

1985

SHE DID IT! SHE DID IT! SHE DID IT! SHE DID IT!
PATTY FINISHED HER 130 MILE DEATH VALLEY WALK!

***** Welcome Home Party *****

Meet Patty Rose And Her Support Team In Person

Friday August 23 / 7:30 - 9:30 PM
At The BAYBRICK INN / 1190 FOLSOM

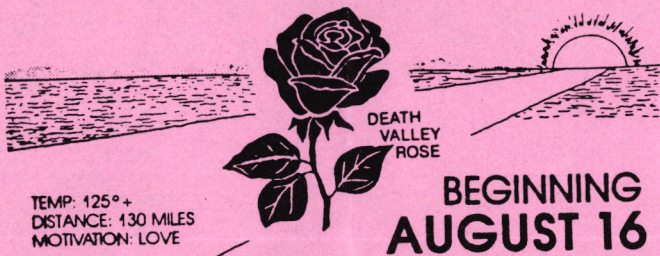
NO ADMISSION - ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

(Pledges may be paid at party the if desired.)

M.A.A.
335 Noe Street
S.F., CA 94114

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SHE WILL CHALLENGE DEATH VALLEY FOR AIDS FUNDING



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DEAR FRIENDS : I am asking that you will show your support for my effort by making a pledge to the Mobilization Against AIDS for every mile that I am walking through Death Valley. Thank you and wish me luck!!!

Love,
Patty

NAME : _____
ADDRESS : _____
CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP : _____
PHONE : (____) _____
PLEDGE PER MILE : _____ (Walk is 130 miles)

Mobilization Against AIDS : 431-4660

DAN TURNER

821-1756

**BEGINNING
AUGUST 16**

TEMP: 125°+
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CALLBACK: JOHN WAHL (415) 863-8555
DR. MAGGI RUBENSTEIN (415) 584-0172

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Baker, Pat 715 Mc Connell Ave. , Santa Rosa, CA 95404
707/579-9252 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #203

Berbiar, Jerry ~~943 Stanyan #1, San Francisco, CA 94117~~ PAID
~~415/664-2057 PLEDGE: \$130.00 ENTRY #14~~

Berry, J. Michael 1715 McAllister #305, San Francisco, CA 94115
415/931-6639 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #15

Bolte, John 3898 Nineteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114
415/621-2403 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #194

Brown, Geoffrey 121 Randall , San Francisco, CA 94131
415/824-4774 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #42

Burke, Byron 1495 Masonic , San Francisco, CA 94117
415/626-9490 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #129

Buscemi, David 1487 McAllister St. , San Francisco, CA 94115
415/931-2861 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #123

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Caldon, Debra 33 Delmar , San Francisco, CA 94117
415/431-8464 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #66

Campbell, Ellen 1525 Fulton , San Francisco, CA 94117
415/397-2400 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #39

Casey, Terrie 1441 Beach Park Blvd. #121, Foster City, CA 94404
415/349-7914 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #183

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Caufield, Mayo/ 2991 Shattuck Ave. #203, Berkeley, CA 94705
415/641-8013 PLEDGE: \$52.00 ENTRY #19

Champoux, Fay 366 S. Morningsun , Mill Valley, CA 94941
415/381-1982 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #136

Dobbins, Tim 321 Church St. , San Francisco, CA 94114
415/558-8889 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #147

Dry Goods Co., City Island 598 Castro St. , San Francisco, CA 94114
415/626-0727 PLEDGE: \$32.50 ENTRY #18

Dunleavy, Noreen 51 Juanita Way , San Francisco, CA 94127
415/753-5105 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #158

Ellison, Marcie 4121 Lincoln Ave. , Oakland, CA 94602
415/482-3294 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #87

