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Gay Supreme Court Victory

In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, the United States Supreme Court has let stand a lower court decision striking down an Oklahoma law that permitted the firing of teachers for speaking in favor of gay and lesbian civil rights. The National Gay Task Force had challenged the law.

Commenting on the decision, acting NGTF executive director Jeff Levi said, "Teachers, whatever their sexual orientation, can now feel free to participate in the political process when it comes to the issue of gay and lesbian civil rights. It is a major advance for our community."

Out-going executive director Virginia M. Appuzzo commented, "In our view, the Court has affirmed that gay men and lesbian women have the same First Amendment free speech rights as other Americans."

"It is gratifying to me that justice has been done, but I am appalled that there are four members of the nation's highest court who would deny lesbian and gay citizens their basic Constitutional rights," she continued.

"Clearly, our community cannot relax its vigil, and we must remind our friends outside the gay and lesbian community that we need their continued support."

Levi and Apuzzo expressed their profound thanks to Laurence Tribe of the Harvard Law School, who argued the case before the Supreme Court in January, and to his associate Kathleen Sullivan, and their staff.

In addition, they praised the efforts of attorney Bill Rogers, a former NGTF Board Member from Oklahoma, who worked on the case since its inception; Leonard Graff, Legal Director of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA); and all those who filed amicus curiae briefs at all stages of the proceedings.

These included: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Modern Language Association, the National Education Association, the American Jewish Congress, and the Attorneys General of New York and California, Robert Abrams and John K. Van de Kamp.

The Court split 4-4 on the decision, with Justice Lewis Powell not participating. Powell did not hear the oral arguments and declined to ask that the case be reargued.

The tie vote means the ruling sets precedent only in the Tenth Circuit — Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah

and Wyoming — but Oklahoma's legislation was unique.

An attempt to institute a similar law in California was turned aside by the state's voters in 1978 when Proposition 6 was defeated. Both liberals and conservatives, including then former Governor Ronald Reagan, opposed the anti-gay initiative.

In a 2-1 decision, the Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals held in March of last year that "The part of Oklahoma Statute 70 6 S 103.15 that allows punishment of teachers for 'public homosexual conduct' does present constitutional problems," since such conduct was defined in the statute as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school employees."

NGTF, acting as plaintiff in the case on behalf of teachers and principals in Oklahoma City, had appealed an earlier unfavorable ruling.

The brief for NGTF argued that the law created an unconstitutional infringement on free speech, and the Appeals Court agreed.

Oklahoma appealed that decision to the Supreme Court. □

Gays to have seat on City's Affirmative Action Committee

The gay and lesbian community will be represented on the San Jose Affirmative Action Advisory Committee due to a vote by the city council on April 2.

The action came after an attempt was made to expand the ten-member committee to include gay-lesbian representation. The committee's role is to advise the city council on affirmative action matters.

BAYMEC (the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee) worked with the Affirmative Action officer, Juan Pifarre, for the designated position on the committee. Council approval was required before the recommendation could be effective.

By a 10-1 vote, with councilmember Lu Ryden voting "no," membership was expanded to include a representative from BAYMEC. Ryden, who made a point of stating that BAYMEC was a gay-lesbian organization, objected on the basis that white, straight males also should be represented.

Ken Yeager, BAYMEC

treasurer, said after the vote, "The committee is an ideal forum for us to raise the issues of discrimination on recruitment, and hiring and firing policies, especially in light of the governor's veto of AB-1. Today's action is a very significant victory. I'm very pleased."

BAYMEC is a local political action committee whose purpose is to protect and strengthen laws governing lesbian and gay rights in the counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz.

Officers for 1985 are: Rich Gordon, President; Wiggy Sivertsen, Vice-President; Ron Taylor, Secretary; and Ken Yeager, Treasurer.

BAYMEC recently published the first issue of its newsletter, together with a handy card listing addresses and phone numbers of local state senators and assemblymembers.

To contact BAYMEC, call (408) 297-1024, or write to: BAYMEC, P.O. Box 90070, San Jose, CA 95109. □

Union official elected to HRCF board

William J. Olwell, vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) and the highest ranking openly gay union official in the country, was unanimously elected to the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund at its winter meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The UFCW, with 1.3 million members is the largest affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

When asked about his election, Olwell said, "I'm honored to become a member of such a prestigious board of directors and hope that my presence will contribute to the growing influence of this important political organization."

Much of the remainder of the two-day meeting was devoted to fundraising and Campaign Fund finances. During these discussions, the board resolved that each member would commit to raising a minimum of \$5,000 per year.

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Bye, Kids!



Mary Azar, co-owner of The Interlude, bids her customers farewell at a party to celebrate her retirement. Article and more pictures on Page 11. Photo by Ted Sahl

Wall Street Journal Trial Concludes

By Morgan Pinney

New York — Testimony has concluded in the much-publicized Wall Street Journal "newsleak" trial, with the gay-lover relationship of two of the defendants playing a key role in the defense.

Former Journal columnist R. Foster Winans had confessed long ago that he "leaked" the subject of upcoming columns to millionaire stockbroker Peter Brant, who made money trading in stocks mentioned in the column.

When he took the stand in his own defense, Winans steadfastly denied that he broke any laws — and never intended to.

Indeed, this case represents the

first time the government has tried to apply "insider trading" laws against a journalist.

Winans claimed that he leaked the information at Brant's request, and received some money, mainly to pay off his lover's medical bills, then later to make a downpayment on a house for them.

Brant was the government's main prosecution witness and claimed that Winans had suggested the whole scheme.

It was revealed in court that the government had tried to coerce Winans into a criminal confession of wrongdoing by threatening to indict his lover, David Carpenter.

Carpenter was a co-defendant

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Court leaves future unclear for Gay teachers

Gay/Lesbian activists are divided as to the significance of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent 4-to-4 vote in an important case involving teachers and gay rights. The ruling centers on an Oklahoma law that allows the dismissal of teachers who "advocate" or "encourage" homosexuality. A lower court had ruled that this law violated teachers' freedom of speech rights. Through its tie vote, on March 25, the Supreme Court effectively upheld that ruling.

Leonard Graff, chief counsel of the Gay Rights Advocates Inc., called the ruling "a benchmark of the progress of the gay rights movement," marking the first time the Supreme Court has "done something positive for the gay community."

