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*Access SF / Cable Channel 29
Announces premiere presentations*
**The San Franciscans – Episode #11
- SEX, DRUGS & STDs IN THE CITY -**

Cable Premiere – Friday, July 29th, 2005 – 6:30PM

Access SF is pleased to announce the premiere presentations of the next installment of **The San Franciscans**, our in-house, award winning talk show series that profiles the diversity and vitality of the local nonprofit community. **Episode #11 – SEX, DRUGS, & STDs IN THE CITY** will focus on the City's leading public health and prevention agencies and the strategies they are using to address two growing health care crises in San Francisco – the number of rising Syphilis cases and the epidemic levels of Crystal Methamphetamine addiction among gay and bisexual men.

A slate of four presentation dates & times has been set for **Episode #11 – SEX, DRUGS, & STDs IN THE CITY** on Cable Channel 29:

- Friday, July 29th, 2005 at 6:30PM
- Sunday, July 31st, 2005 at 8:00PM
- Wednesday, August 10th, 2005 at 4:30PM
- Monday, August 15th, 2005 at 10:00PM

SHOW DETAILS:

Recorded live-to-tape on June 14th as part of LGBT Pride Month activities at Cable Channel 29, **Episode #11 – SEX, DRUGS, & STDs IN THE CITY** was moderated by Ralph Hyman, Associated Publisher at Girlfriends Magazine. Four panelists participated in the talk show, crossing expertise in STD/HIV prevention and treatment, substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation, and LGBT community health and wellness initiatives, including:

- **Nate Burjikow**
Community Health Specialist & PROP Project Coordinator
San Francisco Department of Public Health
- **Dr. Brad Hare**
National Director, Positive Health Program
San Francisco General Hospital
- **Jacqueline Siller, MPH**
Community-based STD Services Manager, STD Prevention & Control Services
San Francisco Department of Public Health
- **Rickey Williams**
Our Love Program Coordinator
Stop AIDS Project

Episode #11 – SEX, DRUGS, & STDs IN THE CITY runs at a full television hour, providing local viewers with a comprehensive summary of the current crisis facing local public health professionals in this area. The show was produced by Marc Smolowitz for Access SF and realized with collaboration and support from Frank Strona of the Department of Public Health's Office of STD Prevention and Control Services.

For further information on **The San Franciscans – Episode #11 – SEX, DRUGS, & STDs IN THE CITY**, please contact: Marc Smolowitz - Access SF / Cable Channel 29 Development
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ABOUT ACCESS SF / CABLE CHANNEL 29:

Access SF has served as the City's designated nonprofit manager of public access television since 1999. In 2002, the agency opened a 4,500 square foot television production facility located at 1720 Market Street where citizens and nonprofits are offered low-cost training in media and television, equipment access and facility resources. Currently, 300+ producer members submit 225+ regular series for playback on public access each month. Annually, the station cablecasts 4800+ hours of original local programming on Cable Channel 29, which reaches into 217,000+ households across all neighborhoods on both Comcast and RCN cable. **The San Franciscans** is Access SF's award winning community outreach project that engages the local nonprofit sector with public access television and community media. For more information on The San Franciscans, go to: <http://www.accessf.org/thesanfranciscans/>.