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Ellison, Marcie 415/482-3294	4121 Lincoln Ave. , Oakland, CA 94602 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #111
Ferreira, Marlisa 415/387-7133	985 Fulton #302, San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$2.60 ENTRY #186
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Fisheria, Sister /388-8198	P.O. Box 562, Kentfield, CA 94914 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #105
Ford, Jim 245 415/863-3604	Laussat , San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #198
Ghobadian, Fif 415/397-1130	2133 Stockton #D201, San Francisco, CA 94133 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #58
Gibson, Marc 210 415/469-7771	Cresta Vista Dr. , San Francisco, CA 94127 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #115
Goldstein, Ilene 415/552-5648	493 Haight #10, San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #139
Hartman, Todd 27 415/864-6768	Ord Street , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$0.00 ENTRY #253
Heard, Sharon 898 415/863-3131	Fourteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #95
Henry, Rick 27 415/621-2587	Henry St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #156
Horak, Charlene 2262 415/626-4282	Thirteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #47
Jackson, Genie 30 415/558-8018	Corwin St. #5, San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #175
Jhao, Sonia P.O. 415/465-8523	Box 11480, Oakland, CA 94611 PLEDGE: \$6.50 ENTRY #210
Jurin, Greg 1311 /428-2055	Grand , Piedmont, CA 94610 PLEDGE: \$20.80 ENTRY #8
Kusunoki, Donna 677 415/221-7791	Fortyeighth Ave. #3, San Francisco, CA 94121 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #76
Lansford, Dan 3898 415/621-2483	Nineteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #196
Lasner, Jac 4082 415/863-9075	Twentieth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$1.30 ENTRY #151

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Limpert, Mardia 415/769-6271	1817 Ninth St. , San Francisco, CA 94501 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #134
Lis, Laurie 415/552-4391	506-1/2 Sanchez , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$6.50 ENTRY #173
Loper, Carolyn 415/387-7133	1985 Fulton #303, San Francisco, CA 94124 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #103
Ludlow, Edith 415/868-9039	Box 496, Bolinas, CA 94924 PLEDGE: \$100.00 ENTRY #239
Luquen, Karon 415/561-3092	3501 Laguna #107, San Francisco, CA 94123 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #46
McCaulay, Marshall/ 415/552-5914	579-B Duboce St. , San Francisco, Ca 94117 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #81
McCawlay, James 415/552-5914	579-B Duboce , San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #110
McCawlay, James 415/552-5914	579-B Duboce , San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #86
McDaniel, Fran /-	2282 Fifteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #108
Mulroy, Richard 415/647-3625	3911 Twenty-Second St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #112
Needham, Robert 415/651-8890	3706 Cosmic Way , Fremont, CA 94538 PLEDGE: \$26.00 ENTRY #184
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Orvis, Cheryl /-	1117 Cole St. , San Francisco, CA 94117 PLEDGE: \$65.00 ENTRY #120
Petrakis, Sheila 415/456-9612	200 Bolinas #16, Fairfax, CA 94930 PLEDGE: \$19.50 ENTRY #164
Podgur, Hal 415/469-5882	14 Stanford Hts. , San Francisco, CA 94127 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #37
Porger, Steve 415/641-4987	757 Castro St. , San Francisco, CA 94114 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #201
Powell, Gary 415/651-4521	1735 Funston Ave , San Francisco, CA 94122 PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #35

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Powers, Jan	75 Park Road , Fairfax, CA 94930		
415/485-0747	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #160	
Pugliese, Joe	16590 Guernwood Rd. , Guerneville, CA 95446		
/-	PLEDGE: \$26.00	ENTRY #204	
Quick, Doug	898 Fourteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114		
415/863-3131	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #93	
Rathbun, Mark	331 Lyon St. , San Francisco, CA 94117		?
415/974-8294	PLEDGE: \$0.00	ENTRY #67	
Rathbun, Mary	82 Walter St. , San Francisco, CA 94114		
/-	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #104	
Rein, Marci	122 Clipper , San Francisco, CA 94114		
415/821-4971	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #211	
Richardson, Ralph	1519 Masonic , San Francisco, CA 94117		
415/431-8213	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #242	
Richmond, Craig	2110 Jackson #601, San Francisco, CA 94115		
415/922-0356	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #74	
Rosen, Karen	2622 Ivy Dr. , Oakland, CA 94606		
415/465-0317	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #213	
Ross, Kathryn	61 Eagle , San Francisco, CA 94114		
415/864-4322	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #172	
Russell, Billie	49 Beaver St. , San Francisco, CA 94114		
415/864-0778	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #168	
Saglin, Don	4655 Twenty-fifth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114		
415/285-3851	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #245	
Schaefer, Tracy	2159 California St. , San Francisco, CA 94115		
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Sechrist, Tom	245 Laussat , San Francisco, CA 94117		
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Smith, Rod	384 Sixteenth St. , San Francisco, CA 94114		
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St. Clair, Marnie	1410 Thirty-Second Ave. #103, San Francisco, CA 94122		
415/681-6635	PLEDGE: \$32.50	ENTRY #122	
Stephens, Karen	5901 Broadway #29, Oakland, CA 94618		
415/653-3860	PLEDGE: \$13.00	ENTRY #181	

