

# synapse

## Election may speed marketing of RU-486

By Melissa Hawkins

Both president-elect Bill Clinton and vice-president-elect Al Gore are committed to removing governmental restrictions on RU-486. Synapse has learned that new applications for marketing the drug in the U.S. are already being drafted.

In 1980 a research team at the French drug company Roussel-Uclaf created a progesterone receptor antagonist which they called RU-486. By preventing the binding of progesterone, it inhibits the uterine proliferation which is necessary for implantation; the uterine wall sheds with expulsion of the embryo. RU-486 is called a "contragestational" drug; conception occurs, but gestation of the embryo doesn't.

Clinical trials conducted in Europe yielded positive results; in 1982 Roussel researchers found the drug to be effective in 80-85% of women three to seven weeks pregnant. The only U.S. trial, conducted by Dr. David Grimes at the University of Southern California 1983, confirmed the French results; but no approval from the Food and Drug Administration ensued. According to Steve Heilig, director of Public Health and Education at the San Francisco Medical Society, "it became clear that the drug was not approved due to political pressure from the vocal minority anti-choice groups."

Heilig drafted a resolution which stated that the drug should be made available to American doctors and researchers. It was unanimously approved by the local medical group in January 1990 and by the California Medical Association in March 1990. Three months later, the AMA adopted the resolution. Despite interest and optimism in the medical community, the FDA labeled RU-486 a potential hazard and imposed an "import alert" on it. This FDA ruling, threats of a boycott against their products and the limited market for an "early abortion" pill, made Hoechst Roussel Pharmaceuticals, the German-based parent company of Roussel-Uclaf, reluctant to lobby for approval.

A survey of randomly-selected California obstetricians/gynecologists conducted by Heilig found that these physicians overwhelmingly favor RU-486 as an alternative to surgical abortion: "Of the respondents who performed abortions, 91% indicated they would utilize RU-486 in their practice, citing convenience, efficacy, safety and cost as reasons. Of those who did not currently perform abortions, 32% indicated they would do so if RU-486 was available, and another 48% said they would refer their patients to other physicians who utilized the drug. Fourteen percent of total respondents were opposed to abortion in general and would not use RU-486 if it became available."

A plan to challenge the FDA ban on RU-486 by bringing the drug into the U.S. was developed by Larry Lader, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League and president of Abortion Rights Mobilization; Louise Tyrer, former medical director for Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and Heilig. Lader began a search on the East Coast for a woman early in her pregnancy who wanted to take RU-486 and was willing to participate in a legal challenge. When it became difficult to find such a woman, the search was expanded to the West Coast. Doctors were contacted and asked to refer any woman looking for RU-486 and interested in the challenge to Heilig, who screened the women by trying to dissuade them over the course of repeated conversations. "We wanted to be sure the woman was very committed to the issue and cause but also aware

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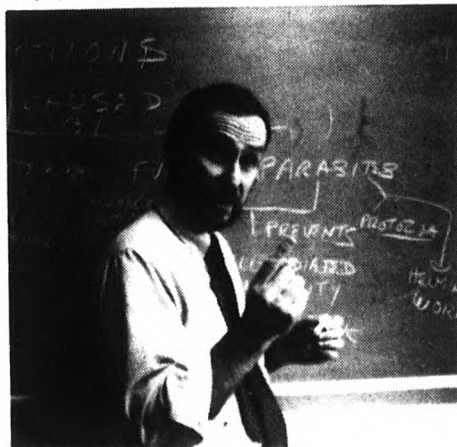
Dental student Dan Muff got a Tarot card reading from "Joy" at the Oct. 30 Halloween party.

## Fear of Everything

By Jedi Frothing Marx

I knew I was going to see a lot of Microbiology professor Warren Levinson in class this year, but I never anticipated the role he'd play in my life away from campus. Gone are the carefree days of eating, drinking and shaking hands without a thought for the consequences. A little microbiology has turned out to be a dangerous thing.

After a typical Saturday morning studying last week, I opened the refrigerator, intent on the pudding I'd made the night before. Then microbiology intruded. *Ingestion of food or drink contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes is the usual mode of infection in adults, as exemplified by outbreaks associated with coleslaw, pasteurized milk, ice cream, and fresh Mexican cheese.* My pudding was no longer a treat; it had become a festering cauldron of contamination. Never mind that I'm not immunosuppressed or a neonate, I just couldn't get meningitis out of my mind long enough to enjoy my dessert.



Warren Levinson

What else could I eat? There was leftover Chinese food. *Bacillus cereus spores survive steaming and rapid frying; the spores germinate when the rice is reheated.* So much for rice; I wanted to avoid sudden onset of vomiting one to six hours post-ingestion.

Maybe a return to good old basic comfort food would be in order. A peanut butter sandwich would have hit the spot, but *aflatoxins, coumarin derivatives produced by Aspergillus flavus, are ingested with spoiled grains and peanuts, and are suspected of causing hepatic carcinoma in humans.* Licorice was already off-limits from last year, when I learned that *some forms of licorice contain a compound with mineralocorticoid activity; patients who consume huge amounts may become hypokalemic.* Other possible meals flashed through my mind, if only briefly: *Turkey and other poultry products are commonly contaminated with Salmonella. Staphylococcus aureus organisms proliferate in foods with high protein content: egg salad, tuna salad, cream-filled pastries, etc.*

I needed to get out of the house for some fresh air. I gritted my teeth and left, ignoring

the hazards of walking past buildings colonized by pigeons. *Psitticosis, a chlamydial pneumonia characterized by high fever, severe aches and prostration, results from inhalation of organisms found in the feces of infected birds.* I strolled past the enticing odors of a Japanese restaurant. My stomach



grumbled for me to go in. *Humans are infected by eating raw, pickled or slightly salted fish delicacies such as "green hering," sushi, sashimi, sunomono, ceviche, and gravlax, which contain the third-stage larvae of Pseudoterranova species. Infections are usually confined to the stomach; they may be asymptomatic and noted only when the worm is coughed or vomited up. Gastroscoically, 2- to 4-cm larvae can be seen penetrating the mucosa and can sometimes be removed.*

Eating was out of the question. What could I do to stop obsessing about these stupid bugs? Some friends had invited me to Marin to hike along the Angel Falls trail, then relax in a jacuzzi. What could I have been thinking, hike near a waterfall? *Legionella pneumophila is ubiquitous in the environment and awaits only aerosolization to cause infection.* Even a dry trail was sure to be chock full of the tick *Ixodes pacificus, involved in the transmission of Lyme disease on the West Coast.* Soaking in a hot tub? Had I forgotten that *Pseudomonas aeruginosa has been incriminated in hot tub folliculitis?* Since I couldn't go to Marin, a trip out of San Francisco would have to take me in another direction. But of course *Coccidioidomycosis is caused by a soil saprophyte found in arid regions of California.*

Clearly, I couldn't relax by eating out or taking a trip outside San Francisco. Perhaps the best thing would be to go home and watch TV, curled up on the couch with my cat. *Afipia felis, a gram-negative rod which is part of the normal oral flora of the cat, causes cat-scratch fever. Disease presents with fever and localized lymphadenopathy.*

I've been warned that I'll forget a lot of what I learned in medical school. I can hardly wait.



