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Dannemeyer Asks Bush to Denounce Report

1/3 OF TEEN SUICIDES ARE GAY

by John Zeh

Congressman William Dannemeyer from Fullerton wants President George Bush to "denounce" a federal study of suicide containing research by a San Francisco social worker that links young gays' suicidal tendencies with alienation from a society largely unaware of their existence.

The latest volley from the conservative Republican charged that the study and public school programs such as Los Angeles School's Project 10 "simply add legitimacy to the heretofore crime of child molestation."

Gay and lesbian advocates denounced Dannemeyer's move as confounding the problem — escalating both society's ignorance about suicide, and bias against sexual minorities. "He shows his true colors as a cold-blooded bigot who supports the senseless destruction of young gay and lesbian lives," charged Urvashi Vaid, new executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Gay young people who take their own lives may make up 30% or more of all suicides in the U.S., according to San Francisco psychotherapist Paul Gibson. His study is one of two about gays in the 50-paper "Report of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide" released early this month.

Rep. Dannemeyer called on Bush to "affirm traditional family values by denouncing the portion of the Report that deals with homosexuality." He said he also urged Dr. James Mason, assistant HHS Secretary, "to decide whether he will side with traditional" mores or NGLTF, mentioning the grass-roots political group by name.

Vaid said her own letter called on the President to put "moral leadership above prejudice and moral posturing," implement the Report's recommendations at once, and schedule a White House meeting to discuss the study and "broader issues of discrimination based on sexual orientation." The Report "correctly identified the special vulnerability of lesbian



Rep. William Dannemeyer

and gay youth to suicide," she said. "We are outraged that Dannemeyer urged the President to ignore this tragic situation."

The HHS Report says killing oneself is the leading cause of death among sexual minority youth, noted Kevin Berrill, director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project. "The increased risk of suicide facing them is linked to growing up in a society that teaches them to hide and to hate themselves. We welcome this report and hope it will lead to action that will save lives."

People working with gay youth face difficult problems — lack of information, and researchers' tendency to slight sexual minorities, according to Joyce Hunter, a social worker who helps run New York City's Hetrick-Martin Institute (known earlier as the Institute for the Protection of Gay and Lesbian Youth.) "When we look at all the factors about teen suicide, the one thing left out is sexual identify, sexual orientation," she said. "Gay and lesbian youth have been overlooked for years."

The Monday after Dannemeyer's Sept. 7

letter to Bush, NGLTF and five other groups convened a briefing for Congressional staff about the Report and the necessity of giving youths positive counseling and facts on sexuality. Staff members from the Capitol Hill offices of Dannemeyer and conservative Senators William Armstrong (R-CO) and Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) reportedly were on hand.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), NGLTF, and others fear another Senate battle over appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education legislation.

Last year, Humphrey succeeded in adding an amendment that would have barred federal support for school programs or materials which "promoted or encouraged" homosexuality. It was killed in a House/Senate conference committee. Earlier in this session, Dannemeyer proposed an amendment to single out LA's Project 10 from funding.

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TENSION AT NGRA

by Michelle DeRanleau

In the wake of the departure of legal director Leonard Graff, the National Gay Rights Advocates are engaged in an internal struggle over whether to "consolidate" the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices, a question that has sparked heated debate and criticism of executive director Jean O'Leary.

NGRA was founded in San Francisco in 1978 to provide legal aid and advice to the gay community. The legal offices remained in San Francisco after a separate fundraising and administration office was opened in Los Angeles in 1985. After Graff resigned last week, the long-simmering feud between O'Leary, who board members say is pressuring for consolidation, and the lawyers in the San Francisco office seems to be heating up.

The board of directors was meeting Friday to discuss the



Jean O'Leary

possibility of combining the two offices in Los Angeles, but according to one board member O'Leary is trying to have the meeting called off. "If this meeting happens, it will go far beyond whether or not to close the office," the board member said. "There is going to be a major reassessing of what's going on in the organization . . . it will go beyond where Jean wants it to go."

The board member and a source in the San Francisco office insisted on anonymity, and both were critical of O'Leary.

The board member said the main reasons O'Leary wanted the legal part of the organization moved to Los Angeles was to "consolidate the power" in her office. "The motivation is not purely efficiency, if you know what I am saying," the board member said.

NGRA co-founder and board member Richard Rouillard said "there has always been discussion" about closing the San Francisco office. "It revolves around financing," Rouillard said. "It takes about 40 to 50 thousand dollars to maintain separate offices. (That) is a lot of money, especially when you could use it to hire another lawyer."

But the board member disagrees. "In order to be truly effective as a gay rights organization, to have a national and international scope, you have to be based in San Francisco."

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Legislature Adjourns

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS AWAIT DUKE'S SIGNATURE

by Michael Colbruno

The California Legislature adjourned until January, sending some good bills to the governor and keeping opponents of civil rights and good AIDS legislation firmly in check. All of homophobic Senator John Doolittle's "bad medicine" for AIDS bills was defeated, as was his Senate Concurrent Resolution 65, which called for the rejection of numerous recommendations on AIDS policy made to the governor by an expert panel headed by Dr. Marcus Conant.

Two bills of great importance reached the governor's desk and await his signature. SB202, sponsored by Sen. Diane Watson (D-LA), is the State's version of the Hate Crimes Bill and amends the Civil Rights Code to include "sexual orientation" and "physical or mental disability" as protected classes. Specifically, the bill requires the reporting of criminal acts which appear to be motivated by one of the subject classes. The bill had broad based support coming from the Department of Justice, NOW, LA County Board of Supervisors, and the Jewish Public Affairs Committee. Opposition came from the cities of Santa Barbara, Buena Park and Ventura, as well as California law enforcement agencies who objected to

the bill due to its fiscal impact on the State. The bill passed with a comfortable 49-24 margin, and the governor's office said they have received no word from Deukmejian on his intentions. Sen. Art Torres' Omnibus California Schools Hate Violence Reduction Act passed the Senate easily, but not without a fight. The bill, which requires the State Board of Education to adopt policies and guidelines to prevent and respond to acts of hate violence and bias-related incidents, asked for the adoption of curriculum guidelines to be placed into existing subject frameworks from kindergarten through 12th grade. Opponents objected to the inclusion of "sexual orientation" as a recommended class to be included in the new pro-

cedures. Rep. John Burton (D-SF) attempted to sneak it by opponents by deleting "sexual orientation" and asking that the bill comply with the Civil Rights Code, which includes "sexual orientation," but that failed. Late last week the bill passed with the added class "innate characteristics or beliefs," which proponents claim will include education on hate-crimes based on sexual orientation. Bay Area co-authors included Sen. Milton Marks, Speaker Willie Brown, and San Jose's Assemblyman John Vasconcellos.

Vasconcellos was also the sponsor of AB 65, which prevents discrimination against people infected with the HIV virus by redefining physically disabled people. It adds public accommodations and transportation as areas where people cannot discriminate against the disabled. The bill prevents employers from firing HIV infected persons as well as landlords who cannot deny rentals to the disabled. The bill passed 41-29 and was vetoed by the governor last year. His office indicated that he has not decided whether to sign the bill this year, but there have been indications that gubernatorial candidate and U.S. Senator Pete Wilson has been lobbying Deukmejian to begin taking a more moderate stance on these issues.

San Francisco Senator Quentin Kopp introduced SB 1081, which created penalties for people who defaced hate emblems onto public property, but the bill will not be considered until the legislature reconvenes in January. San Francisco Assemblyman introduced AB 1625, which provides medical reimbursements for "investigational new drugs" that have passed toxicity tests.



Governor George Deukmejian

Assemblyman Tom McClintock was the only opposition.

The recent GOP convention showed that anti-gay and anti-PWA bills and resolutions are no longer in fashion as the Republicans become increasingly dominated by moderates like Bill Filante, Bill Campbell, and Pete

Wilson, who are forging cooperative coalitions with the Democrats to derail right-wingers like Sen. John Doolittle and Assemblyman Gil Ferguson, who joined homophobic Congressman William Dannemeyer in introducing anti-gay resolutions at the recent convention.

"Red Truck Incident" GAY BASHER FACES FELONY CHARGES

by Michael Colbruno

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith announced that charges will be filed against three youths involved in a gay bashing in the Castro. The youths drove slowly through the neighborhood yelling anti-gay epithets before launching their attack. The assault, known as the "Red Truck Incident," occurred September 6th, and began at 18th and Noe when Jeffrey Higdon was hit in the back of the head while leaving his pickup truck. He and Bruno Nardizzi then got back in their vehicle and chased the assailants to 17th and Market. Higdon ran into the Twin Peaks Bar where the bartender called 911, as a crowd of angry people gathered to ensure the assailants until the police could arrive. One of the assailants allegedly swung a milk crate at the angry crowd to prevent further encroachment. Nardizzi suffered the most serious injury, a broken nose, while others got away with cuts and bruises.

Smith, who is actively courting the gay vote in his run for Attorney General, announced that Nathan Mitchell, 21, of San Francisco will face felony charges of battery with serious bodily injury, a violation of Penal Code Section 243 (d); assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, a violation of Penal Code Section 245 (a); and a lesser charge of driving with a suspended license, a charge that was added during the investigation. Mark Urquidez, 21, and James Sozzi, 20, will be charged with misdemeanor assault with

months after the Lynn Griffis affair, where the gay community was embarrassed by what appeared to be two fictitious accounts of hate-motivated attacks on Griffis by skinheads. There were no witnesses to either attack and Griffis' story fell apart after Police Chief Frank Jordan called in the FBI to question Griffis further. Many people in the straight community and straight press made a laughing matter out of the affair, and it sidetracked attention away from hate-motivated crimes, particularly those against the gay community.

WALKER RENOMINATED

by Geoffrey Minter

Vaughan Walker's embattled nomination to federal district court has been revived. President Bush resubmitted Walker's name last week for Senate consideration, making this the controversial attorney's third bid to become a lifetime federal judge. Walker declined to make extensive comment on the matter, but said, "I'm delighted by the President's decision to stick by his nomination."

Sen. Alan Cranston, who remains a critic of Walker's past ties to San Francisco's women-excluding Olympic Club, will oppose the nomination. Ira Goldman, legislative counsel to Sen. Pete Wilson, has confidence the nomination will succeed. "If it comes to a vote, we have no doubt he'll win." Walker's past defense of the U.S. Olympic Committee has made him a controversial figure in the gay community. In a case that was ultimately decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, Walker argued that the Gay Olympics should be disallowed from using the term "Olympic" because such use violated the Olympic Committee's trademark rights

to the term. The Court ultimately decided in the Olympic Committee's favor. Walker has also been accused of harboring anti-gay sentiments. Goldman rejected such accusations, adding, "Senator Wilson's record on issues of interest to the gay community is extensive. If the Senator believed what a few people in the gay community are saying about Vaughan Walker, he wouldn't support him. But he doesn't believe them." Walker's name has been submitted twice before, once each by Presidents Reagan and Bush. In his original bid, Walker was opposed by, among others, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,



Vaughan Walker

who charged the attorney with professional and unethical behavior. Similar charges have been made by others. Walker's nominations have never been put to a Senate vote; his previous bids were killed on procedural grounds. If confirmed, Walker would decide questions of federal law that would directly affect portions of Northern California, including the area bounded by San Jose and San Francisco.

Walker is currently a partner at the San Francisco firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro.

AZT Price Reduced 20%

BURROUGHS WELLCOME BACKS DOWN

by Michele DeRanleau

Burroughs Wellcome, manufacturers of AZT, lowered the price of the life-prolonging AIDS drug 20 percent after threats of a boycott by AIDS and gay activists and several demonstrations, including one last week on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

A study released last month indicated that AZT prolonged the lives of people with AIDS and delayed the onset of AIDS related symptoms in people who were HIV-positive but asymptomatic or showing only mild symptoms of AIDS or ARC. It is the only federally approved drug to treat AIDS.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that between one and 1.5 million people may be infected with the AIDS virus, and over 100,000 have been diagnosed. Now, only about 40,000 are taking AZT. Before the reduction, AZT cost \$8,000 for a year's supply; now it will cost \$6,400.

Burroughs Wellcome has refused to disclose its costs of research and development and manufacturing for the drug, so charges of price gouging are only speculation. But according to an ACT-UP press release, "In anticipation of AZT reaching annual sales over \$1 billion, Wall Street has bid up Wellcome's stock by over 35%."

Kathy Bartlett, a spokesperson for Burroughs Wellcome, denied that the protests, threatened boycotts, or congressional hearings on the price of the drug scheduled for early next month, were responsible for the cut in price. She said the company officials decided to lower the price after they saw the federal report.

Peter Staley of ACT-UP New York says he doubts that the cut will decrease the company's profit margin on the drug. The price is lower, but the govern-

ment's report will increase the demand for the drug.

Staley was one of the five people who slipped into the New York Stock Exchange last week and handcuffed

themselves to a railing on the V.I.P. balcony. Trading stopped for about four minutes as the traders screamed epithets at the demonstrators after they unfurled a banner that read "Sell Wellcome." They also dropped fake money reading "Fuck your profiteering — People are dying while you play business" over the balcony before being escorted through an angry crowd by security.

Pat Christen, executive director of the San Francisco AIDS Project, said in a statement, "Burroughs Wellcome has an opportunity to prolong if not save hundreds of lives by making AZT affordable to all who need it. We once again urge Burroughs Wellcome to open its books. If the price reduction is fair, the company should welcome this opportunity to offer proof."

"Fuck your profiteering — people are dying while you play business."

review."

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POLITICS

BUT THEY'RE ALL LESBIANS, DAHLING

by Michael Colbruno

Last week, Lester Omstead-Rose, of Community United Against Violence (C.U.A.V.), called me to comment on a column I did about teenage hate violence. He said that there was one vital omission, and that was my failure to mention that a lot of hate violence is legitimized, if not spurred on, by people who publicly denounce and ridicule gays and lesbians. He specifically mentioned Sen. Jesse Helms and Congressman William Dannemeyer, who have both made careers of offering anti-PWA and anti-gay resolutions, amendments, and bills, and have colorfully spoken out against the gay community. Omstead-Rose pointed out that when a young person hears people speak publicly against the community, it legitimizes their prejudices. Well, no sooner did I hang up the phone and pick up the newspaper, where I read that "Zsa Zsa Worried About Jail Full of 'Lesbians.'" Here in black and white was a glaring example of what Omstead-Rose was talking about.

Zsa Zsa Gabor is the 70 year old (she says 66, which would make her two years younger than her younger sister Eva) former Miss Hungary who has starred (?!?!?) in such forgettable movies as *Up the Front*, *Picture Mommy Dead*, and *Queen of Outer Space* (which you can see lowlights of at the I-Beam.) Zsa Zsa has been in trouble with the law lately, trying to match her rich-bitch counterpart Hotel Queen Leona Helmsley in headline grabbing. First she got into it with the airlines, refusing to remove her dog from the passenger section of the plane, slapping an airline employee, and being removed from the flight. Now she let the tags on her \$215,000 Rolls Royce convertible expire, was pulled over by an officer and slapped him, too. However, the Beverly Hills Police Department is a little less tolerant than the airlines when it comes to face slapping, and Zsa Zsa was charged with a misdemeanor charge of striking and disobeying an officer, which could land her in Los Angeles County Jail for a year and cost her \$2,000.

Now Zsa Zsa says her mother is worried about her going to jail and Zsa Zsa told her, "I hope not. I have claustrophobia and would be very unhappy in jail. And besides, they are all lesbians in jail and I'm so scared of lesbians. Can you imagine being in jail with all those women?" This reminded me of a famous case in Denver, where a Wyoming teenager was convicted of ambushing and shooting his father. His attorney argued that he should not be sent to jail because gay men would rape him. Somehow straight people get a thrill labeling us a bunch of gay prison rapists who should be feared and hated. Zsa Zsa's comment belittles and demeans us as humans and sends a misguided message to the public, one that could come back to injure us physically well as psychologically, and I think particularly of gay teenagers.

Gabor has been given contempt warnings from Judge Charles Rubin for her unwillingness to abide by a court-imposed gag order. Her own comments have already done damage to herself, but she has no right to do damage to an innocent community. During the proceeding Zsa Zsa said that some of "the most beautiful women in the world are my friends. [Except] Liz Taylor doesn't like me." Well that's easy to understand, as Liz Taylor has long been known for massive fundraising efforts on the behalf of AIDS charities and her close friendships with gay men like Montgomery Clift and Rock Hudson. Gabor should take a good long look at her matrimonial equal (seven each at

last count, I believe) and learn a little about sensitivity toward the gay and lesbian community.

Disability Act

The U.S. Senate recently passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, which, among other things, extends protections to people with AIDS and HIV infection. It prohibits employers, state and local governments, or any place of public accommodation from discriminating against those with disabilities. This specifically covers public and private transportation, so hopefully we won't see PWA's kicked off any more airplanes.

However, I got a chuckle from some arguments by two of the Senate's leading homophobes, Bill Armstrong (R-CO) and Jesse Helms (R-NC). They stood before the Senate and argued that homosexuality and bisexuality should not be included in the bill because they are not disabilities. Well, I guess all of our lobbying has finally paid off since these men (along with California's Bill Dannemeyer) have long led the crusade to convince America that homosexuality is an awful sickness, a moral disability, and that God has condemned us all to die. The Senate concurred with our self-appointed Pops of Self-Righteousness and adopted an amendment stating that homosexuality, along with transsexualism, transvestism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, compulsive gambling, kleptomania, pyromania and drug use did not constitute forms of disabilities. How nice of Bill and Jesse to let us all know we're not disabled. Keep up the good work, boys!!

Shorts and Briefs

I recommend you clip and save this item and bring it with you next time you go shopping. A recent UCLA study found the following condoms to perform exceptionally well in laboratory tests: Ramses, Sheik, Gold Circle, Gold Circle Coin, and Pleaser. The following condoms were not recommended: Lifestyles Couture, Trojan Naturalube, Trojan Ribbed and Contralube Plus... *Gayspeak*: Queens are still good for the best bitchy quotes of anyone. Overheard at the Huntington Hotel's 65th anniversary party was an elderly gay man saying a lady, "What a lovely dress. Did you just rob a brothel?" Later that week a younger group of gay glitterati was enjoying the fabulously camp orgy scene in the S.F. Opera's new production of *Mefistofeles*, when one screamed, "What would Jesse Helms say about this!!!"

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No, to public funds for all male, sexist corporations.
No to public funds for homophobic institutions.
No to corporate accounting gobbledygook. We want a percentage of gross ticket sales, television revenue, and cassette sales.
No to downtown traffic gridlock.
No to waste of public funds and poor use of public lands.
Vote against public funds for Bob Lurie's corporation!
Dick Roberts

Where's The Bucks?

