March 29, 1984

Our community faces a grave health crisis. The number of AIDS cases and deaths continues to rise at an alarming rate. There is, as yet, no cure in sight.

It has become clear that current public education efforts have been inadequate to reduce the incidence of AIDS. We recognize the need for a greatly expanded and more professional educational program and we call upon the City of San Francisco to appropriate all necessary funds to accomplish this purpose.

Such public education efforts take time to change sexual behavior. Meanwhile, we are deeply concerned about the continuing operation of bathhouses, sex clubs and other establishments intended specifically to facilitate anonymous, high volume, high risk sexual behavior. Medical research indicates that AIDS can be transmitted for many months before symptoms appear, thus people who frequent bathhouses may be unknowingly transmitting the disease.

Therefore, in the interest of saving lives, we call upon the Director of the Department of Public Health to temporarily close such establishments for the duration of this health emergency.

We recognize that this action has not only medical but also symbolic significance; for us, this was an extremely painful and difficult decision, which we make reluctantly after serious soul searching and consultation with many members of our community. Bathhouses have long been important for many gay people. But, clearly now, saving lives is of greater importance. This is not the complete answer to the AIDS problem. We call upon all members of the community to support this action and to support one another in the difficult process of personal change which this crisis makes necessary.
COMPROMISED PROPOSAL FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME IN LICENSED BATHHOUSES.

1. The Director of Public Health should meet with authorities such as Leon McKusick, who, as a result of the research they have done, are aware of high-risk activities that occur in bathhouses that place individuals in high risk for exposure to the acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Criteria should be established for bathhouse operators. These might include:

A) **Post signs that sexual intercourse on these premises is prohibited and that anyone found having sexual intercourse will be evicted.**

B) Eliminate mazes, orgy rooms and other areas that are designed for public sex.

C) Eliminate glory holes, peep holes and one-way mirrors.

D) Eliminate erotic art work and blackboards for exchange of sexual information.

E) Eliminate porno movies.

F) Eliminate the sell of sex toys.

G) Eliminate slings and sex toys from patron rooms.

H) Post signs that towels may be worn from patron room to the steam bath but that slacks or other suitable attire must be worn in communal areas.

I) Post signs that patrons' doors must remained closed at all times.

Time to accomplish this task - 12 hours.

2. Distribute these criteria to bathhouse owners and announce-24-hours for compliance-inform them that they have 24 hours to come into compliance. - 24 hours

3. Begin routine inspections 36 hours after distributing criteria and cite in writing each infraction of the criteria.

4. If a bathhouse owner is found in violation of one of the criteria he should be given a hearing in the office of the Director of Public Health within 24 hours to show cause why his establishment should not be closed for 30 days.

5. The Director of Public Health should urge the bathhouse owner to use the 30 day closure period to make necessary modifications so that his establishment meets the criteria.

The Director of Public Health should develop criteria for the operation of bathhouses similar to those suggested in (1) above and write out a plan of action similar to that suggested in A) - I) above and submit this plan to the City Attorney for approval. This can be accomplished within a 24 hours period.
Dear bathhouse, theatre or club owner:

As a concerned group of individuals involved in a number of social, professional, religious and political organizations, as well as AIDS patients, we are asking that you attend a meeting on Thursday, May 19, 1983, at 5:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street, to discuss what steps can be taken to minimize the transmission of the infectious agent believed to be involved in AIDS.

At this meeting we will suggest several steps which we believe are particularly important in light of the large number of gay males who regularly visit San Francisco, particularly during Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week, and who may become infected with AIDS and could spread it to their hometowns upon departure.

We believe that men should be informed of ways to engage in sexual conduct in a fashion that minimizes their risk of becoming infected or spreading infection. Information on this topic is not generally available to visitors coming to San Francisco who may patronize your establishment.

We are asking that you consider three simple steps which we believe will have a positive impact on this situation:

*Examine your place of business to see if the opportunities for personal hygiene can be improved. Are there adequate shower, towel, and personal cleansing facilities and are they maintained in an hygienic fashion?

*Post a notice at the entrance to your establishment informing your patrons that AIDS is a concern in San Francisco and that precautions should be taken.

*Provide to each patron, upon entering your establishment, an information sheet alerting him of the concern and steps to take to minimize the risk of infection.

Suggested wording for the posted notice and the information sheet given to patrons is attached. The complete text of the BAPHR pamphlet "Guidelines for AIDS Risk Reduction," from which the above wording is taken, should be made available to your patrons. Making condoms available will also provide an opportunity to have sex in a way that significantly reduces the exchange of bodily fluids.
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We believe that this meeting will be an opportunity to address community concerns in a cooperative and productive fashion. With your assistance and cooperation the spread of this disease can be minimized and we can all continue to enjoy the pleasures for which San Francisco is famous.

The Rev. Jim Sandmire will chair the meeting and he can be contacted at the Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church should you have any questions before the meeting. We hope that you will make every effort to attend or to send a representative of your establishment.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence A. Wilson
Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club

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**REDUCING YOUR RISK OF AIDS AND OTHER DISEASES**

Acquired Immune Deficiency Disease (AIDS) is a life-threatening disease that damages the immune system of otherwise healthy persons, leaving them susceptible to diseases such as Kaposi's Sarcoma, and pneumonycystis carinii pneumonia.

Strong evidence indicates that AIDS is transmitted by direct contact such as intimate sexual contact, with the bodily fluids (semen, saliva, urine, blood and feces) of a person who is infectious.

There are general factors agreed upon by virtually all researchers as representing significant risk:

1) Sexual activity in which bodily secretions are exchanged;
2) The more partners with whom sexual activity includes secretion exchange, the greater the risk.
3) The injection of illicit drugs or the shared use of needles for such injections. By logical extension, sexual contact with those known to use intravenous drugs would represent significant risk.

For example, evidence indicates that having someone cum in your mouth or ass may greatly increase your risk of the disease.
Suggested wording for the posted notice:

REDDUCING THE RISK OF DISEASE

The Bay Area and the gay community are experiencing an epidemic of a disease called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), which impairs the immune system and leaves its targets susceptible to life-threatening infections.

Strong evidence indicates that AIDS is transmitted by direct contact with the bodily fluids (semen, saliva, urine, blood, and feces) of a person who is infectious.

Medical research indicates that your chances of contracting this disease, or infecting others if you are infectious, will be increased by having multiple sex partners and exchanging fluids with them.

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SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR GAY MALE BATHHOUSES

Guidelines should begin with a rationale for sexual change recommendations. An appeal could be made for increasing health precautions and perhaps increasing socialization and intimacy. A statement could be made that "Safe Sex" can also be fun, satisfying and sexy. This is a time for creative solutions that preserve longstanding cherished traditions in the gay male community.

1. Guidelines should begin with a positive statement about the function of the baths as a valuable environment for relaxation, socialization, physical, sensual contact and exercise.

2. Hygiene needs to be emphasized. Thorough showering/washing before, after, and sometimes during sex.

3. Facility cleanliness will encourage personal cleanliness. Liquid soap is preferable to bar soap. Fingernail files or other instruments are needed for cleaning under nails. Shared hoses and lubricants could possibly transmit disease. Douche areas need good drainage.

4. Recommend the use of condoms. Condom dispensers or sales and hot pictures of guys with condoms on, may help to promote condom use. Fuck films showing condom use and hygienic practices could also be educative. Condom should be carefully used (they tear) and disposed of immediately after sex.

5. Suggest that partner's exchange telephone numbers and/or addresses so that they can contact each other for social as well as health reasons (if they come down with V.D.).

6. Recommend reducing the number of different sexual partners. If the person chooses to have several partners in a night or to have bunk room or orgy room sex, then sex activities should be limited to masturbation or mutual masturbation (or minimal risk sex — see below).

7. Minimal risk sex (least possibility of exchange of bodily fluids) includes masturbation, mutual masturbation, body rubbing, tit play, bondage, careful use of rubbers, massage, dirty talk, "watching", fuck films, etc.

8. Rimming and other possibilities of oral-rectal contact should be limited to the video or movie screen, the imagination, or one's long term partner (if neither person has STDs).

9. Recommend frequent STD testing. Recommend AIDS screening if symptomatic or if concerned about AIDS.

10. Recommend that each individual know the signs and symptoms of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and AIDS. Post a list of symptoms and STD/AIDS resource telephone numbers.
11. Recommend a consideration of decreasing the use of recreational drugs and alcohol (since drugs/alcohol depress the immune system and interfere with judgement). Encourage the use of music and sex to achieve natural highs.

12. Recommend that individuals develop or increase their health consciousness by: good diet, rest, exercise, relaxation, good hygiene.

13. Recommend that dildos and other toys be thoroughly cleaned prior to use. In the case of porous latex, soaking the dildo in boiling water may be needed prior to use. Dildos should be thoroughly cleaned between partners.

14. Baths could possibly specialize in certain sexual behaviors (e.g., masturbation and oral sex) or certain nights could be dedicated to special sexual practices.

15. Recommend that individuals get to know their partners. Optimally partners could inspect each other prior to sex (shower together), and could talk about their health and what their sexual limits are.

16. Emphasize that gay sex, touch and sensual sharing are needed by gay men. Sex is part of the solution.

17. Recommend: "If you are sick, don't trick. Return when you have a healthy prick" or other catchy phrases.

18. Recommend that only water soluble lubricants be used with condoms (KY, Helix).

19. Recommend that bathhouses be actively involved in education and prevention efforts, e.g. workshops, educational material on site.