EBI (shrimp)

## Angry patients demand changes from Qual-Med

By Frederick Chen

Readers of last week's Synapse (Oct. 29) may have seen a full-page ad urging them not to join the Qual-Med HMO. The ad was sponsored by the Qual-Med Patients' Union, a group of patients who have been airing their grievances with the corporation since April of this year. The majority of the Patients' Union is made up of people with HIV disease who have been affected by Qual-Med's policy of not providing "experimental" drugs.

Central to their case is Qual-Med's refusal to provide drugs such as Sandostatin for AIDS-related CMV colitis, G-CSF for AIDS-related neutropenia, and ciprofloxacin for the AIDS disease mycobacterium avium complex. These and other drugs are referred to by the Patients' Union as "off-label" drugs because the drugs are commonly prescribed for these conditions, but are not FDA-approved for such usage. According to union founder John Iverson, Qual-Med contradicts its own policy by paying for "off label" dapsone and bactrim, which are used as prevention for AIDS-related pneumocystis pneumonia. These drugs are cheaper than the FDA-approved treatment, aerosol pentamidine.

Iverson was on Parnassus Ave. Oct. 30, handing out flyers attacking Qual-Med, while the UCSF Halloween Carnival — underwritten by a \$5,000 donation from the HMO — was taking place in Millberry Union. He told Synapse he started the organization after his somatostatin therapy was discontinued after four months. "I had heard that there were many other problems that other people were having, so I put notices in newspapers, had doctors refer patients to me, and had about 25 people respond," related Iverson. "It seemed that the people who had problems were those that were the sickest."

Iverson's initial effort has since become a large-scale patient advocacy movement. As Qual-Med pushes to recruit UCSF employees, the Patients' Union has been calling on prospective customers to boycott it. The union's flyers, like last week's Synapse ad, denounce the fast-growing HMO's profit motives and relate incidents of insensitivity to AIDS patients by Qual-Med representatives.

The Qual-Med Patients' Union has received considerable backing from the community, according to Iverson. "We've been getting support from three areas," he says, "—the gay community, black leaders connected with AIDS, and workers' unions." In fact, the success of the organization is demonstrated by Qual-Med's response. "After their endless grievance procedure, they did give me the drug Sandostatin, and they also approved it for another patient, but for only 10 days. It also seems that G-CSF has been approved systemwide. So there are some changes," says Iverson.

Dr. William Popik, Qual-Med's vice-president of medical affairs, described Qual-Med's response to the Patients Union's allegations: "It is true that earlier this year we were fairly strict about our policy about 'off-label' drug use... We subsequently re-evaluated this policy and we changed our position." Popik acknowledged that this policy change occurred in the past couple of months. He denied, however, that the Patients' Union was the reason for the new policy. "We make changes to our policy all the time... band have an obligation to our members to constantly improve our health care," Popik told Synapse.

Qual-Med will now pay for "off-label" drugs if they are recommended by the FDA, prove efficacious in a double-blind study, or are commonly used in the community. Qual-

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## Tomkins Lecture

# Faber describes irregularities in our expanding universe

By Betty Yen

Science and music came together in perfect harmony at the annual Gordon Tomkins Concert and Lecture Oct. 30 in Cole Hall. Sandra Faber, Professor of Astronomy at UC Santa Cruz, gave a talk entitled, "Cosmic Connection: the Universe and You."

Faber, who was involved in developing the Keck and Hubble Space Telescopes, focused her talk on the irregularities in the expansion of the universe—an area of research to which she has made major contributions.

Once thought to be uniform, the expansion of the universe has been shown to have undergone an enormous initial burst within a the merest fraction of a second after the "Big Bang." This expansion has been dubbed "inflation." Faber reasons that the universe at it exists today is a result of this inflation phenomenon. "We are all stardust under the skin," she said.

During inflation, normally insignificant density changes known as quantum fluctuations take on macroscopic consequences, creating little "density seeds" which attract more matter to themselves. The effect, after 15 billion years of normal expansion, is the creation of the structure of the universe as we see it now, with its stars and galaxies.

Along with several other postulates in modern cosmology, a Grand Unifying Theory (GUT) was put forth. It asserts that the slight asymmetry of matter over antimatter allows for the existence of matter in the universe. Faber acknowledges many "coincidences" of nature—the asymmetry of GUT, the existence of water and carbon—and that many people, including herself, have often questioned the uniqueness of earth. "Our physical laws are not unique—they are picked out a priori," answers Faber.

For her, the study of cosmology has revealed the simplicity of the universe. In contrast, the biospheres on the earth are of amazing complexity; the more she looks into the stars, the more she believes that "our earth is truly a rare, cozy corner in a sea of inhospitability."

For the concert portion of the program, pianist Denny Zeitlin and bassist David Friesen played a number of jazz standards and original compositions. A UCSF faculty member, Zeitlin has performed widely, both as a solo artist and with other musicians including Johnny Griffen, the Kronos Quartet and Herbie Hancock, and is also an innovative composer. Despite his ongoing psychiatric practice, Zeitlin has recorded more than 20 albums and toured around the world. Friesen has also recorded and toured extensively, performing with legends such as Stan



Sandra Faber

Getz, Joe Henderson and Dexter Gordon. An acclaimed bassist and composer, Friesen played on a uniquely acoustic-sounding electric bass that he helped develop. For the past six years, Zeitlin and Friesen have been performing and recording together; their latest album is entitled "In Concert" on ITM records.

This annual event is held in honor of Gordon Mayer Tomkins, a Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at UCSF from 1969 until his death in 1975. A skilled classical and jazz clarinetist and saxophonist, Tomkins had played professionally with well-known bands, including those of Stan Kenton and Charlie Barnett. Celebrating his dedication to both the sciences and music, the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics along with the Herbert W. Boyer Fund, sponsors the concert and lecture annually.

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### Winter Registration packets

Winter packets will be mailed Nov. 13. Please make sure the Registrar's office has your correct address. You may register by mail until Dec. 1 or in person Dec. 3 and 4. Students are subject to a \$50 late registration fee after Dec. 4

### DeJoseph on Nurse-midwifery care, Nov. 11

Jeanne DeJoseph, Associate Professor, Family Health Care Nursing, will talk on nurse-midwifery care to vulnerable populations in the U.S. —Wednesday, Nov. 11, noon to 1 p.m., in N-417.

