition S on Domestic Partnerships.

However there is absolutely nothing wrong or sinister with voters not particularly interested in one or the other of the questions deciding to vote for Proposition 'P' because he or she believes it will bring in votes on Proposition 'S'... or vice versa.

Politics is a lot like baseball... you play to win. And winning politics means getting the most votes... Any legal way you can. The alternative... as Harry Truman would say... is to get out of the kitchen.

For all those doomsayers and effete politico types who think that the Ball Park issue is of no interest to gays in general, Irene suggests you get off your high horse and talk to the people for whom you presume to speak. Last Sunday I spent a few hours interviewing and getting signatures in support of Mayor Agnos' ball park proposal.

Without one referral to buying 'Partners' votes and with only seven refusals Irene garnered 100 signatures and could have had at least seventy more. Those gays who keep insisting that keeping the Giants is not a gay concern are doing all of us a disservice.

Gays are a diverse community with tastes and needs that are as varied as the straight community. Noone, including Irene, should or can speak for everyone.

If you disagree with any Proposition that is your prerogative. But don't vilify those who disagree. Be positive not negative in opposing any proposition that will effect all of us.

The most unfair tactic that anti-ball park people are using is that of continual raising the specter of AIDS and the cost of combatting it as if any one for the Ballpark is insensitive to that problem. It is cruel. I have lost so many friends, including my and Harry's brother and have so many now living with AIDS that it is without heart to insinuate that I or others are not concerned.

My answer is quite simple. A city cannot carry the present upcoming burden of AIDS funding unless it is fiscally sound. I believe that San Francisco will be better off financially

with the new Ball Park and the Giants than we would be without them. None in opposition has shown me any figures to the contrary.

And while I am at it. Let me ask a question. Presume that the nay-sayers win and there is no China Basin ballpark. Will the out-of-state developers who seek to inundate China Basin with 'Market-value' housing... and they themselves call it market-value... not affordable... put aside housing units for AIDS Hospices or otherwise contribute monies or rent-subsidies for AIDS patients? I think not.

I also agree that such an idea might be impractical and a little unfair but it certainly is as reasonable a point as those being made by the opponents. If someone has genuine information showing that the AIDS situation will be worse, financially speaking, because of the new ballpark, let them quote specifics and not throw out scare figures.

Both propositions should be judged on their merits... if that is done I hope they will both come up winners.

Till next time, keep winning. And remember, if you can't play a sport, be one.

MALLET SKILLS IN FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

San Francisco former Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, fashion trade leaders Wilkes Bashford and Jessica McClintock and famed restaurateurs Jeremiah Tower and Claude Rouas are scheduled to match mallet skills at the first Annual Design Industries Croquet Classic and Cruise, September 16, 1989. The event is sponsored by Pacific Crest Mills and Dupont Flooring Systems.

CLIMBER GROUP FORMS FOR GAYS, LESBIANS AND BISEXUALS

On a wall of rock soaring skyward hundreds of feet are two figures perched precariously on a thin ledge. The two are tied to opposite ends of the same rope to ensure each other's safety. A strong bond, built on trust and interdependence, emerges as they continue the ascent. A blur of physical exertion, delicate movement, fear and exhilaration fill them as they face the unique challenge of the vertical world. Finally the top is reached with a feeling of satisfaction and pride. A handshake. An embrace.

For years gay climbers have shared these powerful experiences, but seldom with other gay climbers. Until this year.

Earlier this summer gay, lesbian and bisexual climbers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and Texas gathered at the Shawangunks, a major East Coast climbing area 1 1/2 hours from New York City, to found Stonewall Climbers. Climbers from more distant places—Ontario, Minnesota, California—while not in attendance, soon enlisted.

Many of the founding members had previously climbed together, sometimes driving hundreds of miles to explore new climbing areas. For dedicated climbers, distance is no object. Each classic climbing area has its own personality and characteristic features: cracks or overhanging ceilings, low-



A stonewall climber scaling the heights at the Shawangunks.

angle slabs or vertical walls. Climbers love to visit areas that differ from their local haunts. It made sense to form a club to publicize trips happening all over.

According to John Yanson, the club's public relations officer, "Our intent is to serve as an umbrella group to encourage climbing within the structure of local gay and lesbian outdoor organizations. Virtually every major U.S. and Canadian city (and many European and Australian cities) have such groups which sponsor an array of outdoor activities—hiking, biking, skiing, white water canoeing, etc. For many of these activities it's easy to find enough interested people locally to run trips. But for climbing—particularly ice climbing—we have to look beyond our own back yards."

Climbing trips planned for the near future include a trip to the Banff area in the Canadian Rockies near Calgary and a climb in the Joshua Tree National Monument Park in Southern California, both in November of this year.

Carla-Krystin Andrade, president of Out & Out (the Toronto outings group), who was elected to the Stonewall Climbers executive committee in absentia, sent a clear message to new members, "There are gay climbers everywhere—we just need to get the word out!"

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