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415/268-9485	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #212
Sushow, Michael	595 Ashbury #5, San Francisco, CA 94117
415/552-6295	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #80
Sweigart, Glenda	93 Hancock , San Francisco, CA 94114
/-	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #137
Tibbon, Posey	2281 Sutter , San Francisco, CA 94115
415/567-9578	PLEDGE: \$52.00 ENTRY #179
Tuff, Jr., Eric	131 Corwin St. #2, San Francisco, CA 94114
/-	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #89
Wilson, Judy	633 Haight , San Francisco, CA 94117
415/864-5036	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #69
Winn, Alex	P.O. Box 14574, San Francisco, CA 94114
415/775-2524	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #117
Womboldt, Ivan	P.O. Box 1313, Guerneville, CA 95446
707/869-3632	PLEDGE: \$65.00 ENTRY #202
Yee, Darrell	1329 Sacramento #5, San Francisco, CA 94965
415/441-4406	PLEDGE: \$13.00 ENTRY #241

Britt, Holly

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August 7, 1985

TO: PATTY ROSE, MAGGI RUBENSTEIN, JEFF JONES, and PAUL BONEBERG

ATTACHED ARE COPIES OF LETTERS THAT WENT OUT TODAY, TO FIVE POTENTIAL TALK-SHOWS. (ONLY ONE SET OF ENCLOSURES IS INCLUDED, SINCE ALL WERE THE SAME.)

ALSO, ON DIFFERENT SUBJECTS, FOR MAGGI, JEFF & PAUL, I HAVE ENCLOSED COPIES OF MAILGRAM TO STONEY GEBERT, AND THE APRIL 16 LETTER FROM BARBARA BOXER, FOR YOUR RECORDS.

JOHN WAHL

cc: BURT GERRITS, SECRETARY

(Also enclosed, for Burt, are minutes I took of the Special Steering Committee meeting of July 2, 1985)

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NATIONAL OFFICE: 335 NOE STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114 phone:415/431-4880

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Producers
DONAHUE SHOW
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10012

Re: PATTY ROSE ("DEATH VALLEY ROSE")
Walk Across Death Valley for the War Against AIDS

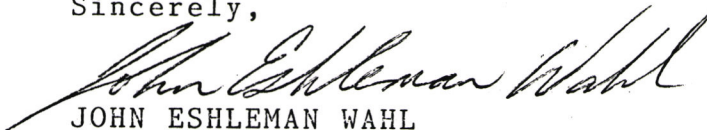
Dear Producers;

On August 16, Patty Rose, a "straight" woman, will walk across Death Valley during the hottest time of the year, and is the first woman to do so (as far as we know). She is doing this to raise money for MOBILIZATION AGAINST AIDS, and to raise public consciousness about what must be done to fight this disease.

Enclosed are some materials about her, including her previous bicycle trip across Death Valley for the Cancer campaign. If you are interested in having Patty, and a representative of Mobilization, on your show, please telephone me.

(Perhaps Mr. Donahue might also be interested in being a sponsor of her walk.)

Sincerely,



JOHN ESHLEMAN WAHL
Media Co-Chair
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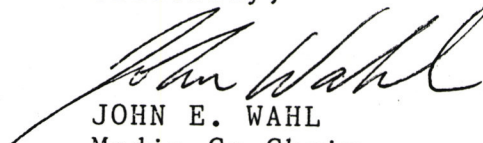
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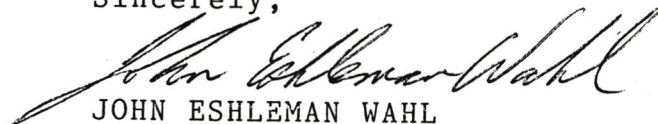
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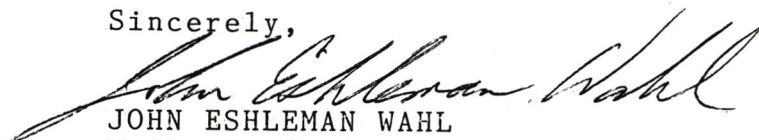
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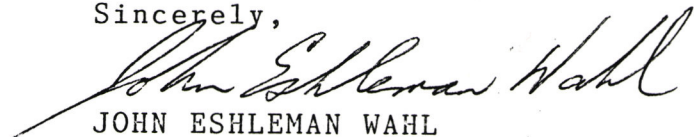
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A WALK ACROSS DEATH VALLEY FOR AIDS FUNDING

The distance is 130 miles. The temperature in Death Valley averages over 120 degrees F during August, the hottest time of the year. Patty is no stranger to this kind of challenge. In 1974 she became the first woman to bicycle across Death Valley during the height of the summer's heat. And in 1979 she repeated this feat to benefit the American Cancer Society. Now she will take on what is in her words " The greatest challenge of my life".