### "Assisted Reproductive Technology," Nov. 11

Dr. Mary C. Marin, Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and director of UCSF's in vitro fertilization program, will discuss fertility treatment in a brown bag talk, Wednesday, Nov. 11, noon to 1 p.m., in HSW-300.



(From left to right): Dr. Judith Luce, ACS President, Mae Kwong, Noelle Hasson, both LCP coordinators, and Dr. Bob Ignoffo, faculty advisor.

### Pharmacy Students honored for anti-cigarette campaign

Some 50 students in the School of Pharmacy were honored Oct. 28 at an awards banquet hosted by the American Cancer Society. The students were recognized for their participation in the Lung Cancer Project, which last year alone reached more than 1,700 children.

The Lung Cancer Project is a continuing community education effort offered to elementary and middle school children in the San Francisco area. The objective of the project is to educate children about the interrelationship between cigarette smoking and the development of lung cancer. During winter and spring quarters, volunteers from the School of Pharmacy visited classrooms throughout the city and gave one-hour presentations consisting of slide shows, demonstrations of the long-term effects of smoking, and role playing. They were greeted enthusiastically,

with over 100 children writing letters of thanks, teachers requesting them to come back, and last week's award.

Lung cancer is the number one killer of all cancer deaths; however, it is also the most preventable. In a treatment-oriented world it is encouraging to know that our health care professionals have not forgotten the value of education. In this case, it may very well be the key to prevention.

The Lung Cancer Project is sponsored by Kappa Psi, the American Cancer Society, the Associated Students at the School of Pharmacy, the Academy of Students of Pharmacists and ASUCSF.

—Noelle Hasson

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# OPINION

## Editorial

### Differential politics

Thanks mainly to the state's fiscal problems, the University of California budget was cut by some \$225 million this year. Although the final decisions will not be made until sometime later this month, the UC Regents are planning to make up for the shortfall in revenues by eliminating some salaried positions, curtailing library and instructional services, and raising student fees during the 1993-94 school year.

While all UC students will have to pay approximately \$450 more in fees next year, those in the UC system's professional schools—medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, and law—will be asked to pay even more if a differential fee increase is instituted. The Regents rationalize that students in professional schools can assume a higher financial burden now because the returns on their education will be greater in the future. While their logic would make sense if applied to tuition increases at a private institution, it directly contradicts the spirit of the state's university system.

The University of California system was founded on the principle that students should not have to assume a large financial burden to complete their education. This is why tuition for UC students is paid by the state. The students are responsible only for student fees, which are used to pay for libraries, student health, and other student-related services (such as the school newspaper). If all students utilize the same services, why should graduate students be charged one fee, while medical, dental, veterinary, and law students are charged a different, *higher* fee? Taking the logic of the Regents one step further, why not charge fees based on each student's major? Then, we could have one fee for anthropology majors, a higher fee for computer science majors, and an even higher one for law students.

Quite simply, differential fee hikes have no place in the UC system. If approved, they would set a dangerous precedent. The UC Regents would, in the future, have the power to arbitrarily increase fees for students in certain schools and disciplines.

Furthermore, differential fee increases would represent an unnecessary financial burden for many students. For example, law students face the problem of graduating into a society already glutted by lawyers. Should they be asked to take on more debt for their education when there is a very realistic chance that they will not find gainful employment following graduation?

And how would differential fee hikes affect the medical system? Let's consider California's plan to pass an edict that would require state medical schools to graduate increasing numbers of primary care practitioners. If the state wants more primary care physicians, especially those who will practice in underserved areas, it must not subject medical students to increasing indebtedness. The more loans a student has to pay off, the more likely he or she will enter a lucrative specialty rather than a primary care field.

While any fee increase is unpalatable, a uniform fee hike in which the financial burden is spread evenly over all UC students makes more sense than subjecting students in a few select schools to an unnecessary financial burden. All UC students, and especially those in professional schools, should let the Regents know that they oppose differential fee hikes.

## Letters

### Nurses fighting for pay and job rights



#### To the Editor:

Members of the UCSF community should be interested to know about the status of negotiations between UC and the California Nurses Association, which represents more than 6,500 UC nurses at medical centers and student health facilities statewide. We have extended our current contract, due to expire Oct. 31, to Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. to make an extra push for winning a fair agreement for nurses.

Last week we sent a letter to the Board of Regents expressing our deep concern about the substandard proposals that the UC negotiating team has presented to nurses, calling on the Regents to ensure a fair contract settlement, and reminding the Regents of our right to strike if necessary. In particular, UC nurses are concerned about the university's refusal to offer wages that are comparable to those of our colleagues at other hospitals, denial of seniority rights, and continuation of dangerous staffing and floating policies.

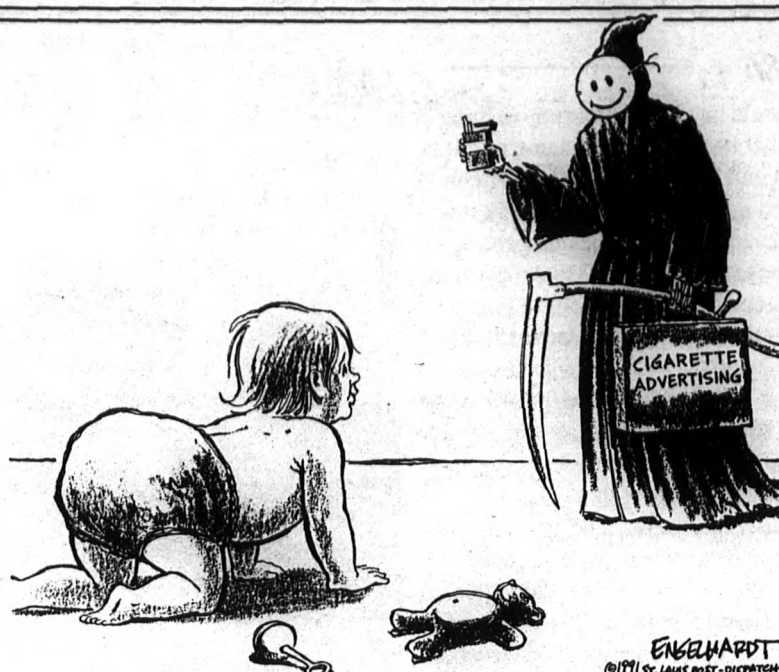
What is perhaps most insulting to nurses is that the university wants to take away our guaranteed tenure steps (merit pay) and offer us only "maybe pay." UC nurses organized the California Nurses Association and have fought hard to win guaranteed salary steps which are an industry standard for nurses at other facilities and should be for all UC employees. However, the attempts to take merit pay away from nurses should send a

signal to all UC staff and faculty that the university is merely trying to divide employees from each other and cleverly manipulate us against one another. If the nurses lose our merit pay, it will be a difficult battle for any group of employees to ever win it back.