Other gay activists disagree. Eric Rofes, whose forthcoming book *Socrates, Plato, and Guys Like Me* (Alyson Publications) tells the story of his struggles as a gay teacher in suburban Massachusetts, is one dissenter. "I personally feel it is outrageous for the Supreme

Court in 1985 to be unable to come out strongly in support of the First Amendment rights of school personnel," he said.

There is still good reason for teachers to be concerned. In the past, the Supreme Court has consistently been reluctant to address the issue of whether private homosexual activity is protected by the Constitution. It had previously refused to hear an appeal by a high school guidance counselor who lost her job after revealing to her colleagues that she was involved with another woman.

It seems clear that most lesbian and gay teachers who want to keep their jobs will have to keep their sexual orientation secret, at least for the present.

Warns Rofes, who lost his teaching job because he refused to remain closeted. "Lesbian and gay teachers and students have substantial work ahead of us, before we will be able to make American schools safe places for our kind." □



Eric Rofes lost his teaching job because he refused to keep his sexual orientation a secret. He tells his story in *SOCRATES, PLATO AND GUYS LIKE ME* (Alyson, 1985).

Gay Fathers 6th World Conference

Gay men and women will have the opportunity to share ideas and exchange experiences at the 6th Annual World Conference of the Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI), to be held in Los Angeles May 31 through June 2.

Richard Warren, executive vice-president of the 2,000 member organization with 47 chapters in the United States, Canada and overseas, based in Washington, D.C., says that early returns of a pre-registration mail-out last month indicate that about 600 men and women will participate in the more than 20 workshops being offered at the conference.

"We have gotten commitments from some of our overseas chapters to send delegates, and we fully expect that every region of the U.S. will be represented as well."

Gay Fathers Coalition International embraces a diverse group of gay men and lesbian women in parenting roles. While some affiliated chapters are devoted exclusively to gay

married men, the majority of the membership is men who live an exclusively homosexual lifestyle.

A number of key experts in psychology, family counseling and family law have already been set to appear at the summer conference. Among them is noted psychologist Brian Miller, an authority on the subject of gay parenting.

Workshops being offered will include general parenting subjects as well as panels on custody issues, single parent adoption, communications with teens and younger children and relationships with former spouses.

The Conference Organizing Committee will work with registrants to provide housing and transportation while delegates are visiting Southern California.

To receive a pre-registration package by mail, write to The GFCI Conference Organizing Committee: GFCI, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-346, Los Angeles, CA 90046 or by calling (213) 871-1575. □

NY Playwright Guest of SJRep

New York playwright Michael Brady will be the guest of San Jose Repertory Company for five days next month, announced executive producer James P. Reber. The professional theatre is staging the West Coast premiere of Brady's play, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, at the Montgomery Theatre in downtown San Jose, April 11-28.

According to Reber, Brady will view the final dress rehearsal and previews of *To Gillian*.

"It is our hope to make this a standard practice in the future as San Jose Rep continues to develop its new direction," Reber stated. "There are many insights to be gained by our company members and our audience as they exchange ideas directly with the playwright."

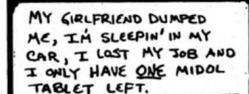
Brady will participate in a discussion with Rep audience members following the Friday, April 12 preview performance. An opening night reception at Eulippia restaurant will be held in Brady's honor following the 8 p.m. performance on Saturday evening, April 13.

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday was first produced by The Ensemble Studio Theatre in New York. The drama was later staged Off-Broadway at Circle in the Square Downtown. The play tells a warm and sensitive story of how one modern American family heals itself following the

untimely loss of a loved one. For additional information or ticket reservations, call San Jose Rep Box Office at (408) 294-7572. □

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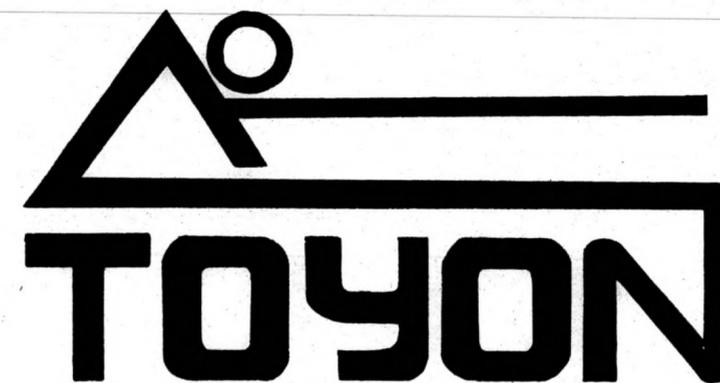
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Gay Voting Habits: Are They Self-Destructive?

Few of us would argue with the proposition that the men and women of the gay community are very often viewed by the "straight" world as nothing more than a huddled mass of clones. So, in light of the 1984 election, the question arises: if we act, dress, look and sound alike, why is it that gay people don't all vote alike?

That's an interesting question, for both gays and non-gays alike. While each of us would dispute the assumptions of typical stereotyping by ignorant observers of our community, perhaps the one consistency it would be reasonable to assume we as a community do share is the tendency to flex our political muscle as a unit on election day.

You're thinking, "What is he talking about? What about the gay voting bloc in San Francisco? What about the solidarity of the gay community in other cities in the country?" What about them? It's true that, at least on a local, municipal level, gay people have been known to stand together when their freedoms are at stake.

But that is by no means a given truth. If it were, there would be a lot more gay civil rights bills passed by city councils in the United States, and a lot less threatening legislation being enacted into law in some of our largest cities.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund represents the interests of the gay/lesbian community in federal races. And what we have witnessed in Congressional, Senatorial and Presidential elections for the past four years is an apparent absence of a reliable, consistent coalition of lesbian and gay voters.

A large number of men and women of the gay community would argue that a second Reagan administration will not help the cause of gay civil rights in this country. And many would argue that a second term will in fact see ground lost, primarily as an increasingly conservative federal judiciary — particularly the Supreme Court — hears important human rights cases. Yet a substantial number of these same gay men and women voted for the re-election of President Reagan, while in the same breath acknowledging that their vote may contribute to further repression of our personal liberties.

The same syndrome is evident in races for the House and Senate. In Texas, where the issue of gay civil rights provided some of the most emotional (and disturbing) rhetoric in the campaign between Democrat Lloyd Doggett and Republican Phil Gramm, precinct returns from Dallas and Houston indicate that, while a majority of gays voted for Lloyd Doggett, who supported gay civil rights, an alarming number of us voted for Phil Gramm, who campaigned as being openly homophobic.