To the Editor:
"WHERE'S THE BUCKS?" — Back in the early and mid 1970s, the entire community rallied around the Tavern Guild aiding them in their efforts to raise money for an "All Purpose Community Building." The building was to offer offices, meeting rooms, stage, hall, etc. Multi-thousands was raised and later placed in the hands of the Tavern Guild Foundation. At that point in time, such a building would have cost in the range of \$750,000 to a million — all options being turned down at the time even though there were several prospects. Now after approximately 15 years — the same type of building would be an "out-of-the-question" \$3 to 5 million, or more!

Many individuals donated money via "Building Brick Pins"; \$100 Special Donors who were to get a plaque on the building; and many auctions, plant sales, etc. etc.
The questions are since the money was raised by the community as a whole, where is it? What is going to happen to the money? Where is the accumulated interest? Couldn't it be put to a much more needed purpose? And if there is not going to be a building, aren't refunds in order to the donors along with the obligation of the Tavern Guild to pay for all the amended tax returns for the charitable contribution?

Could someone from the Foundation maybe tell the community exactly what is happening to their money. It does seem a financial statement to the community would be in order.
Peter A. Switzer

Ashamed

To the Editor:
I'm ashamed of those gays who

participated in the uncalled for disruption of the opening night of the opera. Their action was not only another public relations disaster for the gay community, but an insult to the many gays who love and support the fine arts in San Francisco. The demonstration also tarnished the memory of every man who has died of AIDS and enjoyed a pleasant evening at the War Memorial Opera House.

If the "Domestic Partners" initiative fails at the ballot box in the fall, gay supporters will have to give some of the credit for that failure to SANE and their Golden Gate Bridge and opening night opera adventures. Political action groups which organize demonstrations against inappropriate targets like the San Francisco Opera fuel homophobia and cause divisions within our own community. SANE's sneak attack was bad manners and bad politics.
Tom Youngblood

AZT Price

To the Editor:
The *San Francisco Chronicle* printed an article asking lower prices for AZT from the Burroughs Wellcome pharmaceutical firm in Britain, saying a coalition of 16 AIDS and gay rights groups throughout America are urging said company to lower the price of this drug, which costs each patient about \$8,000 a year. The same paper a week before printed an article saying how the Burroughs Wellcome stock is soaring on the London stock market. Does it not follow that since the drug is now going to be sold worldwide, that the price, due to natural market forces, must come down?

I simply urge all of you to band together and swamp your government agencies and your congressmen or MP's or whatever with enormous amounts of mail urging this lowering of the price. These people are only impressed by the number of letters they get, so the ball has started to roll. Now it's up to you.
M.H. Murphy

Orange County Inquisition

To the Editor:
Whether attempting to prohibit Orange County's first gay pride festival *Sentinel*, 14 Sep. editorial, "The Orange County Fiasco"; forcing exile upon us "faggots and

fairies" of my home county. Tuolumne; limiting news accounts of gay activities in the *Contra Costa Times*; or challenging San Francisco's "domestic partners" legislation, homophobes generally cite one opus — the bible.

Without this tome — a work of questionable credibility and authenticity, but historically used as the foundation for all pogroms, in the case of both the Inquisition's persecution of the Jews in Spain and the Nazi's genocidal Holocaust — anti-gay bigots would remain mute and unable to rationalize their hate. Thus, it is not unreasonable to admonish and remind those members of Dignity seeking accommodation with and by San Francisco's archdiocese to regard the insensitive anti-Semitism of Poland's Cardinal-Archbishop Glemp in the current Auschwitz Memorial-Carmelite Convent debate.

As between the Polish Prince of the Church and San Francisco's Archbishop John Quinn there are undeniable national differences; but, they share a religion with a plethora of biases. Thus, Quinn's expressed opposition to "domestic partners" — replete with subtle homophobia — is no different than Glemp's intransigent opposition to the Jewish Memorial at Auschwitz — with his anti-Semitic inuendo.

And, "The Orange County Fiasco" is but a microscopic mirror of both.
Thomas M. Edwards

Gay Spirituality

To the Editor:
Congratulations on your interesting and informative continuing series: Spirituality and the Gay Community. Frederic Millen's September 7th piece on Dignity's national convention in San Francisco captured the hopes and dilemmas of gay liturgical christians (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox).

Tragically, many gay men and women automatically think spirituality and sexuality are mutually exclusive and, consequently, they have cut themselves off from the Judaic, Christian, or Islamic religious roots which significantly molded their very sense of being who they are individually and culturally. Ironically, few gay persons can reach true self-liberation as gay persons without coming to a reconciliation with their own religious roots.

Religiously-attached gay Bay Areaans will welcome the news that as

of September 10th the Roman Catholic Latin Mass of Pope Saint Pius V of 1570 is alive and well in Oakland. The Latin Tridentine Mass is celebrated Sundays, tentatively at 4:30 p.m., at the Church of Saint Margaret Mary on the southwest corner of Emerson Street and Exelsior Avenue, (just off the interchange of Park Boulevard and the MacArthur Freeway), on Oakland's Brooklyn Heights.

Designed by William Edward Schirmer of Oakland, this 1931-built-Tudor-style church was hailed by an article in *Architect and Engineer* as a future model of steel and poured concrete ecclesiastical construction.

Together with the post World War II blue-dominating stained glass of San Francisco's craftsmen, Carl Huncke of The Century Stained Glass Studio in The Western Addition, Schirmer's Tudor-style architecture creates a perfect setting for the resurrection in the San Francisco Bay Area, after an absence of twenty-odd years, of the aesthetic and spiritual beauty of the Latin Tridentine Mass, a central bearer of the linguistic, musical, cultural, and spiritual heritage of western civilization.
James F. Gibbons

Don't Change Dates

To the Editor:
What's all the fuss about changing the parade date? Our parade has always been held the last Sunday in June.

People plan their vacations a year in advance to be here for Gay Pride Week. I would hate to be the one to tell tourists from Australia or Denmark, that they missed everything because the date was moved up to appease L.A.

For many years, Christopher Street West held their parade the Sunday before ours. I've written to ask them why they decided to change their date to coincide with ours, but they haven't responded.

I realize they are miffed by the fact that their city, with eight times the population of San Francisco, is only able to attract half as many people to their parade and celebration.

Perhaps they thought that by holding theirs on the same day, many people would choose L.A. over San Francisco, but it didn't happen.

Now they want us to change the date of a very established, major event in our city. No thanks.

There are enough people in both

areas to support each parade. Without the participation of L.A., our parade has been just as large and wonderful as always.

If L.A. wants more people to attend their gay pride festivities, they should go back to holding them a week earlier.
Joe Reilly

"Say No"

To the Editor:
I am going to resist the temptation to respond to Michael Colbruno's vitriolic and offensive critique of our action at the Opera, because I think it's important you print this letter to correct one error. Stop AIDS Now or Else has never used the acronym SANE to refer to ourselves. We don't generally use an acronym, because we rather like our group's name, but when we do, we call it SANOE (pronounced SAY NO). SANE/FREEZE, a national anti-nuclear organization, had nothing to do with our action and we feel the media, which first dubbed us "SANE", owes them an apology for misrepresentation.
Kate Raphael

Celebration

To the Editor:
Obituaries for Fred Heramb, former owner of The Catacombs, and his lover Mike Twinn, were not prepared by their families. Mike died on June 17, 1989 and Fred died a month later. Services were held as the men had requested.

Some friends of Fred, Catacombs veterans all, are holding a celebration of his life, more consistent with our history with this very dear man. The celebration will be held on September 30, which would have been Fred's 53rd birthday.

For more information, call Amber at (415) 332-4665.

Those of us planning the party are using every resource available to contact our scattered brothers and sisters, and we ask *The Sentinel's* assistance by publishing this letter.
Amber Rae

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

DOMESTIC PARTNERS: OUR RIGHT TO LOVE

For at least 20 years since Stonewall, gay people have been fighting for civil rights that are guaranteed to them by the Constitution and that are theirs by right. The struggle has involved street demonstrations, organizing, lobbying and raising funds to elect candidates to public office. Some successes have been achieved including the passage of anti-discrimination laws in many cities and in one state, Wisconsin. Much of the energy has been focused on fighting hatred, fighting discrimination in employment, fighting anti-gay violence, fighting laws that prohibit gays from the military or from immigrating into the country. Domestic partners provides an opportunity for creative energy, an opportunity to affirm our rights as equal citizens, an opportunity to recognize that gay and lesbian people are not defined only by their sexuality but also by their ability to love.

The San Francisco Domestic Partnership Ordinance is mostly a symbolic legislation. It grants very few new rights. It only allows city employees to take bereavement leave in the event of the death of their domestic partner and allows domestic partners to visit each other in city hospitals.

It also sets up a procedure whereby non-city employees can sign an affidavit of domestic partnership declaring that they are domestic partners. By signing

this affidavit, no new rights are granted, no costs are incurred to the city. The San Francisco Domestic Partnership Law does not provide health insurance for domestic partners of city employees. It costs no money. The Health Advisory Board is a separate city agency which is looking into whether to allow health benefits for city employees' domestic partners. However, even if this is done, the city does not pay for health benefits for its employees' spouses and will not be incurring costs for their domestic partners either.

San Francisco is recognized as the gay and lesbian capital of the world. In this city more than anywhere else, gay and lesbian people play an integral part in civic affairs and in formulating public policy. Although domestic partnership ordinances have worked well in Berkeley, West Hollywood and Santa Cruz, none have previously been put to a vote. The country is looking to see how San Franciscans feel about domestic partnership and we cannot lose here.

Recent polls show that the majority of voters in San Francisco support domestic partnership. Gays and lesbians support it by 87-6% and straight people approve by 46-42%. However, the polls show that those most likely to vote are those who oppose domestic partnership and those who are least likely to vote based on prior voting habits are those who support domestic partnership. Thus if we are to win the election, it is necessary to register and to vote. It is up to each of us to participate in the campaign to get out the vote of those who support domestic partnership. The more people that vote in the city, the more likely domestic partnership will pass. This is an opportunity for us to work together in a positive way and to assert that gay and lesbian people demand equality in the value that society places on committed relationships.

The campaign also represents a chance to work together with other groups in San Francisco. The ballpark supporters have endorsed and contributed to domestic partners and if we join forces to support the ballpark it will help the domestic partner campaign.

Domestic partners is another important step on the still long road to equality for gays and lesbians. This election is an opportunity to take a giant leap along that path. The domestic partnership campaign needs your help. Call them. Register and vote.

POINT OF VIEW

Health Care

THE REAL CHALLENGE OF PROPOSITION 103

by Bill Press

Proposition 103 would make Hiram Johnson proud of us. Not since Governor Hiram Johnson gave California the initiative process in 1921 have people used it to reclaim so much power — in this case, wresting power from the insurance cartel and returning it to the people, where it belongs.

Of course, the twenty percent cut in auto rates we voted for has yet to be delivered. But that's not because there's anything wrong with Proposition 103. There isn't anything wrong with Proposition 103; there's everything wrong with the lack of enforcement. Lower and fairer auto rates have been blocked by pro-business George Deukmejian and his hand-picked Insurance Commissioner Roxani Gillespie. Consumers, in fact, will get no relief until

leaving many employees with existing medical problems with no protection and unable to buy any.

Seniors are required to pay a surtax for so-called "catastrophic care." But catastrophic care doesn't cover long-term care, which is what most seniors need — and can't afford.

Staying healthy is the best way to cut medical costs. But most insurers will not pay for preventive care, not even for a procedure as basic as a mammogram.



Bill Press.

of our GNP on health care, while Canada spends only 8 percent and provides the same level of basic health care to every Canadian citizen.

No, the problem is not a lack of money. The problem is a lack of political leadership to reform the health-care delivery system and to force insurance companies to treat people fairly and to carry their share of the burden.

For years, we've been waiting for Congress to pass national health care legislation. We can wait no longer. It's obvious now that Washington will never take the lead. The place to begin is here in California. The person to lead the charge is the next Insurance Commissioner. And that's why I'm running. For a dual mission. To slash auto insurance rates, as promised by Proposition 103; and then to extend basic health care to every Californian, young or old.

Is there a need for new legislation? Yes! If the Legislature fails to act, should we pass another initiative? Of course! But we don't have to wait for new legislation or another initiative to get started. All we need to get started is an Insurance Commissioner with enough guts to enforce existing law.

The Insurance Commissioner already has wide powers over companies selling health insurance in California. For example, no company can sell insurance in California without a state license; no company can continue to sell insurance in California without state review and approval of how it conducts its business. That fact alone gives the Insurance Commissioner broad authority to demand changes. "You will not reimburse PWA's for prophylaxis treatment with aerosol pentamidine? You refuse to sell health insurance to single men in certain zip codes? Unacceptable practice! Continue to do so, and you will no longer sell health insurance in California. "Period." That's that way to start bringing about changes, in California's inadequate and unjust system of health care.

Political leadership, that's what's so lacking today; political leadership. That's what I will bring to the post of Insurance Commissioner. Leadership, first, in insisting that insurance companies obey the law — and cut auto rates by twenty percent. Leadership also, and especially — in fighting for comprehensive, quality and affordable health care for every Californian.

For me, health care is not a privilege. It is a birth-right.

Bill Press is a candidate for State Insurance Commissioner and a television commentator for KABC-TV in Los Angeles.

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November 1990 when, for the first time, we the people elect our own Insurance Commissioner to fight for the people — and send Roxani Gillespie back to the insurance industry she came from and has served so diligently ever since.

The first job of California's first elected Insurance Commissioner will be to do what Proposition 103 said: cut auto rates. That's important.

But the second job is even more important: to widen the battle against insurers from auto insurance to health insurance. Health insurance is the next big battleground. Health care in all its dimensions — the quality of care; the cost of care; access to care — is the issue of the 1990's. It is the one issue that touches us all, in so many different ways. Here are just a few.

5.2 million Californians — one out of every five people you meet on the street — have no health care at all, because they can't afford it.

Even those who can afford health insurance are forced to pay higher and higher premiums, together with higher deductibles, only to discover, all too often, that the treatment or type of care they need isn't covered.

Small businesses can't keep up with the spiraling cost of health protection for the employees. Recently, Allstate dropped all its small group coverage.

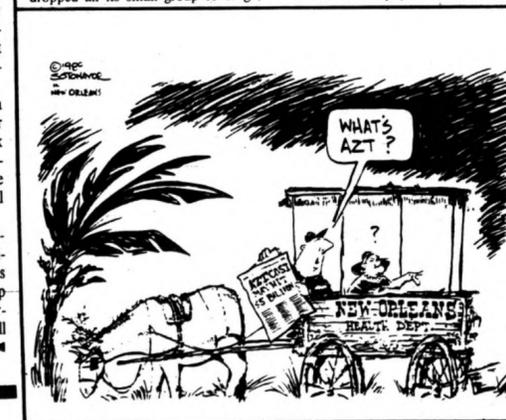


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"ARE GAY MEN RETURNING TO UNSAFE SEX?"

by John W. Holmes



ROGER: "I think guys are still sucking cock. They've decided that that's okay."



LISA: "I don't think so. All my girlfriends are also into safesex and are very aware of AIDS."



SAL: "I don't think it's changed. The people who are slipping into unsafe sex already had that tendency."



SEAN: "No, definitely not. The younger generation is practicing safe sex."



JAMES: "Yes. The young generation have adopted unsafe sex practices primarily because they're not so involved as the older generation."

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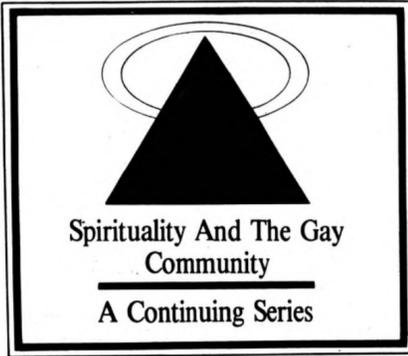
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As I grew and watched my friends suffer from the derision and cruelty perpetrated on gays by devout followers of 'God', I was struck by the hypocrisy of religion. A quote from Omar Khayyam's *Rubaiyat*, first read when I was eleven, describes best what I grew to feel about the 'God' that rules by fear and ridicule:

'None answer'd but after Silence spake
A Vessel of a more ungainly Make
'They sneer at me for leaning all awry;
What! did the Hand then of the Potter shake!'

Even while very young I could not understand how a God, any god, would allow the suffering that religion has wrought upon this world. The natural disasters, the Inquisition, the Holocaust, as well as the prejudice condoned and instigated by religious groups made me question what had been pounded into my impressionable head.

An argument waged between our editors as to whether there would be any interest in Atheism among our readers. The answer was not long in coming. As if by fate and right in the middle of our debate over Atheism's inclusion in our series, this news release arrived, issued by the American Gay Atheists' National office.

"Don Sanders, Co-founder and National Director of American Gay Atheists, Inc., a national non-profit, non-political, educational organization of Lesbian and Gay Atheists dedicated to upholding the Constitutional principle of separation between state and church, has been asked by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Founder of the nation's largest and most prestigious Atheist organization, and Jon Murray, President of American Atheists, to assume the responsibilities of Acting

Director of the American Atheist General Headquarters in Austin, Texas, for an undetermined period of time.

"Of the hundreds of persons qualified for this honor, Jon Murray, President of American Atheists, and Dr. O'Hair, Founder of American Atheists, have asked Sanders, an openly gay man, to run the affairs of the multi-million dollar American Atheists Center during their absence. No other organization of this size and calibre has ever asked the leader of its gay affiliate to fill such a position. This, in itself, makes quite a positive statement to the lesbian and gay community that not only is there no homophobia in the atheist community, but gays are actively encouraged and supported to take on positions of leadership within it."

In contacting Mr. Sanders and in questioning him about the growth in gay atheism, we found him to be an articulate and soft-spoken advocate of the definition of an Atheist as cited in the plaintiff's petition in the famous *Murray v. Curtiss* [374 U.S. 203 (1963)], wherein the Supreme Court upheld Madalyn Murray O'Hair's contention that the separation of church and state made organized Bible reading and prayer recital illegal in the nation's public schools.

The definition for which Mr. Sanders so eloquently speaks reads as follows: "An Atheist loves his (or her) fellow instead of a God. An atheist knows that heaven is something for which we should work for now—here on earth—for all to enjoy. An Atheist knows that he (or she) can get no help through prayers, but must find within themselves the inner conviction and strength to meet life, grapple with it, subdue it and enjoy it. Atheists know that only in knowing themselves and their fellow humans can they find the understanding that will lead them to a life of fulfillment.