In the past year, UC has withheld merit pay for nurses, as well as salary increases that they had budgeted for nurses, to the tune of \$9 million. At the same time, University Medical Centers statewide earned excess revenues of more than \$71 million. Despite what the administration wants us to believe, the university hospitals are *self-funded* and are *not* part of the state budget. In fact, the university can more than afford to adequately compensate us, but chooses to offer us minimal wages to punish nurses for our strength and unity as an organized collective bargaining unit.

We hope that the UCSF community will support us in our struggle to win a fair and just contract which respects our experience and professionalism as nurses. It is in every UC employee's interest to ensure that our job rights and compensation are not eroded, since sooner or later whatever the university administration forces one group to accept, is passed on to all of us.

Ron Bennett, RN  
UCSF Medical Center



'BABY WANT TO HAVE FUN PLAYING WITH FIRE?'

### Student Regent holds "Town Meeting" at UCSF

By Andrew Softley

The state budget crisis is raising the cost of a UC education. How steep next year's increase will be—and whether all students will be affected equally—are unresolved questions. The gravity of the budget situation was made clear to some 35 UCSF students who attended an informal "town meeting" Oct. 28 led by UC student regent Alex Wong, a second-year law student at Berkeley's Boalt Hall.

Wong, who has called such meetings for each of the nine UC campuses, said that the turnout in Millberry Union was the best yet. After listening to his well thought out viewpoints on the budget crisis and how it will affect student fees, I realize that our turnout was ludicrously small.

The UC budget was cut \$225 million by the state this year—and further reductions are anticipated. In response, the university will be cutting the size of teaching and non-teaching programs. Elimination of salaried positions could account for around \$170 million. Nonsalary cuts to libraries and instructional equipment could total \$30 million. Additionally, the regents hope to raise another \$40 million by increasing student fees. The hike would break down to around \$450 per student per year if all UC students are assessed equally. But a proposal for a differential fee hike awaits the regents' consideration.

A differential fee hike would require students in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and law to pay higher fees than undergraduates and graduate students in other fields. Placing fairness above immediate self-interest, at least five undergraduate councils from the other UC campuses have come out "unanimously opposed to differential fees."

As a dentistry student, I must pay an additional \$7,000 a year in school supplies for my first few years. For people in my position, large fee hikes may push the amount that must be borrowed beyond what is available in the more attractive loan programs. Dental students provide income for the university by performing dental procedures within the UCSF dental clinic. Should dental students pay differential fees? I, of course, would say no.



Alex Wong

Technically, UC student fees are not tuition (which is paid for by the state and runs about \$6,000 for each student). Fees are funds used to pay for student services such as the library and student health services. As Wong pointed out, the concept of differential fees seems inherently unfair, since all students use such services equally.

Whether or not a differential fee increase will be imposed is up to the regents. Students' individual viewpoints should be expressed to the Associated Students, the Graduate Student Association or the chancellor. Wong, who is opposed to differential fees, says his chances of influencing the debate will be enhanced if he is provided with documentation asserting the opinions of the student body.

Wong will remain as student regent until the spring. If you have any questions, you can call him at (510) 475-0977.

For anyone interested in applying for next year's student regent position or becoming involved in the UC Student Association—which pursues students interests' through political lobbying—there will be a UCSA meeting the weekend of Nov. 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in S118.

Wong says the position of student regent requires at least 20 hours a week and that he personally puts in about 40. "Don't do it for a popularity contest," he advised. "the board hates you because you're too much of a student, and the students hate you because you're too much of a regent." When asked, however, he said that he would gladly do it again.

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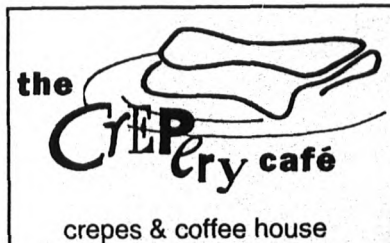
## Qual-Med

Med is also establishing an AIDS advisory panel. Popik admits that the patients' group "has given us opportunities to look at the way we provide health care to patients who are HIVpositive."

Iverson, unaware of the changes in Qual-Med policy until Popik's remarks were read to him, said he "doubted that Qual-Med AIDS practitioners have seen the new policy either." He plans to continue pushing the boycott until Qual-Med agrees to "honor all doctors' prescriptions, or submit treatments

to an impartial independent review by HIV practitioners with [the power to make] timely decisions."

When asked about his work as a patient activist, Iverson answered, "I'd rather not be doing this at all. It's sort of sad that the sickest people are having to deal with this... But patient activism and advocacy works. Also, other insurance companies are watching what's going on here. We realize it's bigger than just some AIDS patients and Qual-Med."



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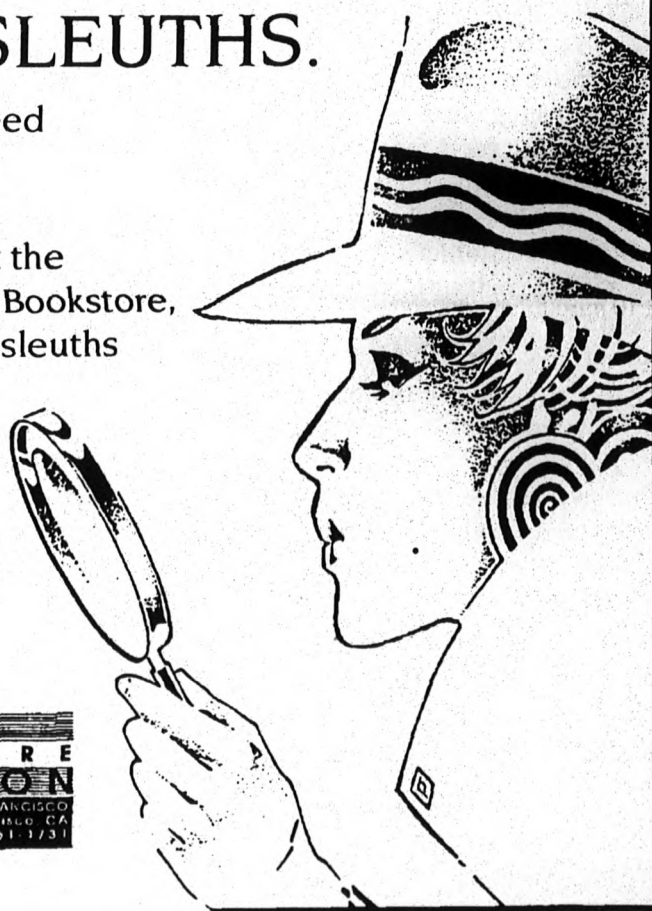
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## RU-486

that this could be a big and disruptive thing in her life; that her picture and name might be published and it was going to be difficult to hide." Though many women thought it was a great idea, they became hesitant and withdrew from the process. One Bay Area woman was an exception. Heilig recalls "Leona said 'thanks for the information; I know the story; when can I go?'"

