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Siddharth Shanghvi writes on AIDS in India

 Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi, Special to The Chronicle
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Editor's note: Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi, who divides his time between Berkeley and India, has written an essay, "Hello, Darling," excerpted below, for the forthcoming collection "AIDS Sutra: Untold Stories From India" (Anchor Books; 334 pages; \$13.95). All names have been changed. Shanghvi will read from the essay Saturday during Litquake.

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Every time my friend Reba Khan spoke of Murad, her voice, darkly nostalgic, was like a jazz tune on the run, at once spirited and melancholic. "Murad was the original flamboyante. He was more than life. He was a filmmaker raconteur vintage poster collector an

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