"Atheists seek to know themselves rather than a god. They understand that a hospital must be built instead of a church, and that a deed must be done rather than a prayer said. Atheists strive for involvement in life and not escape into death. They want disease conquered, poverty vanquished, war eliminated. They want humans to understand, love and accept all of mankind. They want an ethical way of life. They know that we cannot rely on a god, channel action into prayer nor hope for an end to our troubles in the hereafter. They know that we are not only our brother's keepers but keepers of our own lives foremost, that we are responsible persons and that the job is here and the time is now."

In our questioning we referred to the apparent return of many gays to churches as evidenced by the burgeoning growth of the international MCC Church, the continual existence of Dignity, despite its parent Church's homophobic stands and interference in the struggle for gay rights. Don, in reply, referred to an article in *Mandate Magazine*, where he made the following points about organized homosexual religious groups.

"Christianity's record of intolerance toward homosexuals is unprecedented in all of history. The Christian church's sustained anti-gay campaign is the bloodiest and most violent and exhibits the most virulent hatred of any ever waged against us. Of all the world's religions, Christianity has been the worst for forcibly trying to convert others to its faith. Even its closest rival in intolerance, Islam, has not carried

out as many religious wars and pogroms as has Christianity.

"Under Christianity, homosexuals have been the most persecuted of all minorities for almost 2,000 years. It is with amazement that I look upon gays who, today, seek accommodation within the parameters of its various institutions. Is it at all logical for us to expect the church to say it has been wrong all along? To admit to such an error would be to undermine the very authority by which it holds millions of followers in thrall.

"The phenomenon of gay people trying to accommodate themselves to Christianity can be likened to trying to fit round pegs into square holes. Gay spirituality as advocated by the gay church takes a different tack in attempting to make the square holes become round by smoothing the jagged edges of the clearly anti-gay, anti-life, erotophobic Christian scriptures. These gay ministers who explain away the blatant atrocities committed upon gay people in the name of Christianity as "misrepresentation" of the scriptures are not only doing a great disservice to thousands of gay Christians; they are committing the single most heinous moral atrocity ever perpetrated on gay people.

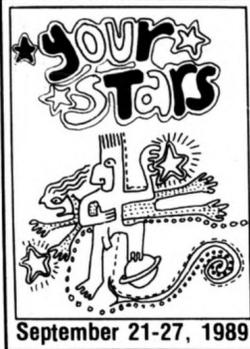
"Gay churches, such as the Metropolitan Community Church, established by Troy Perry, are teaching complacency instead of activism. Their leaders claim that those who deny us equal treatment under the law are only "misguided" and will see the error of their ways after they die. How insane! From six feet under, no one has ever done anything to improve the human condition. Instead of teaching that life is for living and for trying to improve the here and now, the gay church teaches that there is something better in the great beyond. Such teaching encourages masochism, since it not only invites complacency but encourages emotional gratification based upon the humiliating denial of one's true and natural inclinations. Those gay Christians who claim that the mythical Jesus died to "save" them (no one has ever died on behalf of anyone) are saying nothing more than that their love-filled savior will permit them to rot in the torments of Christian hell for all eternity if they do not "accept" him. This concept goes beyond evil; it is disgusting."

This reporter, having seen Ms. O'Hair on a PBS talk show years ago and having recalled her being openly hostile toward homosexuals (I distinctly recall the word 'abomination' being used) questioned Sanders as to her present feeling about the advances in homosexuals' civil rights over the last decade.

Sanders was unaware of any anti-gay feelings or statements by Ms. O'Hair but promised to try to arrange for a *Sentinel* interview with her in the near future. But he did remind us of a recent appearance by her at the Lesbian and Gay Atheist Awakening brunch in Austin, Texas in which Dr. O'Hair brought down the house when she announced at the beginning of her speech, "I want you to know that I support your right to fuck!"

Interested parties who want to know more about Atheism and its role in the homosexual movement are invited to write to American Gay Atheists, P.O. Box 66711, Houston, Texas.

This author, meanwhile, will continue to go it alone, believing in the innate goodness of the majority of people and not needing an organization of any sort to speak for me.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 19): That project you began a year ago is about to reach a marvelous climax. If you threw in the towel six months ago, who can you blame? Whether you find yourself making champagne toasts at midnight, or kicking yourself around the block, remember that you make your own destiny.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20): The urge to merge was never stronger, but both of you must lay your cards on the table. Ask lots of questions and repeat the crucial points frequently. Assumptions lead to unfortunate misunderstandings.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Relationships are pretty intense this week, involving misunderstandings, heated arguments and sacrifices. You may be better off to keep your mouth shut and your mind on loftier matters, such as your spiritual path, and researching where to take your next vacation.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you wake up before sunrise, go outside and look for Jupiter (in Cancer) in the southeastern sky. You shine like this beautiful planet, bringing light, optimism and loving kindness to the rest of us this week. Thanks, moon-child!

LEO (July 23 - August 22): While some are gearing up for power trips and emotional battles, you can remain safely in the eye of the storm. Relax and trust that your life is unfolding according to a divine plan. Innocence and playfulness will melt away a hardened heart.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22): Dream, dream, dream! Keep a notebook by your bed, "cause your night life should be rich in illuminating symbols. By day, don't hold back expressing the deep love and appreciation you feel for certain people, especially those you normally take for granted.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22): Where's your usual restraint? Your extreme concern for what others will think, say and feel? Out the window! Highly charged with one-pointed determination, nothing and no one can stop you now. Heaven help anyone who tries!

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): Is it agony or is it ecstasy? Your personal values become a real issue in love. Don't give in on an issue of great meaning for you, and don't try to press your lover into your mold either. Love is never easy, even with a clone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): Follow the yellow brick road and, like Dorothy and friends, be determined to hang in there despite setbacks. Use spare moments for researching the "land of Oz", and remembering why you're on the path in the first place. Don't trust anything to memory — take thorough notes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19): The fog of summer now begins to dissipate. If you're ready to make a move, the stars are in accord with energizing aspects. Write your dreams on the wall where you, God, and the rest of the world can see them. Then let the sensitive, imaginative side out to play, and invite a Cancerian to join you!

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18): "HAVE FUN!" should be at the top of your "To Do" list this week. If you can't find some joy in whatever you're doing, then why do it? Others may try to power or guilt trip you, especially at work, but you're in such a creative, joyful mode that these tactics bounce right off.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20): Borrow a magnifying glass, cleaning supplies, and pruning shears from a Virgo. Only you can decide what is dead wood and what is still vital and productive in your life. Roll up your sleeves and be ruthless! It'll feel so good!
by Debra Riechers

NGRA

Continued from front page

Community leaders in San Francisco also fear that moving the legal office to Los Angeles would be a mistake. A source in the San Francisco office said "years of expertise, contacts and knowledge would be given up" if the legal office were moved because none of the lawyers would want to live in Los Angeles.

Ironically, the Los Angeles office was opened initially because O'Leary did not want to live in San Francisco, according to several sources.

Roberta Achtenberg, director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said, "it would be outright irresponsible to move the office as a cost-saving measure. Maintaining the integrity of their legal program should be their first priority."

"I don't see how we can have a legal organization with no legal staff," said the board member. "I question why the legal staff is considered expendable."

Some question the stability of the Los Angeles office. No one in the office except for O'Leary has been there for longer than two years. The board member said tensions between Graff and O'Leary led to his resignation, but Graff denied this.

Even people who support consolidation admit there is tension. Rouillard says the NGRA is having "serious growing pains." "Jean and the lawyers have been under too much pressure," he said. "People are a bit at each other's throats."

"Consolidation is an issue that we are just beginning to explore," O'Leary said. "It will be a board decision with input from the staff."

She attributed criticism of her management style to "growing pains" and said, "part of the problem with having two offices is good communications."

GRAFF RESIGNS

Word of Leonard Graff's resignation saddened the gay community, and it represents a real loss for the National Gay Rights Advocates, where he has been legal director for seven years.

"Leonard is a national hero," said Ann Bradley, public affairs director at NGRA. "I can't say enough about him as a person, and of course, as a lawyer. He has done so much for gays... and lesbians."

Graff was raised in Detroit and began working for gay rights while attending Michigan State University, where he successfully lobbied for the first campus gay pride day in 1972.

He remained involved in gay issues, and after law school he founded the Gay and Lesbian Bar Association in Washington, D.C. He became legal director at NGRA in 1982.

During his career, Graff argued the first successful gay rights case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, and participated in landmark cases fighting gay and AIDS discrimination.

Graff said of his resignation, "It is just time for me to move on. I am honored and proud to have served my community."

He will stay on until the end of the year.

DELANEY: Q HAS BENEFITS, RISKS

Project Inform announced Tuesday the results from an underground drug trial of the controversial drug known as Compound Q. The preliminary data was released to a packed crowd of gay men and women as well as people with AIDS and their friends.

The leaders of Project Inform said the study revealed that Compound Q shows promise but is extremely toxic. The results of the 4-month-old test showed significant reductions in the levels of p24 antigens, which indicate the presence of HIV. It also showed a boost in the number of T-4 cells in those patients who had more than 100 T-4 cells at the beginning of the research.

Controversy grew over the research when one of the patients died during the trials. Project Inform's Executive Director Martin Delaney said this was unrelated to the drug. Delaney did warn those present that Compound Q is very toxic, and is unlike AZT or ddI, which act as preventative medicines. "Com-

pound Q is AIDS chemotherapy," Delaney stated. He also warned against self-medication or self-treatment, saying that those who are treated with the drug should be closely monitored.

Delaney also called for expanded research outside of the traditional governmental research and regulatory



Martin Delaney

process. Delaney received a standing ovation for his efforts, which he said were "for the community."

Next week in the *Sentinel*, our medical correspondent Stephan Pardi will take a closer look at the Project Inform study, and what it will mean in the fight against AIDS.

FOLSOM STREET FAIR SUNDAY

The sixth anniversary of the Folsom Street Fair will be held on Folsom Street between 7th and 11th streets this Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The fair is dubbed *Hot Six in the Big City*, by producers Michael Valerio and Jayne Salinger. Beneficiary from this year's event is SCAN—The South of Market Community Association, whose projects include The Southern Oracle, the 6th Street Merchants Association and The South of Market Police Community Relations Commit-

tee. This year's fair not only promises great entertainment, but exotic food, arts and crafts.

As in the past, the Seventh Street stage will be hosted by Page Hodel (the Box) and feature the talents of Viola Wills, along with newcomers the Zacharies and the Saddle Tramps. Meanwhile the stage at Eleventh Street will host an array of local bands, comedians and guest M.C.'s.

Bookings already confirmed include Pride and Joy, City Swing, Diebold and Col, Lauren Carter, Citizen Jane, The Hula Sisters (formerly the Homewreckers), the Campfire Girls,



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ATHEISM... UN-GODLINESS OR THE WAVE OF THE GAY FUTURE?

by Jack McGowan

As our continuing series of articles on Spirituality and the Gay Community was conceived and developed by our Editorial staff, the question as to whether we should or should not include Atheism as an ideological force in our community arose.

I, for one, thought we should. Although I was raised in a Catholic orphanage, where I served mass for several years... or possibly because of it and the physical abuse... and sexual in my case... my sister and I suffered at the hands of the nuns and priests, I have long ago and, until now, very privately considered myself an atheist.

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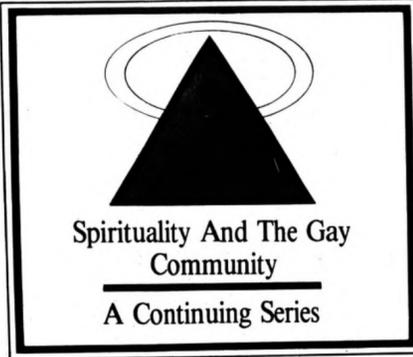
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As I grew and watched my friends suffer from the derision and cruelty perpetuated on gays by devout followers of 'God', I was struck by the hypocrisy of religion. A quote from Omar Khayyam's *Rubaiyat*, first read when I was eleven, describes best what I grew to feel about the 'God' that rules by fear and ridicule:

'None answer'd but after Silence spake
A Vessel of a more ungainly Make
'They sneer at me for leaning all awry;
What! did the Hand then of the Potter shake!'

Even while very young I could not understand how a God, any god, would allow the suffering that religion has wrought upon this world. The natural disasters, the Inquisition, the Holocaust, as well as the prejudice condoned and instigated by religious groups made me question what had been pounded into my impressionable head.

An argument waged between our editors as to whether there would be any interest in Atheism among our readers. The answer was not long in coming. As if by fate and right in the middle of our debate over Atheism's inclusion in our series, this news release arrived, issued by the American Gay Atheists' National office.

"Don Sanders, Co-founder and National Director of American Gay Atheists, Inc., a national non-profit, non-political, educational organization of Lesbian and Gay Atheists dedicated to upholding the Constitutional principle of separation between state and church, has been asked by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Founder of the nation's largest and most prestigious Atheist organization, and Jon Murray, President of American Atheists, to assume the responsibilities of Acting

Director of the American Atheist General Headquarters in Austin, Texas, for an undetermined period of time.

"Of the hundreds of persons qualified for this honor, Jon Murray, President of American Atheists, and Dr. O'Hair, Founder of American Atheists, have asked Sanders, an openly gay man, to run the affairs of the multi-million dollar American Atheists Center during their absence. No other organization of this size and calibre has ever asked the leader of its gay affiliate to fill such a position. This, in itself, makes quite a positive statement to the lesbian and gay community that not only is there no homophobia in the atheist community, but gays are actively encouraged and supported to take on positions of leadership within it."

In contacting Mr. Sanders and in questioning him about the growth in gay atheism, we found him to be an articulate and soft-spoken advocate of the definition of an Atheist as cited in the plaintiff's petition in the famous *Murray v. Curlett* [374 U.S. 203 (1963)], wherein the Supreme Court upheld Madalyn Murray O'Hair's contention that the separation of church and state made organized Bible reading and prayer recital illegal in the nation's public schools.

The definition for which Mr. Sanders so eloquently speaks reads as follows: "An Atheist loves his (or her) fellow instead of a God. An atheist knows that heaven is something for which we should work for now—here on earth—for all to enjoy. An atheist knows that he (or she) can get no help through prayers, but must find within themselves the inner conviction and strength to meet life, grapple with it, subdue it and enjoy it. Atheists know that only in knowing themselves and their fellow humans can they find the understanding that will lead them to a life of fulfillment.

"Atheists seek to know themselves rather than a god. They understand that a hospital must be built instead of a church, and that a deed must be done rather than a prayer said. Atheists strive for involvement in life and not escape into death. They want disease conquered, poverty vanquished, war eliminated. They want humans to understand, love and accept all of mankind. They want an ethical way of life. They know that we cannot rely on a god, channel action into prayer nor hope for an end to our troubles in the hereafter. They know that we are not only our brother's keepers but keepers of our own lives foremost, that we are responsible persons and that the job is here and the time is now."

In our questioning we referred to the apparent return of many gays to churches as evidenced by the burgeoning growth of the international MCC Church, the continual existence of Dignity, despite its parent Church's homophobic stands and interference in the struggle for gay rights. Don, in reply, referred to an article in *Mandate Magazine*, where he made the following points about organized homosexual religious groups.

"Christianity's record of intolerance toward homosexuals is unprecedented in all of history. The Christian church's sustained anti-gay campaign is the bloodiest and most violent and exhibits the most virulent hatred of any ever waged against us. Of all the world's religions, Christianity has been the worst for forcibly trying to convert others to its faith. Even its closest rival in intolerance, Islam, has not carried

out as many religious wars and pogroms as has Christianity.

"Under Christianity, homosexuals have been the most persecuted of all minorities for almost 2,000 years. It is with amazement that I look upon gays who, today, seek accommodation within the parameters of its various institutions. Is it at all logical for us to expect the church to say it has been wrong all along? To admit to such an error would be to undermine the very authority by which it holds millions of followers in thrall.

"The phenomenon of gay people trying to accommodate themselves to Christianity can be likened to trying to fit round pegs into square holes. Gay spirituality as advocated by the gay church takes a different tack in attempting to make the square holes become round by smoothing the jagged edges of the clearly anti-gay, anti-life, erotophobic Christian scriptures. These gay ministers who explain away the blatant atrocities committed upon gay people in the name of Christianity as "misrepresentation" of the scriptures are not only doing a great disservice to thousands of gay Christians; they are committing the single most heinous moral atrocity ever perpetrated on gay people.

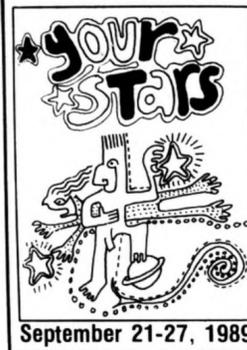
"Gay churches, such as the Metropolitan Community Church, established by Troy Perry, are teaching complacency instead of activism. Their leaders claim that those who deny us equal treatment under the law are only "misguided" and will see the error of their ways after they die. How insane! From six feet under, no one has ever done anything to improve the human condition. Instead of teaching that life is for living and for trying to improve the here and now, the gay church teaches that there is something better in the great beyond. Such teaching encourages masochism, since it not only invites complacency but encourages emotional gratification based upon the humiliating denial of one's true and natural inclinations. Those gay Christians who claim that the mythical Jesus died to "save" them (no one has ever died on behalf of anyone) are saying nothing more than that their love-filled savior will permit them to rot in the torments of Christian hell for all eternity if they do not "accept" him. This concept goes beyond evil; it is disgusting."

This reporter, having seen Ms. O'Hair on a PBS talk show years ago and having recalled her being openly hostile toward homosexuals (I distinctly recall the word 'abomination' being used) questioned Sanders as to her present feeling about the advances in homosexuals' civil rights over the last decade.

Sanders was unaware of any anti-gay feelings or statements by Ms. O'Hair but promised to try to arrange for a *Sentinel* interview with her in the near future. But he did remind us of a recent appearance by her at the Lesbian and Gay Atheist Awakening brunch in Austin, Texas in which Dr. O'Hair brought down the house when she announced at the beginning of her speech, "I want you to know that I support your right to fuck!"

Interested parties who want to know more about Atheism and its role in the homosexual movement are invited to write to American Gay Atheists, P.O. Box 66711, Houston, Texas.

This author, meanwhile, will continue to go it alone, believing in the innate goodness of the majority of people and not needing an organization of any sort to speak for me.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 19): That project you began a year ago is about to reach a marvelous climax. If you threw in the towel six months ago, who can you blame? Whether you find yourself making champagne toasts at midnight, or kicking yourself around the block, remember that you make your own destiny.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20): The urge to merge was never stronger, but both of you must lay your cards on the table. Ask lots of questions and repeat the crucial points frequently. Assumptions lead to unfortunate misunderstandings.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Relationships are pretty intense this week, involving misunderstandings, heated arguments and sacrifices. You may be better off to keep your mouth shut and your mind on loftier matters, such as your spiritual path, and researching where to take your next vacation.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you wake up before sunrise, go outside and look for Jupiter (in Cancer) in the southeastern sky. You shine like this beautiful planet, bringing light, optimism and loving kindness to the rest of us this week. Thanks, moon-child!