Gay people should be proud of the fact that our involvement in all spectrums of life, including politics, reflects the diversity of opinion, thought and preference of a community as eclectic as ours. Therefore, the fact that no one political party can take our allegiance for granted is a very positive one. But partisanship aside, it is a frightening fact that gays cannot be expected to band together in support of a candidate — of either party — who has espoused a commitment to protecting our rights to live, work and express ourselves free from the threat of legal or social discrimination.

Less than three weeks into this new year, a devastating defeat was suffered by the gay community in Houston. This defeat was, in large part, self-induced. A January 19th referendum of two anti-discrimination measures passed last year by the Houston City Council saw the defeat of those measures by a margin of 82% - 18% — more than four to one!

Where was the gay community? The estimated number of lesbian women and gay men who are registered to vote in that city is 120,000. Yet in 10 predominantly gay precincts, less than 6,000 votes were cast in support of the measures. And less than 45,000 votes were cast in support citywide. In a campaign which was painted by our detractors as a virtual referendum on our civil rights, fewer than one-third of the gay community even bothered to vote.

The same phenomenon has been taking place all over the country for the past several years. And while not all of the votes were on referenda, many of them involved the election of politicians openly opposed to any sort of gay civil rights protections. The gay communities involved either failed to recognize the threats facing them, or were simply too apathetic to respond.

The result has been a growing opinion by right-wing, anti-gay groups that the gay community is an easy target. They believe we're unwilling to do more than just roll over and play dead when our rights are at stake — we'll even go so far as to vote for candidates who vehemently oppose gay civil rights.

No one is advocating that the millions of gay voters in the United States should get up each election day and respond to every judgment we're asked to make strictly as members of the gay community. We all have minds of our own. Yet as the efforts of the "Moral Majorities" of the world grow increasingly aggressive, sophisticated and successful, gay people must respond in kind.

Senator Marks' statement on AIDS test

State Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco/Marin) made the following statement on March 21 on the Senate floor regarding AB488 (Roos):

I rise to reluctantly support this legislation. I have thought much about the purposes of this bill, the implications of the policy proposals, the need to secure the health and safety of our citizens, and the fears of a great number of my constituents. I have heard a great deal about the legislation and how it was moved through the process. Community leaders, concerned citizens, and victims of this horrible disease have all brought their concerns to my attention.

The goal of AB 488 is admirable. It is true, we must safeguard as many people as possible from AIDS. We must protect the state's blood supply, and answer the concerns and fears of people who have received transfusions, and those who will receive transfusions. This bill moves in that direction, and I support it for that reason.

However, before I cast my vote on this bill, I must express my concerns and fears. I want the authors of the bill, the members of this body, and those who have so articulately presented their fears to understand why this was a difficult decision to reach, and why I have decided to vote for AB 488.

In securing health, in preventing the spread of AIDS, we must ensure that we do not trample the rights of individuals, especially those afflicted with this dreaded disease.

We must also remember our commitment to fairness. Our response to this health emergency should not be predicated on the lifestyle, or sexuality of the victims of this disease. In this crisis, there are only innocent victims — no one who died deserved that fate, and no one who will die deserves the suffering they face.

Unfortunately, this bill illustrates the unfairness of the state response to AIDS. In the effort to prevent the spread of AIDS to more non-gay victims, this bill proposes to spend \$5 million. This money, for alternative test sites, is not provided at the request of the gay community. In fact, gay leaders opposed the licensing of the test and still oppose its use for the general public.

The \$5 million is provided to ensure that no high-risk in-

dividuals, no member of the gay community, donate blood to simply determine if they could have AIDS. By discouraging high risk donors from giving blood for that reason, you increase the safety of the blood supply — an admirable effort.

However, this proposal continues a public policy that seems to divide the victims of AIDS into two camps: the innocents and those who deserved their fate. 18 individuals in San Francisco have contracted AIDS from blood transfusions. Over one thousand gay men are stricken with the disease in that city. Today, we propose to spend over \$5 million to protect those 18, while we have barely spent \$5 million over the course of the epidemic to protect gay men from AIDS.

It is clear that our spending priorities have been determined by the lifestyle and sexuality of the victims. Only when non-gays are threatened do we provide adequate funding and new programs. I, for one, find it difficult to think of the fine young men who have died from AIDS, and who will die, knowing that more money for research, education, and health care could have saved their lives.

Yes, I support this bill. But I will also fight to ensure that fair and adequate funding is provided for AIDS programs, programs serving all the victims of this disease, in this year's budget and into the future.

And I want all those members of the legislature who support this bill, particularly its authors, to fight to ensure that the governor does not expend these funds, this \$5 million, at the expense of other programs and other funding provided by the legislature.

I am also sensitive to the fears I hear in the gay community: fear of a blacklist of AIDS victims and gay men in general; fear of the loss of employment or health care; fear of further social ostracism; fear of the denial of basic rights; fears that are founded on the bigotry and hysteria surrounding this disease.

AIDS is a killer, but we must ensure that the livelihood, happiness, or basic freedoms of any individual are not compromised in guaranteeing public health.

AB 403, and this bill, begin to address this issue. There is an attempt to safeguard confidentiality. And I certainly hope that the safeguards are adequate. However, as with any threat to basic rights, I fear that they are not — many of my constituents fear they are not, and those constituents will be the first to lose their rights. I should hope that these bills are monitored for effectiveness, and to ensure that the intent of the legislature is carried out.

Again, I reluctantly support AB 488. It is a necessary step to ensure against the further spread of this disease. If we are truly concerned about containing AIDS, each of us must cast an aye vote. But I will continue to fight for the rights and concerns of AIDS victims in the gay community, and I urge your support for that effort. □

LETTER

Dear Friend:

San Francisco Sex Information is accepting applications now for its 1985 Spring Training course for new volunteers and interested others. The training begins April 20.

Participants in the 50-hour program will receive current accurate information on sexual practices, lifestyles and sexually related concerns. The workshop offers a chance to safely explore one's own feelings about sex and sexuality.

In addition we provide an opportunity to develop sensitive non-judgmental communication skills.

The purpose of the training is to offer these skills to both professionals and the general public and to provide San Francisco Sex Information's switchboard with trained volunteers to better serve our community with information and referrals.

At San Francisco Sex Information we believe that information on sexually related matters should be available to all who seek it. With the rising conservatism, accurate information on sex will be harder to get, but with AIDS, and the rapidly changing sexual environment of San Francisco it will be needed by the public more than ever.

