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# Black, Latino HIV infection rate troubles officials

by Liz Highleyman

frican-Amercontinue to have a disproportionately high likelihood of new HIV infections,



according to the latest HIV surveillance
data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
HIV incidence, or
new infections, declined by 8 percent overall
in the United States between 2010 and 2015,
but wome own and bisevant men saws a risine. in the United States between 2010 and 2015, but young gay and bisexual men saw a rising rate. And, while all racial and ethnic groups have seen declines in new infections, African-American and Latino men continue to be infected at rates that are troubling to officials. "The CDC's updated HIV data confirmed what we have been seeing in the field," Acc Robinson, HIV commissioner for South Los Augules, told the IRM Area Proceeds. "The

Angeles, told the Bay Area Reporter. "The new patients coming into our lobbies are get-ting younger and it's overwhelmingly becom-ing mostly black gay men and transgender women."

HIV incidence refers to new infections and prevalence refers to total existing infections. These are harder to estimate than new HIV diagnoses – or positive HIV tests – which can reflect either recent or old infections. Some people remain undiagnosed for years after they become infected, in some cases until they develop symptoms of advanced illness. Researchers can use CD4 T-cell counts to

estimate the time since infection, because these immune cells decrease at a predictable rate in people with HIV who are not on antiretroviral treatment. The delay between antiretroviral treatment. The delay between infection and diagnosis (when the first CD4 test is typically done) can then be used to produce estimates of HIV incidence and prevalence.

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Using this method, CDC researchers de-termined that the total number of new infec-tions fell from 41,800 in 2010 to 38,500 in 2015 – a 7.9 percent decline. But the aggre-gate numbers do not tell the whole story. HIV incidence decreased among women and remained stable among men between 2010 and 2015. In 2015, men had nearly a five-fold higher likelihood than women of becoming infected (31,600 versus 6,900 new infection; essenctively). Transpender poople infections, respectively). Transgender people were not included due to inadequate data, the

By far the majority of new infections

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### Foxy Mary and Hunky Jesus crowned

lanked by emces Sister Dana van Iniquity, left, and Sister Roma are the winners of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence's Foxy Mary contest, Old Mary Let-Herself-Go (Karen Weber), and Hunky Jesus, Puerto Rico Refuge

Jesus (Rolando Racso Sáenz), with a roll Jesus (Rolando Racso Saenz), with a roll of paper towels that he threw out to the crowd, at the Sisters' 39th annual Easter Celebration in Golden Gate Park Sunday, April 1. For more photos, see Shining Stars on page 31.



Terminal 1, which will be named after Harvey Milk.

## Supes OK Milk terminal at SFO

by Matthew S. Bajko

an Francisco's airport will be the first in the world to honor an LGBT leader by naming one of its terminals after gay icon Harvey

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted Tuesday to designate Terminal 1 at San Fran-cisco International Airport after Milk. Sworn in 40 years ago as a city supervisor, Milk was the first out LGBT individual to hold elective office

ints out EASH industrial to hold elective office in both San Francisco and California. Tragically, Milk and then-mayor George Moscone were assassinated inside City Hall by disgruntled former supervisor Dan White the morning of November 27, 1978. Since then

# City commits to fund homeless youth programs

by Matthew S. Bajko

ay District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy and Mayor Mark Farrell have committed to continue \$1.54 million in city funding for a number of local homeless youth pro-

continue \$1.54 million in city funding for a number of local homeless youth programs, the Bay Area Reporter has learned.

Last year, Sheehy worked with the late mayor Ed Lee to secure the supplemental funds in the city's 2017-2018 budget. The money came in response to Sheehy's complaints that not enough was being done to assist the estimated 1,500 homeless youth on the city's streets. Of those, 43 percent identify as LGBT, and 13 percent are HIV-positive, noted Sheehy, the first person known to be living with HIV to serve on the board. For many years, he noted, the city has prioritized services for honeless veterans and homeless families living on the streets and not done as much as it could for homeless youth.

The majority of the money earmarked last year by Sheehy and Lee, S906,000, was used for housing subsidies for transition-age youth between 18 and 24 years old. The San Francisco LIGBT Community Center received \$289,000 to expand its drop-in hours for its youth program to six days a week, including Saturdays, Larkin Street Youth Services received \$350,000 to partly fund a new outreach coordinator and increased staffing for outreach teams that work with homeless youth in the Castro and Haight-Asburry neighborhoods. with homeless youth in the Castro and Haight-Ashbury neighborhoods.



Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, right, paid a visit and heard from staff members of San Francisco's LGBT Community Center's LGBT youth drop-in program. From left are Zami Tinashe Hyemingway, Levi Maxwell, Vanessa Teran, and Rebecca Rolfe, executive director of the center, on the extreme right.

As the supervisors and mayor work to fi-nalize this year's budget proposal, Sheehy and Farrell both told the B.A.R. they would work to ensure that another \$1.54 million is included

in fiscal year 2018-2019 for the youth homeless programs.
"I will absolutely continue to fund the \$1.54

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