LEO (July 23 - August 22): While some are gearing up for power trips and emotional battles, you can remain safely in the eye of the storm. Relax and trust that your life is unfolding according to a divine plan. Innocence and playfulness will melt away a hardened heart.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22): Dream, dream! Keep a notebook by your bed, 'cause your night life should be rich in illuminating symbols. By day, don't hold back expressing the deep love and appreciation you feel for certain people, especially those you normally take for granted.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22): Where's your usual restraint? Your extreme concern for what others will think, say and feel? Out the window! Highly charged with one-pointed determination, nothing and no one can stop you now. Heaven help anyone who tries!

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): Is it agony or is it ecstasy? Your personal values become a real issue in love. Don't give in on an issue of great meaning for you, and don't try to press your lover into your mold either. Love is never easy, even with a clone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): Follow the yellow brick road and, like Dorothy and friends, be determined to hang in there despite setbacks. Use spare moments for researching the "land of Oz", and remembering why you're on the path in the first place. Don't trust anything to memory — take thorough notes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19): The fog of summer now begins to dissipate. If you're ready to make a move, the stars are in accord with energizing aspects. Write your dreams on the wall where you, God, and the rest of the world can see them. Then let the sensitive, imaginative side out to play, and invite a Cancerian to join you!

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18): "HAVE FUN!" should be at the top of your "To Do" list this week. If you can't find some joy in whatever you're doing, then why do it? Others may try to power or guilt trip you, especially at work, but you're in such a creative, joyful mode that these tactics bounce right off.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20): Borrow a magnifying glass, cleaning supplies, and pruning shears from a Virgo. Only you can decide what is dead wood and what is still vital and productive in your life. Roll up your sleeves and be ruthless! It'll feel so good!

by Debra Riechers

NGRA

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Community leaders in San Francisco also fear that moving the legal office to Los Angeles would be a mistake. A source in the San Francisco office said "years of expertise, contacts and knowledge would be given up" if the legal office were moved because none of the lawyers would want to live in Los Angeles.

Ironically, the Los Angeles office was opened initially because O'Leary did not want to live in San Francisco, according to several sources.

Roberta Achtenberg, director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said, "it would be outright irresponsible to move the office as a cost-saving measure. Maintaining the integrity of their legal program should be their first priority."

"I don't see how we can have a legal organization with no legal staff," said the board member. "I question why the legal staff is considered expendable."

Some question the stability of the Los Angeles office. No one in the office except for O'Leary has been there for longer than two years. The board member said tensions between Graff and O'Leary led to his resignation, but Graff denied this.

Even people who support consolidation admit there is tension. Rouillard says the NGRA is having "serious growing pains." "Jean and the lawyers have been under too much pressure," he said. "People are a bit at each other's throats."

"Consolidation is an issue that we are just beginning to explore," O'Leary said. "It will be a board decision with input from the staff."

She attributed criticism of her management style to "growing pains" and said, "part of the problem with having two offices is good communications."

GRAFF RESIGNS

Word of Leonard Graff's resignation saddened the gay community, and it represents a real loss for the National Gay Rights Advocates, where he has been legal director for seven years.

"Leonard is a national hero," said Ann Bradley, public affairs director at NGRA. "I can't say enough about him as a person, and of course, as a lawyer. He has done so much for gays . . . and lesbians."

Graff was raised in Detroit and began working for gay rights while attending Michigan State University, where he successfully lobbied for the first campus gay pride day in 1972.

He remained involved in gay issues, and after law school he founded the Gay and Lesbian Bar Association in Washington, D.C. He became legal director at NGRA in 1982.

During his career, Graff argued the first successful gay rights case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, and participated in landmark cases fighting gay and AIDS discrimination.

Graff said of his resignation, "It is just time for me to move on. I am honored and proud to have served my community."

He will stay on until the end of the year.

DELANEY: Q HAS BENEFITS, RISKS

Project Inform announced Tuesday the results from an underground drug trial of the controversial drug known as Compound Q. The preliminary data was released to a packed crowd of gay men and women as well as people with AIDS and their friends.

The leaders of Project Inform said the study revealed that Compound Q shows promise but is extremely toxic. The results of the 4-month-old test showed significant reductions in the levels of p24 antigens, which indicate the presence of HIV. It also showed a boost in the number of T-4 cells in those patients who had more than 100 T-4 cells at the beginning of the research.

Controversy grew over the research when one of the patients died during the trials. Project Inform's Executive Director Martin Delaney said this was unrelated to the drug. Delaney did warn those present that Compound Q is very toxic, and is unlike AZT or ddI, which act as preventative medicines. "Com-

ound Q is AIDS chemotherapy," Delaney stated. He also warned against self-medication or self-treatment, saying that those who are treated with the drug should be closely monitored.

Delaney also called for expanded research outside of the traditional governmental research and regulatory

process. Delaney received a standing ovation for his efforts, which he said were "for the community."

Next week in the *Sentinel*, our medical correspondent Stephan Pardi will take a closer look at the Project Inform study, and what it will mean in the fight against AIDS.



Martin Delaney

FOLSOM STREET FAIR SUNDAY

The sixth anniversary of the Folsom Street Fair will be held on Folsom Street between 7th and 11th streets this Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The fair is dubbed *Hot Six in the Big City*, by producers Michael Valerio and Jayne Salinger. Beneficiary from this year's event is SCAN—The South of Market Community Association, whose projects include The Southern Oracle, the 6th Street Merchants Association and The South of Market Police Community Relations Commit-

tee. This year's fair not only promises great entertainment, but exotic food, arts and crafts.

As in the past, the Seventh Street stage will be hosted by Page Hodel (the Box) and feature the talents of Viola Wills, along with newcomers the Zacharies and the Saddle Tramps. Meanwhile the stage at Eleventh Street will host an array of local bands, comedians and guest M.C.'s.

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ATHEISM . . . UNGODLINESS OR THE WAVE OF THE GAY FUTURE?

by Jack McGowan

As our continuing series of articles on Spirituality and the Gay Community was conceived and developed by our Editorial staff, the question as to whether we should or should not include Atheism as an ideological force in our community arose.

I, for one, thought we should. Although I was raised in a Catholic orphanage, where I served mass for several years . . . or possibly because of it and the physical abuse . . . and sexual in my case . . . my sister and I suffered at the hands of the nuns and priests, I have long ago and, until now, very privately considered myself an atheist.

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SUICIDES

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"Lesbian and gay teens have the right to have access to accurate information about themselves, and to positive role models in person and in the curriculum," said Virginia Uribe, Project 10 founder and featured presenter at the briefing. "Crippling self-hate is not going to be the legacy of our youth."

In the Report, Gibson said "the root problem of gay youth suicide is a society that discriminates against and stigmatizes homosexuals while failing to recognize that a substantial number of its youth has a gay or lesbian orientation." To best revise homophobic attitudes and conduct, he urged colleagues in the helping professions.

religious workers, educators, and parents to learn more about lesbian and gay youth's problems.

Gibson also suggested that coroner reports and police statistics report whether a victim's sexual orientation was a factor in the death. Correcting that omission might help health workers limit suicide among adolescents by acknowledging gay-related issues during therapy, he said. Current and pending legislation requiring reporting of hate-related crimes does not specify suicide.

Gibson's paper also called for laws at all levels against homophobic bias, arguing that fear of retribution has kept adult gays from coming out and serving as positive adult role models. Gibson could not be reached for comment on Dannemeyer's latest ploy.

While the Report was being compiled,

NGLTF in 1988 proposed a federal "counterbudget" that would have allocated monies to study "the true extent" of such suicide attempts and successful intervention. It too called for various segments of society, including businesses and media, to "specifically address concerns" of all youth at increased risk.

Commented PFLAG leader Paulette Goodman. "So much negativity and pressure comes to bear on young people struggling with their sexual identity that they frequently turn to suicide as a way out of their dilemma. Education is most urgently needed to help prevent the loss of our children." She and Martin spoke at a May 1988 conference held in Washington D.C. by the American Association of Suicidology that took as its motto, "Awareness. The first step toward suicide prevention."

Congressman Obsessed with AIDS, Gays

DANNEMEYER'S DIRTY TRICKS

by John Zeh

Bill Dannemeyer's service in the U.S. House of Representatives centers on his committee assignments," says media aide Paul Mero. "The news media would have the public believe that all (the) six-term Congressman from Fullerton thinks about are AIDS and homosexuals . . ."

"Let's face it, the horrific tales surrounding AIDS sell better than all-terrain vehicles, offshore oil drilling, or fair housing legislation," argues "No Uncertain Terms," a single-spaced, four-page report Mero uses to answer queries about his boss's "service."

The conservative Republican from California's 39th District serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and one on the Judiciary. Subcommittee duties entail Health and the Environment; Energy and Power; and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness. Included in his purview are hate crimes, the Americans

With Disabilities Act (ADA), toxic waste, AIDS, clean air, and other issues outside homophobia.

For the record, Dannemeyer now opposes a national standard on air pollution, supports nuclear energy, wants to "keep offshore oil drilling alive," and works to repeal the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act.

In this Congress, he has also entered into the Congressional Record a detailed report on gays' sexual practices, prompting a call for an ethics probe into what rules exist for inserting the unspoken. "Not to say the unspeakable." Declared Dannemeyer, "Militant homosexuals and their apologists would like these issues discussed in abstract terms in such a way that the average American would not think he was granting legal sanctions for physical acts of sodomy and other sexual perversions."

He also tried to require all states to begin HIV contact tracing and reporting, and proudly killed an "Orwellian" \$15 million, AIDS-related study of American human sexuality proposed by the National Institute of Child

Health and Development.

In the last session, Dannemeyer's dirty tricks included voting against National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) positions 100 percent, and working to delete \$400 million from \$1.35 billion in AIDS funding, helping Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) bar use of federal funds for AIDS education condoning gay sex or encouraging homosexuality, requiring hospitals to test patients for HIV infection, and report names of those testing positive.

What's ahead when bills on the gay and lesbian agenda come up for debate or are subject to behind-the-scenes maneuvering in the House? Robert Bray, who recently left the Human Rights Campaign Fund for NGLTF, said Dannemeyer and California crony Robert Dorman could rally "henchmen" to block ADA's protection of people with AIDS and HIV infection; Bray doubts they will succeed. But, said NGLTF's legislative director Peri Jude Radecic, "There's always the threat of the unexpected from folks like Dannemeyer."

California's Largest AIDS Fundraiser

AIDS WALK - LA THIS SUNDAY

by Andrew Krastins

Organizers expect to raise more than \$1.5 million for the battle against AIDS on Sept. 24 when some 12,000 people participate in the fifth annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles.

Andrew Weisser, spokesperson for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), which is sponsoring the walk, expects this year's total to top the \$1.52 million raised by last year's AIDS Walk.

"What's most exciting is that every year we see more and more people getting involved," Weisser said. "The diversity of the community is really evident at this event."

In addition to grass roots support, this year's walk will include some 200 corporate walking teams organized by "businesses which have chosen to get involved," Weisser said. Last year there were only 30 corporate teams, he added.

The 1985 Los Angeles AIDS Walk,

which was the first in the nation, drew some 4,500 participants and raised \$673,000. Since then, very successful walks have emerged in other major cities such as San Francisco and New York, according to Stephen Bennett, who heads APLA.

Celebrity participants will include Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and actor William Dafoe, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

The 6.2 mile walk will begin and end at the gates of the historic Paramount

Studios motion picture lot, 5555 Melrose Ave. and will wind its way through Hollywood. Starting time is 9 a.m.

All money raised by the event will go to APLA programs which provide housing, food, counseling, case management, medical referrals, "buddies" for PWAs, training for emergency workers and health professionals, and other services, according to Weisser.

Among the event's principal sponsors are Century City Hospital and Stephan J. Gabin, M.D. Other major sponsors include Midway Hospital Medical Center, the Los Angeles Times, Paramount Pictures Corp. and Sherman Oaks Community Hospital.

AIDS Project Los Angeles is a non-profit organization dedicated to "improving the quality of life of people with AIDS and symptomatic HIV disease and increasing compassion for them and their loved ones by providing vital human services," Weisser said.

As part of its community service program, a West Hollywood hotel is offering a special discount on luxury suites for walkers from San Francisco and other out-of-towners taking part in this year's AIDS Walk Los Angeles, Sunday, September 24.

SEPTEMBER BILLS IN CONGRESS

Funding for the Arts: Both the Senate and House have passed the Interior Department's appropriations bill (HR 2788) that de-fund gay-related art projects such as the Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit at the Corcoran. Activists hope the conference committee this month will agree to the less harsh House version to send back for final approval in both chambers.

Complaint Against Dannemeyer: The House ethics committee will likely decide this month whether to follow through on a complaint against Rep. William Dannemeyer for inserting obscene language into the Congressional Record. The material in question is the California Republican's descriptions of what he said are sex acts peculiar to gays. The committee could either censure him or strike the materials from the Record.

Investigation of Barney Frank: Rep. Barney Frank has asked the House ethics committee to investigate his actions in hiring a male prostitute for services outside his Congressional office. A committee staffer says no date has been set yet for the committee's next meeting but it is likely this month.

D.C. Appropriations: Last year, this bill was a vehicle for the now infamous Armstrong Amendment which sought to gut the District's human rights law as it pertains to gays. This year's bill (HR 3026) passed the House August 2 without incident; but, the trouble last year arose with Republican William Armstrong in the Senate. The Senate is expected to take action this month.

Funding for AIDS Research: The FY 90 appropriations bill for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education departments (HR 2990) passed August 2 in the House, where a 134 to 279 roll call vote killed an attempt by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to end funding for a special education project for gay youth in Los Angeles. A Senate committee is expected to take up the appropriations bill — which calls for \$1.6 billion in AIDS expenditures — today.

Funding for AIDS-Related Survey: The August 2 House version of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill (HR 2990) de-funds a proposed national survey to determine how extensively the AIDS virus may have spread in the U.S. Activists are relying on the Senate or a conference committee to restore the funds.

Funding for AIDS Drugs: A Senate committee has approved the Budget Reconciliation Act (S 586) which includes three-year funding for life-prolonging AIDS drugs for indigent people with AIDS. The bill, however, is not likely to pass before the current AZT subsidy runs out September 30. Activists are hoping an amendment to another bill might accomplish the same thing this month.

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This week the Sentinel begins to publish San Francisco's only weekly guide to places and things of interest to the gay community. Since we're just starting out, some omissions or errors may occur. If you have any corrections, additions or comments, please write to:

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Bars

Alta Plaza, 2301 Filmore St. SF Bar/Restaurant. Young upscale crowd. No dancing.

Amelia's, 647 Valencia St. SF Women's dance bar. Two levels. Open daily.

Aunt Charlie's, 133 Turk St. SF. Neighborhood bar. Mixed crowd. Mostly men.

Badlands, 4121 18th St. SF Castro Street men's bar. Videos and pool tables.

Bear, 440 Castro SF Neighborhood bar. Older mature crowd.

B Street, 236 South B St. San Mateo Ca. San Mateo's place to dance. Great music. Mixed crowd.

The BOX, 628 Divisadero St. SF (The Kennel Club) Every Thursday and Saturday. Mixed club. (Men/women) Younger crowd. Hot funky music.

Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market St. Hangout bar. Pool tables, and food. Younger crowd. Great place to meet someone for drinks. Men/Women.

Castro Station, 456 Castro St. SF Friendly Castro Street Bar.

Cinch, 1723 Polk St. SF This bar has been around for 23 years. A fun, friendly place where everyone is welcomed.

Club St. John, 170 West St. John San Jose. All purpose community center club in San Jose. You want it it's here. Mixed crowd.

Club Q, 628 Divisadero (The Box aka Kennel Club) Hot women. Hot music. Last Friday of every month women only - younger crowd, ethnically mixed.)

Colors, 22 4th St. (Scouters) Every Thursday night latin music. Mixed crowd.

Colors Too, at Rex's 49 Grand Ave. on Webster and Grand Ave. Oakland. Salsa, funk, soca and reggae.

The Corral, 2140 Market St. SF country western bar.

Crew, San Francisco's first and only House Music Club. Saturdays 9:30 p.m. - dawn 21 & older. \$1 drinks till 11 p.m. \$5 admission. 520 4th St. near Bryant. Info: 978-CREW.

Dreamland, 715 Harrison St at 3rd. High energy gay dance club. All ages, every Sunday.

Detour, 2348 Market St. SF. An intense place to hangout when you're through with the Castro. Not for the faint-hearted.

Eagle, 12th and Harrison St. SF. Legendary Biker Bar. Not for wimps!

El Rio, 3148 Mission St. SF Bar and patio. Wide variety of clientele. Ethnically mixed and culturally mixed. Features comedy on Wednesday. Blues on Thursday, and Latin American, and reggae music on Sundays. Dancing encouraged. Free oyster bar Fridays 5-7 p.m.

End-Up, 401 6th St. SF. Where disco still lives. South of Market Club. Mixed crowd.

Esta Noche, 3079 16th St. SF. Latin club. Everyone welcome. Weekly drag shows. Fun and friendly Mission hangout.

Female Trouble, 1821 Haight St. SF at Nighthawk. Women's rock'n'roll club. Younger crowd.

Francine's, 4149 18th St. SF's only Castro St. women's club. All ages.

Fraternity, 22 4th St. Every Friday night at Scouters. Dancing.

Giraffe, 1131 Polk St. Comfortable Polk St. bar.

I Beam, 1748 Haight St. Great dance bar. Gay night Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (tea dances.)

JJ's, 2225 Filmore SF. Piano bar. Sing-a-longs encouraged. Upscale professional crowd.

Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Great dance bar. Free shuttles to BART.

Kimo's, 1351 Polk St. SF. Old established bar where the royalty of SF hangout. Great Drag!

Lion Pub, 2062 Divisadero St. SF Pacific Heights. Classy cocktail lounge. More mature crowd.

Men's Room, 3988 18th St. Friendly neighborhood bar. Mixed crowd.

Moby Dick's, 4049 18th St. Perennial collegiate types. Quiet and friendly.

Midnight Sun, 4067 18th St. The Castro's video bar. Youngish trendy crowd. Mostly men.

N Touch, 1548 Polk St. SF. Dance bar. Primarily Asian men.

Pendulum, 4146 18th St. SF. Another great neighborhood hangout. Good music, racially mixed.

Phoenix, 482 Castro, THE ONLY dance bar in the neighborhood. Good crowd.