20. Structural changes (such as removal of doors to cubicals and turning up lights) could facilitate individual's maintenance of "safe sex" limits.

21. People with AIDS should be incorporated into the gay social and sensual environments rather than being barred from them.
Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights

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PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

April 2, 1984

Recently, there has been some confusion in parts of the press and the public regarding the official position of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) about sexual activity at gay bath houses and similar establishments during the AIDS crisis.

We wish to restate our opinion that certain types of sexual practices, no matter in what location they occur, increase the risk of contracting all sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS. What counts is what you do, not where you do it.

We continue to discourage unsafe sex practices in all areas, including bath houses.

We strongly favor, and request assistance for, educational programs to help reduce risks. Furthermore, we think that such efforts may be especially significant at bath houses and similar establishments.

We affirm our belief that government intervention in the sexual behavior of consenting adults should be avoided.

Most importantly, we believe that voluntary action by our community is the best method to encourage safe sex. In these difficult times, let us act with concern and responsibility for each other.
Press Statement

San Francisco has been faced with one of the most complex health care problems in its history. The tragic disease of AIDS has hit our city more severely than any other in the United States except for New York. Approximately one year ago, the gay community in cooperation with the Department of Public Health set about to develop a program to deal with this disease that was taking the lives of many of our young men. This program has become a model for the United States.

Members of the gay community have joined together with an unprecedented sense of purpose to bring about significant changes in response to this crisis.

In conjunction with the AIDS Foundation, Shanti Project and many concerned individuals, we have established a continuum of services ranging from education and information, screening, outpatient services, inpatient services, counseling, in-home services, and many other activities all directed towards preventing, treating and, hopefully, finding a cure for AIDS. In the past year alone, hundreds of thousands of pieces of information have been distributed to both the gay and the general community. Hundreds of workshops, training sessions and forums have been presented and, as a result of all this activity along with the media coverage of this epidemic, unhealthy sexual behavior has been changing. This is documented in the plummeting figures for other sexually transmitted diseases in the gay community. Unfortunately, over the last few months, these numbers have flattened out.

THE QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE FACILITIES IS ONE THAT I HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH FOR OVER A YEAR. DURING THAT TIME I HAVE MET WITH HEALTH EXPERTS, BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY, IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE COURSE OF ACTION THAT WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN THE SPREAD OF AIDS. ONE MESSAGE HAS BEEN LOUD AND CLEAR - THAT CERTAIN TYPES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AMONG HOMOSEXUAL AND BISEXUAL MEN WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE IF WE WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

LAST WEEK I MET WITH A PANEL OF NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL AIDS EXPERTS AND ASKED THEM FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. AFTER SIX HOURS OF DELIBERATION CONCERNING ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS, IT WAS THE OPINION OF THIS GROUP THAT ALTERING THE BEHAVIOR IN THESE BATHHOUSES, SEX CLUBS AND OTHER FACILITIES COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THE INCIDENCE OF AIDS. IT WAS THE UNANIMOUS POSITION OF THIS GROUP THAT ALL SEXUAL ACTIVITY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS BE ELIMINATED IN PUBLIC FACILITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THE TRANSMISSION OF AIDS IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. IT WAS RECOGNIZED BY THIS GROUP OF EXPERTS THAT THIS ACTION, IN AND OF ITSELF, WOULD NOT COMPLETELY SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE TRANSMISSION OF AIDS, BUT THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STRONG EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN PRESENTLY UNDER WAY, IT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.
THERE ARE FEW PRECEDENTS TO THIS ACTION AND I THEREFORE CALL UPON ALL MEMBERS OF THE GAY COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH US AS WE MOVE THROUGH THESE UNCHARTED WATERS TOGETHER. MANY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE LEAD IN A COURAGEOUS AND CREATIVE MANNER.

I WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE ACTION WE ARE TAKING HERE TODAY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF AIDS EXPERTS AND GAY LEADERS, IS BUT ONE PART OF A PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF AIDS. BY NO MEANS IS IT A PERFECT ANSWER OR A COMPLETE SOLUTION BUT, HOPEFULLY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND MANY, MANY OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY, WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY BATTLE AND EVENTUALLY CONQUER, THIS DREADED DISEASE.
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APRIL 9, 1984
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DPH RELEASES LATEST AIDS STATISTICS

AIDS cases reported to the San Francisco Department of Public Health rose to 471 cases as of the end of April, up from 448 at the end of March. Reported deaths increased to 174 from the previous months total of 161.

Nationally, the total of AIDS cases reported is 3,899 compared with 3,646 at the end of March.

New AIDS cases in San Francisco continue to be reported at the rate of about 1 per day.

While AIDS does not pose a threat to the public at large or to the lesbian community, those in the highest risk group — gay and bisexual males — need to be aware of the need to prevent AIDS transmission. Information on AIDS prevention can be obtained by calling (415)863-AIDS.
## San Francisco AIDS Cases By Age Group
**April 2, 1984**

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I'm enclosing copies of my Native news piece and Chuck O'Hare's editorial.
If you or anyone else wants to comment on either one, cut a letter to the editor to me by Monday noon and I can include them in our express mail back to NYC.

Best wishes,
Ron Baker
San Francisco Health Commissioner, with Cooperation of Gay Leadership, Attempts to Close Baths

NEW YORK SHOCKED
BY PROPOSED S.F. BATH BAN

By Peg Byron & Steven C. Arvanette

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by Thomas Steele

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The meeting had been requested by Dr. Mason, in the offices of Dr. James E. D'Eramo and Mr. Donald Ber- rith, CDC Public Affairs, met with Mr. Charles Ortelieb, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the New York Native.

No appointments had been made to talk about the retrospective Lynnenstein-Associated Virus (HAV), and related viral stains had appeared in the New York Times and on the eve of the New York Times meeting, a front-page article stated that Dr. Silverman, armed with 50 signatures from gay leaders, would announce the closure of bathhouses and sex clubs.

But when Dr. Silverman appeared before the press on Friday morning, he made the following statement: "Because of unresolved legal and medical questions, I will not be discussing the opening or closing of the baths." He added that the issue was "complex" and that he needed "further exploration of the legal and medical questions." Dr. Silverman would answer no questions from the press and stated he would have nothing more to say publicly for at least a week.

The coalition of gay physicians, businesspeople, and politicians who reportedly asked Dr. Silverman to close the baths may have become motivated in part by the announcement earlier this week by Larry Littlejohn, founder of San Francisco's Pride Foundation, that he intended to collect enough signatures to place on the November ballot a measure making it illegal to have sex in bathhouses. Most political observers agreed that such a proposal would easily collect the required number of signatures and would pass by an overwhelming majority when placed on the ballot in San Francisco. If passed, such a referendum could be revoked only by another public referendum, whereas the temporary closure of the baths by the Department of Public Health could be lifted by that same agency at any time.

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Gordon Mallone, a board member appointed as spokesperson for the bowling league, contacted the Native to explain that a decision on Gambino would probably be reached by April 3, after the board's recommendation had been considered by the rules committee and the general membership. "They will have the final decision as to the outcome. We now find the books in acceptable order and cannot elaborate until the membership has met," he said.

The head of the league's parent organization, the Manhattan Community Athletic Association (MCAA) told the Native the league's decision would be subject to review. MCAA president Tom Constable also said he was not satisfied that all funds had been accounted for.

MCAA sponsors a number of sporting activities for nearly 700 gay and lesbian participants in the New York area; its most popular division by far is bowling, whose 350 or so team members make it the biggest bowling league in America.

Like Constable, not all of these members are happy with the league's financial philosophies. Some, like Patrick Hardy, a member for two years, complained that the spectre of a protracted debate over this ballot measure had prompted him to publicly lend support to a recommendation to Dr. Silverman that he close the bathhouses. "The closure of the baths..."

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Gordon Mallone, a board member appointed as spokesperson for the bowling league, contacted the Native to explain that a decision on Gambino would probably be reached by April 3, after the board's recommendation had been considered by the rules committee and the general membership. "They will have the final decision as to the outcome. We now find the books in acceptable order and cannot elaborate until the membership has met," he said.

The head of the league's parent organization, the Manhattan Community Athletic Association (MCAA) told the Native the league's decision would be subject to review. MCAA president Tom Constable also said he was not satisfied that all funds had been accounted for.

MCAA sponsors a number of sporting activities for nearly 700 gay and lesbian participants in the New York area; its most popular division by far is bowling, whose 350 or so team members make it the biggest bowling league in America.

Like Constable, not all of these members are happy with the league's financial philosophies. Some, like Patrick Hardy, a member for two years, complained that the spectre of a protracted debate over this ballot measure had prompted him to publicly lend support to a recommendation to Dr. Silverman that he close the bathhouses. "The closure of the baths..."

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Community Center Board
Choosing Its Successors in Secrecy

by Steven C. Arvanette

When a permanent board of directors for New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Services Center is chosen April 12, it will be from a list of candidates that the existing board had decided not to make public, and—if past practice is any indication—the decisions will be made at a meeting to which neither the public nor the representatives of the press will be admitted. The new board will set policy for the young community center for several years to come.

Dr. Andrew Kahn, told the Native that he and his fellow BAPHR officers had made the recommendation for closure "very reluctantly," and only after "painful deliberation." Dr. Andrew also stressed that their support of the closure ruling did not necessarily represent the views of the entire BAPHR membership, which will vote this week on a motion to accept the board's recommendation.

