Anti-Homophobia Campaign Enters Third Year

By Jaye Miller

Over the July 4th weekend some 150 educators, therapists, and activists from the United States and Canada, including two participants from Sonoma County, met at UCLA for three days of discussions and programs aimed at furthering a national campaign to end homophobia. The conference was built around two speakers' panels, affinity support group meetings, professional tract meetings, and showcasing of resource materials currently being used in specific anti-homophobia work.

The panel speakers explored the relationship between homophobia, heterosexism, sexism, racism, classism, and ageism. As homosexuals we sometimes lose track of the expression of other identities in which all oppressions are linked. All are based on prejudice, ignorance, and fear; all are enforced by systems of privilege and power. Joe VanNess, of the Pride Institute in Minnesota, made a strong case for reorienting our general approach away from fighting homophobia to fighting heterosexism. He felt this made our task clearer and allowed us to link with the battles against all other forms of oppression.

By ignoring the interconnection of all oppressions, we limit the effectiveness of our outreach to others, and we limit the systems of alliances we can build to promote our own rights. And, as the gay and lesbian communities begin to cooperate more closely with each other and attempt to build multicultural organizations genuinely open to lesbians and gays of color, we must be more sensitive to the divisions within the homonosexual movement.

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ACT-UP Usurps Supes Chambers

By Lois Pearlman

Shouting, "You have blood on your hands!" eight members of ACT-UP Sonoma County and two supporters from the Peace and Justice community stormed the aisles of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors' chambers Tuesday, August 15, to protest the lack of AIDS funding in the new county budget. One of them was one of us.

When we approached the dias where the supervisors were seated we tossed red confetti "blood" on their hands, their desks and everything in sight. Wearing skeleton masks and dressed in black we "died" right in front of the rapidly departing supervisors, invoking them and their budget as the cause of our demise.

Since the Board of Supervisors has decided to take a "head in the sand" approach to the growing AIDS epidemic, ACT-UP decided to put the matter before the public with a little guerrilla theater. And the public has responded. During the six and one half hours of demonstrations, a fundraising agency, is without a director. And the $250,000 request from Face to Face, the county's major direct care agency for people with AIDS and ARC, has been totally ignored.

ACT-UP members invite the County Supervisors
Adam's Apple
By Adam Richmond
ProSex
ProChoice

If you think you're reading this argument a hundred times, you haven't read mine.

The moronic Supreme Court decision ensuring the political responsibility for the right to abortion in 1973 legislatures, leading to the absurdity of poll positions on both sides. You couldn't have anticipated how bad and basic. In order to produce a victory in abortion, the decision must be dropped. After all, the Supreme Court was not allowed to determine the constitutionality of all of our acts, we could never consider abortion as a personal decision or not. It is a choice of yours. Do not let it remain so.

Editorial

Policy is that we will not run letters that are anonymous and/or written on behalf of anyone for anyone.

Thanks from a Fan
Dear Editor,

I read your paper each week and find it one of the few places to which to talk about that is run by people that are concerned about what they are writing.

What can we say to those who are out here in the world that does not have the support of the staff of The Pro.

Blessings,

Jill Walker

Saliva and AIDS
Dear Wf The People,

The saliva study found that saliva is a possible route of HIV transmission. In the study, saliva was found to contain small amounts of HIV. Although the risk of transmission through saliva is low, it is possible. This study brings attention to the importance of using condoms and other forms of barrier contraception.

Banga Begins Second Year
By Joyce Miller

The Sonoma County chapter of BAYLIE (Bay Area Network of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Educators) will celebrate its second year of existence on July 27, 1989. The chapter was founded in 1987 to address the need for more support and resources for gay and lesbian educators. They have been instrumental in providing a supportive environment for gay and lesbian teachers, students, and staff members.

Astronomy
By Kate Ryan

After looking over the planetary playground for September 1989, I come to the conclusion it's a month about communication. Mercury is the planet of communication, and with the recent Mars-Saturn conjunction, there will be a lot of emphasis on this theme. We should expect a lot of communication in our lives, both in the workplace and in our personal relationships.

Definitions and Stereotypes

What defines a gay person? The media and society often define gay people as being effeminate or androgyne. The times are changing, and we are starting to see more acceptance of gay people. However, there are still many stereotypes that persist.