Pilsner, 225 Church St. SF Local tavern.

Powerhouse, 1347 Folsom St. You'll find REAL leather men here.

Rapture, 1484 Market St. at Club Metropolis. Saturday night dance club for women.

Rawhide II, 280 7th St. SF The city's premiere country and western dance club. Friendly crowd. M/W.

Sassy's, 236 B Street (Downtown San Mateo) Dance club for women.

Skirts, 300 De Haro St at Club Touche. Sunday dance club. Primarily women. Everyone welcome.

Special, 469 Castro St. SF. Very Hall of Justice! Old neighborhood bar.

Studs, 399 9th St. at Harrison. Everyone welcome. Hot dance bar.

Transfer, 198 Church SF. Hard drinking neighborhood bar.

Twin Peaks, 401 Castro. The Castro's famous hang-out. First gay bar to install windows where people could see in. Older crowd.

Uncle Bert's Place, 4086 18th St. Sports bar. Men and women welcomed.

White Horse, 6551 Telegraph, Oakland. College crowd.

Restaurants

Amazing Grace, 16 Church St. Vegetarian Food. Open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Mon-Sat.

Aunt Mary's, 3122 16th St. American and Mexican food. Tues. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sat. Sun 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. closed Monday.

Alta Plaza, 2301 Filmore -Bar/Restaurant. Lunch 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 - 10:30 late dinners weekends till 11:30.

Blue Muse, 409 Gough St. Brunch, lunch and dinner served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. dinner 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. late supper Fri/Sat till midnight.

Cafe Patio, 2298 Market St. Outdoor patio. Breakfast and lunch served. A place to sip coffee, write a novel or read a book.

Church Street Station, 2100 Market. A funky place where San Francisco's most colorful gather. Especially after 2 a.m.

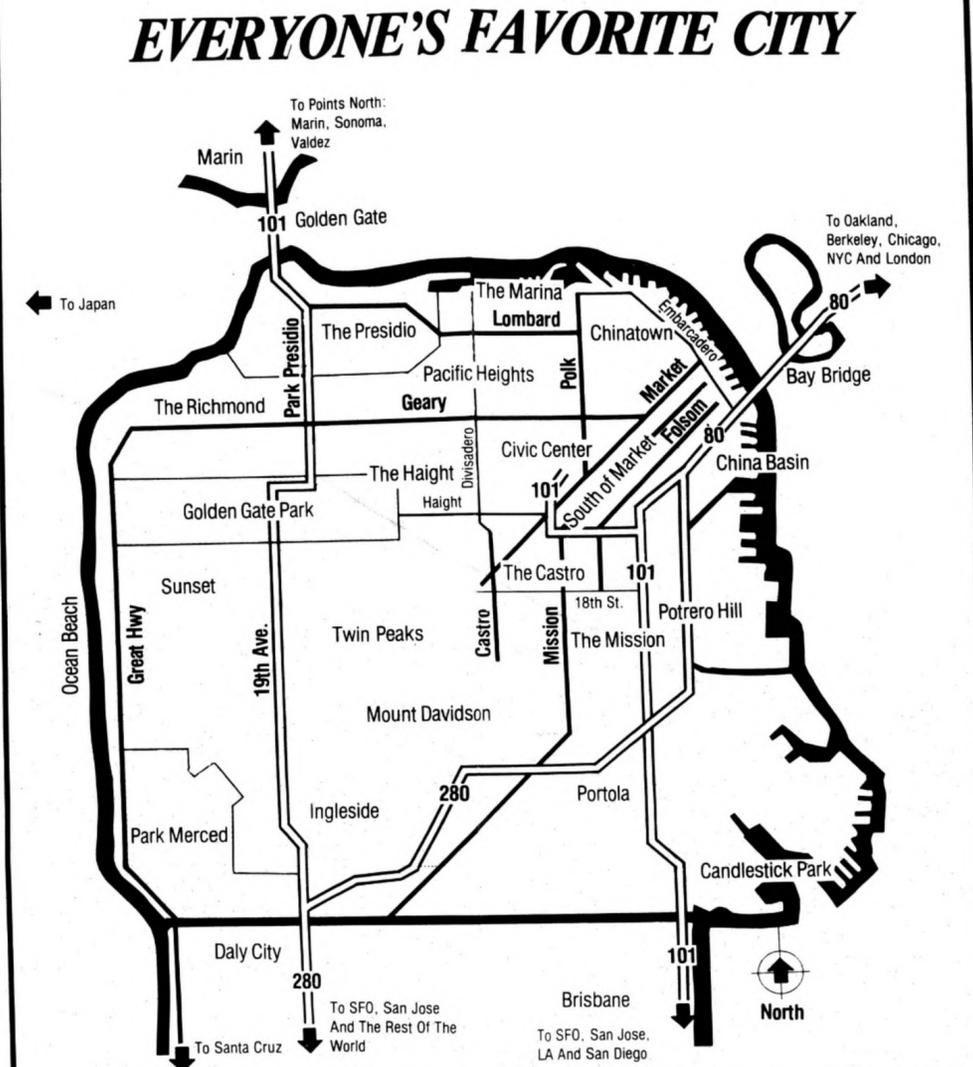
Carlene's of Maui, 1237 Polk. Good food. The menu has everything from Italian food to a good ole American steak.

Cha Cha Cha Cafe, 1805 Haight. Fabulous spicy food. Go early. Long lines.

Castro Gardens, 558 Castro. Local restaurant.

Charpe's, 131 Gough St. Sunday brunch 3 - 11 a.m. dinner every night/full bar.

Cendrillon, 1132 Valencia French cuisine. Dinner Mon-Sat 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.



El Nuevo Frutilandia, 3077 24th St. (near Folsom) Cuban and Puerto Rican cuisine. Open seven days a week. Mon/Wed 11:30 a.m. - 8:45 Thurs/Sun open until 9:15.

Embarco, 100 Brannon at Embarcadero. Great new restaurant which defines it's cuisine as American Ethnic. Menu includes everything from meatloaf to paella. Dinner served daily from 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Lunch served beginning Oct. 2.

Hamburger Mary's, 1582 Folsom St. Mon-Fri. 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sat/Sun. opens 10 a.m. Last food serving 1:15 a.m. Hamburgers, sandwiches, salads and breakfast served at all hours.

Hot 'n Hunky, 4039 Castro/1946 Market St. Serves a variety of superb hamburgers. Mon-Fri 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sat./Sun. open till 1 a.m.

Half Shell, 64 Rausch (off Folsom) Seafood menu. Hours Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sat 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed Sunday.

Ivy's Restaurant and Bar, 398 Hayes St. Continental California cuisine. Hours Sunday 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. dinner 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Mon/Fri lunch 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 - 10 p.m. Saturday dinner served until 11:30.

Le Domino, 2742 17th St. French cuisine. Nice intimate setting. Call 626-3095 for hours.

Leticia's, 2223 Market St. (at Sanchez) Mexican cuisine. Lunch weekdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday brunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Happy hour 3-5:30 p.m. Dinner Mon-Thurs 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Fri-Sat 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m., Sun 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Mediterranean, 288 Noe St. Middle Eastern food. Mon/Sat 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Metro Bar and Restaurant, 3600 16th St. Bar hours 3:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. Restaurant 5:30 - 11:30 p.m. Hunan/Szechuan.

Milano Joe's, 1175 Folsom St. Italian cuisine. Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. weekdays. Fri/Sat Dinner served until midnight.

Olive Oils Bar & Restaurant, Pier 50. Great lunch and breakfast menu. Hours 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon/Fri. Bar open until 9 pm.

Oppenheimer-Gourmet, 2050 Divisadero St. SF. Dinner Monday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday dinner served until 11 p.m. Sunday brunch 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For reservations call 653-0444.

Patio Cafe, 531 Castro. Outdoor cafe. Breakfast served till 5 p.m. Hours 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Pork Store Cafe, 1451 Haight St. Primarily breakfast type food. Weekdays 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Weekends 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sparky's Diner, 240 Church St. Open everyday/24 hrs. Wide variety of food available.

Sausage Factory, 517 Castro. Italian cuisine and pizza. Open seven days a week. 11:30 - 1 a.m.

Toni Barzouzi's, 4401 18th St. Deli food. Sat/Sun/10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Welcome Home, 464 Castro St. Breakfast/lunch and dinner served from 6:45 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Without Reservation, 460 Castro St. A good place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Open 7 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. weekdays. Till 3 a.m. weekends.

Zuni's Cafe, 1658 Market Northern Italian/southern French. Closed Mondays. Tuesday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. - midnight. Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Community Services

ACT UP/SF meets every Th urs. 7:30 p.m. MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St. SF. Upstairs. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Act up! Fight back! Call 563-0724 for upcoming demos & other info.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: BALIF/NEFR offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC. Other AIDS related legal matters handled on a case by case basis. Info: 864-8186.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc. Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets every 2nd Mon of the month. 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Bldg. 3543 18th St. SF Info: 621-3296.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. 1/2 hour consultation, \$20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men. fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation call 861-4588 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 2370 Market St. Box 38, SF 94114. Gen'l membership mtgs. 3rd Sun of each month, 7:30 p.m. at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St. SF Room 108.

Legal Clinics for Gay & Lesbian Seniors had problems with Medicare, housing, social security or other legal issues? Operation Concern's GLOE program & Legal Assistance to the Elderly sponsors a monthly intake site at Operation Concern (1853 Market St. nr. Guerrero, SF) where lesbian & gay seniors can meet with an LAE attorney to discuss specific legal issues. First Friday of every month. 10 a.m. - noon. Prior appointment necessary. Call GLOE 626-7000 or LAE 861-4444 to set up an appt. or for more info on services.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: political & social action, anti-racist membership organization, committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info. 552-5677.

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Spirituality

Ahavat Shalom, lesbian, gay & bisexual synagogue. Biweekly shabbat services. 7:30 p.m. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St. SF 621-1020.

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav. Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 p.m. & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m. 220 Danvers (upper Market) SF 861-6932.

Belt Shekhiyah Congregation inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick, 451-6437.

Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat 1st Fri of each month, EB location. Join us for song, food & jewish culture — no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info. 653-8745, 531-5465.

Women's Spirituality & Ritual Group for lesbians. Meet together to develop our spiritual power & celebrate the goddess within, using guided meditation, creativity, psychic skills etc. Info 654-3425.

Sunday's Women: meet 3rd Sun of every month. 11:30 a.m. at Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. Oakl. Woman-only event features different woman artists, ritualists, herbalists, astrologists, politicians. A unique celebration of woman spirit. Info: Women's Spirituality Forum 444-7724.

Tayu Fellowship a Fourth Way Spiritual School. Box 11554, Santa Rosa 95406 Info (707) 829-2579.

Emergence:SF: support group for Christian Scientists meets Fri. 7:30 p.m. For location/info: 485-1881.

St. Marks Lutheran Church communion. Sun 8:30 & 11 a.m. 1111 O'Farrell at Gough. SF Info 928-7770.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church worship & Eucharist. Sun 10 a.m. 1658 Excelsior Ave. Oakl (just off I-580) info 530-6333.

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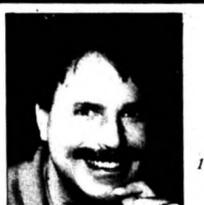
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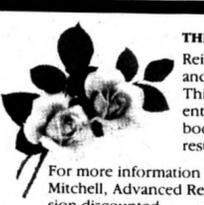
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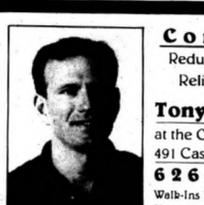
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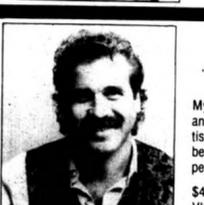


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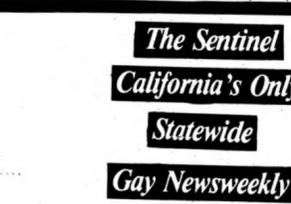
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NUTRITION AND AIDS CONFERENCE IS MALNOURISHED

by Clint Werner

The Second Annual Nutrition and AIDS Conference at Stanford on Saturday Sept. 16 was a complete disappointment. The conference was presented by The Cutting Edge, a food and nutrition consulting company out of Fremont, and the Stanford AIDS Education Project. Unfortunately, the conference was misrepresented as an intensive on the role that nutrition plays in the prevention and control of AIDS. In reality this was little more than a series of pitches for pharmaceutical food formulas.

The Nutrition and AIDS Conference was not a forum on nutritional therapies for HIV infection. It was a slick marketing opportunity for corporate pharmaceutical profiteers. The sponsors and exhibitors included Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals, Ross Laboratories, The Sandoz Corporation (the folks who destroyed the Rhine River), and a greed mongers of Burroughs Wellcome, who had the good sense not to make a visible presence.

There were no exhibitions of healthful foods or supplements. The samples and literature that I picked up all concerned the wonders of concentrated food mixes and feeding tubes. One packet I picked up was Citrotein from Sandoz. It consists of refined sugar, the main ingredient, along with egg whites, artificial flavor and color, and some synthetic nutrients. A

healthier choice would be a natural and nutrient rich powder supplement from a reputable company such as Nature's Plus or Twinlabs. One can also obtain favorable results from mixing a carbohydrate powder with free form amino acids and a quality vitamin and mineral supplement into fruit juice.

The problem with pharmaceutical mixes is that they are short on nutrition and long on garbage that can even weaken a healthy system. These products are loaded with sugars and artificial chemicals. The refined sugar depletes the body of nutrients, especially the B vitamins and minerals such as calcium. It can also fuel a candida growth surge.

The conference began with a presentation by Donald Kotler MD on Gastrointestinal Implications of HIV Infection and Disease: Symptomatic

Stages. Dr. Kotler revealed some engrossing information about determining a patient's condition from body mass rather than body fat. He also exhibited some interesting slides which illustrated the degenerative changes in the intestinal villi that result in malabsorption of nutrients.

Unfortunately there was no discussion of what nutrients might inhibit this change in the intestinal structure. One would assume that vitamin C would be of some help with this syndrome. There are at least two ways in which vitamin C could assist with these intestinal problems. First, vitamin C would help to strengthen the body's resistance to pathogens such as cryptosporidia and microsporidia which invade and destroy intestinal cells. Vitamin C could also help to maintain the integrity of the villi structures by strengthening the collagen that forms much of a cell's structure.

The other addresses were also pharmaceutical promotions disguised as research findings. I sincerely hope that this dreck which is posing as a health building supplement is not the average MD's idea of proper nourishment.

Even a promising panel discussion featuring Martin Delaney of Project Inform and John James, publisher of *AIDS Treatment News*, failed to address any nutrition therapy in depth. There were a number of questions submitted concerning vitamin C, ger-

manium, SOD, garlic, and a number of other non-pharmaceutical therapies. These questions were brushed off because any evidence was anecdotal.

John James, who co-founded The Healing Alternatives Foundation, was surprisingly mute on these alternative, nutritional therapies. Perhaps he was constrained by the protocol established by the corporate sponsors. James did state that there was no economic incentive for the investigation of nutritional therapies. If Sandoz or Ross cannot patent a treatment, then they will not pay to learn about its value and application.

I am glad that HIV positive people were able to attend for free. I only hope that they left at the lunch break to go home and read Tom O'Connor's *Living With AIDS: Reaching Out or Anemarie Colbin's Food and Healing*. One can learn more from a couple of hours with either of these books than they could at a week of these conferences.

If you want to learn more about the nutritional needs of the HIV infected, contact someone who has had some practical experience in the field. In the Castro you can check with Denise Buzbuzian at Au Naturel or Linda Cox and Mark Flitcraft at Vibrant Health. In the East Bay see Pat Lennox at Berkeley's Living Foods store. There's plenty of information available for those who need it.



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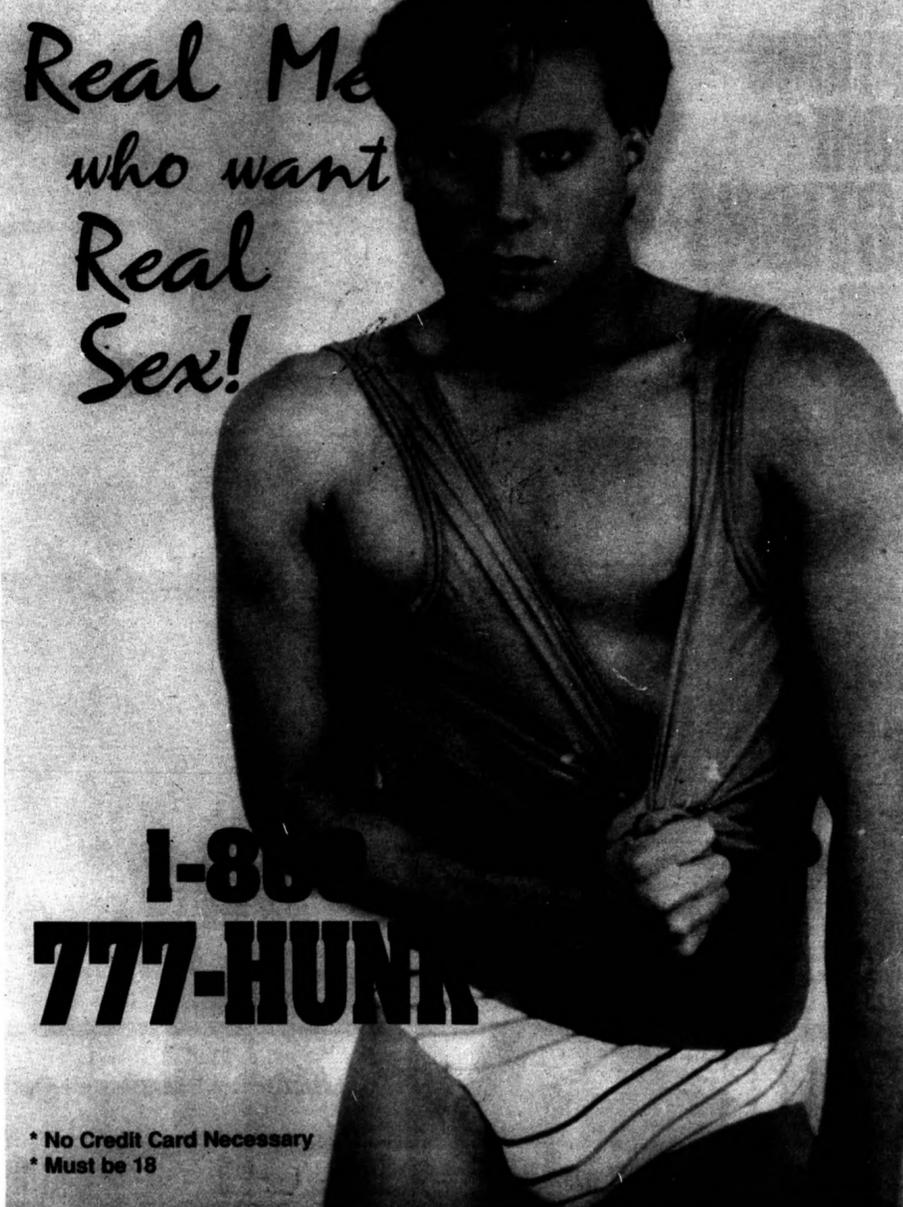
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Acceptance: Baptist Bible study & support group meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info 843-9705, 626-5034.