Dr. Andrew said that the board was unable to support the closure of the bathhouses and sex clubs (about 20 establishments altogether in San Francisco) by action of the San Francisco Health Department rather than face a public referendum on the subject will likely seriously divide this city's gay community.

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Buffalo Not Shuffling Gay Rights

by George Sax

BUFFALO—The City Council here took the first legislative step necessary to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination by the city or its contractors by voting 10-to-3 on March 6 to direct the Corporation Counsel to draft a bill banning discrimination against gays in any provision of any benefits, programs, or services by a city agency as well as by any "person, firm, or corporation" in the performance of services or programs on behalf of the city.

The resolution was sponsored by Council Majority Leader James R. Pits, another of the resolution's sponsors and a popular political leader from a largely black district, said in an interview that the relative lack of controversy so far was not a harbinger of quiet or easy passage of the bill. "The rubber will hit the road when the bill is introduced," he said.

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The *Native*’s page-one editorial endorsement of Gary Hart in the last issue attracted considerable attention. It was featured in the Intelligencer section of *New York* magazine. It also upset a few gay politicians who are going the other way. We thought this would happen; it comes with the territory.

What these hyper-partisan politicians fail to understand is that the *Native* is an independent newspaper. We have no connection whatsoever with any political party, organization, faction, or sect. On the other hand, we believe that the *Native* has a very positive connection with the gay male and lesbian community—its health, civil rights, economic viability, and cultural life. That’s why we cannot in good conscience leave politics exclusively to the politicians.

Furthermore, we are not favorably impressed by a few “official gays” who, without consent or consensus, to broker the votes of a community as diverse as ours. Worse still, they encourage lazy, unsophisticated office seekers and holders to think they have done enough by handing out a few patronage jobs.

We continue to believe that Gary Hart can defeat Reagan and abort his reactionary, anti-gay social agenda. That’s beef enough for us.

**Theoretical Question to the Medical Establishment**

How does one sue an epidemiologist for malpractice?

**The Direction of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center**

Startling—and distressing—accusations of financial misconduct by at least one prominent gay leader serve to emphasize the importance of accountability raised by a second story in this issue of the *Native*. Contrary to what some may believe, we take no delight in reporting scandals or shortcomings among individuals and organizations within the gay community.

How the Manhattan Community Athletic Association and its bowling league choose to resolve financial irregularities rests in their hands, with ultimate accountability being held by the members of each group. It is only hoped that members will not abrogate that right by indifference. We urge CGLY and New York Community Center Board of Directors to take the plans and operations of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. An equally startling and distressing attitude has surfaced among the center’s board of directors: that they alone know what is right for the community; at least one current board member has articulated a view that anyone questioning the board’s decisions doesn’t support the center.

Let there be no misunderstanding: the record of the *Native* is long and unbroken in its adamant support of the establishment of a lesbian and gay community center. The view all along has been that this community center would serve and be held accountable to the community. That cannot be accomplished by a self-appointed board that meets privately, without public scrutiny, and prepetuates itself through a selection process equally out of sight.

No one has alleged or insinuated that anything unethical has been done by the center’s directors. But if that charge ever should be made, how could it be adequately answered to anyone’s satisfaction with the present operating procedure? Sure, it will be inconvenient to open the doors to the board’s meetings; it would have taken added work and effort to devise a manageable forum for public contact and response to the board nominees. But isn’t that the least you owe the public if you truly want to call it a community center?

The present community services center board is comprised of talented, highly reputable individuals with excellent diversity. Those attributes alone don’t mean they know what is best for New York City’s gay and lesbian community. Don’t lose your credibility this early in the game through a closed process. Let the sunshine in. We all have too much at stake.

**Whose Life Is It, Anyway?**

Apparently, the Director of Public Health in San Francisco almost issued an order closing down the baths in San Francisco. It was to be done with the support of several so-called gay leaders and moralists from the medical community. Luckily, the so-called leaders and doctor-legislators decided to leave the civil liberties of San Franciscans intact for the time being.

It was a close call. The closing down of the baths is a homophobic, superstitious, and hysterical move that the bigots in our society would love to do in order to get the dismantlement of gay rights and the gay community underway. The gay people of San Francisco had better realize that their spokespeople almost discarded their civil liberties. They should also tell their medical busybodies to get their unsuccessful little minds back into the laboratories.
Stonewall Opposes Sex Club Closure; Calls for Changes

by Bruce Pettit

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club members were clearly annoyed Monday night at what they regarded as a small cadre of Gay community leaders "who purport to speak for the entire community" advising closure of the bathhouses and sex clubs. Nevertheless, Stonewall stopped short of censure in hopes of forestalling further divisions that have occurred so quickly in the latest eruption in the AIDS crisis.

However, Stonewall voted to "condemn the haphazard manner in which the Department of Public Health is making decisions regarding the Lesbian/Gay bathhouses and sex clubs." It urged "immediate consultation with a broad spectrum of our community before making a final decision on this issue."

Stonewall also called upon owners of bathhouses and sex clubs to make "radical changes" to diminish "high risk" conditions and to promote "safe sex."

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, San Francisco's director of public health, was prepared on March 29 to close the bathhouses and sex clubs on March 30. Stone- wall president Paul Boneberg told his club Monday night that he and other Gay leaders persuaded Silverman to attend a meeting at Valencia Rose the night of March 29. There, Boneberg believed, "Dr. Silverman became convinced that, at the very least, there was not a groundswell of support" in the Gay community for closure. Boneberg thought the message may have gotten through that "the Lesbian/Gay community should be consulted in such a crucial decision."

A protracted club discussion revealed that members acknowledged the issues were complex. Vice president Leslie Manning said the Gay community — and particularly the AIDS/KS Foundation — had failed in its assurances that it would persuade Gay men to change their sexual practices. The attempt at closure "are a direct result of that failure."

But Bob Basker felt that closure would "herald a reign of terror" for renewed attacks on Gays from "vigilante kids and adults." Bill Paul regarded a proposed initiative policy statement by activist Larry Littlejohn to prohibit sex practices in bathhouses as electoral disaster that needed to be defeated. "But harsh closure will have reverberations all over the country."

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Ralph Payne, however, was not distressed at the Littlejohn initiative, for it forced the Gay community to address something it was avoiding. "We have to address people making a lot of money on high risk, high frequency sex practices which our own doctors are telling us are killing us. We have to look at that and not be afraid to touch it."

The club voted against closure "at this time" and barely defeated a move against closure "at any time."

Stonewall's Bob Basker: Bath closure would "herald a reign of terror."

NO ONE FOR PRESIDENT

Stonewall endorsed no candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. The club overwhelmingly supported the Rev. Jesse Jackson in a straw poll two months ago, but since then the campaign of Colorado Senator Gary Hart has caught on fire. In last Monday's balloting, Jackson had 26 votes, Hart 20, and Walter Mondale 8 (four members voted for no endorsement). Thirty votes were needed for endorsement.

A. Billy S. Jones contended that Jackson not only has the best position on Gay rights but "the presence of Jackson in this campaign has kept the issue of Lesbians and Gays in the forefront. We need him at the Democratic convention so that our issue gets articulated." Jones said that Mondale is afraid to say the word "Gay" and that Hart is reluctant to endorse a Gay rights bill in Congress.

Jack Trujillo insisted that Mondale has been very open "to me" in talking about Gay issues. But he noted, "Mondale is a Midwestern senator who has to be pushed along. He is not Harvey Milk, and I'm not going to try to sell him as Harvey Milk."

Connie O'Connor said Hart is reluctant to co-sponsor the Senate Gay rights bill "because the right wing almost defeated him in 1980."

Supervisor Harry Britt made a pitch for Hart: "Hart cannot only defeat Ronald Reagan, but we will be in a position to build Lesbian and Gay political power with Hart. I would not be supporting Gary Hart if I were not convinced he is going to have the strongest presence of Lesbians and Gay men in his campaign of any campaign in the history of the United States."

Ben Gardiner said that Jackson's "saying the right things has had an effect on the Black community. It has been difficult to get Black people to endorse Gay rights, (although) it has not been difficult to get Black legislators to endorse Gay rights."

In other action, Stonewall gave an 81% endorsement to Proposition K on the June ballot. Prop. K would restrict construction of new buildings over 40 feet in height if they would cast shadows on any city parks.

CLOSE THE BATHS?

Community Voices Respond

by George Mendelsohn

Gay activists divided this week as the possible closure of the city's Gay steam baths and sex-related businesses continued to be considered by Mervyn Silverman, the city's Director of Public Health. One group urged him to close everything down. In addition, an intent to circulate a petition to criminalize sex in the baths has been filed by a Gay deputy sheriff, Larry Littlejohn. Here are some community reactions:

Jo Daly, City Police Commissioner: I believe that Silverman is correct in his decision to close the baths. They should be closed to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Lawrence Wilson, Tobias Democrats and Police attorney: Some people believe that Silverman did nothing to close the baths. By petition, we urge the city to close the baths. We have received a petition signed by over 1,000 people.

Jo Daly - opposed (Photo: Rick)

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**Community, Ignited by Issue, Opposes Shutdown**

by George Mendenhall

Many Gay men began to think about AIDS and their own sexual practices seriously for the first time last week. The word was out that San Francisco's famed steam baths and possibly other sex-related businesses could be closed by the city's health director, Mervyn Silverman. It was difficult to ascertain what the Gay community as a whole thought of this possible move, but its leaders and activists were overwhelmingly against closure.