On June 30 Leona accepted the offer to be the RU-486 test case. She recalls: "I was excited, afraid and frustrated; I was frustrated because it seems that since I am a middle-class college educated white woman, I am given the opportunity to speak out. There are so many women who are affected by the reproductive rights issues in this country and never get a chance to speak about them... I was afraid because it is scary to be a part of a 'medical thing' that is not fully accepted. I was excited because it is a direct action and I believe that RU-486 is a good thing and we should have the choice to use it."

Leona was given a prescription for RU-486 by Dr. Tyrer. Lader accompanied her to London to fill the prescription. While Lader acquired the pills, Leona spent the day resting and watching TV. The next morning she met Lader in a taxi and on the way to the airport he gave her the pills.

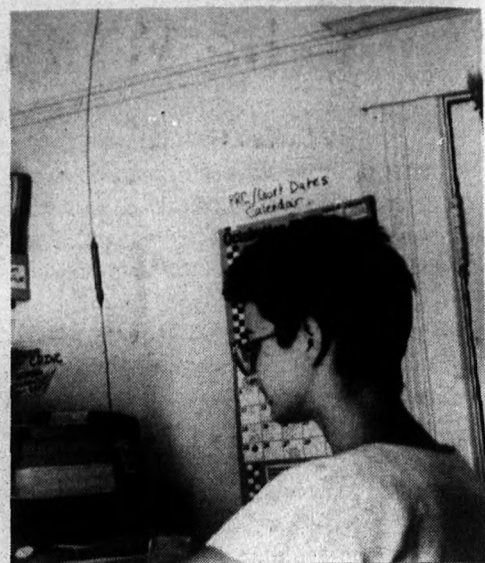
The organizers waited until the day of Leona's return to notify the officials. "We did not want to give the FDA and customs a chance to think about their action" said Heilig.

In New York, Leona says, "We went through two different customs areas. At the first station, I noticed that our names were written on a little piece of paper but the customs official didn't say anything to us; we checked our passports. Then, we went to the area where they look through your luggage. One of the officials asked, 'Do you have anything to declare?' I said, 'Yes, I have these pills to declare.' Then I gave them the pills. He said, 'We need to search you.' I was then taken to a small room and patted down; it was very unpleasant. Before leaving we talked to the FDA official, who was there especially for us, about what it would take for me to get the pills back. We left the area and were met by press people."

The media coverage that the case received was not expected. Leona comments, "We thought that we might slip through because it was close to election time. Everything was kind of up in the air and nobody was really certain about how it was going to be or how much attention people were going to give this issue... I thought there might be a small article on the front page of a newspaper, but I had no idea we would be in headlines... Recently during the anti-Quincentennial tribunal, I talked to a guy who had been in Asia for his company. He said I was in all the newspapers in China. I had no idea."

Having become a public figure within a matter of days, Leona is often recognized. She has received mostly positive feedback: "People say, 'Aren't you the woman who...' and then they say 'good luck' or 'what is going on?' Most people want to get more information. It's positive. No one has walked up to me and said, 'I hate you. You're a bitch.'" But there have been those who question her course of action. She describes their letters as "not exactly negative. More like, 'Don't do this. Don't have your abortion. God loves you and wants you to have this baby.' A lot of people said they would adopt my baby."

No longer pregnant, Leona is continuing with her life. She makes her living as a social worker in the Bay Area and focuses her political activism on Cop Watch, an organized group of volunteers who monitor police activity and help people who have been abused file complaints. Though she is not active in abortion rights, she feels that RU-486 will eventually be used widely in the U.S. "It is going to get here one way or another. If it is not here as an abortion pill, it is going to be used for abortions regardless. However, I think it is interesting that they are



Leona

trying to bring it in as a birth control method... It can be used to treat a number of different medical situations which include abortion. However, surgical abortions will always be necessary because RU-486 is such an early procedure. And, it cannot be used by women who have hypertension, smoke a lot or are older than about 35."

Asked about her own plans to have children in the future, Leona responded: "Oh, I might. Probably not, but I might. It seems like one of those stupid semantic things, but it bugs me a lot when people call the anti-choice movement the 'pro-life' movement, because the people who are anti-abortion are not pro-life. The Operation Rescue people who are trying to tell me what to do with my life, they are not working with the children who need to be adopted. There are millions of people in this country who need health care, shelter and food. Anti-choice people are not about wanting people to be alive. People are being killed all over the place and they are worried about this, my decision. I think that I might or might not have kids, but to me the idea would be to live in a situation that was communal... There are dozens of ways to raise kids; healthier ways where all of the responsibility and all of the control is not in one person's hands. In this society there is so little education on how to be a parent; this is ridiculous. Children don't just belong to a family. First of all, they are not possessions. Second, we are all dependent on the children of the world just like our parents are dependent on us. So the idea that one family or one person—and usually it is one mother—is ultimately responsible for her children is ridiculous."

The intense media coverage left Leona feeling overwhelmed and distrustful of the media. She says, "they put on exactly what they want people to see and will manipulate it so that it will sound totally different from what was actually said. One writer from the *L.A. Times* changed the meaning of my statements and wrote things that were factually incorrect. For example, I told the reporter that it was certain that the father and I did not have a future together. It would have been unfair to raise the child with only the influence of one culture. My statement was shortened to 'because the father is from a different culture.'... Also, the media is too interested in me as an individual, not enough about the issue, which is that women all over the world should have options about their families and when they have children. If I have strengths or weaknesses or if people do or don't relate to certain things about me, they act like I am the issue instead of RU-486. The things that are personal to me are put onto this issue, which is totally inappropriate. People should be judging RU-486 based on what it is and not what I am."

After 12 years of retraction of abortion rights in the U.S., president-elect Clinton has promised to make changes. However, Leona remains skeptical; she stated that "fundamentally the system is oppressive regardless of who has been elected president. Since Clinton has been elected there will probably be more abortion options; but he still wants too many restrictions on what should be a woman's choice."



**Pizza Challenge:**

# And the Winners are....

**By Satish Batchu**

After rigorous scientific comparison of the neighborhood pizzerias, three finalists remained. A fourth, Bus Stop, was added on a wild-card basis for the final taste-off.