Baptist: American Baptists Concerned, a gay/lesbian group meets third Sun of each month. Also publishes quarterly newsletter. Voice of the Turtle. To join mailing list send \$7 to ABC, 870 Erie St. Oakl 94610. For mtg info 465-2778, 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St. at 15th SF Info 861-1434.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics. Friends & families celebrate the Eucharist Dignity's here for good! Dolores St. Baptist Church. 15th & Dolores. SF Sun 5:30 p.m. Info: 255-9244.

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Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns SF supportive community of gay & non-gay Presbyterians worship together. 5 p.m. 2nd Sun of month. 7th Ave Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Ave at Irving SF Info Dick 338-7396, 268-9534, or Susan 282-3842.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info Kris Wagner 534-5546. Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF Sun worship services 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Support Groups antibody positive group, caregivers support living with life-

threatening illness group, healing services, AIDS ministry team. Also women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev. Jim Mitsulski, pastor, 150 Eureka St. SF Info 863-4434.

Women's Gatherings at MCC SF time for spirituality & sharing. 7:30 - 9 p.m. every 4th Mon of month. Childcare provided w/advance res info MCC Women's Programming Coordinator Anne Bourden 863-4434.

Men Together at MCC/SF a social/self-improvement/discussion group mtg Fri eves. Focus on sharing & caring for social & spiritual growth. Group also sponsors special events. Info: Martin Lounsbury 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services, 12:30 & 7 p.m. 48 Belcher St. SF Info 626-6300.

New Life MCC Sun worship services: 1823 9th St. at Hearst, Berkeley, 5 p.m. SIGN WA Info 843-9355.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service 10 a.m. 2253 Concord Blvd. Concord. Wed worship, 7 p.m. followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 p.m. Info: 827-2960

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin, 6 p.m. Sun worship service 8 Olive St. off Throckmorton at the Community Church in Mill Valley. Info: 388-2315.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 a.m. at 3632 Airway Dr. Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor J Torres. Info 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service. Noon. 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707)869-0552.

Holy Trinity Community Church of the Eastbay, a Christian church with special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N. 5th St. downtown San Jose. Info F. Randall Hill. (408)292-3071.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Carlos meets 5 p.m. at Community United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo St., San Carlos. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians & non-gay people. Bob Wheatley, pastor, Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor, info (408) 298-3548.

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Spirituality

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Baptist: American Baptists Concerned, a gay/lesbian group meets third Sun of each month. Also publishes quarterly newsletter. Voice of the Turtle. To join mailing list send \$7 to ABC, 870 Erie St. Oakl 94610. For mtg info 465-2778, 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks, 208 Dolores St. at 15th SF Info 861-1434.

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Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF Sun worship services 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Support Groups antibody positive group, caregivers support living with life-

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Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service 10 a.m. 2253 Concord Blvd. Concord. Wed worship, 7 p.m. followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 p.m. Info: 827-2960

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin, 6 p.m. Sun worship service 8 Olive St. off Throckmorton at the Community Church in Mill Valley. Info: 388-2315.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 a.m. at 3632 Airway Dr. Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor J Torres. Info 863-2507.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service. Noon. 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707)869-0552.

Holy Trinity Community Church of the Eastbay, a Christian church with special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N. 5th St. downtown San Jose. Info F. Randall Hill. (408)292-3071.

Gay & Lesbian Mass lesbian & gay affirming worship. All welcome. Nonsexist language. Healing prayers offered each service. Spons by Integrity, a community of gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends. 5:30 p.m. Sun at St. John's 1661 15th St. SF Info Deborah 648-4026 or David 431-5859.

Women-In-Integrity Women's ministry within a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 p.m. at St. John's, 1661, 15th St. SF info Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Carlos meets 5 p.m. at Community United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo St., San Carlos. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians & non-gay people. Bob Wheatley, pastor, Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor, info (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mon-Fri Lecture 10 a.m. Sundays 57 Hartford St. info 863-2507.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

21 SEPTEMBER THURSDAY

22 SEPTEMBER FRIDAY

CLASSES

The Center. The nationally acclaimed RISE program, aimed at boosting the immune systems of persons affected by AIDS and HIV disease, is being offered over a ten week period. Contact 655-3435 to sign up or for further information.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Venetian Room. The McGuire Sisters, the legendary glamorous singing trio of the fifties perform in a two-week engagement through October 1. Performances are nightly, except Monday. Cover charge \$25. For reservations and information call 772-5163.

FORUM

'Living with HIV.' AIDS Health Project sponsors a panel of people living with HIV in a discussion with their doctors. Open to the public. Free. 1855 Folsom St. 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 476-6430.

'Through a Glass Eye.' Mary Trunk and Paul Gunn present three evenings of live movement performances video and film at Footwork, 3221 22nd St. Thru Sunday. 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$7.00.

JAMBOREE

Life on the Water. The performance center at Fort Mason opens its fourth season with the first annual Texan-in-Exile Jamboree through Saturday. 8:00 p.m. Music, food and nachos and beer. 8:00 p.m. Call 885-2570 for information. Tickets \$12 Thursday \$15 Friday & Saturday.

MEETING

Asian AIDS Project. Basic discussion on AIDS information for Asian community members. 7 to 8 pm. Also Monday September 25. Call 541-9285 for information.

THEATRE

'Williard Joins the Army.' Theatre Unlimited performs a provocative new play by Ron Jones focusing on life in the Army as seen through the eyes of a developmentally disabled recruit. Through Saturday. Recreation Center for the Handicapped, 207 Skyline Boulevard. Tickets \$8.00 at the door and \$4.00 for seniors. Call 665-4100 Ext. 208.

BENEFIT

Shanti at 'The Mint. Comedienne celebrity impersonator Sandy Van, Tatiana, Inga and Nickole Dushey perform. 1942 Market St., 9:00 p.m. \$4.00 door charge.

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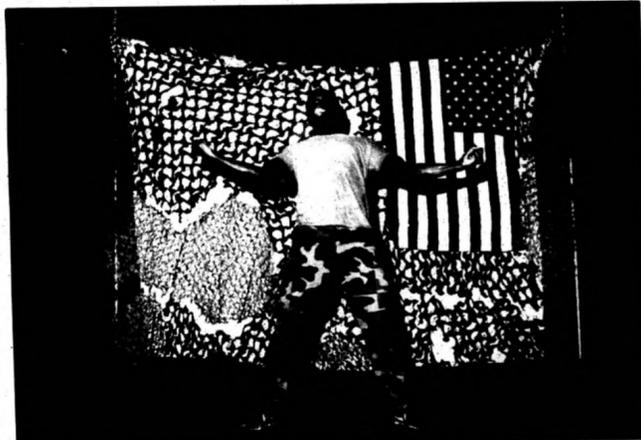
Merce Cunningham Dance Company. Two world premieres highlight the program scheduled 8:00 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Also Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Zellerbach Hall University of California. Berkeley.

MA FISH CO. Toyoji Tomita performs in the revised 'True and False Occult' with music score by Robert Hughes for the next two Saturdays & Sundays. 8:30 p.m. The LAB. 1805 Divisadero St. \$7.00 General Admission.

ENTERTAINMENT

San Francisco State University. Blues guitar virtuoso Buddy Guy, whom Eric Clapton calls the 'best guitar player alive' will perform at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Barbary Coast Room of the Student Union. 1650 Holloway.

Concord Pavilion. Don Henley one of the musical stars of the '80s performs along with Edie Brickell & New Bohemians. Show starts at 8 p.m. 2000 Kirker Pass Rd. Accessible by BART.



"Williard Joins the Army." See Thursday.



The McGuire Sisters. see Thursday.

MEETING

Men Together at MCC/SF. Rap Night. 'Looking at Homophobia: In Society and in Ourselves.' Guest Speaker, Lester Olmstead-Rose CUA.V. 150 Eureka St. All Welcome. Free.

SHOWING

Anti-Fashion Show. Linda Lorraine Originals are featured at the DNA, 375 11th St. at 11:00 p.m.

23 SEPTEMBER SATURDAY

ART

Introduction to the Rest Stop Program. Free slide show of artwork produced by persons living with AIDS/ARC. Includes popcorn and refreshments. 134 Church St. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mama Bears. Teresa Chandler with Crystal Reeves present a women's evening of music, classic blues and fun. Tickets \$6.00 - \$8.00. 8 p.m. 6536 Telegraph Ave. Oakland.

GGBA's 22 On The Red. A gala evening aboard the luxury ship 'The City of San Francisco' offering gaming tables, food and beverages, entertainment prizes and other festivities. Pre-boarding party 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Hornblower Pier. Call 441-3651 for further information.

Oakland Museum Birthday. The museum known as 'the museum of California' celebrates its 20th birthday with a two-day event with free public party highlighted by some of Bay Area's finest entertainers. Saturday & Sunday Noon to 6 p.m. Call 273-3401 for further information.

FESTIVAL

Redwood '89 Festival. Music that rocks the boat is waiting for you at the Oakland Estuary Park. Entertainment. Food fun. Volunteers needed. Call 428-9191. Free T-Shirts.

Musical Theatre Lovers United. A Frank Loesser tribute. Come costumed as your favorite 'Guys and Dolls' character. 8 to 10:30 p.m. Carr Hall, 143 Dolores St. Potluck food & drink. MTLU Members \$5.00. General Public \$7.00. Call 552-5045 for reservations and further information.

WORKSHOPS

Gay Men Seeking a Life Partner. A one day results oriented workshop by David Klein, M.A. in counseling. Sponsored by Partners Institute. \$25. Call 343-8541 for full details.

Protect Yourself. Help Fight Crime. 'Sisterspirit' sponsors a Tear Gas Certification/Self Protection Class featuring Dr. Judith Fein a nationally known authority in the field of assault protection. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$30. In advance. 1040 Park Ave. San Jose. Call 293-9372 for full particulars.

WALK

San Francisco Heritage. Guides will lead you on walk through the Presidio, sometimes known as the 'Disneyland for Architecture Buffs.' 10 a.m. \$5.00 for Heritage members, \$7.00 for non-members. Call 441-3000 for reservations.

24 SEPTEMBER SUNDAY

ART

Art for Life. Sonoma County's second annual art auction to benefit Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network. Flamingo Ballroom 4th & Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. 1:00 p.m. A donation of \$10 is requested. For more information call Rick at 707-887-1581.

CONCERT

Concerto Collective. A Chamber Music double feature 7 p.m. Faure, Debussy, Poulenc. \$5.00 admission 8 p.m. Copland, Barber, Ives and others. \$5.00 admission. Dancers' Stage, 60 Brady St. (near Market & Gough.)

ENTERTAINMENT

Exotic Leather Strips. Amelia's highlites strip show for women at 9:30 p.m. Dancing 8 to 11 p.m. 647 Valencia. Admission \$5.00

FAIR

Folsom St. Fair. The 1988 Cable Car Award Winning Street Extravaganza 'Hot Six in the Big City' takes place on Folsom Street between Seventh & 11th Streets from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All day event features live music, entertainment, exotic foods and some of the finest arts & crafts in the Bay Area.

SYMPHONY

Berkeley Benefit for the Center. The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra sponsors a benefit concert for the Center, an agency providing supportive practical services for persons with AIDS/ARC in Alameda County. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant Sts. in Berkeley. 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$10 at the door.

WORKSHOP

The Buddy Connection. The S.F. AIDS Foundation presents a safe sex workshop for gay and bi-sexual men. Free 7 to 10 p.m. 25 Van Ness Avenue, third floor. Call 864-5855 for other dates.

TELEVISION

Electric City. This week's program features Rainbeau, Al Parker, 'Dear Irene' - Irene's advice to the lovelorn, SisterWomen, and Joseph Bean, the Leathersex Fairy. 10 p.m. SF Cable 35.

25 SEPTEMBER MONDAY

FUND RAISER

Sharon McNight will sing at Arlo Smith's fund raising dinner at Cafe Majestic, 1500 Sutter Street at Gough. 6:30 p.m. cocktails 7:30 p.m. dinner. \$100 per person. 821-6116.

CLASSES

Cooking Benefit. Paul Mayer re-opens his famed cooking classes - half the proceeds go to Project Open Hand. Monday evenings 6 p.m. For further information call 474-7221.

Square Dancing. Western Star Dancers welcome gay men and lesbian beginners to enjoy the fun of a second introductory dance night at Eureka Valley Rec. Center in the Castro, Collingwood at 18th St. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Call 864-6134 for further information.

MEETING

Tenderloin Self-Help Center. MidCity Consortium to Combat AIDS presents Jacquie Hansen lecture on AIDS education. 1 to 2 p.m. 191 Golden Gate Avenue. Call 554-0518 for further information.

TRAINING

La Casa De Las Madres. San Francisco's first shelter for battered women and their children hold training session for volunteers who are NEEDED to provide crucial services. Interested parties should call Bernita Burge at 777-1808 for further information.

26 SEPTEMBER TUESDAY

CINEMA

Illuminations: Ruth Bernhard, Photographer. A film by Robert Burrill portraying the life and work of the renowned, 85-year-old master photographer has its benefit premiere at 7:30 at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St. Tickets \$5.00 general. For information call 662-8760

MEETINGS

Money & Class Issues in Lesbian Relationships. Frances Fuchs CET, CHT and Mary Hinsdale, MFCC address differences in money use, income and class backgrounds of lesbian couples. Santa Rosa Senior Center, Santa Rosa. Cost \$10 7:00 p.m.

ACT-UP. East Bay contingent meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. Call 420-8864 for details.

WORKSHOP

Border Zones. Carol Dorf, a writer and college teacher, presents a six-week poetry and prose workshop on Tuesdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3599 24th Street, Small Press Traffic Bookstore. Sliding scale \$72 down to \$36.

TELEVISION

Electric City. This week's program features Rainbeau, Al Parker, Dear Irene - Irene's advice to the lovelorn, Sisterwoman and Joseph Bean, the Leathersex Fairy. Mountain View, Cupertino and Los Gatos. Cable 30. 10 p.m.



Ruth Bernhard: Illuminations. See Tuesday.

27 SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY

CLASSES

Hastings College of Law. An open Discussion, free to the public, concerning the 1988 session of the Supreme Court in Historical Context. Classroom B. 3:30 p.m. 200 McAllister St.

MEETING

Lesbian Incest Survivors. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., presents a sixteen week discussion group Wednesday 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call Joy 626-7000 for further information.

TELEVISION

Electric City. This week's programs feature Rainbeau, Al Parker, 'Dear Irene' - Irene's advice to the lovelorn, Sisterwoman and Joseph Bean, the Leathersex Fairy. 8:00 p.m. SF Cable 35.

KQED Channel 9. The AIDS Quarterly at 10 p.m. explores the expanding impact of AIDS on heterosexual women and minorities. Hosted by Peter Jennings.

WORKSHOPS

Homeownership. The Property Resource Group presents an introduction to less expensive alternate forms of home ownership. 7:00 p.m. at Fort Mason Center. Admission Free. For further information call 474-4001.

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AIDS NEWS

ACTIVISTS MAKING HEADWAY?

by Stephan Pardi, B.S., R.R.T.
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Passage of a landmark bill protecting the rights of persons with the AIDS virus brighten considerably with the Senate overwhelmingly passing an anti-discrimination bill last week. The "Americans with Disabilities Act" now goes to the House for final approval. President Bush has already endorsed the legislation guaranteeing the 43 million disabled Americans rights to employment, transportation, and the use of restaurants and other businesses.

The most significant aspect of the bill is not necessarily that it prohibits discrimination from those suffering from AIDS, but that it also extends it to all those who carry the virus as well. While there are presently 42,000+ active AIDS cases, it has been estimated that 1 - 1.5 million Americans are infected with the virus (with approximately 650,000 of those already showing signs of immune system degeneration) — with the majority of them unaware of either their status or functioning. For the first time, because of the impending passage of this bill, issues concerning that asymptomatic group will be addressed. The ramifications are extensive and this Act bodes well for many other programs: testing, drug dissemination, education and outreach, funding proposals, preventative interaction, and care and treatment issues — will all benefit from the change in attitude and perspective contained in this legislation.

Washington NIH meeting

Officials from the government's health, research, and regulatory agencies met with a consortium of community AIDS advocates and organizations late last month, to discuss many aspects related to the new anti-AIDS drugs being developed. Ostensibly being concerned with developing a structure for Dr. Fauci's "parallel track" proposal of this past June, the group ended up also discussing many other proposals. The major thrust was to provide methods of getting experimental drugs (like ddI, for instance) for AIDS and AIDS-related diseases at earlier stages of drug development to a greatly expanded number of people who cannot wait to gain entry into the present system.

Currently, only the hotly criticized and very tedious FDA regulatory method is utilized. Options besides the parallel track method were also discussed, including greater access both in terms of people, areas, drugs, and eligibility, through innovative groups like the community-based clinical trials model.

My inside source, who prefers anonymity, says no detailed public announcement is yet planned regarding this extraordinary meeting, but that this confrontation of usually opposing groups went exceedingly well. Joining the input towards policy development in the FDA's Advisory Committee were a panel of invited consultants, which included nationally recognized medical experts, as well as a community and university based researchers, PWA's, healthcare professionals, ethical experts and industry representatives. The meeting was characterized as amicable, fast-paced, covering many topics aimed at expanding the availability without sacrifice of safety and efficacy. An inside observer commented that he "was amazed on the amount of agreement between the parties."

AZT profit margin unfounded?

In following up on stories regarding

respondents to this proposal were top government, federal health representatives and policy makers. This group insisted that the government establish increased funding of the federal subsidy program for Retrovir that is due to expire next month. The big sticking point here, and related to what many view as an exorbitant cost factor, is Congress' decision not to authorize a re-funding of the program unless the price is substantially reduced.

Some 35 percent of AIDS patients lack health insurance or prescription benefits. The encouraging news of AZT's effects and implications are considerably muted if this is not followed by providing the drug to those increased many who show the new indications for it. It is also tragically shortsighted, since the drug will prevent many from requiring higher levels of care from an already overburdened and underfunded service provider/health care system. As an editorial in the *New York Times* stated a few weeks ago: "Government has a duty to find and advise those infected with the AIDS virus. It will play an extremely cruel trick on them if it does not also find ways to provide the treatment

they need but which many cannot afford. Medicaid will cover the cost of the drug for those who cannot pay for it, but only after they have spent themselves into poverty."