We are seeking your support in helping our organization publicize not only this event but the broader issue of access to accurate sex information.

Reduced fee is available to intended switchboard volunteers. To get more information about the training, or our organization, please call San Francisco Sex Information at (415) 665-7300 between 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. weekdays.

Sincerely,

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PMS Workshop

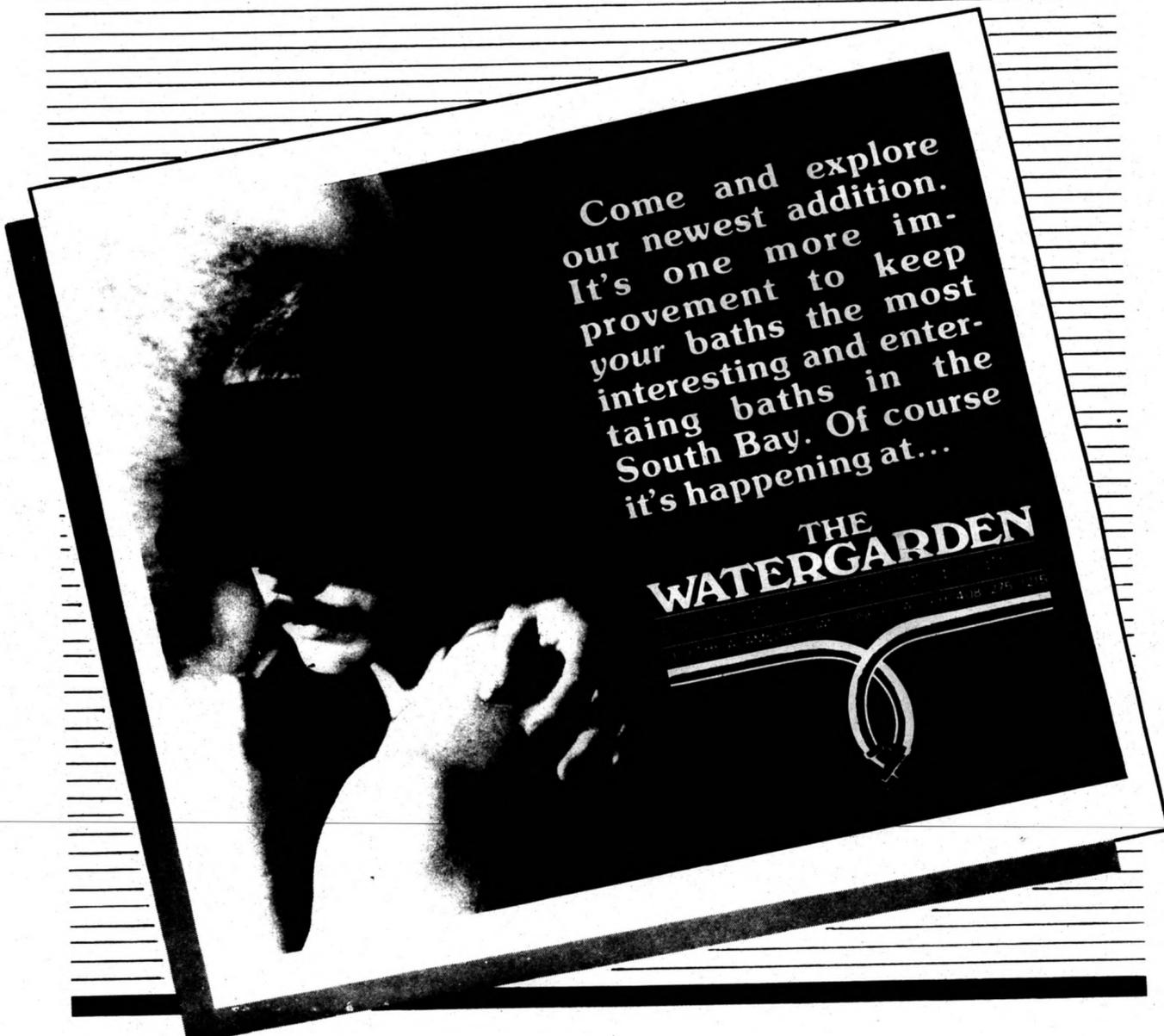
A Premenstrual Syndrome Workshop will be held Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 1691 The Alameda, San Jose.

Women and men are invited to participate in this half-day workshop sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Santa Clara County. They will learn about the causes and symptoms of PMS and alternative treatment and self-help techniques, including stress reduction, nutritional modification and how to deal with relationships.

Premenstrual syndrome (PMS) is a physical condition caused by chemical and hormonal changes. Symptoms associated with PMS include: irritability, headache, depression, fatigue, severe mood changes, and craving sweets.

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Debbie Fier in Bay Area

Jazz pianist, singer/songwriter and recording artist Debbie Fier (pronounced "fire"), who studied piano with the late Mary Lou Williams and has opened for Phoebe Snow and Margie Adam, will appear in Berkeley, April 24, Wednesday, at Freight and Salvage, 1827 San Pablo Avenue; and in San Francisco, April 26, Friday at The Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia. Both shows start at 8:00 p.m.

Fier is an energetic, passionate performer who blends jazz, Latin blues, R&B and folk sounds with hot rhythms and rich vocals, according to a press release.

Fier will perform selections from her 1982 release *In Your Hands*, which features stunning instrumentals, flowing love ballads, uptempo melodies and evocative lyrics, and new material from her upcoming summer release, according to publicity.

Fier, whose music critics have acclaimed as bluesy, soulful,

gospel-tinged and reminiscent of Laura Nyro, was deeply affected by her work with Mary Lou Williams. "She changed my whole outlook of music," says Deb.

"I learned a boldness and strength that are now reflected in my recordings and performances."

Fier has shared stages with Betty Carter, Weather Report and Joanne Brackeen, and has opened for Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert. Her music and lyrics are heartfelt, carefully crafted, and spirited, according to publicist Denise Notzon.



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"Dear Abby" to receive award from gay fathers

At a New York City press conference last week, a representative of Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI) announced that newspaper advice columnist Abigail Van Buren has been named to receive the organization's Image in Media award. Last year, television talk show host Phil Donahue received the award at a New York ceremony.

In making the announcement, Gene Santomasso, president of the 2,000-member organization based in Washington, D.C., noted that Van Buren, writing her column as "Dear Abby" since 1959, has given hope to thousands of gay men in parenting roles.

"Few media personalities have had as significant an impact upon the perception by Middle America, of gays and lesbians, as has Ms. Van Buren," he said.