WHY?

PATTY SAYS:

" AIDS NEVER WAS A GAY DISEASE! "

" It's vitally important that non-Gay people like myself begin to understand this simple fact. For everyone's sake we must stand up and demand the proper governmental response to what is a public health crisis, falsely perceived as as a Gay health issue only. AIDS is a worldwide disaster that the experts agree will affect all of us in one way or another.

I have many friends who have AIDS. I have had people I love die from AIDS. The time for action is now, and the Mobilization Against AIDS is leading the way."

Founded in 1984, Mobilization Against Aids (MAA) is a nationwide effort by people who believe the government is not doing enough to conquer AIDS.

We are Republicans, Democrats, Liberals, Conservatives, *Bisexuals*, Independents, Non-Gays and Gays, from every lifestyle, from across the country with one goal in common. We have banded together to address this nation's apparent lack of concern for what is in fact a World-Wide Health Crisis that will eventually affect all of us in one way or another!

Among MAA's credits are the highly successful Memorial Day Candlelight Vigils in support of people with AIDS in 40 cities on four continents. We've sent a delegation to Washington, D.C. to confront Congress and the Administration. In July, thanks to MAA's urging, the House of Representatives held Congressional Hearings in San Francisco to question the adequacy of current AIDS funding. MAA insisted that the California State Legislature GUARENTEE anonymity in its Alternative Testing Sites and we won. We're conducting a nationwide petition drive for substantial increases in AIDS funding, and to stop the use of AIDS as an excuse to violate peoples civil rights.

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She Conquered Death Valley

Oakland Woman Overcomes 165 Degrees on 132-Mile Trip

By MICHAEL G. LOONEY
Tribune Staff Writer

August is the hottest time of the year at Death Valley, where the daytime air temperature hovers between 120 and 130 degrees. The ground temperature reaches a sweltering 165 degrees — hot enough to fry eggs on the highway.

With these hot facts in mind, an adventurous young Oakland woman last Saturday bicycled 132 miles across the entire length of Death Valley in 33 hours, all by herself except for a boy friend who drove about five miles ahead carrying extra water in the car.

Why? "Because the idea of possibly being the first woman to ride a bicycle across Death Valley in August was very exciting to me," said 23-year-old Patty Rose.

She said her life ambition is to bicycle across all the deserts of the world. She is now planning next summer's trip across Baja, California.

"If I can ride through Death Valley, I can ride through any desert," Ms. Rose said proudly. "Death Valley is the second hottest place in the world and the hottest spot in the western hemisphere."

She said the world's hottest spot is in the Sahara Desert, which she also hopes to conquer someday.

In Death Valley, Ms. Rose said, "There were times that the heat literally took my breath away. I would just stop, take a drink and throw some water on my face."

She said the scorching heat rising from the ground bothered her eyes but there were no serious problems during the trip.

"I began the trip at Scotty's Junction and originally planned on stopping at a campsite after the first 50 miles, but it was washed out, so I rode an additional 30 miles to get to Furnace Creek Inn," Ms. Rose recounted. "I stayed overnight at Furnace Creek and completed the final 50 or so miles the next day, which included climbing 1,320-foot Jubilee Pass."

The young cyclist said the climb was difficult because it was getting dark and hard to see with the little bicycle light. The ground temperature was much hotter at night and there was a stiff headwind during much of the journey, she added.

"The heat was so bad I had to refill three water bottles and a canteen every five miles and also use plenty of salt tablets," she said while being interviewed in the cool living room of her parents' home.

She said several people told her she couldn't possibly complete the trip.

"If I didn't think I could do it I wouldn't have even attempted," she said. "There was one time I was about to run low on water and I was really worried" but otherwise there were no problems.

Ms. Rose said it was lonely riding by herself but it was encouraging when passing motorists waved and said "keep on trucking." But only about 15 cars passed, she added.

