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ACTIVIST URVASHI VAID TO SPEAK AT THE DEL MAR APRIL 29

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SANTA CRUZ, CA-- Civil Rights Activist and Attorney Urvashi Vaid will give a community lecture on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the newly restored Del Mar Theater at 1124 Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz.

Her talk, "Sexuality and Its Discontents: What's Race, Class, and War Got to Do with It?," marks the Third Annual CJTC ~ Anne Neufeld Levin Spring Lecture presented by the UC Santa Cruz Center for Justice, Tolerance and Community and will be free admission to all.

A prominent leader of the gay rights movement, Vaid is a former Executive Director of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force Policy Institute and author of *Virtual Equality: the Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation*. She has worked to increase the visibility/"coming out" of gays and lesbians, believing that visibility will reduce barriers to acceptance.

"The gay rights movement is an integral part of the American promise of freedom," Vaid said during the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation.

Born in India and raised in New York, Vaid has been involved with civil rights since the early 1980s. In 1994, Time Magazine included Vaid among its list "Fifty for the Future" of America's most promising leaders under the age of forty.

Manuel Pastor, Director of the CJTC, calls Vaid a bridge among activists working on a wide range of civil rights issues.

Vaid's visit is presented by the CJTC in collaboration with UCSC's Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center; the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center; and the Women's Center. Other UCSC cosponsors include the Chicano/Latino Research Center, the Institute for Humanities Research, College Eight, and the Departments of Anthropology, Community Studies, History of Consciousness, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, and Women's Studies. For more information, call CJTC at (831) 459-5743 or email: cjtc@cats.ucsc.edu.

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