

# ACTUP

## GOLDEN GATE

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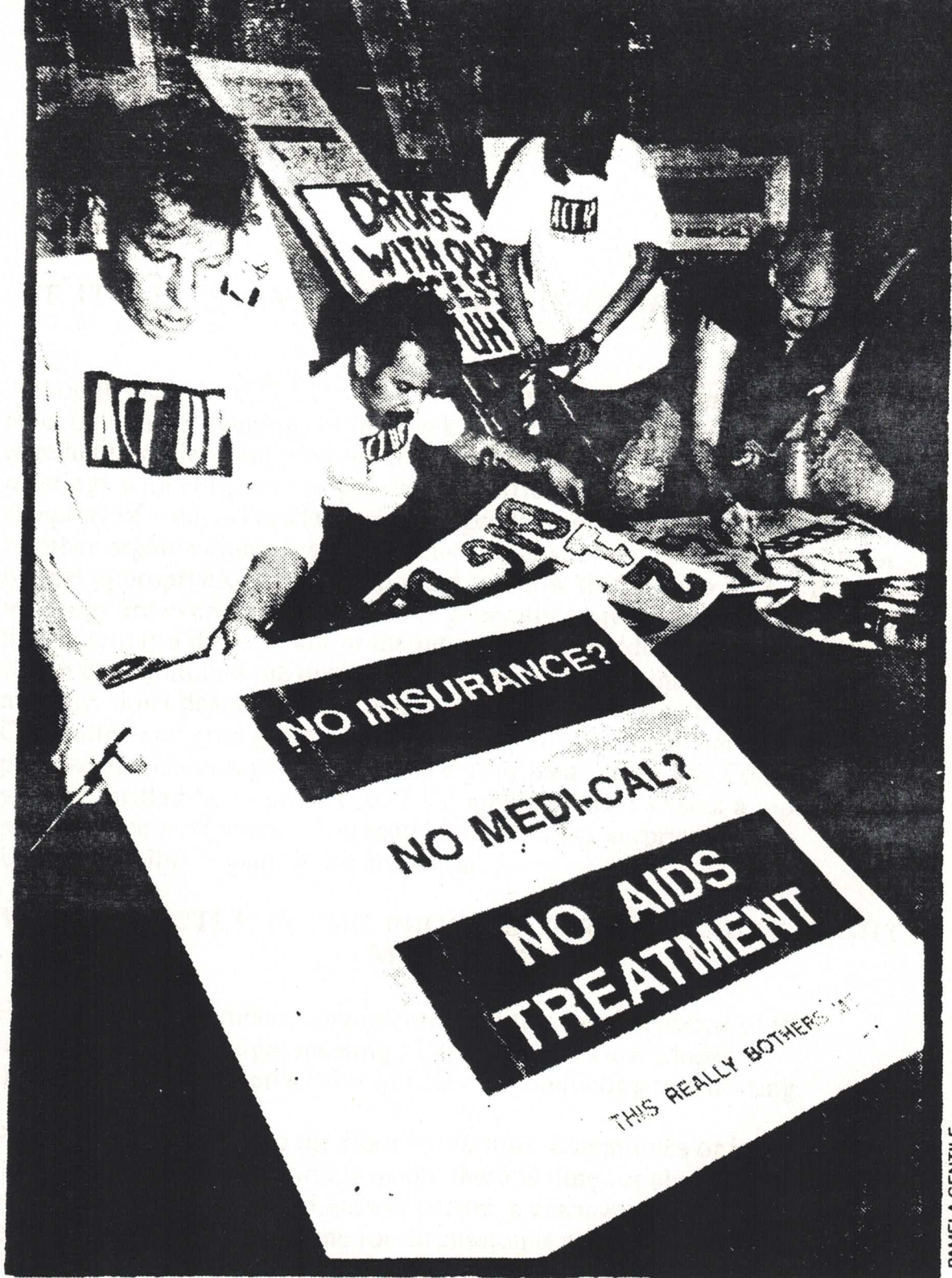
Dear Newcomer:

Welcome to ACT UP/Golden Gate. It is our hope that this document will serve to reduce some of the confusion and stress that comes along with first experiencing a new organization. As you read through the following information, bare in mind that ACT UP is comprised of individuals who are all volunteers. No one in ACT UP is paid, no hierarchy exists, and all members are responsible to each other for acting in accordance with the groups' guidelines on non-violence, use of the name ACT UP, and representation of the organization to media, police, or other organizations. What does all this mean? It means that ACT UP functions through a loose and highly democratic structure, which is dependent on trust amongst members and the constant realization that bringing an end to the AIDS crisis is our first and foremost priority. Consequently our meetings are generally filled with debate and discussion which is intended to generate decisions which have been well thought out. This may at times seem confrontational, but one quickly becomes accustomed to agreeing and disagreeing with friends on varying issues. We encourage ourselves to challenge the commonly accepted beliefs which have failed us during the past decade of this pandemic.