**Papadaro's. (621-7272) One small pizza, 1/2 veggie, 1/2 sausage, \$10.96, 29 minute delivery time.**

At \$10.96 for a small combination, Papadaro's was the cheapest of the finalists. The price correlated with the taste of the sausage pizza, giving it a third place finish. In stark contrast, the vegetarian pizza took top honors in its class.

Opening the box was uninspiring, leading to comments that the pie "looks like a frozen pizza." The sausage was sparse and unevenly distributed. The vegetables drew even harsher words; "they're just not healthy looking tomatoes; they look like what's left at the end of the month in your fridge."

The sausage was declared "unremarkable" and was chiefly noted for being salty and a bit too greasy. However, Papadaro's vegetarian pizza proved that appearance isn't everything. A robust garlic flavor pervaded the pizza. Hidden beneath the same poor looking tomatoes was a host of crisp and flavorful onions, peppers and olives. The cheese blend was especially tasty compared to other pizzas, though some felt it could have adhered to the pizza and the toppings a bit better. All of these flavors blended perfectly with a thinner, crisper crust, adding up to a pizza that was delicious from the first bite.

**Milano Pizza, (665-3773) One small pizza, 1/2 veggie, 1/2 sausage, \$11.15. 20 minute delivery time.**

Initial impressions were that the pizza was hot and smelled good. Tasters differed in their opinions with regard to the flavor of the pizza; some described it as being spicy, having tasty tomato sauce, good seasoning, and not too much garlic, whereas others described the veggie half as being bland and not having much taste, and the sausage half as being too salty. One taster complained that the cheese was too tough and chewy. The crust was relatively well-liked, however, and was characterized as soft and doughy. While not taking top honors in either category, Milano's was a very good pizza.

**Escape From New York Pizza (668-5577) One small pizza, 1/2 veggie, 1/2 sausage, \$13.56. 35 minute delivery time.**

Escape From New York Pizza claimed the overall prize as the tastiest pizza in our survey. The secret to its win was probably the cheese: it was flavorful, it was tender, and it melted in your mouth. Bigger (but more expensive!) than the other pizzas, the crust looked and tasted homemade: crisp, but not cracker-like. The tomato sauce was bursting with flavor (a minority felt it was too overwhelming). Said the others, "If you can't stand the heat... hey, well, I'll eat that for you."

Escape's pizza took the sausage category by storm, mainly due to the snappy, zingy Italian sausage that was on it. If the pizza you're eating is bland and boring, we recommend the Escape sausage pizza to kick-start your taste buds. The veggie took second, but certainly it had the most variety of vegetables (this must be the pizza of the '90's: diverse, yet united.) The key vegetable was the red onion, which no other pizzeria surveyed offered. The juice from the vegetables made the pizza truly New York-style: slightly limp and gooey. Indeed, if you get a large enough of a piece (and you can eat fast), you can even enjoy Escape pizza truly New York style by folding your pizza in half, and then eating it. Anyway you slice it or eat it, though, Escape pizza was a delight.

**Bus Stop Pizza (626-5559) One small pizza, 1/2 veggie, 1/2 sausage, \$10.05. 27 minute delivery time.**

You can't tell a book from its cover and you can't tell a pizza from its appearance. When the box was opened, the Bus Stop product received the most oohs and aahs, with fresh zucchini on the vegetarian half. Nevertheless, this pizza could not stand up to the taste test. The crust was too chewy and had cardboard consistency, the sausage topping was absent on one slice, and the amount of sauce was very skimpy. It was unanimous: Bus Stop is the pizza bought once by mistake and never ordered again.

**The Final Verdict**  
**Sausage Pizza:** first place—Escape From New York; second, Milano  
**Vegetarian Pizza:** first place — Papadaro's, second, Escape From New York

## Mixed Media

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**Barak Gaster is a fourth year medical student.**

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## Clara's Kitchen

**By Clara Hsu**

In order to cook vermicelli noodles that are soft, it is important to adequately soak the noodles in water before cooking. In addition, cooking the noodles in plenty of fluid helps to keep the noodles moist.

### Chinese Silver Noodles

8 ounces vermicelli noodles

4 Tbsp oil

1 carrot, finely sliced  
 1 onion, chopped  
 10 mushrooms, sliced  
 1/2 head cabbage, chopped  
 1 can water chestnuts (about 12 oz)  
 1 can bamboo shoots (about 12 oz)

1/4 cup soy sauce  
 3 Tbsp oyster sauce  
 2 Tbsp black bean sauce  
 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
 1 tsp pepper  
 1/2 tsp ginger powder  
 1/2 tsp chili powder

Cut noodles with knife or scissors to shorten. Soak noodles in a bowl of lukewarm

water while preparing other ingredients. In a large frying pan or wok, heat oil. Under high heat, cook carrot stirring frequently about 3 minutes. Add onion, cook and stir another 3 minutes. Add mushrooms, cabbage, water chestnuts, and bamboo shoots. Continue cooking and stirring until vegetables are tender and done. Add spices, mix thoroughly.

Remove vegetables from pan, leaving fluid (from vegetables and soysauce) behind in pan. Add previously soaked noodles to fluid in pan. Under medium heat, cook noodles, mixing with sauce constantly with chopsticks or 2 forks. Sauce should be evenly distributed throughout noodles. If noodles become dry, add a small amount of water. When noodles are warm, add vegetables to the noodles, heat briefly to rewarm, and toss to mix. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

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# DANS LE METRO

**Zazie**  
941 Cole Street  
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**By Sonia Nagy**

As a resident of Cole Valley who enjoys leisurely Sunday morning brunches on sunny outdoor patios, I was sad to discover last spring that one of my favorite cafes, Cole Canyon Cafe, was closing its doors. Soon afterwards, however, signs appeared announcing the opening of a new restaurant at 941 Cole Street.

Frantic renovations ensued behind the newspapered windows, and in early July of this year, Zazie opened its doors to the public for lunch. At the end of July, the menu expanded to include brunch, and by the end of August, Zazie was offering a dinner menu as well.

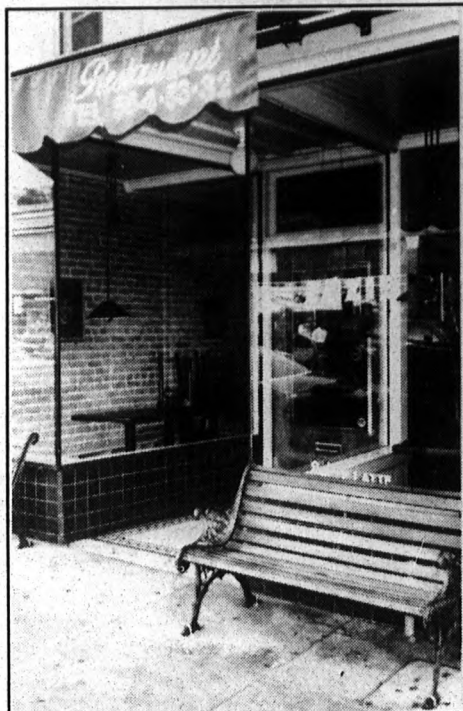
The new decor, which has replaced the cozy style of the Cole Canyon Cafe, is a surprising improvement. The high ceilings, light-colored walls and ceiling fans generate an open, airy, relaxed atmosphere and soothing classical music provides a pleasant background for dinner conversation. One wall has been constructed in a rustic open-faced brick, upon which are hung quaint, antique prints and advertisements.