Writing her nationally syndicated column for more than 1,000 newspapers around the world, Dear Abby reaches over 80 million readers daily. Many of her letters deal with gay-related subjects, and her accepting and informative answers have helped open the minds of the world to the issues of gay parenting.

From her Beverly Hills home, Ms. Van Buren said that she would accept the GFCI's Image in Media award in person during a dinner in her honor, on opening day of the GFCI's 6th annual World Conference on May 31 in Los Angeles.

Being held over a three-day weekend at the Marriott Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, the conference is expected to attract about 600 gay men and women, educators and professionals. More than 30 workshops and panel discussions on the issues of gay parenting are planned.

A pre-registration package is available at no cost from the GFCI Conference Organizing Committee, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-346, Los Angeles, CA 90046. A 24-hour recorded information line (213) 871-1575, gives callers an opportunity to request Conference information by return mail.

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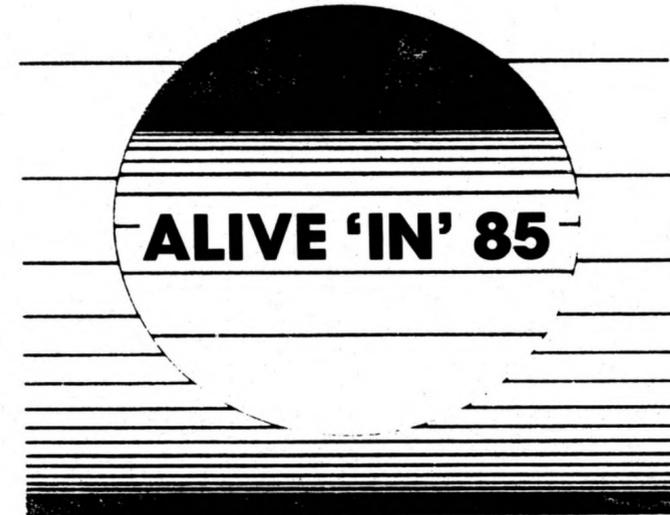
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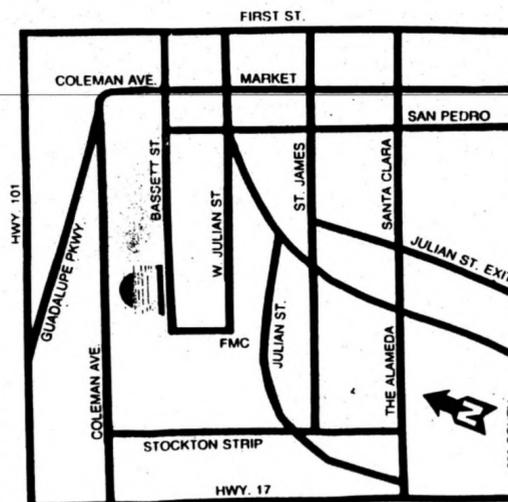


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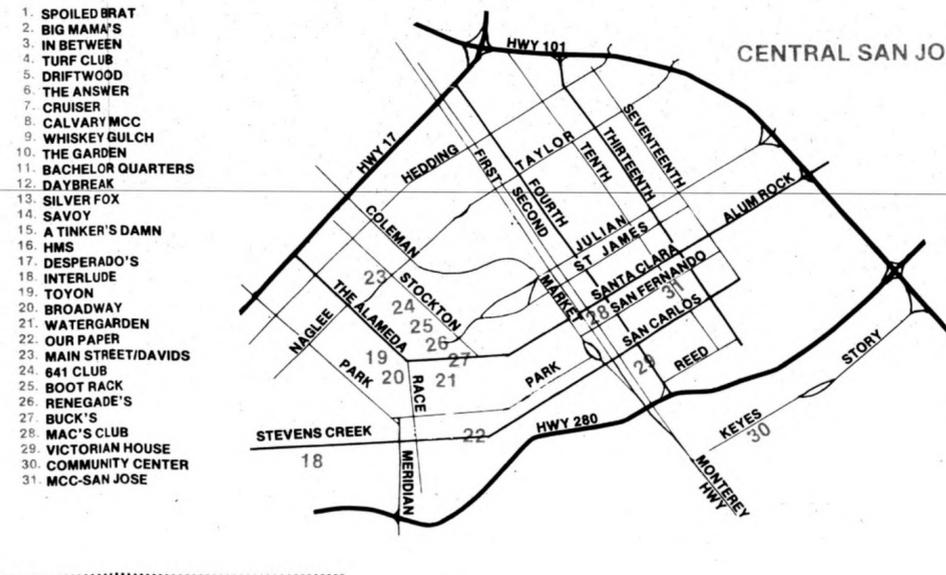
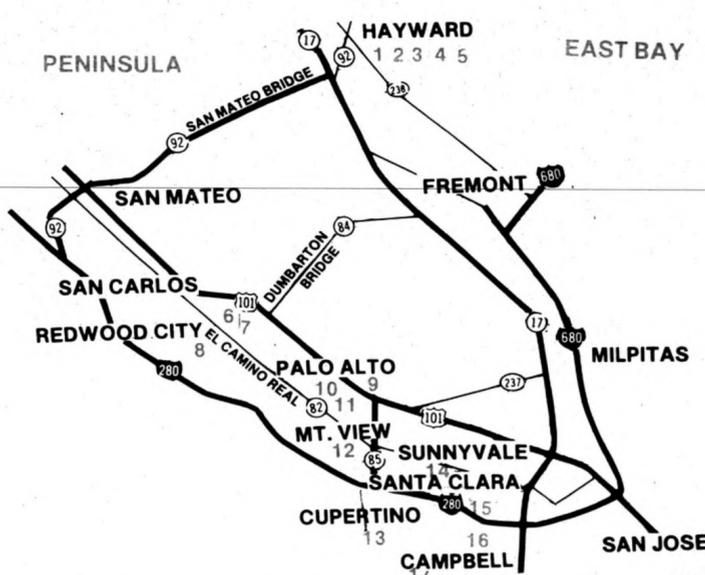
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HEART SONG



DANCE

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By Ted Sahl

Black tie for some, casual for others. Lovers and friends danced the night away at the Heart Song Dance at the Elks Lodge on Alma Street in San Jose. The dance floor was packed every number. Lots of door prizes raised the ooh's and aaah's from the ladies. Night-for-Two at The Spider in Mendocino — a bed and breakfast for two, of course. Or a weekend for two at The Willows on the Russian River vacation spot. Moonstruck/Heartsong, better known as Friends of the Gay Community Center, did it again, raising funds for the Billy De-Frank Community Center, you shoulda been there. □



Photos by Ted Sahl

Farewell, Mary

By Ted Sahl

The Interlude said adieu to one of its owners, as Mary Azar retires. It was a party to end all parties. Hug-Hug-Hug — Kiss-Kiss-Kiss, all night. A packed house wished her luck; her majesty was treated royally, no more work-work-work. I asked Mary what she will be doing? She replied, "Just watching no more doing." Mary's sisters joined her for the party — three attended while a fourth is back in Michigan. Meantime, Mary was singing for her friends at the bar — piano bar, that is. Keeping track of that woman was impossible this night, Hug-Hug, Kiss-Kiss. You shoulda been there. □



Review

Translations at A.C.T.