The bicycle enthusiast started cycling about four years ago and has built up plenty of stamina from previous trips which included a 951-mile jaunt to Ogden, Utah, a 750-miler to Portland, Ore., tours through Canada and Mexico, and several sprints through Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona.

"I've always been interested in physical activity and one day I bought a bike," she said. "I'd like to see everybody doing some kind of physical exercise because you feel so much better."

Ms. Rose is a junior at California State University, Hayward, majoring in recreation and physical education.

The energetic young lady made her trip through Death Valley wearing shorts, head gear, with two cute pig tails and a riding jersey with "UPPITY WOMAN" monogrammed on the back.

She said she first wore the shirt in last year's Columbus Day race around Lake Merritt because the sponsors frowned on women entries. "I wanted to do something for woman-kind and received a lot of compliments," she said.

"I'm for equality of all people but definitely for equality of women. Anybody that knows me knows that."

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Aug. 10, 1985

Dear Members and Friends:

In a few days Patty Rose will begin her walk across Death Valley to benefit the Mobilization. As you know, this walk of over 130 miles in 125 F temperatures will be a record-setting effort.

In the last few weeks there has been a great deal of media attention on AIDS. The statement by Rock Hudson, the circumstance of PWAs in Paris, and the President's phone call to Hudson have captured all our attention. But in the midst of all this activity one Mobilization member has been preparing a courageous effort to dramatize the AIDS issue and benefit Mobilization.

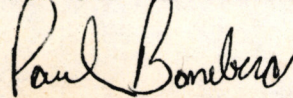
Most of you know Patty Rose. She spoke up eloquently at the Candlelight Memorial and at our Founding Conference. She was a member of our delegation to Washington DC. She is a member of the National Steering Committee.

Mobilization will be attempting to focus the attention of the nation on Patty's walk and her challenge to President Reagan. ("If I can walk across Death Valley he can at least say the word "AIDS.") We have gathered businesses and individuals to sponsor Patty's walk by pledging money - between a dime and a dollar - for each mile she walks.

I am writing to remind you of Patty's extraordinary effort. All of you have given and given to Mobilization's efforts so I won't urge you to become sponsors of the walk. I know that those of you who can will do so. But I do hope that all of you will tell your friends about Patty's walk and see if they wish to sponsor. If all of us can get pledges equal to one dollar per mile, Mobilization will earn tens of thousands of dollars. As we gear up to restore the funding cuts on the state level and move to increase federal spending, this income will be very useful.

So do what you can. And remember amid the rumors of movie stars that we have our own quiet, heterosexual, determined heroine from Oakland. On August 16th, as her walk begins, Patty Rose will challenge AIDS with her "Personal Best" as they say in athletics. If we could get the rest of the nation to do the same we could defeat the damn virus.

For the Mobilization,



Paul Boneberg
Coordinator

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Why AC Transit Is On a Downhill Run

By Harre W. Demoro

For many years AC Transit was known nationally as a model bus system, its riders raving about clean buses and low fares.

It was the premier transit system in the Bay Area.

Now the financially ailing East Bay operation, which fired its general manager on Monday after months of in-fighting, has become an example of a deteriorating bus system.

NEWS ANALYSIS

"I would say that our reputation has slipped and I think everyone here is concerned about that," said AC spokesman Mike Curry. "It isn't any source of pride to feel that way."

AC's new general manager, who is not expected to be appointed until next year, will face a formidable — perhaps impossible — task. The first thing the new boss will have to do is find a permanent source of millions of dollars to subsidize the system's mounting losses. Fare increases already are planned for this fall.

The 850-bus system, which carries 235,000 riders a day in major portions of Alameda and Contra Costa counties and into downtown San Francisco, is wallowing in red ink. At one time AC Transit's property tax receipts and premium-fare Bay Bridge routes kept it financially afloat. Now, the tax revenues are insignificant and BART has skimmed off many transbay riders.

As long as AC Transit could keep fares low by raising property taxes, its management was riding high. For many years, 40 percent and more of the system's operating costs were subsidized by property taxes, but that ended when voters approved Proposition 13 in 1978, limiting property tax collections.

The effect on the East Bay system was disastrous. For example, in 1976-77, AC Transit collected \$20.8

million in property taxes, enough to offset more than half of its \$33.5 million farebox deficit. In 1983-84, the system's property tax revenues totaled \$11.8 million — but its deficit had soared to \$56.7 million, even though fares had jumped 140 percent.