Burroughs Wellcome justified the fact that their drug is probably the most costly drug available, because they needed rapid amortization since they believed a second-generation drug would replace Retrovir. Three years later, that has not occurred and the market appears secure for them in the next several years.

This is difficult to determine, since the company refuses to disclose actual costs to anyone—including Congress. As economist Leonard Schifrin points out: "I'd hate to see AZT being mined like gold. It is a basic equity problem of monopolistic producers and helpless consumers."

In an interview I conducted with Burroughs-Wellcome public affairs officer Karen Collins (see "Getting AZT to those who need it" 8/24), she defended the marketing price her company charges. She related that the price has gone down — from \$12,000 to \$8,000 per year at full dose — but says that was

nothing more than a reaction to manufacturing efficiency. When asked if the new developments would spur higher prices, she told me "... we are constantly reviewing medication prices in relation to market conditions." I managed to get the wholesale cost figure (which is \$1.50/cap, or \$18.00/day) against the yearly quoted figures, and I found out something interesting. Seems the "middlemen" (distributors/retailers) realize a roughly 22% profit on dispensing the drug.

In the pointed letter requesting that the B-W take direct, immediate action to reduce the price, the advocacy group confronted the company with results if it doesn't: "We are facing a mounting crisis because of the high cost of AIDS health care, part of which is due to the high price of Retrovir. Without a price reduction, it is politically more difficult, if not impossible, to secure reauthorization and new funding to finance the program needed to provide treatment for all those who need it. Thus, the cost of a continued high price must be measured not only in dollars, but in lives." ◀

Author's Note: Burroughs Wellcome reduced the price of AZT after deadline.

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CLASSICS

EARLY MUSIC FORCES TRIUMPH

by Bill Huck

A most pleasant concert experience came my way last week when the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra performed George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Susanna* at the Herbst Theatre.

The orchestra itself deserves pride of place, for the Philharmonia Baroque is fast becoming the finest early-music ensemble in the United States. The strings, led by concertmaster Elizabeth Blumenstock, play consistently in tune, with a bright and luminous style that never approaches the mushy solemnity of many a modern-instrument ensemble. The pointed attack of baroque music-making gives this group a bite and a fury that is beyond the reach of the newer, legato-drenched methods. But this precision does not rule out a smooth *cantabile* approach to Handel's luscious adagio melodies. It simply makes the shift more evident and more dramatic.

Nevertheless, the newcomer to the Philharmonia Baroque will be struck first not with the niceties of eighteenth-century style, but with the shimmering, yet slightly vinegary sound of the orchestra. This comes primarily from the gut strings used by the violins, violas, cellos and basses. These strings, being made of sheep intestines, are softer and more malleable, and thus harder to keep in tune than the steel strings used by modern ensembles. The reliability of steel was part of the great leap forward in orchestral technique at the beginning of this century, but with every advance there is also a loss, and the loss here was of the more complex and more interesting sound of the natural strings.

This shimmering sound also comes from the sense of pitch that prevailed in the early eighteenth century. Even modern string players tend towards the old consonances when playing tonal music. They automatically make the harmonies a little more in tune than the theoretic dimensions of even-temperament permit. The early-music enthusiasts, however, push this natural inclination into a belief system in the older harmonic hierarchies. Most listeners will not consciously notice the difference (that is what makes even-temperament work in the first place), but they will hear the extra piquancy that baroque tuning brings.

The Philharmonia Baroque's strings have by now solved most of the

technical difficulties caused by their more unreliable strings. The same cannot, however, be claimed for the woodwinds and brass players. The greatest advances of the nineteenth century were lavished on those instruments, and so it is not surprising that an odd gurgle or two arose from their side of the stage. Still, even these mischances did not disturb the easy flow of great music. Handel wrote with the limitations of these instruments in mind, and so he kept the damage to a minimum.

The singers were the second reason for the glory of this concert. *Susanna*, though labelled an oratorio, is more of a chamber opera than a great choral festival. Its pithiest moments occur between the characters and therefore depend for their effect on the qualities of the singers. Poor planning cost me the first fifteen minutes of the show, but by the time I entered, things were already in resplendent shape. Counter-tenor Drew Minter, who played *Susanna's* husband Joachim, has a lusciously indulgent style in the recitatives and a tenderness in his singing of the arias. His rendition of "When first I saw my lovely maid" had an enveloping, dreamy feel to it, while his simile aria, "The parent bird in search of food," had gallant freshness.

Soprano Lorraine Hunt, who sang *Susanna*, has a limpidly beautiful voice. She was still warming up when I came in, but by the time she got to the climax



George Frideric Handel, 1738.

of the first scene, in the ballad "Bending to the throne of glory," her voice was rich and free, sighing gently in tearful suspensions. In the scene of the Elders' attempted seduction, Hunt pro-

blustery, buffo manner, but in the middle a subtle menace entered his voice. Neither *Susanna's* innocence nor did the wide intervals through which the music leaps held any terror for the bass.

Attendant had, and her voice moved awkwardly over the register break in her intervention in the trial scene.

The entire ensemble was directed with the sure and yet light hand of conductor Nicholas McGegan. It is no coincidence that during McGegan's tenure as Music Director, Philharmonia Baroque has made its great strides. The man inspires his colleagues not just through the aptness and buoyancy of his tempos, but by the vivid love he has for the music as well. His is a gifted touch.

Final praise, however, belongs to Handel himself, for *Susanna* is a tightly involving dramatic structure with delightfully transparent melodies. It begins in pastoral beauty, with love-music that is sweet and simple. When Joachim leaves on his trip, a gentle melancholy enters, and with the appearance of the Elders in *Susanna's*



David Thomas and Drew Minter.

jected unstained innocence, and in the great trial scene, when the Elders accuse her of the very crime she has refused, Hunt rose to utter majesty. Her song protesting that "Innocence shall never fear" brought forth a radiant stream of pure tone, and her triumphant "Guilt trembling spoke my doom" glittered with passion and exquisitely placed embellishments.

The singer who best brought out the operatic side of this drama was bass David Thomas as the lecherous Second Elder. His singing has all the shading tension of real human interaction. Thomas began his great aria, "The torrent that sweeps in its course," in a

Tenor Jeffrey Thomas as the more snivelling First Elder sang with his customary elan, but his bright, elegant manner was not quite characterful enough for the part he took. Jill Feldman who sang both *Susanna's* attendant and the prophet Daniel was to my ears the cleanest of the baroque stylists presented here. Her legato is threaded with the thinnest filament, so that the detached style of the eighteenth century stood out boldly without ever becoming a barren staccato. Furthermore, she embedded her embellishments firmly into the melodies. Unfortunately the part of the Prophet did not suit her as well as the

garden, the drama comes into riveting focus.

But it is on the trial scene that Handel lavished his keenest insights. Here the chorus becomes a protagonist, rather than a pompous commentator, and *Susanna* herself displays in her adversity a shining personal dignity. For centuries *Susanna* has been overshadowed by Handel's great religious oratorios with their booming confidence, edifying messages and sonorous choruses. But the Philharmonia Baroque's performances, together with the recording that will be made from them, should do much to give *Susanna* the modern reputation it deserves.

MOVIES

MOTHER, MOTHER, A FILM ABOUT AIDS

by Kathleen Baca

It's a short film, only thirty minutes long. The subject is a common one — a young man struggling to accept that he has AIDS while he mourns the death of his lover. This is a powerful film about isolation, loneliness, families and AIDS. After all is said and done, there may never be enough said or written about AIDS, but this short film says a lot. If ever there was an AIDS film that everyone should be made to see, this is it.

Mother, Mother, which stars Bess Armstrong, Polly Bergen, Piper Laurie and John Dye, is about a relationship between a son and his mother. She is a mother who refuses to accept his homosexuality, ignores the death of his lover, and overlooks his illness. He is a son who in life has accepted his mother's inability to accept him, and must now reconcile his own feelings around his mother.

"I don't have a mother," he says. "I have a woman who gave birth to me." Yet later on he says, "I can't die without her."

Not only does this film take you through the familiar and painful feelings that only families can evoke, it also brings into play several of the gay com-

munity's responses to AIDS — the Names Project Quilt, hospice, and support groups.

The film, by Emmy award-winning director Micki Dickoff, will not be available to the general public, which is unfortunate. People like the young woman at the gay parade in Orange County who was waving pom-poms and yelling "G-A-Y means got AIDS yet?" should be forced to see this film. Unfortunately only those who attend AIDS benefits will have the privilege of experiencing this film.

The screening will be held at The Palace of Fine Arts Theatre on September 28 at 7:30 pm and will be immediately followed by a discussion with the film's stars. Tickets are \$25 per



John Dye and his friend and co-worker Bess Armstrong in *Mother, Mother*.

person. A reception with the stars will be held before the screening; tickets are \$100 and are tax deductible. The money will benefit Friends of The Community Research Alliance, and The Family Link.

Community Research Alliance (CRA) was initiated in September 1988 as a collaborative effort by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Heal-

ing Alternative Foundation, AIDS Treatment News, Project Inform, and the People with AIDS Coalition. CRA is designed to support, supplement, and accelerate drug and treatment testing for AIDS.

Family Link provides affordable accommodations in a safe, supportive environment for out-of-town families and visiting people with life-threatening ill-

ness. In order to make this film the entire cast and crew donated their time and equipment. All proceeds from *Mother, Mother* will benefit non-profit AIDS organizations worldwide.

Mother, Mother will also be screened at the Mill Valley Film Festival in October.

For ticket information call 626-2145.

FRED TAN FILM FESTIVAL AT THE ROXIE

by Ron Bluestein

The Roxie Cinema will be host from September 24 to 26 to three films produced in Taiwan and directed by Fred Tan. Tan brought attention to himself in 1972 as a founding member of "Influence," Taiwan's first magazine devoted to film criticism. Moving to Los Angeles, where he still lives, to study film, Tan went on to write three books of film criticism as well as several documentaries. The three films featured in San Francisco were all made in the last three years—"Dark Night" in 1986, followed by "Split of the Spirit" the following year and "Rouge of the North" in 1988. When martial law was operative in Taiwan and the censor in full swing, historical melodrama that idealized China was the predominant genre of the local film industry.

In "Rouge of the North" Tan breaks this mold by looking at Chinese society through the eyes of a woman who has whom she abandons for the Matchmaker's Son Two of the wealthy Yao family. Following tradition, the affian-

ced traditional wedding genuflections is one of the highlights of the film, as is this actor's depiction of Mr. Two's passion, which seems to be equal parts of fear, despair, and lust.

Tan's first film, "Dark Night" was unavailable for preview, but is said to be an elegant, erotic, Hitchcockian psychological drama. "Dark Night" created a storm of controversy when first released in Taiwan for its frank depiction of a young woman's sexual awakening. Li-ling, trapped in a stifling marriage, embarks on an extramarital affair and discovers her deeper emotional needs for self-liberation. She becomes torn between the two manipulating men, confronts them both, and takes control of her own life.

"Manipulation is part of Chinese culture," Tan told me, "though it's not the part most prized or promoted by the Chinese to Westerners. The survival of the Chinese civilization, at least for the recorded two or three thousand years of history, was packed with manipulations and subversions and betrayals. Betrayal is what invites manipulation, or vice versa. For the Chinese, intrigue is an intriguing part of life."

I asked Tan, who is gay, if he had plans to make a film dealing specifically with gay life. "I did," he said, "but unfortunately it has been made. It's called 'The Outsider,' a Taiwanese film which has been shown in the Bay Area. It's by Kenneth Pai, who is a friend of mine, and it's about a park in Taipei that is a gathering place for 'the kids.' It's called the New Park, and the film records the lives of the people who go there.

"There are a lot of older men cruising there, and Kenneth viewed that park as a harmonious, cross-generational gathering place. I didn't go there often because I viewed it as just as cruel as all the cruising spots in the West, by which I mean it is a market place where you have to be very cautious in terms of survival—not physical survival, but the destruction of hope."



Pauline Wong as Lu-Ling in Fred Tan's *Split of the Spirit*.

been ruined by it. In the Shanghai summer of 1910, Ying-ti is a poor young woman without parents living with her brother's family, who are very eager to marry her off. The film evokes her love for the neighborhood chemist, Mr. Liu,

ed couple do not see each other until their wedding day, when their separate sedan chairs open to reveal a resplendent Ying-ti and a blind, spastic, asthmatic Mr. Two. The scene of him being bowed to by his caretakers for the

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ROCK

THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR JELLO

by Maryhope Tobin

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away I owned a beat-up yellow Gremlin with four bald tires and no transmission fluid. But that didn't matter because some friends and I had painted fun stuff all over it in bright primary colors. Some people called it the "Deathmobile," or "that beat-up yellow car with the neat stuff painted on it." Anyone driving it could be going under the speed limit and get pulled over anyway. Imagine trying to explain "I Kill Children" to one of the five full-time cops in my tiny home town. "Really, it's just a song title," my friend insisted to an officer. "What kind of song?" asked the policeman, convinced we were part of a teenage drugs, sex and Satan-worshipping cult. Even my dad was much happier when I didn't park it in the driveway. Anyhow, that was back in the fun-filled early 80s, when playing "Nazy Punks Fuck Off" on college radio was a thrilling act of rebellion. "Hah!" we sneered. "Let's see if the FCC is paying attention!" Of course, this was usually around three in the morning and no one was paying attention. Little did we know that evils of the past like the whole McCarthy era, for example, were about to live again, this time in the form of the Meese Commission on Pornography and the Parents Music Resource Center (PMRC).

You've all heard about Jello Biafra's recent trial in the press. How he was arrested for the distribution of harmful matter to minors and the Alternative Tentacles warehouse was raided, all because of the poster enclosed in the Dead Kennedy's *Frankenchrist* album. The poster is a gruesome surrealist work by H.R. Giger, the man who won an Oscar for designing the set of *Alien*. Now you can hear about the trial and Biafra's theories on everything from Ed Meese to John Denver in *High Priest of Harmful Matter: Tales From the Trial* (Alternative Tentacles), Biafra's second spoken word album. Recorded at Bogart's in Long Beach in December, 1988, it's just an evening with Jello, as

he goes on and on in his friendly nasal twang. (It's actually a little strange at times that he sounds so much like Fred Schneider from the B-52's. Maybe they're the same person. Have you ever seen them photographed together?)

Although he approaches his topic with a healthy sense of humor, much of what he has to say is absolutely terrifying. I for one did not want to hear that the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the KKK have anything in common, but apparently they do: they both want to ban rock & roll. The KKK was indirectly responsible for the destruction of Alan Freed's career in the 50s by sending out warnings about rock music and "the jungle rhythms of the Negro." Jesse

PUT THAT ONE BACK.
THAT'S A BAD ONE.



Jackson has been crusading against rock music since the mid-70s and has recently called it "a form of child abuse." It's also disheartening to know that California's public school textbooks come from Dallas, where a man named Mel Gabler gets a lot of money from Jerry Falwell and keeps Darwin out of the science textbooks. Gabler also feels that teaching a child math leads to delinquency, because math teaches a child that there are no absolutes, and once a child learns there are no absolutes, he turns to crime and drugs. I know that was my reaction after taking calculus.

Commerce are PMRC husbands, including Al Gore. The PMRC wanted warning labels put on rock albums, like *p* for *pornographic* and *o* for *occult*, and urged record companies to "reassess" the contracts of any artist the PMRC didn't like. Defying their record labels, artists finally started standing up to this attempt at censorship, people like Frank Zappa, Dee Snyder, John Denver and even Donny Osmond. After testifying to the Commission, though, Denver's contract was reassessed and he was dropped from RCA. Seems his last album had an anti-arms race song on it and guess who owns

minors. "Harmful matter? What's that?" wonders Biafra. "Can you imagine anything more harmful than a cop in your bedroom?" The case finally came to trial in August 1987, and lasted three weeks. His descriptions of the psychotic defense attorney (who called the First Amendment a "loophole" and who loves Patti Smith but thinks Dead Kennedys have no talent) are hilarious, but again, frightening as a sign of things to come. The case was eventually thrown out, but who really won? Biafra ends his little chat by urging us not to support the PMRC sponsors and he's right. You work hard for your money—why give it to people who don't want you to listen to Prince or read *Spin*? To paraphrase Frank Zappa, there's too many people running around telling us what they don't like. Tell them what you do like, and tell them again and again. I give this album five bats (highest rating) and urge everyone who gives a damn about personal freedom to buy it and support the No Censorship Fund. Write to Alternative Tentacles Records for more information: P.O. Box 11458, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Speaking of freedom and power to the people and whatever, the *Red Vic*, quite possibly the coolest movie house in the universe, needs your help. Their lease runs out in May of next year and they don't want to have to close down. In order to raise money for a new location, they're asking for your money. In return, you become a patron of the theater and get really cool benefits. Check it out and join.

Oh, yeah, rock shows. Well, as you know by now, the Butthole Surfers, favorite band of many L.A. vice cops (just ask Jello), are coming to the I-Beam Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28. This is an important show. Why? Because the Buttholes rule, okay? And the adorable Dinosaur, Jr. are back at the Kennel Club, all the way from superhip Amherst, Massachusetts (picture Berkeley with snow). And that's the way it is.



Biafra discusses Tipper Gore and the PMRC at length, calling them "fossilized debutantes used to having their way." When they got their way and a televised hearing was held to discuss the evils of rock music, it was held not before the Arts and Entertainment Commission but the Labor and Commerce Commission. Why? Maybe because five members of the Labor and

RCA? That's right, the largest supplier of nuclear weapons in this country, General Electric. Think about that the next time you go record shopping.

On April 15, 1986 Biafra's San Francisco flat was raided and torn apart by six San Francisco cops and three from L.A., and he was arrested for distributing harmful material to



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COUNTRY

JUDDS GIVE A LOT OF LOVE

by Tyler Sweatman



Restless Heart: Larry, Paul, David, Greg and John.

What do you get when you put two very talented, articulate, sensitive, entertaining, gorgeous women on stage, but of course, the two and only The Judds. Wynonna and Naomi performed Sunday evening at the Concord Pavilion, to a sold out crowd of over 5,500. The ambiance could have not been more perfect, for there was a cool summer breeze which was sweeping through the girls' hair. The fog was rolling over the mountains, it was just like a scene out of a movie. So as one can see, the mood was set even before the Judds hit the stage.