It was clear that Silverman himself, who receives continuing input about AIDS and is considered highly informed on the subject, had not been able to make up his mind. He called a press conference to allegedly make THE announcement and then postponed the decision. While the city's top officials apparently favored closure, Silverman remained calm as he evaluated the legal and medical problems involved in such a move. He says the decision may take two more weeks of deliberation.

Sensational daily headlines and quickie news reports baffled the Gay community as well as the general public. *Bay Area Reporter* was inundated with television cameras and inquiring reporters while staff members attempted to pull the story together. Finally, it was decided that amidst the confusion a chronology of the week's major events would help:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

A Gay deputy sheriff, Larry Littlejohn, went to City Hall and filed an intent to circulate an initiative petition which, if successful, would have made it city policy to prohibit "sexual activity among patrons of public bath houses." There was general agreement among the Gay activists and doctors that the initiative would get the necessary 7,332 signatures by 5 p.m. Monday. The fear that this would call for a city ordinance from the Board of Supervisors that would eventually result in a locked-in and irreversible closure of the steam baths and sex clubs.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

A group of five Gay activists and six Gay doctors met at the home of psychiatrist David Kessler to discuss a possible newspaper advertisement explaining the AIDS crisis. During the meeting the co-director of the AIDS/KS Foundation, Dr. Marcus Conant, said he had talked with Dr. Mervyn Silverman, Public Health Director, who attended as well. Those who attended were Conant related. Evidently, he indicated that Silverman might move quickly to close the city's steam baths because of an alleged link between bath house sex and AIDS. The group voted 10-2 to support a baths closure.

This led to an immediate statement being drafted by the participants and an organized effort was launched to get broad Gay community support for the closure with 100 signatures as

**Gay Men Will be Screened Out of Giving Blood**

**New Test Will Eliminate High Risk AIDers**

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank revealed last week that all blood donated will undergo a second testing to eliminate contaminated blood.

The new test, which will begin May 1, is targeted ostensibly
Some AIDS Patients Still Going to the Baths

By Randy Shilts

San Francisco health authorities, concerned over reports that some AIDS patients are persisting in their bathhouse sexual pursuits, have been stymied in legal efforts to make the bathhouses off limits to victims of the spreading syndrome, it was learned yesterday.

Officials at the Department of Public Health asked the city attorney's office for legal advice on how to prevent acquired immune deficiency syndrome victims from patronizing the baths, where doctors believe the chances of contracting the lethal syndrome may be increased substantially through numerous anonymous sexual contacts.

But the officials were told that a city attorney's investigation found that the medical uncertainties surrounding AIDS precluded legal actions against AIDS patients.

Faced with that decision, the health authorities have decided to begin a "persuasive campaign" to check the spread of AIDS from already-diagnosed patients.

Dr. Selma Dritz, assistant director of the city's Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, told The Chronicle she requested a city attorney's opinion about legal action after repeated requests from the gay community to bar AIDS victims from the bathhouses.

"We kept hearing through informal community channels that some (AIDS patients) were going to baths," said Dritz.

"Not that many appear to be doing it, but just a handful certainly present a hazard. People asked us to find the legal limits of what we could do, because they weren't making any headway in talking people out of going there."

Victoria Hobel, a deputy city attorney, told Dritz she found that health authorities would be stymied because the cause of AIDS has remained elusive since the syndrome was detected in 1981.

Although all evidence points toward the conclusion that AIDS is caused by an organism transmitted through blood or sexual contact, scientists have not yet isolated the agent and conclusively proved that hypothesis.

"Obviously, we don't want AIDS patients going to bathhouses, but we have to move very carefully before we violate anybody's civil rights," said Hobel.

"Given the state of the evidence, we can't have people quarantined or isolated," she said. "This is not a quarantinable disease. . . . If the evidence changes, I'd look at it again."

The popularity of bathhouses faded earlier this year when the rapid spread of AIDS became known, but patronage reportedly has risen during the last several months.

Martin Cox, an AIDS patient who is involved in volunteer work with others with the disease, said the few AIDS patients who may go to the bathhouses are not representative of those with AIDS.

"Your typical AIDS person is far more responsible than that — we don't want other people to go through what we're going through," he said.

"You have to remember that some AIDS patients live in terrible flophouse hotels and they use the baths as a place to clean up or watch television.

"In a lot of cases, the baths are a much cleaner, more comfortable and, especially, a warmer environment than the crummy hotels people get stuck in."

Dritz said that in lieu of legal action, "We're doing everything we can in trying to get directly to the people who are reported as being (sexually) active.

"Somehow, we've got to work this out on a community basis," she said. "We can understand that they're trying to get everything they can when they have a life-threatening disease, but they shouldn't be taking other people down with them."

New York State Reports Decline In AIDS Cases

New York

The number of cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome dropped 30 percent in New York state during the past three months, New York's health commissioner said yesterday.

"We don't know why the decrease is taking place," Dr. David Axelroad said at a New York Academy of Sciences conference on the disease. "During the last three months the average number of cases was 48, and in the 18 months preceding that period the average number of cases was 65."

Axelroad and others at the conference said the decrease may be the result of male homosexuals giving up a promiscuous lifestyle.

United Press
sex and the Baths: A Not-So-Secret Report appeared in the July issue of Coming Up! and provided the first Gay-identified look at the San Francisco bathhouses, and the changes they have undergone to cope with the AIDS crisis. This report focuses on the other gay sexual institutions in San Francisco. We hope to inform the public about the sexual activities that occur in these facilities, to reflect upon the role of these sexual institutions in the lives of gay and bisexual men, and to report upon efforts taken by sex businesses to promote low-risk sex play among their customers.

In early August we visited eleven sex bookstores, four sex theaters, six clubs, and two safe sex social groups. Our research took us to the Tenderloin, Polk Street, South of Market, and the Castro. Most visits occurred during the evenings, but the all-day popularity of some businesses required daytime visits as well. Conversations with customers in bookstores and theaters were infrequent. Talking is not the rule in such facilities and we chose not to be intrusive.

As in the earlier article, “Beyond the Baths” includes graphic language, in the belief that sex institutions need to be talked about in sexual terms. We have again tried to capture the erotic aspect of these places without resorting to sensationalism. We decided to have sex ourselves in these sex facilities and felt our activities would provide greater insight into the nature of current behavior. We had already established our own individual standards for minimum risk in our sexual behavior.

We do not encourage or discourage men about their frequenting of these businesses and social groups. We do advise gay and bisexual men to inform themselves and adopt standards of risk reduction based on guidelines provided by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Averted Glances

Located in a few of this city’s neighborhoods—the Tenderloin, Polk Gulch, and South of Market mostly—are what might be considered the mainstays in the world of sexual businesses. They’re known simply as “adult bookstores,” but might better be called “sexual emporiums.” In these storefronts are racks along the walls which often feature hundreds of gay and nongay magazines and paperbacks. Titles as well as photos and stories are variations upon predictable themes of sexual enticement and sexual acts. Many of the gay magazines are glossy reproductions with very attractive, well-built, often well-hung men engaged in various sex acts: jacking off alone or with others, sucking, fucking, rimming, or S&M adventures.

In display cases is a potpourri of what were once known as “marital aids” but are now directly called “sex toys.” These include dildos of all shapes and sizes, cock rings, tit clamps, leather halters and restraints, inflatable dolls for sex play, condoms of all textures, lubricants, and “sensual lotions.” Many bookstores now also carry the hottest commercial item, video cassette packs.

These businesses have managed to survive the years and years of police raids, political attacks from elected officials, crusades by church groups, and charges of sexism by many antipornography feminists. Although the cultural merits of the bookstores are frequently debated, the historical significance for many gay men has been considerable.

I hadn’t been to one of these bookstores for years. My pursuits for sexual contacts had long since focused on the baths, bars, sometimes the clubs, and most frequently in relationships, those lasting from several months to several years. I immediately remembered my first tentative forays into the “adult bookstores” of my hometown. They were located in the older downtown district, areas that would be called “sleazy.” For me at the time they were the true embodiment of dem dainties, and I was interested.

I never entered the bookstores of my youth for real sexual contacts. Just to be in there looking at magazines of muscle men posing in jock straps and less seemed a pretty bold sexual assertion on my part. I would be nervous, hoping to appear simply intents. I would leaf through one magazine and then another, always nonchalantly perusing the nongay porn before “happening upon” the gay section. I was curious about the apparatus in the display cases. The dildos seemed self-explanatory, but my inexperience left me wondering about the other devices.

I would never look at anyone directly. Most of the customers were much older men. I saw men go into the back room and I understood that movies in little booths were shown there. I also understood that I wasn’t ready for that world of exploration. After a respectable time—or what I thought was allowable without getting accusations of loitering—I left the bookstore, nervously wondering if my parents just might be driving by outside.

Now many years later I was standing in a very similar bookstore again. This time I had walked directly to the gay section of the pornography. I realized how crucial a role these storefront operations had played in my initial “coming out”—not so much as a gay man, but mostly as a sexual person.

Most bookstores offer more than glossy magazines and sex toys. Usually a back room features a video arcade with individual booths and screens for viewing selections of sex films. These, of course, are available at a price, usually 25 cents. One arcade has a posting of rules for customers. These state that customers must keep moving at all times, stopping only to consider the films advertised on the door of any given booth. Once a customer enters a booth and closes the door, he must keep feeding the slot machine that regulates the movie clips. Management also warns customers against any “lewd behavior.” What the rules advise and what many patrons seek are often two different things.