AC's search for a stable source of income could not occur at a worse time because the Reagan administration has vowed to slash transit subsidies. Chances of increased state aid also seem remote.

Despite its financial problems, AC Transit has been slow to recognize changing conditions. Many of its East Bay local routes have not been altered significantly since early in the century, when they were established as streetcar lines.

The system still operates buses — rarely filled even at rush hour — on routes that compete with BART.

AC Transit does not even know who rides its buses. Its last demographic survey was completed in 1978, and a new study will not be finished for months.

A proposal to streamline management backfired on general manager L. A. Kimball and was a key factor in his firing on Monday.

Major changes are unlikely to come from Nathaniel Gage, who was appointed acting general manager for six months. Although Gage is respected as a financial expert, he is 68 years old, which suggests he is unlikely to stay long in the job, even if he gets its permanently.

Some of AC Transit's seven elected directors have been around a long time too. Two of them, William Bettencourt and John McDonnell, have been on the board since the district was founded nearly 30 years ago. A third director, Ray Rinehart, joined the board shortly after AC Transit went into business by buying privately-owned Key System Transit Lines and its affiliates in 1960.

Former Runaway Honored

By Katy Butler

Glen Ostergard was a runaway and a homeless hustler when he first came to San Francisco's Larkin Street youth center for counseling.

Yesterday, he was chosen for an International Youth Year Award by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ostergard, 18, who now works as a receptionist and counsels other runaways, will get the award at a luncheon on September 6 at the Union Square Holiday Inn, along with Kathy Quon, a Lowell High School student who ran a successful voter-registration campaign.

Judy Diamond, program coordinator at the Larkin Street Youth Center who recommended Ostergard for the award, said yesterday, "Glen is a real sweet kid. He was a client here, and then when he turned 18, he started volunteering and got real good as a receptionist. He's a success case for Larkin Street. I was thrilled to get the news, and so was he."

Ostergard serves as the youth representative on a board of social service agencies that provide services to young people.



GLEN OSTERGARD
He counsels other runaways

Quon organized her own group of volunteers to register voters at Lowell High School last year, when she was a junior. "I'm very pleased," said Margaret Lee-Lo, past chairwoman of the Chinese American Voters Education Committee. "She's very organized and outspoken, all the qualities we need in a leader."

Ostergard and Quon are among 257 young people and youth groups nationwide who won the awards for activities of "exceptional caliber," including projects against drunk-driving. Students were chosen from more than 1000 nominations by governors, mayors and other officials across the nation. Quon and Ostergard were recommended by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco).

Father Charged

Swimming Lessons 'Save' Baby

By J.L.Pimsleur

Swimming lessons helped save the life of a tiny 10-month-old girl, according to East Bay authorities who brought attempted murder charges yesterday against the baby's father.

Charles Murray, 38, of Danville, was arrested on a warrant issued after the August 11 incident, police reported.

Murray's infant daughter, Tamara, was found drenched and clinging to the side of a next-door neighbor's hot tub after the neighbors heard screams coming from the back yard, said Contra Costa County sheriff's detective Terry Doreo.

Doreo attributed the child's survival to infant swimming lessons that taught her to hang on to the pool's edge.

Contra Costa Sheriff's Captain Russell Pitkin reported that Bill Trahan, 21, was watching television with his wife at his father-in-law's house next door to Murray's Larkwood Circle home. At about 8:30 p.m., according to Pitkin, the couple heard a baby screaming and rushed to investigate. They found the infant, half in the water, clutching the side of the hot tub. Her hair was

soaked and she apparently had been submerged at least once.

Last night Trahan told The Chronicle that the hot tub is cordoned off by a six-foot ivy covered fence with a latched gate. The tub is surrounded by a foot-and-a-half high wooden deck and rough rocks are spread as ground cover for approximately 15 yards around the pool.

It would be "just about impossible" for an infant to gain access to the site by herself, Trahan said. "Those rocks are very rough — and there were no scratch marks on the baby."

Trahan said that when he went to his neighbor's home, he found Murray pounding on his front door, trying unsuccessfully to get into his own house.

"He told me his wife had locked him out," Trahan said.

Murray was booked into Contra Costa County jail in Martinez and charged with attempted murder and a felony count of inflicting corporal injury on a child. He was released last night on \$25,000 bail.

According to the sheriff's report, 10-month-old Tamara, who had been living with foster parents, was recently returned to her mother, Arlene Murray, 30, with the understanding that the infant not be left alone with her father.