## ACT UP/GOLDEN GATE'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

ACT UP/GOLDEN GATE is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals, united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We are engaged in a battle to reform the research and treatment of HIV and its associated opportunistic diseases, intensify HIV education and prevention efforts, and revolutionize the health care delivery system in this country. The HIV pandemic crosses all racial, sexual, age, cultural and class boundaries and we are committed to involving all affected communities in this fight. **THE FIGHT AGAINST THE HIV PANDEMIC IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.**

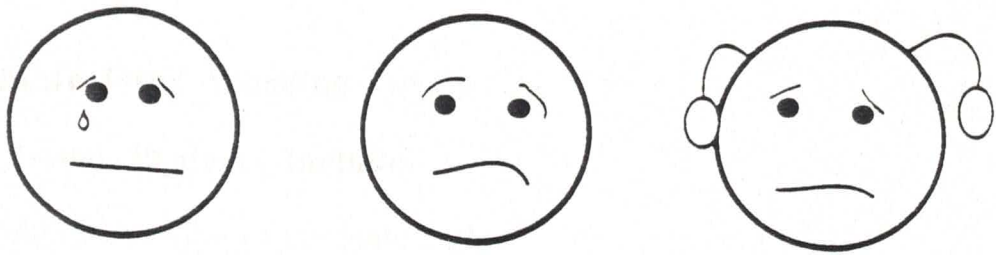
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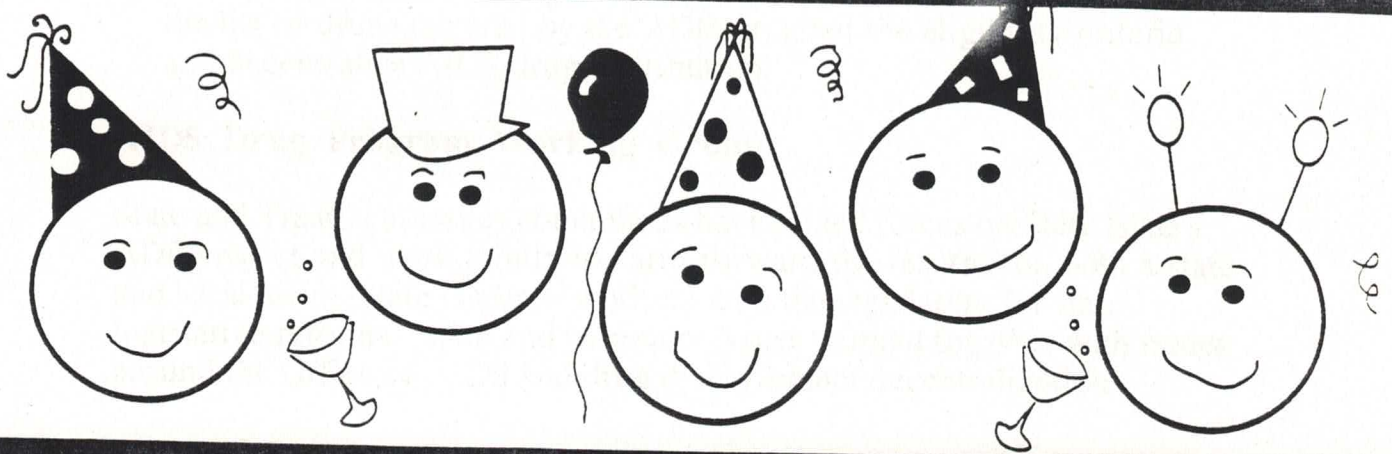
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## Victory for ACT-UP

POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM the Golden Gate chapter of ACT-UP prompted Gov. Pete Wilson to expand the AIDS Drug Program, which makes drugs available to people with HIV who can't get them because they don't have insurance and don't qualify for Medi-Cal. "All the movement on the drug program started because of pressure from us," said ACT-UP spokesman Todd Kooyers. Wilson increased the program from two to 13 drugs, including the new anti-retro-viral ddi. Pictured (from left to right) are activists Kooyers, Al Lujan, Virg Parks and Jerry Windley.