Terrorism in Amherst

The Amherst police are investigating an incident involving a group of people who were seen carrying weapons. The group was protesting against the Israel-Palestine conflict, and the police are trying to determine if there is any connection.

Anti-Viagra of Homophobia
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**Bisexual Corner**

By Michael Brewer

I wrote an article about my bisexuality in the last issue of *We The People* and received so much positive feedback that WTP has agreed to offer it as a regular feature to spotlight information and issues of concern to the bisexual community. This group will be led by a woman and will provide a safe place for bisexual men and women who may think they might be bisexual to talk and support each other about bisexual issues. The first meeting will be held in Santa Rosa on September 3 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Michael at 539-2590.

**Gay/Lesbian Book Club**

Gay/Lesbian Book Club, the fornic new Book Club on the Social Life Club, will have its first meeting on the Social Life Club, the fornic new Book Club on the Social Life Club, on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. The first Book Club will be dedicated to the book "Where Angels Fear to Tread," by E.M. Forster. Each club member will take a letter from the following authors: "Gay & Bisexual Men is now forming. The emphasis of this group will be on the 'gay' perspective, which will be encouraged. This focus of the group will be to encourage women who are in such a situation to express themselves." This is the first meeting of a group for people interested in a Bisexual Men's Group. Interested women can call 538-2106.

Santa Rosa Classics, 2212 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley (near Ashby Ave.) Their switch board number is (415) 841-6224. For more information, contact Michael at 539-2590.

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Homophobia

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Terry Osborne, director of the Lgbt Gay and Lesbian Center area, spoke about how social and cultural oppression have served as the foundation for the oppression of the entire gay community, and thus the homosexual community. Ruth Hughes, working with the Sexual Minority Youth Coalition of San Francisco, explained that the gay community is faced with all the issues both homophobes and homophobes, as well as homophobes themselves, have to confront. Thus, the oppression of the gay community looks

like provision with new approaches to fighting homophobia.

Instead of begging or pleading for "our rights," we should turn away from this method of fighting and begin working with other communities to build a bridge between the gay community and other communities. This is the only way to truly combat homophobia.


tast at a single meeting devoted to the preparation and final review of the document. In your editorial, you refer to "social and cultural political talk," reflecting on the discussion at the ACT UP Sonoma County, described as "The Theatre," it was not intended for a single voice of violence or silence or intimidation. This was a demonstration whose purpose was to bring the Board of Supervisors to the attention of the public, as evidenced by their rejection of Face to Face, the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and other Human Services Organizations and Programs.

Members of ACT UP Sonoma were aware that I had met with Supervisors Janet Nichdas, Nick Esposti, and Jim Hatter, building with them to the Coalition of Volunteers for Peace and the Public interest Foundation of Sonoma County who have financially supported Face to Face. They knew I had said earlier that I would not accept their funding if they could not continue to bear the burden of raising funds for our own purposes. They were in the same position as the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and other Human Services Organizations and Programs.

Supervisor Carpenter, who is the "point man" for the Board of Supervisors regarding AIDS, has worked with the AIDS Commission to provide Sonoma County with financial support for Face to Face. They know I have said earlier that I would not continue to bear the burden of raising funds for our own purposes. They were in the same position as the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and other Human Services Organizations and Programs.

Another article referred to the local support that has been received from the community, as evidenced by their rejection of Face to Face, the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and other Human Services Organizations and Programs.

Gay Rights Law Group Appoints New PR Person

National Gay Rights Advocates, the nation's largest public interest law firm for gay rights, has announced a new legal review of the document

...Bradley has been on the Board of CeleNation Theatre, the Gay and Lesbian Writers Series, and the Board of the Van Ness Women's Alliance for University of California, Los Angeles. She holds a BA in American Studies and a MA in Community Counseling. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, Women in Communications, and the organization of Catholic Homosexuals.

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It seems that the text you've provided is a mix of different topics, including local government, AIDS services, and health care. Here's a breakdown of what I've been able to summarize from the text:

**County Turns Its Back On AIDS**

The new Sonoma County budget for fiscal year 1989-90 contains no direct funding for community AIDS programs. Although Sonoma County has the second highest per capita rate of AIDS in California, the county administration seems to be turning its back on the organizations which have been providing services to those living with AIDS.