The restaurant is co-owned by Janet Traub and Catherine Opoix and features a wide variety of predominantly French dishes, some of which are very traditional, and some of which combine flavors from other countries with a French flair.

The brunch menu includes traditional morning favorites such as croissants, french toast made with challa (egg bread) in an orange-cinnamon batter and a wide variety of egg dishes. The Zazie Omelette changes every day. Other specialties include salade nicoise (fresh grilled tuna, green beans, tomato, hardboiled egg, potatoes, peppers and olives in a mustard vinaigrette) and roasted chicken Provençal.

For lunch, Zazie offers a variety of delicious salads, sandwiches and plats du jour. Particularly tempting are the pan Bagnat (fresh garden vegetables in balsamic vinaigrette on an Acme roll) and marinated eggplant with fresh mozzarella or prosciutto.

The dinner menu changes weekly, although some items, such as the Provençal fish soup (fresh fish, shellfish and potatoes in a saffron tomato broth with rouille, croutons and grated cheese) polenta and roasted vegetables, paella and roasted chicken are always featured. In addition to these items, the menu always includes at least two pasta dishes, a vegetable or meat stew and a fresh



Zazie at 941 Cole Street.

fish dish. One particularly delicious dish offered was trout with capers and lemon. The fish was lightly sauteed in the skin and served with fresh, tender green beans and rice.

The appetizers are wonderful, particularly eggplant Marguerite with roasted pepper sauce: the eggplant is grilled perfectly and served beautifully, topped with a mildly spicy red pepper sauce. This is definitely the best eggplant dish I have had in a restaurant in a long time!

Zazie's desserts are phenomenal as well; a delicious and very filling conclusion to a wonderful meal. Choices range from a fresh fruit melba with French vanilla ice-cream and raspberry sauce, to Charlotte (rum-soaked lady fingers layered with chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce and fresh cream). Not exactly low-calorie food, but absolutely delicious, and consistently beautifully presented. Give yourself ample time to enjoy an evening at Zazie (to let your dessert settle!), and don't forget a cup of dark, rich coffee to finish your meal.

As an aside, I would like to mention that each time that I have been to Zazie, the waitresses and waiters have been notably courteous as well as knowledgeable regarding the preparation of the food. It definitely is appreciated and contributes to the relaxed, pleasant atmosphere of the restaurant.

I thought that I would miss the Cole Canyon Cafe, but Zazie is a delightful addition to Cole Valley, and I highly recommend it for both casual lunches and special dinners.

Zazie is open for brunch and lunch Tuesday through Sunday, from 9:00 am. On Wednesday through Sunday, the restaurant also serves dinner (until 9:30 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and until 10:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays). Prices are very reasonable, (even for students!) particularly considering the quality of the food. The cost for brunch ranges from \$1.00 - \$7.95, for lunch \$2.95 - \$7.95, and for dinner, appetizers are \$2.50 - \$5.95, entrees \$6.95 - \$9.95, and desserts \$1.25 - \$3.95. Cash and personal checks are accepted, but credit cards are not.

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# Too Smart?

**Consenting Adults**  
starring Kevin Kline and  
Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio  
Directed by Alan Pakula

**By Hector Cardenas**

There seems to be a recipe for the psychological thriller movies these days. Take a smooth talking villain; an unsuspecting, naive, trusting hero; and have the villain slowly shred the hero's life until they meet in a final, deadly confrontation. Well, it worked for *Hand That Rocks the Cradle* and *Single White Female*. Unfortunately for the new film *Consenting Adults*, someone did not read the recipe correctly. The hero was too smart for the film's overall good.

Kevin Kline is Richard Parker. This poor guy is cursed with a beautiful wife Priscilla (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio), a "normal" teenage daughter, a well-paying job and a house in the middle of the most suburban area ever known to man. The flaw of this movie is that Richard is smart. People in the movie tell him he is smart, the audience can tell that he is smart. Why then, if he is so smart, does he get into such a stupid situation?

Well, that would be due to Eddy Otis, the serpent in this Garden of Eden. Eddy (Kevin Spacey) and his wife Kay (Rebecca Miller) are the new entrants in this suburban paradise. They rapidly become friends with the Parkers and proceed to show Richard and Priscilla life in the fast lane. Eddy is the perfect psychological villain. He has an enviable lifestyle, he is a great talker, and he has a knack for defying the system for his own benefit. He convincingly works his way into Richard's mind. He shows Richard the emptiness of the perfect suburban life and tempts

Richard to take more risks in order to regain that feeling of life. When Richard becomes entranced by Kay, Eddy manipulates him into a proposition: a "friendly" wife exchange.

Richard is our smart guy. He can see the truth in taking more risks, he can see the shallow fate he has made for himself, but what he cannot see is why he should try something this risky with a man he barely knows. The audience is to assume that his libido is stronger than his intellect (sadly, too often it is), and he goes through with the deed.

Once Richard is seduced, the movie falls apart. He is accused of a crime he did not commit and spends the rest of the movie trying to clear his name as his life is torn to shreds. Somewhere along the way he leaves his brain behind and performs some of the dumbest hero actions to date. Even some of the armchair detectives in the theater remarked on how stupid their hero had become.

Mastrantonio is wasted in this film because her character Priscilla is depicted as a completely trusting fool with no mind of her own. During the movie she is placed in dangerous situations, but it is hard to find any sympathy for her. It is too painful to feel sorry for someone that dense. However, a bright spot in the movie is Forest Whitaker in an excellent role as a private investigator and the only person who somewhat believes Richard. He is thoroughly convincing because he has the sense to mistrust someone he hardly knows. Too bad our hero does not have the same sense.



Rating: \$3. Wait for it to come out on video, and let someone else pay for it.



Richard and Priscilla Parker (Kevin Kline and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, left) with their new neighbors Eddy and Kay Otis (Kevin Spacey and Rebecca Miller, right).

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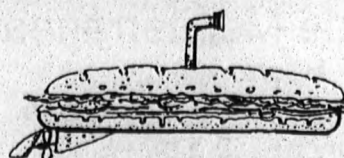
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## And now, here are your Golden State Warriors...