I step from the sidewalk and into the storefront, where I am met by a turnstile. There is no free admission. At the counter to my left, I give the clerk a dollar in exchange for four brass tokens. There are no words exchanged; he appears indifferent at best. One token to pass through the turnstile, and I look beyond the display cabinets with the stacks of dildos and beyond the magazine racks with the familiar titles, beyond these to the back room. At the entrance of the video booth area is a poster on the wall: “You Can Have Fun (And Be Safe, Too.)” That, I realize, is the only acknowledgement by the management that there’s an epidemic in our midst.

It’s darker in the back room, but my eyes readily adjust. Two dozen booths are lined up next to each other following the contour of the room. Two rows of booths form a corridor. Each booth has a TV size video screen with a slot for the tokens. The newer machines have a six-button selector for choosing which video clips you want to watch: man with man, two women with one man, man with woman, etc.

A dozen men walk about. This is a small space and there’s a continual shifting of positions from walking a few steps to the end of the corridor, leaning against the wall, walking to a booth, and standing. The presence of most of the men outside the booths belies any thought that men come here just to watch the video clips and jack off alone.

There’s an avoidance of glances, and eye contact is uneasy. Connections are infrequent, but if a glance has been met and held, the next step will usually be for one man to walk into a booth, leaving the door open as an invitation.

I had been standing and walking about for a half hour. A short blond man wearing a tight nacy blue sweatshirt and 501's stepped back into a booth—waiting. I was leaning against the wall across the him. We had exchanged glances earlier; now he nodded at me. I walked over and stepped into the booth. It was so small that we had to position ourselves in the corner to swing the door closed. It was then almost completely dark.

We stood close to each other. There was that familiar sexual charge of two men about to have sex. He felt for my crotch, rubbing against...
For a great many men the bookstores continue to be an opportunity to explore their desires for sex with men; this is especially true for those who do not identify themselves as gay men. Wherever they are located in the city, nearly every bookstore provides both gay and nongay magazines and books. Whatever the commercial reasons for this combination, it means that a man could frequent the bookstores without a challenge from others about his sexual orientation. With the gay and nongay video clips in the backrooms, the same could be said about a man who is seen in the video arcades. For married men and for others who choose not to open about their homosexuality, the bookstores provide a real outlet.

However busy the action outside the booths, there were some men who would go into a private booth alone (one without a gloryhole into the adjoining booth), close and lock the door, and watch several video clips by themselves. After perhaps ten or fifteen minutes the door would open and the man would walk out of the arcade area and out of the store. Some men do use the bookstores for solo masturbation with the stimulation of video pornography. For some men we suspect this is a convenience and a preference; for others there appears to be a likely issue of economics. Some customers clearly cannot afford to own an expensive video home recorder for their private viewing of video porn. Instead they can see some of the same features for a dollar at the bookstores or a few more dollars at the sex theaters. Bookstores are generally located in poorer areas of the city, and their customers are presumed to be less affluent men. The sexual activities at the bookstores are no different from those that occur elsewhere in town, yet public attitudes about lower economic status seem to prejudice notions about the quality of sex.

Before city officials, supervisors, medical doctors, and gay leaders rush to close sexual institutions, some thought might be given to the needs of that group of men who find that the bookstores, the theaters, and sometimes the baths provide their only opportunity to be in a sexual environment with other men. Due to the dictates of a culture clearly focused on youthful attractiveness, men who are older and who are less attractive frequently find themselves coping with very few sexual opportunities. Orgasm may not be their ultimate pursuit. Watching other men have sex, touching other men, and being even minimally affectionate can maintain and affirm one's own sexuality and positive self-image.

I paced the arcade. Around the corner several men loitered, keeping an eye on the moves of the others. Some we very attractive and others were not. I walked through a group of them and into a booth, shut the door and dropped a token in the slot. Al Parker started his sexual acrobatics on the screen. Doors on both sides of me opened and closed. I saw an older man through the viewing hole on my right and a corpulent man dressed like a baker on the left. Both peered through other holes to see what I was doing. Fingers appeared in the glory hole. I put my cock in the band. In another second lips bad encased it. I withdrew quickly. Not a safe gamesman, I thought. Soon his cock came through the hole. I grasped it tightly, stroking it as he stood next to porn star Casey Donovan on the screen in his booth. He came in a quick, strong climax. All the while the older man watched. I heard him gasp as he was moved away from the peep hole, jerking himself off quietly next door. Video, fantasy, and voyeurism had created an intense erotic energy between us.

In short order the two men rearranged their disheveled clothes. The doors opened sharply.

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These charts aren't meant to be a consumer's guide with observations about best sexual ambiance or best quality video pornography. Instead they are a comparison related to the encouragement of safe sexual practices at some of the sexual facilities for gay and bisexual men in San Francisco.

The six measures used to compare each facility are the following:

1. CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS: distribution and availability of condoms and lubricants.
3. SAFE SEX SIGNS AND BROCHURES: whether signs and brochures are available, where the signs are posted.
4. ORGY ROOMS: whether a facility provides an orgy room, generally an open, dimly lit area with or without beds where multiple contact, anonymous sex of varying degrees of risk might occur.
5. GLORY HOLES: whether glory hole cubicles for generally anonymous cocksucking are available.
6. AMENITIES: description of what other features or services—sexual and non-sexual—that a facility offers its patrons.
7. GENERAL HYGIENE: the appearance and apparent cleanliness of the facility.

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AIDS Researchers Try To Stop Bathhouse Sex

By Randy M. Shils

A certain wicked excitement marked Joe Carroll’s first trip to the Ritch Street Baths, a popular South-of-Market gay bathhouse, back in the early 70s when San Francisco’s gay community was first abandoning its inhibitions.

“The whole idea of going into this big building with all these other hip men was so wonderful, it was hard to believe it was actually happening,” said Carroll yesterday.

The excitement is gone now when Carroll, who asked that his real name not be used, slips into his favorite bathhouse on Folsom Street. Instead, he is worried about contracting AIDS.

“I figure the odds are against me,” said Carroll, a well-educated office worker in his early 40s. “It’s like never walking across the street because you’re afraid a bus might hit you. I take that chance — I think, maybe. I’m immune.”

In the past week, Carroll and thousands of other San Francisco gay men like him have become the center of a major debate over how to dissuade them from the kind of promiscuous sexual activity that may be a prescription for death.

A new public health department study, obtained by The Chronicle, shows that rectal gonorrhea, which decreased during the height of publicity about AIDS last year, is increasing again as gay men return to bathhouses and sex clubs.

“This information begs one question,” said Dr. Marcus Conant, a leading AIDS researcher at the University of California in San Francisco. “What are we going to do about compulsively promiscuous men? How can we reach these people?”

Supervisor Harry Britt said he was so frustrated with the AIDS education campaign of the San Francisco Department of Public Health that he will meet Monday with doctors to formulate a new program — even if it means a campaign outside the city’s official health education channels.

“The whole approach of the Department of Public Health has been very bureaucratic and overly cautious throughout the crisis,” said Britt, the city’s most prominent gay leader. “There’s this overriding fear of not alarming the gay community.

“Sexual activity in places like baths or sex clubs should no longer be associated with pleasure — it should be associated with death. We need a new style of educational campaign.”

The health department last year handed responsibility for educating gays about AIDS to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, a gay organization that has been allocated $151,000 in city money for the education program. That group’s efforts have avoided the frightening aspects of the lethal syndrome and focused on the fun to be had with ‘safe sex.’

The newest poster released by the foundation, for example, depicts the naked back of a nude male torso and the cheerful slogan: “You Can Have Fun and be safe too.”

AIDS researchers privately have mocked these efforts, saying they ignore the harsh realities posed by the mysterious outbreak of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Doctors who deal with AIDS patients on a daily basis say this accentuates the approach that has lulled gay men into complacency about AIDS.

“As far as I am concerned, the city should force the bathhouses to put up pictures of AIDS patients in the advanced stages of the disease, so people know what AIDS is really like,” said one prominent AIDS researcher, who requested anonymity because he works with city health officials.

Leon McKusick, one of the three psychotherapists who conducted a recent study of gay sexual habits in San Francisco, said: “Data shows the single most influential thing that does impact on the sexual behavior is when they have seen someone in the advanced stages of the disease.

“The data would suggest that this might be incorporated in future educational efforts,” said McKusick.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, director of public health, rejected the criticism of his department’s educational campaign.

“I think the record shows we’ve done everything we possibly could to educate people about this,” he said. “I’ve been thinking about this every day and every night for a year — it’s not something I take lightly.”

Still, the rise in gonorrhea among gay men and the reluctance of many gays to drop their promiscuous ways means, as Silverman said, “We’ve got some more work ahead of us.”

Health officials are at a loss to understand why so many gay men, after retreating from promiscuity during the AIDS scare last year, are now resuming sexual practices that may be hazardous to their health.

“Promiscuity isn’t a gay issue — it’s a man’s issue,” said Dr. Steve Morin, one of the gay community’s most prominent psychologists.

“Men are encouraged to explore sexuality and recreational sex for their whole lives. Women most certainly are not encouraged like this, so they discourage heterosexual men from promiscuity,” said Morin.

One of new warning posters put out by the AIDS Foundation; some gays say the cheery posters ignore the horror of the syndrome in, who has worked extensively on AIDS-related issues.

“But when you put two men together, you’re going to have that much more recreational sex. That has been the situation in the gay community for many years.”