However, no one was inside the baby's home when deputies arrived. Murray told police he had left for work at 6 p.m., leaving the infant with his wife and mother-in-law.

Under questioning by police, Mrs. Murray told officers that she and her mother went out to play bingo — leaving the child in Murray's care.

Authorities did not disclose the reason why the infant had been placed under foster care supervision.

Bay Nurse Bests Death Valley

An Oakland nurse completed a grueling 135-mile trek through Death Valley yesterday to raise public consciousness — and funds — for victims of AIDS.

"If I can walk across Death Valley in the heat of the summer, then the president can at least say the word AIDS," Patty Rose said as she completed the exhausting walk.

A happy crowd greeted the weary nurse, dousing her with five

gallons of cold water and sprinkling her with confetti. Three of the people who met her were AIDS victims, said Paul Boneberg, coordinator for the San Francisco-based Mobilization Against AIDS.

The 34-year-old nurse started her journey Friday along Highway 267 at Scotty's Junction, Nev. From there, she walked along Highway 190 through the searing valley. After braving several days of 115 and 120 degree temperatures, she finally reached the finish line at

Jubilee Pass.

"I'm sure she's going to be limping for awhile," said Boneberg.

Rose said she decided to trudge the nation's hottest, deepest valley because she believed federal officials weren't doing enough to fight AIDS.

More than \$8000 had been pledged by local businesses and elected officials, including San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Boneberg said.

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the front lines as they'll allow women." But in real terms, she already is there.

Rose has packed her things and plans to start south today. Tomorrow at the break of dawn, armed with two leap-frog support vehicles, and water jugs, she begins to tackle 153 miles of hard, parched desert.

"Badwater is 272 feet below sea level, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere," Rose explained, covering her route. "Death Valley has the hottest overall recorded temperature on the face of the entire globe. For me, I wanted (the trip) to be a real symbolic gesture.

"Nothing has ever in my life meant more to me than this event."

As it happens, one more unexpected challenge has confronted Rose: a race against time. While Rose says she feels physically fit, she recently was told by an experienced desert hiker the journey should be given a 12 day time allowance. Rose had planned on completing the hike in only three.

"I will finish this walk," she said with much determination.

This sort of work is not entirely new to Rose. She has done fundraising for the American Cancer Society, collecting achievement awards for her work, at the same time becoming the first woman in 1979 to ride a bicycle across Death Valley. She has repeated the trip once since then.

If successful, she will have

been the first woman ever to walk the valley, which often reaches temperatures of 125°. But, as Rose describes it, this is also a personal battle. It is true that she works through groups, such as the AIDS Foundation, DAIR in Berkeley, and Mobilization Against AIDS.

But Rose's contact with AIDS came with the death of a close relative — a death that came two weeks after his AIDS diagnosis. Rose is now a committed anti-AIDS activist, and a heterosexual working very closely with the gay community.

The trip has been planned for three months. She has worked closely with the advocacy group Mobilization Against AIDS in preparations and publicity. Now, media attention may focus on the hike, bringing further attention to the scourge of AIDS.

"I think it's good that Rock Hudson went public about his having AIDS. It has made people aware," she said. And this fact just may succeed in turning the nation's cameras on Rose this coming week, as she becomes known as the woman that crossed Death Valley for AIDS.

Despite increasing attention and awareness of AIDS, Rose claims there have been difficulties in her trip's planning, because of the nature of the epidemic. Some simply did not want to be identified with the cause of AIDS. Others feared her exposure to gay people, and by association, the disease. "I have had a number of prob-



MICK HICKS

Patty Rose

lems with people from a number of different communities," she said.

"This disease is real unique; it rapes you of every thing. I've always cared about the quality of life and I've never seen the attitudes held against a single group of people so vehement as I've seen with this issue.

The proceeds from Rose's hike will benefit Mobilization Against AIDS, a group attempting to increase federal response to AIDS through high profile public relations and lobbying work.

Pledges will be accepted throughout the walk by Mobilization: 431-4660 ■

Woman to Challenge Death Valley Heat Tomorrow

by John Wetzl

"To be perfectly honest, I have every intention of meeting President Reagan after I do this," rolled the animated voice of Oakland native Patty Rose. "I want to go with a lot of facts, to have a very private conversation, just he and I, to tell him how AIDS has touched me.

"I think he'll be very kind. I think, not feeling like he's being attacked, that he would listen to me."