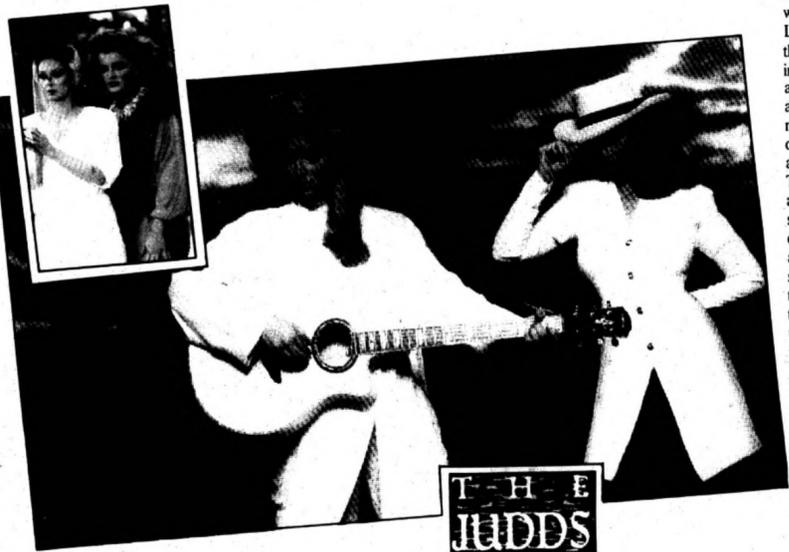
The evening started out with the smash hit "I Know Where I'm Going" and continued with some of their greatest hits, including a very soulful rendition of "Give A Little Love." The execution and movement of each song was done with the greatest of ease, even better than the original sound on the albums. Wynonna, "the daughter," has the most incredible voice to come along in country music in a long time. The girls were not dressed in the typical country drag, they have created a style of their own. Naomi, "the mother," has to be the most bubbly and personable woman in country music today. The way she prances around that stage, she probably has to buy a new pair of shoes after each concert. As far as special effect, none were needed except for some real tricky lighting, and of course the natural fog rolling in to beat the band. As the song goes, "Give A Little Love," they gave a lot of love.

We can't let the warm-up band go unmentioned. Restless Heart put on an incredible hour previous to the Judds. I can bet you they will not be a warm-up band for much longer if they keep per-

forming like they did Sunday night. Doing their top hits, like "Why Does It Have to Be" and "Wheels", Restless

Heart has definitely laid the track to be the headliner instead of the warm-up band.

People often wonder what it takes to move out of that spot of being the warm up act, well let's take for example some of the things that were done by Restless Heart. Unlike many groups today, they were very personable with the audience. Let's take that one step further, Larry, the lead singer, had the advantage of being able to climb out into the audience and shake people's hands and just tit around with the crowd. The other band members were able to do a little titting of their own by selecting a section of the audience to designate as their own. They also broke the standard of singing all of their greatest hits and pulling out some old folk songs and other songs by other artists and having kind of a sing along with the audience. So as you can see, there was a lot of audience participation. As far as being the warm-up, they did more than warm-up, they got us fired up and burning. Restless Heart is on the RCA recording label and word has it that they are in the studio in between performances doing a new album, but the most recent album out is entitled "Big Dreams In A Small Town." As a final note on the whole concert, it was very entertaining and a good time was had by all. The next time that the Judds or Restless Heart pull in to town, it would be in your best interest to attend.



THE JUDDS

UPCOMING SHITKICKER EVENTS



Dwight Yoakam and Clint Black

Country fans, this summer has just been a whirlwind of concerts in the Bay Area. To continue this presentation of the greatest country entertainers around today will be the Dwight Yoakam and Clint Black concert at the Concord Pavilion on October 7th. Clint and Dwight are both known for being among the "new-traditionalist" country artists who are breathing new life into country music, and in the process introducing traditionally-styled country music to a growing realm of fans. On this tour Dwight will be per-

forming a variety of hits from his past 3 albums and introducing us to the new cut off his new album entitled "Just Lookin' For A Hit." Dwight recognizes his musical style as part of a larger return to the rural roots of country music. He sees it as anything but conservative. This will be Clint's first time in the Bay Area. "Killin' Time" will be the focal point of Clint's performance at the Concord Pavilion. With his debut album, Clint Black scored both a number one album, and, with "Better

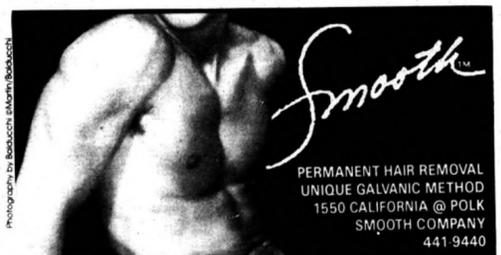
Man," a number one song his first time around the block. The 27-year-old Houston native played the Houston club circuit for six years, and then was introduced to ZZ Top manager Bill Ham in 1987. The result is very obvious: an album contract with RCA, national attention and nominated for one of the most important categories in the CMA, The Horizon Award. One could say with this much talent this should be a good one. Ticket prices are \$18.50 reserved and \$16.50 lawn.



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BAY DINING

SOUTH OF MARKET DINING

by Mike Sher

Leather and SOMA, as the South of Market area has come to be known, go hand in hand. Whether in or out of leather, you'll really enjoy dining at Cafe Foto, a visually stunning new SOMA restaurant created by Ali Ghanbarian of Billboard Cafe fame. Years ago, Ali in partnership with Mark Rennie started the Billboard Cafe at 9th and Folsom. The Billboard pays tribute to the many SOMA artists and features their work throughout the restaurant and even on the roof. I've long been a fan of the Billboard — its cuisine is imaginative and the prices are down to earth. You can watch your entree being prepared in the tracklighted open kitchen.

Ali and Mark took over the former Arena and turned it into an art bar and hotel, but at this point the partnership drifted apart. Ali persevered and besides running the Billboard started publishing the SOMA News.

Ali then decided that he wanted to try something a bit more upscale. He took over a space at Howard near Second Street. Just as the Billboard paid tribute to SOMA artists, Ali decided he would dedicate his new place to photography — a good choice, considering the many professional studios in the area.

The result — Cafe Foto. It opened a few months ago, had to close briefly due to a kitchen fire, and is now open

contemplate your order. Prices are reasonable — Ali wants a place that struggling photographers, as well as the rest of us, can afford. The chef at Foto has great credentials — he helped develop the Southwest cuisine at the departed but fondly remembered Dakota Cafe in Berkeley.

What's developing at Cafe Foto is some very imaginative food. A good starter is crab cake salad (\$7.50), very lightly stuffed and subtly spiced with the greens offsetting the spiciness of the crab. Much attention is paid here to how food looks — I guess it's a sort of food as art, albeit photographic art.

A really different main dish is duck breast pasta (\$10.75) Homemade pasta is tossed in fresh parmesan cheese and served with strips of Muscovy duck and green olives. If you get off on contrasting flavors, this dish is for you — the saltiness of the olives contrasts with the smokiness of the duck which in turn contrasts with the smooth creaminess of the pasta and sauce.

Grilled Pacific salmon (\$13.75) is garnished with chilies and has potato slices as a side. The basic freshness of the fish shines through, and that's the key to me. I believe strongly that no matter how imaginative the sauce or treatment, if you can't taste the basic fish or meat, it's all a loss.

Free range chicken (\$9.75) is done up with New Mexico and pasillo chili peppers. It is generous of portion and has a wonderful spiciness in the skin. The rack of lamb (\$13.95), kind of a tribute to Ali's Middle Eastern

again. As said, the place is visually stunning — white brick walls, strip mirrors, and lots of classic photos. There is also a rotating exhibition from local studios, similar to rotating art exhibitions at the Billboard.

Reflecting the theme, both the bartender and waitress are dressed in black and white outfits. The plates and tableware are also in black and white and there are leopard patterns on the bar stools.

Soon, possibly within the next month or so, Ali hopes to open a jazz club on the second floor, to be most likely called The Darkroom. For now, you'll have to settle for discreet jazz music as you



Another work of art at Cafe Foto: One of their waitrons.

background, is cooked with fresh thyme, cut into chops and served with natural juice, pink and inviting.

Sinful desserts, like a chocolate espresso torte (\$4.00), are a great way to end a meal. Besides an impressive array of wines, Cafe Foto offers some unusual, really fresh fruit drinks or li-quadros as they're called on the menu, all costing \$3.25 and ranging from mango mint to watermelon to pineapple/ginger. The exotic flavors are also used to good effect in more potent libations like a watermelon margarita (\$4.00) or a mango daiquiri (\$4.00).

Cafe Foto, 579 Howard Street (near Second), San Francisco, tel. 777-9891. Open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; for dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tues. - Thurs.; to midnight Fri. & Sat. Accepts V. MC

THEATRE

LOTS OF LAUGHS AT THEATRE RHINO

by Kathleen Baca

A lot can be said about gay theatre. Even at its worst, it's at its best. It provides us with a look at ourselves that is often amusing. Theatre Rhinoceros offers a comfortable place in which to do that. Now in its twelfth season, Theatre Rhino is again providing just that with its season opener, *Friedrich*.

Friedrich is a campy version of the life of Baron Friedrich von Steuben, a Prussian General who trained George Washington's troops at Valley Forge "in the manly art of war."

He not only taught American troops to fight and march but for nearly 100 years after the Revolutionary War, the U.S. Army continued to rely on the "Blue Book," his manual on the military. President Washington sought his advice on the founding of the Academy of West Point. He also became the first Inspector General of the United States.

Steuben arrived in America at the age of forty-seven. His valor in the Seven Year's War made Steuben a national Prussian hero. Little is known as to why, at age thirty-three, he was banished from his homeland for an "indiscretion."

Enter playwright William Jones, and you have Steuben's little "indiscretion" being his attraction for a young officer. What follows is Jones' version of what Steuben was all about. He liked men, especially military men! The play depicts what Steuben's life must have been like.

After leaving Prussia he falls in love

with a Captain William North, who he makes his "aide-de-camp." After the war the two live together in New York until North elects to marry a woman. After he is married he writes Steuben a note that says "My wife is the best possible, but I am not happy . . ."

Set in the eighteenth century, the play tries to capture a time and situation where someone like Steuben and North would have been hung had their relationship been found out.

The play is lively, thoroughly entertaining. There is dancing, there is singing. It's a little vaudeville-ish!

Directed by Adele Prandini, the play is fast moving, scene changes are done simply, with the actors turning the pages of what looks like a life-size story book. This leaves the actors with almost no props on stage with which to work.

This is no problem for the cast. The final scene is a gay cocktail party in Heaven. Michaelangelo is there, one visitor confesses he slept with God, and St. Peter, keeper of the Pearly Gates, quickly informs Steuben that of course all the disciples were gay, what else could they have been. The lines are funny, the stereotypes acceptable. All in all a fun evening.

The entire cast is good but those who never miss a beat are Justin Bond (Ernst, Arnolphe, Governor Hancock, Mulligan and Steve.) He is a scream in the final scene and as Steuben's houseboy. And Robert Coffman (Johann, Beaumarchais, St. Peter) is a hoot throughout the entire play. Jeff Thompson is worth mentioning in his role as Frederick the Great.

Although most of *Friedrich* is based on Jones' imagination, it is important to note that the relationship between Steuben and North has been documented in history books, although the word homosexual is never mentioned. In his will Steuben left most of his estate to North and Ben Walker, who moved in with Steuben after North left. And finally, in the three published biographies of Baron Friedrich von Steuben, there is no mention of his ever once having been in love with, been attracted to, kissed, courted, written a love letter to, lived with, travelled with, spent the night with, or had a relationship with any woman.

Friedrich will play at Theatre Rhinoceros through October 14. Tickets can be charged by phone at 861-5079.



Justin Bond and M. Michael Golco

SPORTS

SPORTSCOPE

by Jack 'Irene' Mc Gowan

Twelve innings and not a moment too soon. The beers in the bus would have been flat . . . and having been cut off since the seventh inning that would have ruined a perfect day for Irene. But the game ended . . . the Giants won 4 to 3 . . . and Irene raced to the parking lot, boarded the graceful Scenic Highway Bus and hoisted a cool one to celebrate an afternoon at Candlestick with a bunch of jubilant cheering Giant fans . . . all who happened to be gay . . . You know, those people that Allen White says are not interested in baseball.

Last Thursday thanks to a lot of people Irene was pleased to have been able to host a group of PWA's and their friends at a Giants-Cincinnati Reds ballgame. The bus itself was provided at a reduced fee by Richard Twining, owner of Scenic Highway Tours . . . always supportive of gay fund-raisers and especially kind to gay softballers in the early years of the GSL and CSL . . . The fee was picked up by Mary Lou Whalen, owner of 'Connections' the best answering service in San Francisco, managed by Tom Vindeed . . . rumored to be returning to the GSL throne which he lent out the last few years.

It was a community effort . . . the type of community I want to live in . . . gay and straight . . . that made the day possible. Dino's Liquors at 18th St. and its manager, Mel, provided the beer and cokes while Rossi's Meats in Valley Pride Market . . . one of our really good Castro St. merchants and friends, provided the best Ham I have ever tasted. Ron of Hot and Hunky, the Burger Queen of Market and Polk St., furnished the bread.

Individuals who gave of their time and labor included Chuck Demmon and Stanley Boyd of the Mint; Herb Lily who shelled out for the Candlestick parking; Rob Mallin and his friend and Russel Bell. Photographer Vern Stewart, the Oprah Winfrey of the leatherset, shot pictures galore. I have not forgotten Dennis Hale, the party-giver of the stars who made the day not only with his labors but for his enthusiasm, confetti and unbridled Giant worship. There wasn't a more

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



CELEBRATION '90 — ONE FOR THE MONEY!

From August 4 - 11, 1990, it is estimated that 5,500 gay and lesbian athletes, and thousands more performers, artists and spectators will be in Vancouver, British Columbia for Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. It is almost ready but there is one last planning conference to host. It's called *One for the Money*, and they are inviting each city to send as many delegates as they can.

It will be a three day event, from October 20 - 22, 1989. And as mentioned, it will be the very last time that interested parties will be able to network with the people responsible for the different sporting and cultural events. We'll be able to procure the latest in updates, and will show the different venues to be used next year.

It is hoped that San Francisco and other cities will send their most interested female and male sports and cultural reps. It will be an informative weekend and hopefully a relaxed and fun one too. Social events will give everyone a chance to mingle with fellow delegates and the people of Vancouver. All those names that have been on lists or we've had memos from will become real people in the flesh. They're anxious to meet everyone and help show you that they're dedicated to making Celebration '90 a truly international success.

THOUSANDS DONATED FOR "GO FOR THE GOLD"

With some \$20,000 worth of items from some 300 donors (and still counting!), the Team San Francisco "Go for the Gold" auction promises to be one of the best bargains of the season. Set for Saturday, September 30, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, 110 Diamond Street (at 18th), the auction will feature items ranging from the esoteric to the sublime, Art Deco memorabilia to modern works.

Highlights will include a private concert and Italian dinner for eight in your own home, weekends at Lake Tahoe, two nights and three days in Reno (includes air fare), tickets plus air fare plus accommodations in LA for the 49's/Rams game, two \$150 benefit tickets to Les Miserables, gym memberships for both men and women, chartered bus to the wine country, antiques, limousine service, framed art by leading Bay Area artists, sculptures, not to mention thousands of dollars worth of gift certificates to

NAGAAA SETS STAGE FOR PITTSBURGH 1990 GAY WORLD SERIES

by Nancy L. Pribick

As the balmy summer days of August drew to a close, the North American Gay Amateur Athletics Association (NAGAAA) invariably held its annual Gay Softball World Series. Atlanta, dubbed Hotlanta and this year's host city, prepared a festive week for the representatives, members and fans of the 26 NAGAAA affiliate cities and claimed Series '89 was "one of the best!"

Series '89 opened Saturday, August 19, with the NAGAAA Summer Meetings. Delegates form the 26 affiliate cities the board of directors discussed current issues facing NAGAAA, including roster eligibility and rule upgrades. NAGAAA delegates also agreed to approach players in Cincinnati, Nashville and St. Louis and help establish affiliate member leagues in those cities. NAGAAA spring meetings were also set for February 17 through 19, 1990 in Pittsburgh. Finally, the delegates had the grueling task of deciding the location of the 1991 World Series. Impressive bids were received from both Boston and Minneapolis/St. Paul, with Boston taking the final honors. After the close of the meetings on Sunday, August 20, an east vs. west Delegates' softball game was played at Piedmont Park. As

usual, the powerhouse western delegates defeated the eastern team in a fun filled game.

On Monday, August 21, a formal black tie reception party was held at the Carter Presidential Center and Library for the delegates. After the party, the delegates were given a tour of the museum, which visually documents the Carter Presidency.

All ball games were played during Tuesday, August 22 and Saturday, August 26 at the Southside Recreational Center. Players were impressed with the exceptional field complex facilities, as scorching heat and high humidity kept most of these facilities in use. In the finals of the open division, the undefeated Los Angeles Griffis overcame the Norfolk Outlaws to take the Series '89 title. The champions of Series '88, the Twin Cities Americans, rounded out the top by placing third. The Women's Division was not lacking in their own share of excitement, as the undefeated Synergy team from WCAA in Chicago captured the Series '89 Women's Division Championship by outplaying the defending champions from San Diego in a low scoring game. Finally, the San Francisco Galleon's Team defeated the Washington/Baltimore Hippo's Team to take NAGAAA first official Recreation Division top honors.

Closing ceremonies highlighted the weeks' events, as the players, fans and delegates were treated to a luxurious 5 course banquet and a myriad of fabulous local entertainment, compliments of the host city. In order to pass the spirit, the Hotlanta cheerleaders performed a flawless song and dance routine, saluting Pittsburgh, the host of the 1990 NAGAAA Gay World Series.

Whether they played ball or just enjoyed watching the game, Series '89 proved to be an exciting and fun-filled week for all who attended. Now, anticipating eyes are shifting towards the North, as Pittsburgh prepares for Series '89.

SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL SET

Athletes In Motion's second San Diego Autumn Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival has been scheduled over two weekends: Saturday and Sunday, September 30 - October 7 and 8. The sports will include aerobics, basketball, cycling, racquetball, running (10-K), racewalking, softball, swimming (invitational only), and water polo (scrimmage).

In addition to the sports events, there will be a social get-together on both weekends. On Sunday, October 1st, there will be a potluck at W.C.P.C., a dance bar, and on Sunday, October 8th, a tea dance will be held for everyone at the Flame, San Diego's popular women's bar.

Entries are available through AIM, P.O. Box 33113, San Diego, CA 92103. Housing information will be included with the entries.

There will be San Francisco entries, teams and individuals in most of the events and all of their followers are invited to 'Come on Down' to join the festivities.

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