An entire business network of bathhouses, sex clubs and adult bookstores sprang up when thousands of gay men emigrated here to enjoy unprecedented freedom during the 1970s. Although only a small portion of gay men comprise this promiscuous subculture, even a small portion of the vast numbers of gay males in San Francisco adds up to thousands of men who still are at risk of catching AIDS. They are having a hard time changing, in part because many know no other way of socializing.

“The health department study shows that the people at bathhouses, the people having the most troubles changing, generally aren’t as identified with the gay community,” said Morin. “Maybe, they call themselves bisexuals even though they are primarily erotically attracted to men.”

“For these people, all the alternatives to the bathhouses — like going to gay bars — mean identifying themselves as gay men. That is very frightening for people who have not come to terms with being gay.”

Given all the intricacies of changing sexual behavior, sociologists and psychologists who have studied other epidemics insist that these changes are not reoccurring differently from any group of people faced with similar circumstances.

“You’re not looking at a community that is weird,” said psychotherapist McKusick. “They’re acting the way people react to such perils. A lot of cigarette smokers didn’t quit smoking even when they knew it could cause lung cancer. Changes come in stages and that’s what we’re seeing here.”
Napa may lose its accreditation again

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Resourceful officers who kept bomber alive
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USF picks coach

The University of San Francisco announced today that Jim Brovelli, former Dons player and most recently the University of San Diego coach, will take over the resurrected basketball program on the Hilltop. Details in sports.

Mouseplay falls apart on campus
By Lon Daniels
Examiner staff writer

BERKELEY — Two UC-Berkeley fraternity brothers are in deep trouble today for placing the hands and head of a cardboard Mickey Mouse on the stately clock of The Campanile, the 307-foot bell tower that dominates the Berkeley campus.

Unamused, university officials said they face both legal and disciplinary action. One, 18-year-old freshman Stephen Schoettler, was slightly hurt when he fell 40 feet while rappelling down from the clock.

Health officials probably won't close them

By Richard F. Harris and Dave Farrell
Examiner staff writers

Mayor Dianne Feinstein said today she favors closing gay bathhouses to stem the spread of AIDS, but city health officials apparently have settled on a plan to leave them open with new restrictions.

San Francisco Health Department Director Dr. Mervyn Silverman will announce a plan for dealing with bathhouse sex Monday, and there are strong indications the plan will not include closing the establishments.

Silverman assembled a blue-ribbon panel of AIDS experts earlier this
O’Neill says Lebanon is Reagan’s doing

Reagan makes a(n) [illegible] escape after press conference Page A7

O’Neill’s proposal for chemical weapons ban Page A7

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan’s sharp criticism of Congress for its debate on the use of U.S. troops in Lebanon stems from a “guilty conscience” because his policy failed, House Speaker Thomas O’Neill, D-Mass., said today.

O’Neill, reacting to Reagan’s comments on a nationally televised news conference last night, said the reason the president’s policy in Lebanon didn’t work was that he tried to use “might and toughness rather than diplomatic smartness.”

Reagan said the United States has lost some credibility as a result of congressional debate over the handling of the U.S. troops in Lebanon.

The president also announced at his press conference that he will propose a total global ban on development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons, but until that is achieved, will push for their resumed U.S. production.

On Lebanon, Reagan said Congress “must take a responsibility,” and that all of the “raging” debate can do “is stimulate the terrorists and urge them on to bigger attacks because they see a possibility of success in getting the force out which is keeping them from having their way.”

O’Neill said Reagan’s suggestion that congressional debate could spur terrorism was “very despicable.”

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Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from both parties also reacted — see back page, col. 1

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By Tim Retlerman and Amy Linn

Examiner staff writers

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Another way/Super secrets of 1984’s gardener of the year

By Jim Wood

Examiner staff writer

PLEASANT HILL — Spring came early here this year, making champion gardener Russell Wold smile his warm Norwegian smile, pick up his custom-made Japanese crucible and start digging.

Wold’s entire suburban lot is one-third of an acre, including space for his horse, a mother garden yard and then, in back, the garden.

From that terraced plot, Wold routinely takes excess that will vegetables to supply his family for a year, with plenty left over to give away to friends and, oh yes, to sell to the organic food stores.

He grows Kentucky wonder beans, fava beans (planted with the Roman army), beets, cauliflower, artichokes, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, onions, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, peaches, walnuts, figs, persimmons, apricots, plums, nectarines, gal-

The garden is a very attractive, very soft, magical and unusual place to be,” says Jack Buttle, one of the judges who selected Wold from 650 entries as Organic Gardening Magazine’s gardener of the year for 1984.

Most entries send two pictures of their gardens. He sent one and then a ‘before’ picture that showed nothing there but an empty yard and brush.

When Buttle came from Pennsylvania to check the garden firsthand, he was impressed by the scene.
Reagan tells women discrimination is evil

NEW YORK (UP) — President Reagan, expressing frustration with attacks on his policies toward women, today declared sex discrimination is as evil as racial or religious intolerance and promised that the Justice Department will press the fight for equal rights.

But Reagan’s remarks were prepared for a luncheon of the Women’s Business Owners of New York and were aimed at narrowing the “gender gap,” since opinion polls show he is popular with the president and fellow Republican candidates are less popular with women than with men.

Reagan promised that he would not stop fighting for equal rights for women.

“Economic growth will provide more opportunities for all of us, including women,” he said. “But, I am concerned about the perception of women’s lower wages and their lack of opportunity in the workplace and I will continue to fight for equal pay for equal work.”

The City will announce gay baths ruling Monday

Silverman said last night that “if I were going to be affected by politics, I would have closed them (the baths) a year ago.”

Another group of experts who met with Silverman earlier this week included Dr. James Curran, who leads the federal Center for Disease Control’s AIDS task force, and researchers Drs. Paul Volberding and Marcus Conant, and state health expert Dr. David Chin.

Silverman is well aware that he must have the cooperation of his “patient” — in this case the community — if he is to be able to continue the battle the health community has been fighting for years.

“People are suffering” from the lack of a bath, Silverman said.

Delventhal said today the city’s attorney general is “still studying” the legality of closure, but had advised the city’s health officials that the city was protecting itself from legal challenges by closing the baths.

“If someone has a gun to your head, the solution is not to pull your head up and shoot yourself,” said Jack Fertig, better known as Sister Bloom Blood.

Littlejohn replied that the measure would not make the sex acts illegal, but would have club owners lose their license if they allowed sex.

When you put a poster on a dark street, you might get sunburned in the park, it makes it useless,” said Jack Fertig, better known as Sister Bloom Blood.

“Don’t just let the radicalists win,” he said. “Give us the money, let us have the right to serve the community.”

Many participants argued a bathhouse is a gathering place for people who want to find their own personal space back into the bushes, streets and other public places for sex.

“When you outlaw the places you can have sex, it goes other places,” said Fertig. “Give us the money, let us have the right to serve the community.”

Reagan lays all the blame on Congress

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poorest families the most and helped
down-and-out country singer in "Tender Mercies" who finds a new family and a reason to live. Horton Foote, who wrote the script, won an Oscar.

By EVELYN HUI

Public health director Dr. Mervyn Silverman announced a ban on sex in San Francisco's gay bathhouses and private clubs yesterday in an effort to stem the spread of AIDS.

Silverman stopped short of shutting the bathhouses. He said health inspectors would make periodic visits to the establishments — much as they now inspect restaurants for cleanliness — and those allowing sexual activity would lose their licenses.

"We will be taking steps, with the support of many members of the community, to eliminate the bathhouses, sex clubs, bookstores, as places of sexual encounters between individuals or as a place where multiple sexual contacts take place," Silverman said during a packed press conference in his office.

Silverman's order divided gays and confused Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who favored closing the bathhouses entirely.

"Frankly his written statement is very confusing," the mayor said after reading it. "It does not deal with specifics or state what, if anything, he is prepared to do."

She added, however, "As I have said before, Dr. Silverman must act only for sound medical reasons. He has assured me that is the way he is proceeding."

Her press secretary, Tom Eastham, said she cannot order health director Silverman to close the bathhouses. "He is an independent officer. It's his decision," said Eastham.

Silverman's only boss in city government is Chief Administrative Officer Roger Boas, concurred. "It's his call," said Boas.

Silverman, flanked by about 20 gay leaders and physicians as he made the announcement, said his order "doesn't necessarily mean the elimination of these places. It's what you do, not where you do it." But if bathhouses and sex clubs and bookstores which have cubicles in the back where patrons engage in sex persist in allowing sexual activity on their premises, "they will be closed," he said.

"We want these places to continue to operate, to be places for social gatherings, for exercise, for a number of things. They just won't serve the purpose served that they have served in the past. What we're trying to do is not have sex between individuals."

Bathhouses frequented by heterosexuals will not be affected since AIDs is "not likely to occur among heterosexuals," he said.

Silverman was vague about how or when his order will be enforced, except to say it would not occur immediately. Changes in police and health codes will be needed.

Shuttle Making New Grab For Satellite

Cape Canaveral: Challenger's orbiting repairs, short on maneuvering fuel but given a "high probability of success," will try again today to tow the slowly rotating Solar Max satellite into the shuttle's cargo bay to be fixed.