**THESE ARE YOUR T-CELLS**



**THESE ARE YOUR T-CELLS ON DRUGS**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**ACCESS TO AIDS TREATMENTS NOW!!**

# PINK SLIP

THE CDC HAS DECIDED ON MANDATORY HIV  
SCREENING AND PROFESSIONAL QUARANTINE.  
YOU'RE HIV-POSITIVE,

# YOU'RE FIRED!

DO SOMETHING NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. STAND UP FOR  
YOUR RIGHTS AND FOR THE RESPECT YOU DESERVE!  
ACT UP GOLDEN GATE SUPPORTS YOU, BUT NEEDS YOUR HELP  
CALL (415) 252-9200, or write 519 Castro, SF 94114

## HEALTHCARE WORKERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST FORCED TESTING!

# Flickers of hope in AIDS battle

## Thousands join candlelight march

By Tom Dowling  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

The length of Market Street was aglow with thousands of points of light Sunday night as a giant candlelight procession moved from Castro Street to City Hall to show support for the 30,000 San Franciscans who are currently living with AIDS and the thousands more who have died of the disease.

The eighth annual march, organized this year by the Mobilization Against AIDS, drew a purposeful crowd whose Dixie-cup-shrouded candles flickered and blinked in the wind.

The marchers, many holding hands and linking arms, slowly snaked their way down Market Street. A scattering of placards jiggled in the air above the crowd, including one that advised — *a la* Dylan Thomas, not George Bush — “Do Not Go Gentle: Rage! Rage!”

March organizer Drew Siegel put the number of marchers at 35,000. “much more than last year’s 20,000.” Police estimated the crowd at around 10,000, a figure that struck other observers as closer to the mark.

Whatever the count, it was hard

not to be stirred by the glittering rows of candles, blinking away like some giant semaphore message.

A group of latecomers huddled together at the Franklin Street corner, trying to keep the wind from blowing out their candles as they waited for the marchers to draw abreast.

“I was late getting home from work, so I had to join up along the route,” said Bob Brooks, who lives near the Civic Center and works at Melvin’s. “I had to join the procession late last year too, because I was running in the Bay to Breakers — I think I finished 3,000th.”

“We’re here to remind mainstream America that we’ve got a major crisis on our hands,” said Bernie Martinez, another Civic Center neighbor.

The marchers gathered around a stage in front of City Hall for a short ceremony in which Dr. June Osborn, chair of the National Commission on AIDS, presented AIDS Hero/Heroine Awards to San Franciscans Imani Herrington of the Black Coalition on AIDS, Phil Tingley of the American AIDS Institute and Jesse Dobson of the Golden Gate chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) for their contributions to the fight against AIDS.

“We wanted to keep it simple this year,” said Siegel. “No politicians, no speakers going on and on. Instead, we’re asking ordinary people to stand up and say a few words about their loved ones.”

That they did, in quavering voices and swallowed words that left the audience visibly moved.

Siegel said San Francisco’s

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## California News



### Still Fighting

ACT UP/Golden Gate demonstrated on the steps of the state Capitol in Sacramento at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 1992. The group was joined by ACT UP/Sacramento, Queer Nation and YAC UP, the Youth Action Committee to Unleash Power. Unfurling a 30-foot banner reading "Fighting for Our Lives" and signs and placards reading "Silence = Death" and "ACT Responsibly, UP the Budget," the group demonstrated against Governor Wilson's proposed level funding for next year's AIDS budget.

# ALPHABET SOUP

ACTU - AIDS Clinical Trial Unit (40 mostly academic institutions, part of ACTG)  
ACTG - AIDS Clinical Trial Group  
ADAMHA - Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration  
AMFAR - American Foundation for AIDS Research  
ATHOS - A Time Oriented Health Outcome Study  
CAB - Community Advisory Board  
CCG - Community Constituency Group  
CDC - Center for Disease Control  
CPCRA - Community Programs for Clinical Research in AIDS  
CTRC - Clinical Trials Review Committee (Committee of DAIDS)  
DAIDS - Division of AIDS (Division of NIAID)  
DHHS - Department of Health and Human Services  
FDA - Food and Drug Administration  
IND - Investigative New Drug (before or during Phase I)  
NAPO - National AIDS Program Office  
NCI - National Cancer Institute  
NDA - New Drug Application (Phase I or before licensing)  
NIAID - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease  
NIH - National Institute of Health  
PHS - Public Health Service  
STDA - Statistical and Data Analysis Center  
UACRC - University-wide AIDS Clinical Research Center

## TOXINS:

AZT - Retrovir or Zidovadine  
DDC - Dideoxycytidine  
DDI - Dideoxyinosine or Didanosine  
DYT - Deoxythymidine