By Rick Rudy

Translations (1980), by Irish playwright Brian Friel, is one of the current offerings of A.C.T.'s repertory season. It is full of nicely crafted characters and country humor, but is, in the end, unsatisfying theatre. The play purports to be about the traumatic period in Irish history, 1833, when the Gaelic language was in danger of being lost in a wave of English. It is nearly a segment from an Irish *Roots*: the fear for the loss of one's heritage is supposed to be the foundation of the play's emotions. Yet that fear is more vivid in the program notes than on stage. The audience perceives this mostly as a love story set, as they always are, in troubled times. The lovers are the English Lieutenant Yolland who has come to Ireland as part of a surveying team, and a country lass, Maire. He speaks no Gaelic, and she no English. But they meet in a "hedge-school" where peasant scholars speak to one another in Latin and Greek (!), so there is often someone around to provide translations. The play develops around the conceit that whenever the locals speak (in English so that the audience will understand) they are really speaking in Gaelic. When the Englishmen speak English, though, it really is English. When they talk together, however, only their facial expressions clue you in as to whether the English they are speaking is mutually understood or not. Of course, sometimes they speak in Latin or Greek . . . Is this all clear? Mark Murphy is the handsome

Yolland, struggling to rename Irish landmarks with English equivalent names, for the new map. This, we are to understand, will kill off all that is "Irish" in the Irish people: English maps lead to English schools and the demise of the "hedge-school" and Irish tradition. Murphy plays the innocent accomplice, with a tenderness and warmth that makes him almost loveable to the locals, and draws Maire inevitably to him. Maire is played by Jane Jones with wit and charm, though still a peasant, down to her bare toes. Bruce Williams is the jilted suitor, Manus, the lame son of the school master. Williams gives a fine portrayal of this frustrated young man who will fight for his language, but not for his girl. Dakin Matthews is Hugh, the pompous school master, bearded like a drunken Karl Marx. With an old man's sagacity he bends to the inevitable changes in the wind. Matthews plays him for all he is worth. Ray Reinhardt is strong as the rigid English Captain Lancey, and Sydney Walker is excellent as the "Infant Prodigy," Jimmy Jack, now an old man who lives buried in the classics, reading in the original Latin and Greek. J. Steven White gives a rousing performance as Doalty, a local roustabout, and Geoffrey Elliott is compelling as the anglicized son, coming to grips with his own history. The setting, of the interior of the "hedge-school," is excellent in design and detail, from the rough rock fireplace to the straw on the floor and the damaged thatch roofing. The direction by Lawrence

Hecht is clear and decisive, except at the end when we want to know Yolland's fate (we already know Ireland's) and we don't get a clue. Perhaps if we hadn't been drawn so strongly into the love story all along, it wouldn't matter so much. But we were, and it does. People are inevitably more interesting than history, and the fact that the author doesn't acknowledge this is the play's undoing. *Translations* played in repertory through March 13 at the Geary Theatre in San Francisco. Call (415) 673-6440 for tickets to upcoming shows, *Our Town* (March/April); *Painting Churches* (April/May); and *Mass Appeal* (May). □

Gay Video Festival

Entries are now being accepted for the fourth annual San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Video Festival '85. Premiering each year during San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration, the festival brings together the best in professional, avant garde and short features from around the country. Beyond this, the Festival is pure entertainment as theme and subject matter are irrelevant. The Festival has been organized by Frameline, a non-profit media organization established to develop an audience for lesbian and gay video and to promote a demand for quality productions and wider exhibition both within and external to the Community. This year's festival includes a rentable traveling exhibition

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Silent Pioneers to air May 10

During the past two decades, record numbers of gays and lesbians have "come out of the closet," publicly acknowledging their sexual preferences. While this predominantly youthful gay community has achieved considerable visibility, there remains a large group of elderly homosexuals in America who have lived their lives as "silent pioneers," quietly paving the way for a younger, more vocal generation. These elder homosexuals represent a cross-section of regional, ethnic, racial and professional backgrounds. They live in small towns and urban and rural communities across America. Through intimate profiles of eight men and women, *Silent Pioneers*, airing Friday, May 10 from 10:30 - 11 p.m. over PBS stations, profiles a male couple who have been together for 54 years; an 84-year-old former monk-turned-rancher who made peace with being Catholic and gay; a black great-grandmother who openly shares her lesbianism with her family; a feisty ex-waitress from Chicago who first connected with other lesbians only after her lover of 58 years died in 1978; and members of the New York organization SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment).

Gay/Lesbian Atheists

Gay and Lesbian Atheists (GALA) hold an open public meeting for support and understanding on the fourth Sunday of each month. This month's meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Valencia Rose Cafe in San Francisco. Local contact is Richard at 245-4201. A group hopes to start a GALA chapter in Santa Clara County. To contact the national office, write to GALA, P.O. Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114. □

Feminist Humorist at Stanford

Feminist humorist Kate Clinton comes to Kresge Auditorium at Stanford University for an evening of stand-up comedy on Tuesday, April 16 at 8 p.m. Clinton played to a full house at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco last December. Proving that the women's movement does have a sense of humor, Clinton's performance was described in the October issue of Ms. Magazine: "Kate Clinton causes fun . . . this celebration of the female experience is a constant thread spinning through Kate Clinton's humor . . . Being in her audience reminds me of the wild pleasure of being with slaphappy girlfriends." Clinton explains her humor this way: "Women have always been warned not to make light, generally when we are getting dangerously close to seeing something. We are each equal to the task of making light. Light enough to see where we are going in these dark times, and light enough to move through our heavy issues. Light enough to make women visible to each other. This is a women's movement."