The shuttle was to be in position to latch on to Solar Max beginning at 5:11 a.m. PST and "may be an

S.F. Orders Ban on Sex in Bathhouses

Shirley MacLaine, who won best actress award for 'Terms of Endearment,' clasped her Oscar and told the audience, 'I'm going to cry because this show has been as long as my career ... I've wondered for 26 years what this would feel like. Thank you for terminating the suspense.' 'Tender Mercies' star Robert DuVall (left) got his best actor award and a big hug from singer Dolly Parton. A complete list of Oscar winners is on Page 58.

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BATHHOUSE

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ed to give health inspectors the en-
forcement power to halt sex in the baths. A board of Super-
visors may be asked to bring sex
clubs under city jurisdiction, he
said. The city attorney is still draft-
ing the wording of these changes.

Only owners of the facilities
would be cited if sexual activity
between two people is found to be taking place. No actions would be taken against
the client(s). Silverman's announce-ment fol-

low two weeks of controversy in
which the health director vacillated over whether to close the
bathhouse.

Researchers have linked multi-
ple sex-related diseases with the
likelihood of contracting AIDS, ac-
nounced SIV, a baffling breakdown of the
body's immune system that has af-
tected several thousand people.
It is believed AIDS is spread through
the exchange of bodily fluids,
including semen and blood.
San Francisco has had 477 cases of
AIDS so far, with 175 deaths. There is no known cure.

Silverman met with medical ex-
erts last week and they said they
would not support the bath
houses to be stopped.

He added that stopping sex in the city was not a lasting solution since "there's always a
number of people out to kill them
selves.

But the controversy does not seem to be settled with Silverman's action. One city
official said he would be put out of
business by the order. And gay Supervisor Harry Britt, who has backed medical ex-
nperts in support of Silverman's
plan, said his office has been closed, said Silverman's position seems to be
promoting a movement.

He said he was concerned that Silverman's intentions could erode laws protecting gays and lesbians and "all activity between consenting adults who have given legal protec-
tion and obtained what they want.

"I would be much more sympa-
thetic to legislation that is specifi-
cally aimed at criminals in the society,
"In the long run I think it's better to
let people have a choice, be
straight and straighten out, straighten out and make people.

Supervisor Wendy Nelder, the presiding supervisor, said that doesn't sound like to him taking any

Supervisor Richard Hongisto
did Silverman's plan "doesn't sound like the ideal approach to

I will give you Las Vegas odds," Ollie added. "We've got a high
probability of success, a high proba-

The Solar Max, described as the world's most sophisticated solar

The satellite, which cost $22 million to replace, needs re-

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"It's dead," Wright said of the

"We'll go on and keep doing those

Bob Littlejohn, who protested a

AARP'S SUIT AGAINST U.S.

THE WORLD COURT

WHAT IT IS: The principal judicial organ of the United Nations.

JURISDICTION: Cases that the parties submit to it and matters
especially provided for in the charter or treaties. The court
gives advisory opinions if requested by the General Assembly
only between the parties concerned and in respect to a particular
dispute. If any party to a case fails to heed a judgment, the
other party may have recourse to the Security Council.

JUDGES: The 15 judges are elected for nine-year terms by
the General Assembly. The Security Council nominates five
candidates who are chosen from judges of the following countries: the United States,
(Stephen M. Schwebel), India, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Japan, Senegal,
West German, Japan, Syria and Poland.

HEADQUARTERS: The court sits in The Hague, Netherlands, and
remains permanent in session.

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said it was "perfectly legal for
German military to be involved in
relations in Nicaragua in response
to the Sandinista government's
actions against the leftist guerrillas
in El Salvador.

John Norton Moore, a Universi-
ity of Virginia professor of inter-
national law, said it is "perfectly law-
ful" for the U.S. to conduct air and
sea raids in Nicaragua to reassert
its sovereignty over 180 islands
in the area.

Another member of Nicaragua's
unusually prestigious legal
panel is Ian Brownlie, a professor of
international law in the Universi-
y and author of texts on interna-
tional law.

Former Undersecretary of
State George Ball said: "The admin-
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other half orbit before we actually achieve capture," said Flight Dir. Archer. Challenger circled to Earth every 95 minutes at its peak of 20,000 mph.

Computer commanders on Earth have slowed the rotation of the shuttle until it is stable and tumbling after rescue attempt failed, Sunday, to one turn every minute in the space shuttle's direction, with slight wobble.

At that rate, said Cox; astronomy at Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Challenger runs about 5 minutes on each turn to guide a shuttle arm to a pin on the side of the space station."

"I suspect we’ll get it on first rotation," he said.

"I can’t give you Las Vegas odds," Cox added. "We’ve got a probability of success, a high probability of picking it up."

The Solar Max, described as the world’s most sophisticated solar probe, has malfunctioned for more than three years. The fuses blew out its positioning system nine months after the satellite was launched.

The satellite, which could save $255 million to replace, needs proper fuses to provide information on solar flares, thus protecting the Earth’s atmosphere.

Challenger’s maneuvering for the rescue was low, so fuses continued to fail. But it was a last resort to the most of what was left. Ti had done part of a test run eight years ago and does well a steady job of assessing and told mission control at Robert L. Crippen. "The strafe behind black and it is a great job."

"I believe we’ll free a second shuttle," said bus.

BUSH ASS

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a supporter of Jesse Jackson. Jesse has been criticized for not disqualifying himself from the running.

But as shocking as I find Regeenin Jackson’s behavior, says Bush, "I cannot understand why he continues to run. A more simple explanation has not continued to speak out loud as to his views as a candidate."

Bush added: "Tell you here a now for the president and the ent administration that we denounce the racial hatred and the American political process if you has no place in our s term."

Jackson noted that Bush’s marks had come from a member

More political news

an administration that support Chile and El Salvador, which he has described as anti-Bush allies. He also dismissed Bush’s speech self.

Mondale and Hart also object to Bush’s remarks, with Hart -dizing them as the “politics of change.”

Last week both Hart and Mc Dole disparaged Farrakhan’s remarks in the same breath for the Washington Post who called Jackson’s statements "totally irrelevant to the situation referred to Jews as ‘Brazmies’ and New ‘Hymettes.’"

Hart, campaigning in Pennsylvania, said he stands with the Jackson actions on the issue has been unisile.

"I think any candidate for presidency — and I certainly won have — ought not to repudiate the statements of people in every way possible from a
Today

California

THE NIMITZ FREEWAY is the closest thing California has to a blacktopped garbage dump. Commuters complain about it, and funds are being loosened up to improve the road — but it may take 10 years. Page B1.

THE HILTON CORP. plans to strip away the old checkerboard facade of its downtown San Francisco hotel and replace it with a sleeker design of glass and concrete. In addition, it hopes to revive plans for a 405-room tower addition. Page B1.

Nation

THE UNITED STATES and Japan reached agreement on increasing the import quotas on sales of U.S. beef and citrus products to Japan, ending a long-simmering dispute between the two allies. Page A2.

CHALLENGER CREW RACED toward a historic repair rendezvous with a faltering solar satellite after the space shuttle astronauts tossed overboard a cosmic cabinet crammed with experiments. Page A7.

IT'S OFFICIAL. Los Angeles has replaced Chicago as the nation's second-largest city. San Francisco retained its spot as the 14th-largest city in a new Census Bureau report, but San Jose closed the gap on The City, moving from 18th place in 1990 to the 15th spot in 1992. Page A8.

They call THE PENNY the "Kleenex of our coinage" — too much trouble to roll up and take to the bank, so people just toss them into old coffee cans and forget them — until someone proposes abolishing the coin. Page A12.

CHRISTOPHER WILDER, ONE of America's most wanted fugitives, told all about himself on television. The elusive rape suspect, lisping slightly, described his needs and the type of woman he is seeking in an 8-minute tape made in 1961 by a videotape dating service. Page A13.

World

LOOKING TO THE U.S. Congress for support, CIA-backed Nicaraguan guerrillas have mounted a two-month offensive, which includes a stepped-up campaign to mine Nicaraguan ports, which is raising eyebrows in Central America and Europe. Page A14.

IT IS EUROPE'S biggest political mystery. Why, suddenly, is East Germany — until now the most tightly sealed Communist country — letting thousands of its youngest, best-qualified citizens leave for the West? Page A18.

Proposal to ban sex in baths gets most support in S.F. poll

Rancho mirage

August Stock left The City for Rancho Tehama 10 years ago. Now, he says, 'I'm left up in the air'...Tehama land scam turns good life sour

Closing them is second choice of respondents

By David M. Cole
Examiner staff writer

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An overwhelming majority of San Franciscans want to ban sex in gay bathhouses or to close them altogether as a method to stop the spread of AIDS, an Examiner poll reveals.

Some 80 percent of those polled Thursday and Friday favored such action in the face of increasing cases of the often-fatal acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In an exclusive poll of adult San Francisco residents conducted for The Examiner, 44 percent said sex should be banned in the baths, and 36 percent of those surveyed suggested that the bathhouses be closed altogether. Fourteen percent said that neither proposal would work, and 6 percent said they didn't know.

But the gay community seemed almost evenly split on whether the government should take some action at the baths. Among people identifying themselves as gays, 15 percent said the baths should be closed, 34 percent said sex should be banned at the baths and 45 percent said neither proposal would work.

The question of whether San Francisco's bathhouses should be closed or whether sex should be banned in them has been brewing for months.

Two weeks ago, gay activist Larry
Gay Bathhouses

S.F. to Require Warnings on AIDS

By Randy Shilts

San Francisco Public Health Director Mervyn Silverman said yesterday he will require the city's gay bathhouses to post public health warnings about the dangers of contracting AIDS.