By Gary Tom

Last year under coach Don "Nellie" Nelson, the Warriors were able to compile a 55-27 record. This was remarkable considering that they didn't have a true center, which is almost a prerequisite for an NBA contender. Their lack of a seven-footer eventually cost them, when they were overmatched by the Seattle SuperSonics in the first round of the playoffs.

So you would have thought that Nellie would have either drafted a center this year with their first pick or at least traded for one. You would have also been wrong. Ever since Nelson took over as coach of the Warriors, his tactics have been unpredictable. Last year, with the regular season about to start, Nelson traded fan-favorite Mitch Richmond to the Sacramento Kings for the Syracuse rookie, Billy Owens. Two years earlier he had drafted point guard Tim Hardaway after declaring that he would never waste a pick on a point guard because any guard could be taught to run the offense. No matter who Nellie surprises the fans with, the outcome has always improved the team.

This season you can look forward to a few more surprises when the Warriors open against Karl "the Mailman" Malone and the Utah Jazz. Back for another season with the Warriors are Olympian Chris Mullin, Hardaway, Owens, Sarunas Marciulionis, Tyrone Hill, Chris Gatling and Victor Alexander. The newcomers include ex-Milwaukee Buck, Jeff Grayer, a 6' 5" guard and

three promising rookies —defensive specialist Latrell Spreewell (another 6' 5" guard) Byron Houston (a 6' 5" power forward in the Charles Barkley mold); and Keith "Mister" Jennings (a 5' 7" point guard). All of them have made an impression on Nelson, but how they do against the likes of Michael Jordan, Clyde Drexler and the rest of the NBA in the regular season remains to be seen.

This year we'll be able to see more of "Sir" Charles Barkley, who will be playing for the Phoenix Suns; follow Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls as they try for an unprecedented three-peat; and see whether Shaquille O'Neal is indeed in a class with Patrick Ewing, Hakeem Olajuwon and David Robinson.

Many of the games can be seen on television, but nothing beats watching your Golden State Warriors in person at the Oakland Coliseum Arena. Even though every game is supposedly sold out, BASS Ticket Centers (510-762-BASS) usually have some nose-bleed seats remaining. Actually, these seats aren't as bad as they sound, since the 15,025 seat Coliseum is fairly compact. Ticket prices cost about \$20 and up, more if you buy at the arena than from scalpers.

Transportation to the arena is one of the plusses. Driving to the Coliseum usually takes a good half hour from the UCSF campus. Alternatively, you can just hop on BART which is just as quick and more relaxing. You don't have to fight the rush-hour traffic (most games start at seven-thirty) and you don't have to pay to park.

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# What's your sign?

By Betty Yen and Deepa Setty

You've been waiting to meet that special someone for weeks. Now, it's finally happened... you meet this magical person, but words fail you. All you can sputter out is the latest article you've read in JAMA or the formulas that you've been cramming--you sound like a true science nerd. But don't panic--horoscopes are the answer. Next time, be prepared and ask, "What's your sign?" We guarantee that conversation will flow freely and that "someone" will look at you in a different light.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 20)** Any true Aries loves a good challenge. The most courageous and goal-oriented of all the signs, Arians refuse to be ruled by others. This individualistic streak is double-edged, however; they can easily become aggressive, tactless and selfish. Possessing a seemingly endless supply of energy, don't be surprised when you see the same Arian involved in ten billion projects.

**TAURUS (April 21 to May 21)** "Stubborn as a bull"—this describes the Taurian to a tee: headstrong and steadfast. When provoked, their possessiveness can take over and render them incapable of reason. Affectionate by nature, the Bull feels most comfortable among family and close friends. They love physical contact—have you hugged a Taurus lately?

**GEMINI (May 22 to June 21)** "Wonder Twin powers, activate!" You are actually meeting two personalities when you meet a Gemini. One Twin is quick-witted, versatile and extremely social; the other Twin feels insecure, restless, and avoids any emotional responsibility. Trying to catch a Gemini is

like catching a rainbow—always just out of your reach.

**CANCER (June 22 to July 22)** Words fail when it comes to describing this sign. Cancers embody a contradictory hodge-podge of qualities: emotionality, tenacity, domesticity, craving security and safety. Also known as the Moon Children, Cancers often have their heads in the clouds; they are neither here nor there. Like Hamlet, every decision compels the Cancer to launch into a soliloquy: "Ah yes, to be or not to be, that is the question...."



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Like the king of the jungle, Leo has an air of confidence and can be the hunter of the opposite sex. Charismatic and outgoing, Leos love being the center of attention, often hogging the spotlight. Easily flattered, Leos can be "in love with love"; romance is always in the air with a Leo around.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 21)** Mental stimulation is a turn-on for this sign. "I analyze," proclaims the Virgo, ever critical and a perfectionist at heart. Easily overwhelmed by large undertakings, Virgos function best in service to others. The Virgin

soul feels compelled to work, but is happiest when business is mixed with pleasure.

**LIBRA (September 22 to October 22)** Libras seek equilibrium above all else. With their charm and diplomacy, Libras make great negotiators. Beauty and harmony are vital to this sign; they prefer to share their minds and hearts with another. However, Libras are often easily enticed by surface beauty, concerned with surrounding themselves with "all that's nice"—wine 'em and dine 'em, it's sure to please 'em.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** There's much that the Scorpio soul knows...but even more that is *sensed* and cannot yet be defined. They can be totally committed to the agenda, whether it's a project/relationship, but by the same token, if it's not a priority in their life, they could care less. Sexually uninhibited, Scorpios strive to unite the physical and the spiritual sides of love into one.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Walk into any party, and you'll see a crowd of people around the Sagittarian—fun-loving and generous. People born under this sign believe in honesty as the best policy in life. But can we tell ya? No, we can't, but for the latest gossip, seek out the nearest Sag and he or she will be more than happy to update you!

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Boring words come to mind when you think of this sign: responsible, patient, stable and practical. But, like fine wine, the lives of Capricorns improve with age. Although cool, collected and snobbish



on the surface, they are a raging furnace of passion and emotional intensity on the inside.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Born with wanderlust pulsating through their blood, Aquarians are the most freedom-loving sign of the Zodiac. Being so easy going, they collect many friends, and are always concerned with the state of humanity. But, underneath it all, the people born under this sign are the least domesticated and the most unstable, earning them the nickname of "the eternal loner."

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The last of the twelve zodiac signs, Pisces is the most difficult one of them all to comprehend. Pisceans are represented by the two fish swimming in opposite directions, symbolizing their inability to set and maintain one single direction. Often easily influenced for good or bad, people born under this sign are very compassionate, sensitive and can have great spiritual insight.

The above descriptions are generalizations. You will need to study and combine many other factors in your personal horoscope chart before you gain a true picture of your own nature!

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