Kate Clinton has two albums of humor out on her own label, Whyscrack records. They are appropriately entitled "Making Light" and "Making Waves." Advance tickets are available at Tressider Box Office Stanford, BASS outlets, and by mail from: The Womyn's Entertainment Forum, P.O. Box 9458, Stanford, CA 94305. Clinton's performance is wheelchair accessible and will be ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired. For more information, call Robin (415) 856-3206 evenings or Noel (415) 497-4305 days. □



FORTUNES

By Tycho

- Aries (March 21-April 20)** Of course, this is your time of year, but if ever there was a time that you could shine, this is it. Home problems ease, health concerns improve, and even the lack of new ideas that has been worrying you seems to have become something you can live with. Forward! It's your best motion.
- Taurus (April 21-May 20)** Ever watch the bull thunder out of the chute at a rodeo? That's Taurus energy, and that's what you've got this time of year. That bull doesn't always lose, by any means, and as long as you retain the balance you're feeling, winning is your way.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Change your way of living? No, but you may change your way of thinking. All kinds of relationships, from the most innocent to the sexiest, get play this time of year, and what you get from them is more than pleasure. Some new thoughts, ideas, concepts prove even more valuable.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** If you have any fences to mend, this is the time to take care of it. You have an innate sense of yourself that is rare, and a way of getting through to others that is equally enviable. Deal with your deep feelings; you will be heard and appreciated.
- Leo (July 23-August 22)** Don't pooh-pooh new thoughts, no matter how odd they may seem. You may not be in the mood for whimsy and oddness now, but that's what the first inkling of a new direction may sound like. Your care with your duties is about to be rewarded; open up, and life will open up, too.
- Virgo (August 23 - September 23)** How do you fit in the great scheme of things? Start with the basics, and this week or two, you'll be finding out how basics at home make life good. That gives you a fundamental approach to what to look for in the future that should be most hopeful.
- Libra (September 23 - October 22)** Yep, you're sure a great person, you can think, and you have a pretty good life. Now, where do you go from here? Disturbing questions about the future plague you. Here and now is the best place to be, and making present life comfortable at least lets you think.
- Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)** If specifics of your planned action escape you for the moment, you at least have the ability to enthrall those around you with your schemes and dreams. Home gives great support. Figure out how to communicate with the wider world, and you'll be a star!
- Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** Even if your love life falters a bit, you may have a clue for someone whose amours are in worse shape than yours are. So advise! What seems to be a total halt in romantic diversion is simply a dramatic pause before the grand climax.
- Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** What a shift in emotion! Your self-centered obsessions suddenly change to a far more caring look at the needs of the future. Sharing that with someone means a shift of focus for you that reveals much about yourself and what you really want.
- Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** A lot of recognition for your efforts seems to bring double payoffs. You'll enjoy some luck, but increased responsibility as well. The best way to handle this situation is to keep your eye firmly on the goal you have set and drive straight toward it.
- Pisces (February 19 - March 20)** Changes are in the air. Present happiness is gratifying, but with it comes a sense that there are things that you have to do. They may involve changes in the way you help others, or simply more care for your physical being. Life is continual adjustment, even when it's good. □

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Volleyball

The South Bay Gay/Lesbian Volleyball League plays every Sunday afternoon at Riverglen Park in Willow Glen.

The spring season features 80 volleyball players. The fall season will hold sign-ups in September for those interested in future participation.

Spring championship playoffs are scheduled for Sunday, May 5.

A picnic will follow the last game that day. For more information, contact Goldy Montana, Volleyball Commissioner, at 248-5789.

Team standings at mid-season are as follows:

First Place: **Orange Crush**, 181 points, 11 wins, 1 loss
Team Captains: Tom Ammon and Kaleo Kaluhiva

Second Place: **Blue Bruisers**, 169 points, 9 wins, 3 losses
Team Captains: Daniel Ramirez, Joan Avila and Mark McConnell

Third Place: **Silver Smurfs**, 143 points, 6 wins, 6 losses
Team Captains: Robert Sissenstein and Dick Haese

Fourth Place: **Emerald City**, 154 points, 5 wins, 7 losses
Team Captains: Goldy Montana and Mike Stahl

Fifth Place: **Golden Boys**, 117 points, 5 wins, 7 losses
Team Captains: Don Lavoie and Rick Raggio

Sixth Place: **Red Crosss**, 115 points, 5 wins, 7 losses
Team Captains: Gary Lawson and Scott Brown

Seventh Place: **White Briefs**, 132 points, 4 wins, 8 losses
Team Captains: Ed Durham and Jim Henderson

Eighth Place: **Purple Voyagers**, 134 points, 3 wins, 9 losses
Team Captains: Phil-David Soto and Jim Hulsemann

GAA Invitation

Dear Member of the Gay/Lesbian Community:

The Gay Athletic Association (GAA) of Chicago has, from its inception, attempted to provide for the needs of the entire gay community.

As more and more sports-women have overcome their reluctance to be identified as a player on a gay/lesbian team in a gay/lesbian league, GAA has been able to initiate women's leagues in volleyball, basketball, 12" softball and tennis.

The success of providing for both men and women in our large metropolitan association has prompted GAA, the host of this year's North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA) International Tournament, to include a separate Women's Division.

To our knowledge there are no existing gay/lesbian contacts in volleyball, and GAA must have confirmation of interest to rent facilities, hire officials and provide housing, or reluctantly drop the idea of hosting a Women's Division during the NAGVA tournament.

For this reason we are appealing to you, members of the gay/lesbian community to pass on this information to a volleyball team, to a bar that sponsors women's teams or where sports-women gather, or to an organization or publication that can get the word out.

Chicago GAA is looking forward to hosting a women's team as well as a men's (or mixed) team from your city.

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Goosetown Gazette

Potpourri

By Paul Wysocki

As if having a car accident last April weren't bad enough, I've just recovered from a long bout with hepatitis!

Now I know that 1985 has got to be a better year, and apparently a lot of other people think so too.

Many economic and real estate forecasters are predicting a "boomlet" in real estate, particularly in the South Bay.

Let's take a look why: (1) interest rates are down. Well, relatively speaking, they are. Currently fixed rates are in the 12 1/2 - 13% range. While not exactly a bargain, they're affordable to more people than last year's 14%.

(2) Many low-interest loans that are currently assumable won't be after October 15, 1985. The Garn Act that helped resolve the controversy over Wellenkamp provided a transition period. During this period many conventional loans in the 8 - 10% range continued to be assumable; but, like all good things, this too shall pass.