What speaks first about the 34-year-old Army Reserve nurse is her sprightly good

humor and wry style. "I'm a lifer," is how she described her army career. But, no joking, Patty Rose's upcoming trek across Death Valley will be more like a well-cued battle march than anything else.

Rose has set plans to start

walking on Friday, Aug. 16th, walking in one of the most extreme environments in the world. She hopes to tell the world simply that she cares about the tragedy we now call AIDS. She also hopes to raise much-needed money for AIDS services.

"I'm a field nurse," she said. "I work in a home hospice program. In a war experience, I would go as close to

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Death Valley trek fights deadly disease



PUTTING HEAT ON POLITICIANS: Patty Rose, 34, takes steps to help AIDS victims. She aims to complete a 134.7-mile trek

across California's Death Valley. By late Sunday, she had walked 81 miles of the journey.

Nurse walks desert for AIDS

Let's get one thing straight — **Patty Rose** isn't gay. But she doesn't mind taking the heat for AIDS.

Today, the Oakland, Calif., nurse is expected to complete a five-day, 134.7-mile walk across Death Valley.

She's flirted with scorpions and exhaustion in 119-degree weather. But "I'm going to finish," said Rose, who steps into

Jubilee Pass, Calif., today.

"If I can walk across Death Valley in the hottest time of the year, the president can at least say the word AIDS," said Rose, 34, a member of the national steering committee of San Francisco-based Mobilization Against AIDS. She's raised more than \$6,000 for AIDS.

The Reagan administration has proposed spending \$126

million on research for AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, during fiscal year 1986. But Rose says federal officials aren't doing enough.

As of Aug. 5, AIDS has killed 6,079 and sickened 12,067 in the USA, health officials said.

Rose was a crusader before she was a nurse. In high school, she was a cheerleader and candy striper. In 1974, she crossed

Death Valley for fun. In 1977 she did it on a bicycle for the American Cancer Society.

Her mother, **Bernice Johnston**, said, "I'm behind her. Gays are humans and they deserve as much taking care of as anybody else."

— Dorothy Blau

■ Churches help victims, 3



Patty Rose gets a token of appreciation

(Photo: Rink)

'Death Valley Rose' Raises \$10,000

by Allen White

Bay Area Reporter 9/5/85

"If I can walk through Death Valley in the middle of the summer, the least the President can do is say the word AIDS." Patty Rose is a woman with spirit and determination. She had just finished a grueling 134 mile walk across Death Valley in the heat of summer. Her solitary marathon raised over \$10,000 for Mobilization Against AIDS. Friday, Aug. 23, several hundred people welcomed her back to San Francisco at a party at the Baybrick Inn on Folsom Street.

Patty Rose is a non-gay woman who wants to raise the commitment to AIDS by President Ronald Reagan. Though called "the nation's number one health priority," Reagan has yet to make a public statement relating to the health crisis.

Patty Rose thinks its about time the President said something.

A slide presentation was shown at her "Welcome Home" party. The sores on her feet and body from the heat were evident. One day she had to stop because of a fierce sandstorm.

To make the walk she had a support team which included two people with AIDS. The team included Dean Sandmire, Richard Rector, Ric Severtson, Mark Jones, Michael Arsenault and Mick Hicks. The support team rode in vehicles which kept pace with her walk. The winds became so powerful that at one point their support car was literally blown off the road and had to be lifted back on the roadbed by a tow truck.

Many people pledged money is support of the walk for the Mobilization Against AIDS. During the party, San Francisco Board of Supervisors President John Molinari chose to start a new fund. "I want to start a Patty Rose meets Ronald Reagan fund," said Molinari. With that, he pledged \$500 to be paid when Reagan says "AIDS." Several others immediately jumped up to make similar pledges. Later Molinari commented that he was tremendously impressed by the commitment and determination of Rose. He said he would most likely honor the pledge to Mobilization Against AIDS, no matter what the outcome.

Just before she was introduced to the packed crowd at the Baybrick Inn, Jim McPherson sang, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. The song has personal significance for Patty Rose and as she stood before the people, wearing the walking shoes, now filled with holes, it became clear that many in that room felt a bond with Patty and her support team. Many of the people in the room were openly crying.

Though proud of her achievement and excited at the turnout, she was close to tears as she concluded her remarks. The comments were directed to those most closely connected with the crisis. She read a prayer concluding with, "Don't ever feel you're alone."

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