The warnings will be placed before the influx of gay tourists arrives for the annual gay parade this month.

Silverman's decision was endorsed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein and a majority of the Board of Supervisors, who said they would enact any legislation Silverman wants to require baths to advise patrons that they may be "risking their lives," as Supervisor Harry Britt put it.

"I believe that the spread of AIDS is related to multiple, anonymous sexual activity and to the degree that this takes place in certain facilities, then it poses a health risk," Silverman said.

Silverman will meet tomorrow with gay business leaders and a spokesman for the bathhouses to try to reach a consensus on how to conduct an AIDS educational campaign not only in bathhouses but in bars and places "where sexually active gay men congregate."

"I'd like to reach a consensus on what to do — I'd prefer cooperation to confrontation," Silverman said.

But he added that he will use his powers over the city-licensed bathhouses to get health warnings posted "before the influx of people for the parade."

He said he would dispatch health inspectors to bathhouses to make sure bathhouse owners posted warnings and distributed health pamphlets on the risk of contracting the acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

As of yesterday, AIDS had struck 249 Bay Area men since it was first detected here two years ago, killing 72 of them. Sixty-six new cases have been detected in the first five months of this year.

The Public Health Department, San Francisco has about one-quarter of the nation's AIDS cases.

An ailment with no known cause or cure, AIDS is thought to be spread through exposure to contaminated blood products, or, for gay men, through sexual contact.

Six in seven of AIDS patients die within three years of their diagnosis. There is no evidence it is spread by casual non-sexual contact, but current medical evidence indicates that certain gay sexual practices appear to increase the risks of contracting the malady.

Silverman's decision to require warnings at gay bathhouses — where multiple, anonymous sexual activity occurs — came amid growing official concern about the hundreds of thousands of gay tourists expected for the annual Gay Freedom Day parade on June 28.

"I'm very concerned with this problem and the parade," Mayor Feinstein said yesterday.

"Within the language of the health code, I think Dr. Silverman can write to them (bathhouses) and tell them to post whatever warnings are necessary," she said. "I do think that would be advisable."

Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, a staunch ally of gays for a decade, said the health warnings "must be posted within the next two to three weeks."

Britt, the city's only gay supervisor, made his first public statement yesterday on AIDS in bathhouses, an issue that has sharply divided gays.

"Proper education is urgently needed at the bathhouses and private (men's) clubs because what little we do know about AIDS tells me that we should not go to bathhouses," Britt said.

"People who are still doing this are either unaware of the problem or have a psychological investment..."
AIDS Expert Says Bathhouses Should Close

By Randy M. Shils

The head of the federal AIDS research effort, responding to reports of new increases in venereal disease among gay men in San Francisco, said yesterday that gay bathhouses "should all go out of business."

Dr. James Curran, coordinator of the AIDS Task Force at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, stopped short of saying health authorities should shut down the bathhouses, where men engage in promiscuous sexual behavior. But political leaders in the gay community said they fear that government regulation of bathhouses may come if gays persist in ignoring the health hazards of indiscriminate sexual activity.

A new study by the San Francisco Department of Public Health shows that rectal gonorrhea among gay men is surging again, after slumping dramatically during the AIDS scare last summer — a sign that gay men are engaging in sexual activity that puts them at high risk for the usually deadly AIDS.

A second public health department study, obtained by The Chronicle yesterday, has found that many gay men persist in going to bathhouses and sex clubs even though they are aware of the danger.

Curran told The Chronicle: "I wish the gay community would officially express concern over bathhouses. I'd like to see all the bathhouses go out of business. I've told bathhouse owners they should diversify and go into something healthy — like become gymnasiums."

"Gay men need to know that if they're going to have promiscuous sex, they won't live very long," said Curran. "They'll have the life expectancy of people in the developing world."

Dr. Donald Abrams, assistant director of the AIDS clinic at San Francisco General Hospital, said research shows that throughout history public bathhouses have been closed in times of epidemics.

"More people are dying of AIDS every week — it's clear that the bathhouses need to close," said Abrams, one of three physicians who are advising the public health department on bathhouse policy.

"I don't think they should be closed by the government, but they need to close because of lack of business. I'm in favor of a boycott."

Superior Harry Brit, the city's most prominent gay public official, said he was "extremely frustrated" that gay men would still "risk their lives" by going to bathhouses and sex clubs.

"Unless gay people do something to change their lives, the inevitable end is going to be government regulation," said Brit. "At some point, some medical person or health official is going to say the bathhouses and sex clubs have to go."

The fresh concern about San Francisco's bathhouses was provoked by the two new health department studies.

After charting decreases in the proportion of gonorrhea among gay patients at the city's venereal disease clinic, Dr. Selma Dritz of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control has found that rectal gonorrhea — spread through anal sexual contact, which is also thought to spread AIDS — has increased substantially since September.

"This says that at the same time we noticed increased activity at the bathhouses, sex clubs and adult bookstores, we started seeing another increase," said Dritz, who logged in eight new AIDS cases on Monday alone.

"This is very strong, presumptive evidence of a parallel," said Dritz. "Sexual activity in this kind of place is highly dangerous — not for moral, ethical or political reasons, but from a public health point of view."

Another study, slated for release next week, surveyed 655 gay men, comparing the sexual practices of gay men in steady relationships with men who select their sexual partners in bars and bathhouses.

The survey, conducted by three gay public health researchers, found that most gay men have adjusted their lifestyles to reduce their risk of contracting AIDS. Still, the study showed that gay men who frequented bathhouses were the least likely to change and the most likely to be involved in risky sexual behavior.

Of bathhouse patrons, 62 percent said they sometimes get so frustrated that they lose sex 1 know I shouldn't be having." About 41 percent of the total sample of all gay respondents reached this conclusion.

Tension about AIDS among bathhouse customers may itself contribute to high-risk behavior, the study showed. Sixty-eight percent of the bathhouse sample said they used "anonymous sex as a way of relieving tension." Only 29 percent of the total sample admitted to the same behavior.

"This study concluded: 'The effects of the Public Health Department have been ineffective in influencing sexual activity at bathhouses.'"

Although authorities agree the two studies point to a significant problem, few concur on what to do about it. Dr. Mervyn Silverman told The Chronicle his department would take no action about the bathhouses and that no new efforts in AIDS education were planned.

"Closing baths is not the answer. Gay men might just look good to a lot of people in the straight community," said Silverman. "History shows that government generally has not been very influential in changing peoples' sexual habits. Any action on this is going to have to come from the gay community, not my office."

Silverman said he would meet Monday with doctors from the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, a group made up largely of gay physicians, to discuss the findings.

"It is not clear what the meeting will produce, however, since that group has not even taken a position on how to deal with the bathhouse issue," the group, which has maintained a low profile throughout the AIDS crisis, says members are split and cannot agree on one approach toward the bathhouses.

Superior Brit said that Silverman is ducking the issue by saying that gays have to solve the problem. "Clearly, he should consult with gay leaders before he makes decisions which affect our lives, but we don't run the Department of Public Health — that's not our job," said Brit. "It's Silverman's job to get this process going. He shouldn't just throw the problem in our lap and tell us to solve it."

As of Monday, the Centers for Disease Control had documented 3329 AIDS cases in 43 states, compared to 1025 cases of AIDS in 33 states recorded a year ago today. More than 1200 Americans have died of AIDS since it was detected nearly three years ago.

In the Bay Area, 470 have contracted AIDS, according to Dr. Dritz. Of these, 157 have died. Dritz said the startling increases that have marked the relentless procession of the syndrome show no signs of slowing down. "There's no reason for optimism yet," she said.
keep info re: bathhouse closures

- look at other BAPHR collections
- info re: Physicians Response to AIDS
  BAPHR items

keep for ephemera collection?

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Rick Andrews material
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Folders:

1. **Archival materials (Andrews)**
   These are photocopies, even the Andrews handwritten stuff. Also one newspaper
   correspondence to Mervyn Silverman, draft posting to club owners, UCSF AIDS
   Behavioral Research Project report, BAPHR correspondence (Dr. Andrews was
   president) – but not sure if any or all of this already exists in AHP files.

2. **AIDS**
   Photocopied or published materials (newspapers, BAPHR brochures, etc.), 1983.

3. **AIDS**
   Photocopied materials (report from UCSF task force on AIDS, handout, articles,
   etc.), 1983

Loose items
- Dr. Andrews’ copy of 1981 BAPHR seminar “Medical Aspects in Sexual
  Orientation”
- program, handouts, brochures, newspapers/clippings

4. **BAPHR Publications**
   Brochures, 1985 questionnaire.

5. **Bathhouse Info**
   4-page carbon copy (draft?) letter Dr. Andrews to Mervyn Silverman.
   1983 DPH “Suggested guidelines for gay male bathhouses” photocopy
   1984 press releases BAPHR & DPH re: bathhouses
   Photocopy of *New York Native* article re: bathhouses
   Photocopy of unattributed letter (BAPHR?) re: urging closure of bathhouses
   Photocopy of “Compromised proposal for reducing the risk…” (recommendation
   to DPH)

6. **AIDS – misc. articles, clippings**
   clippings, reprints, brochures, other publications. Some duplicates.
Robin — 4/16/98

These are the papers of a community AIDS MD I have been trying to get them to you for 2 yrs. (!)

Probably most are not of interest to you. (I haven't looked carefully.) He said that he wanted the originals back — so you may not want to deal with them at all.

Will email you Fri.

Cheers, Sally