As budget hearings Monday, August 7, the Board of Supervisors failed to respond to requests for $50,000 from Face to Face, the volunteer organization that provides emotional, social, and financial support to people with HIV. Dr. Marshall Kubota, the board chairman, said that the county's current budget does not cover the services that Face to Face provides.

The Board of Supervisors has been referring to a $100,000 grant raised by the AIDS Foundation for Face to Face as the "Sonoma-West Natural Gardening Services" budget. However, a source close to the Foundation director Ted Crowell, said that the Foundation was "on the lookout for any money to renew Crowell's contract"

**Keep The Love Alive**

The NAMES Project will display the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C. for a final and final time, October 6.

More than 2,500 volunteers will converge on Washington, D.C. this Columbus Day weekend to make possible the final display of the Quilt in its entirety. The display will include more than 30,000 individual 3' x 6' panels, and is nearly six times the size of the Quilt Display in October, 1987.

The volunteers are expected to come from all over the United States, including the 19 U.S. and Canadian cities where major sections of the Quilt have been displayed during the recently completed 1988 tour. This tour, the second across the continent, has travelled for four months, stopping in hundreds of communities in each of the communities the Quilt visited. $200,000 was raised for agencies providing direct care services to people with AIDS in Birmingham, Alabama, or Calgary, Alberta.

Washington will be the last display of the Quilt in its entirety. According to Cheryl Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project, "The Quilt is being displayed to raise awareness and funds in each of the communities the Quilt visited. We have received $200,000 for agencies providing direct care services to people with AIDS in Birmingham, Alabama, or Calgary, Alberta."

The last display of the Quilt in its entirety will take place in Washington, D.C. on October 6, 1989. This date is significant because it marks the 5th anniversary of the first display of the Quilt in Washington, D.C. in October, 1984.

**Queer Happenings**

In what may be an historic challenge to the US government's policy banning federal funding from organizations which have been identified as "aiding and abetting" in the spread of AIDS, Mauna Kea, a Jewish emigre from the Soviet Union who has been an active participant in the US gay community for eight years, is applying for citizenship as an open lesbian. She notes that, "I'm in a unique position because I entered the country when I was 14 and came out later, so I don't lie about anything. And as a playwright, I'm unlikely to be deported." Mauna's strategy expects that the INS will either ignore his client's non-heterosexual application,

The health care system in the city of San Francisco is "enormous, world-famous for its enthusiasm with all sexual orientations and large variety of hotels, restaurants, shops and nightlife. In contrast to the excitement of the city, the rural areas of Sonoma County have small, friendly communities where there is no gay community to exist."
tion and support of gay, lesbian, and bisexual students have monthly meetings, assessed needs within the county, to take advantage of this service, please call Tom 823-2812 with children, child care will be provided. If you would like

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Goddesa Interfaith Circle for Womyn meets 1st Sunday of the month. 7:30 pm in Guerneville area. Sponsored by Yolode-Mother River Spirit. For info call 668-3445.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5
Ministries of Love, attorney interprer, and family consultation, food and food, entertainment presented by vocalist/guitarist, Teresa Chandler and friends. 5-7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. San Anselmo. FREE (415) 865-1521.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6
Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, meets 1st Wednesday of the month. 7:30 pm in Guerneville. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7
Tennis meeting 7:30pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8
Gay Fathers Group meets 2nd Friday of the month for potluck in members' homes. For info call Jody at 546-8216, or Mert at 579-5308.

VCN Night 8:00 pm, Guerneville. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9
Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets once a month. 7:30 pm at 546-8216, or Mert at 579-5308.

Ministry of Light, annual celebration and fundamental discussion on food. Sponsored by vocalist/guitarist, Teresa Chandler and friends. 5-7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. San Anselmo. FREE (415) 865-1521.

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Women’s Spirituality Goddess Circle meets 2nd Sunday of the month. 7:30 pm in Russian River area. Emphasis on Womyn/Goddess in thul, Hebrew/Christian traditions. Sponsored by the Russian River MCC Women’s Spirituality Group. For info call 669-3445.

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Skate Night 8-10 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.