So, if you're fence-sitting about buying a house, this may be the time!

(3) Recent government studies show that this area will be the 4th fastest-growing job market in the country, behind Houston, Orange County, and L.A. Depending on whom you believe, there will be approx. 385,000 to 650,000 new jobs in this county by the year 2000.

Pretty mind-boggling, especially if you're stuck on 101 South at 5:30. Ideally most of the new jobs will be added in the South Bay, helping to eliminate the North-South / jobs-housing imbalance that currently exists.

(4) High per-capita income in this area, combined with little or no inflation in housing prices recently add up to what's called "pent-up demand." If recent inquiries to my office are any indication, sales of new and existing homes should hit record highs for the 80s.

In light of the above, in future columns I'll be highlighting different neighborhoods and areas within Santa Clara County as a service to those of you who may be new to the area.

For further relocation assistance, don't hesitate to call my office.

Now, from the "If you're so smart how come you ain't rich" department: have you ever considered a career in real estate?

You won't necessarily get "rich" selling houses, but it is possible to make a comfortable living, being your own boss, setting your own hours, and working on your goals.

Many people have the mistaken notion that you have to be a certain "type" to be successful in real estate. Well, I'm here to tell you that there's as many "types" of realtors as there are types of people.

It does require motivation and lots of determination, but the rewards can be fulfilling.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in a real estate position call my office to discuss the possibilities.

As the saying goes, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained!"

As a member of the San Jose Real Estate Board, I serve on its Communications Committee.

The committee's primary responsibility is to inform the public of the services Realtors provide.

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Sunday, July 7 — Classic 2 Brunch, Travel date.

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Interested parties may contact Greg Troia at: Armory Classic 2, 336 - 5th Street #3 NE, Atlanta, GA 30308, (404) 873-4332.

The Lesbian Rights Task Force of Sacramento, California NOW (National Organization for Women) will sponsor a networking retreat on the weekend of June 8 and 9, 1985.

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It is anticipated that the retreat will lead to the creation of a statewide network which will be an ongoing resource for Lesbian Rights Task Forces throughout the state. Flyers will be mailed to all California NOW chapter coordinators, newsletter editors, and Lesbian Rights Task Force chairs. They may also be obtained by contacting Audrey Mertz, 1825 Beverly Way, Sacramento, CA 95818, (916) 446-2997.

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VIDEO

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Last year's festival included twelve productions screened to audiences estimated at more than 7,000.

Festival '85 has expanded its range of categories to include erotic video, as well as established art, shorts, comedy, social documentary, and magazine format.

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For more information and entry forms, contact: John Canalli, 182-B Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 861-0843.

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PMS WORKSHOP

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JOURNAL TRIAL

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in the trial and based his defense squarely on his "spousal relationship" with Winans, claiming he had little knowledge of the goings-on, although he delivered messages between the parties and received payments in his name (which nonetheless went into a joint checking account with Winans). He did not take the witness stand.

Gay rights attorneys, closely watching the case, claim that such a "spousal" defense is unique and unprecedented. The judge's verdict is not expected for several months. □

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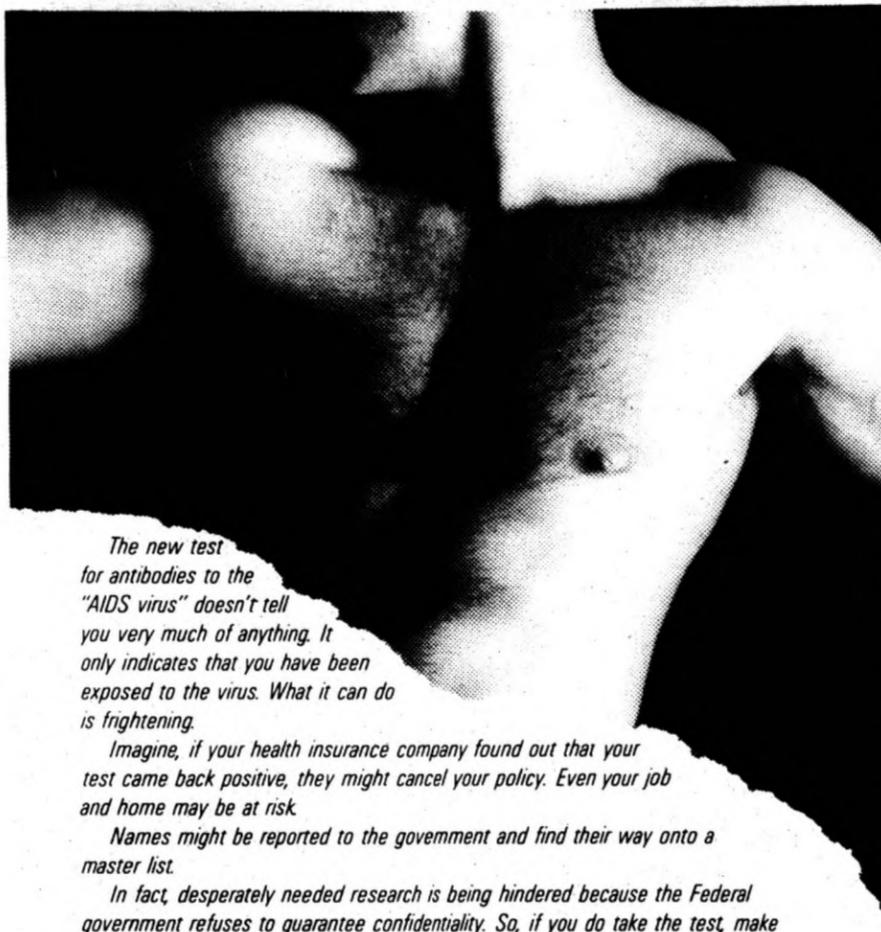
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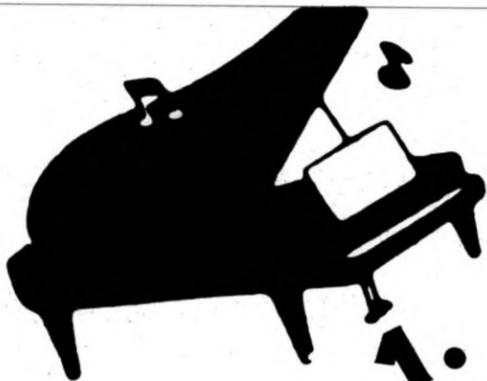
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