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Ricchiazzi named to Deukmejian post

Los Angeles—Newly re-elected Governor Deukmejian appointed the third openly gay Republican to a post within his administration by naming Frank N. Ricchiazzi of Glassell Park to the California State Commission on New Auto Vehicles.

Ricchiazzi, the executive director of CIRCL-PAC (Californians for Individual Rights and Civil Liberties Political Action Committee) and Chairman of the Republican Party for the 55th Assembly District, has been a Republican activist for individual rights since 1980.

Ricchiazzi's appointment shows growing acceptance of gays within the Republican Party, and is particularly significant in that the post is not a "gay-issue" assignment.

Two previous Deukmejian appointments, Bruce Decker of San Francisco and Dr. Don Hagan of Laguna Beach, were appointed to the California State AIDS Advisory Task Force and the State Venereal Disease Ad-

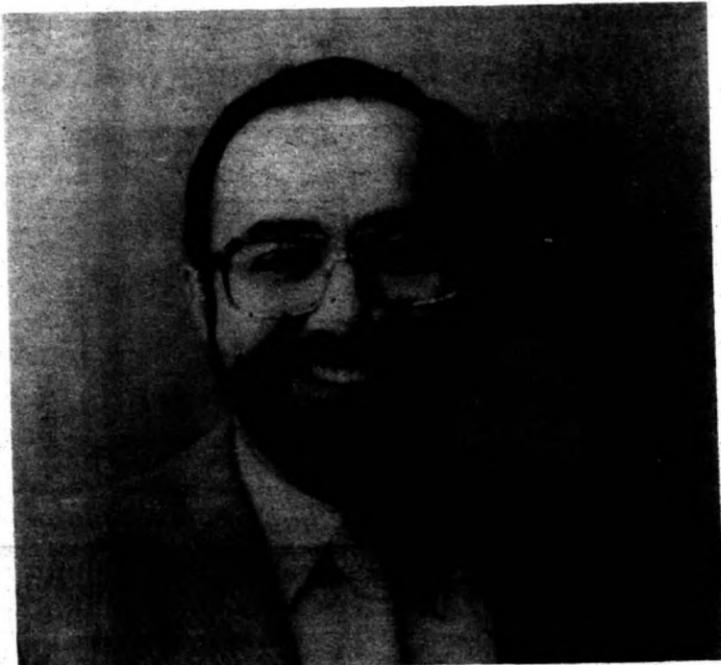


Photo by: Lynn Sheppard

ory Council, respectively.

"This is an excellent example of gay leadership emerging in mainstream politics," says Ricchiazzi.

"Republicans are learning that gays can be excellent advisors in matters that are not "sexually" related.

Although known as a "behind-the-scenes" activist in gay political circles, Ricchiazzi's service to the general community provides him with a extensive network of resources.

Earlier this year, Ricchiazzi was appointed by the Los Angeles City Council to the Family Diversity Task Force.

In addition to lobbying California legislators for AB 3667 (the AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill), the AIDS Vaccine Bill (reducing liability to pharmaceutical manufacturers for prompt testing of new medicines), and AB 848 (the Gay-bashing Bill),

Ricchiazzi was also instrumental in having CIRCL-PAC repel Rep. Dannemeyer's and H.L. Richardson's attempt to endorse Proposition 64 at the California Republican Convention, and in so doing brought about a vote of 60-1 to oppose the LaRouche Initiative.

Bi-partisan opposition to Proposition 64 was thus ensured.

Ricchiazzi, a Viet Nam veteran, is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. having moved to California in 1964.

Following 12 years of service as loan officer and branch manager for Crocker Bank, Ricchiazzi has since been self-employed as a real estate investor.

Ricchiazzi is also a member of the Glassell Park Home Improvement Association, the National Italian-American Federation, and Republican Associates.

Lesbian fights for lover's rights!

by Ted Sahl

My name is Karen Thompson and I'm here to talk about the Sharon Kowalski "Guardian Case."

O.P. How do you communicate with Sharon?

K.T. "I haven't seen Sharon since August 19th, 1985 because I have not been let in by the father. Up until that time, Sharon was communicating in many different ways.

O.P. In what ways?

K.T. She can communicate with hand signals, writing, typing words, phrases and sentences on an electric typewriter.

O.P. I wasn't aware of that.

K.T. Oh yes, this is not just my word against someone else's, it is documented. Therapists know it, also the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union.

"It was documented by TRI-CAP Handicaps Service Program by the Office of Handicap Facilities Complaints that Sharon can ask all questions from a to z. For example, Sharon was asked what's 81 divided by 9 plus 13? pointing out that Sharon can type answers to complex math problems.

"When asked what are you and Karen? she answers 'gay'. When asked what that meant, she typed, 'to love someone of the same sex.' She understands what you say to her and she can communicate back.



Photo by Ted Sahl

O.P. When were you first prevented from visiting Sharon?

K.T. "The court order of July 23, 1985 gave Donald Kowalski (Sharon's father) full guardianship with unlimited power. Within 24 hours of that court order, I could not see Sharon ever again.

"Three weeks later the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union filed an appeal on Sharon's behalf. We have a statute in Minnesota that "stays" orders being appealed until the appeal is heard.

I was then able to see Sharon for five days before the doctor's orders to keep me out.

"The last time I saw Sharon she typed, 'Help me Karen, please take me home with you.' I could only look at her and say that I am doing everything I can and I will never quit fighting this. But I had to go, my time was up. Sharon is still there.

O.P. Despite Sharon's ability to communicate that she obviously wants to see you, the court is denying that privilege, why is

that? Do you want to comment?

K.T. "It's not the court's fault, it is the father. What the court did was to give full guardianship to the father. He has the power to keep us apart.

"However, guardianship laws in Minnesota clearly state that the wishes of the ward must be taken into consideration. Sharon has clearly typed out that she wants to see me."

Thompson further elaborated: "the Office of Health Facilities Complaints cited Leisure Health Nursing Home with violation of Patients Bill of Rights, which guarantee in institutions, the 'rights' of Visitors 'choice.'

K.T. "Our court system in Minnesota has decided the Patients Bill of Rights does not impose duties on guardians. It only imposed 'duties' on institutions. That means, whatever the biases, or prejudices are of the guardian, the guardian can tell the institution, 'I don't want you to file the Patients Bill of Rights' and they don't have to.

"That's a real threatening case of precedence being set in this case. It's not only going to affect lesbian or gay men, but could potentially have an impact on every single human being because in one split second, anyone could become disabled through accident or illness.

O.P. Could I break in here, did Sharon's parents know she was gay?

K.T. "Sharon and I were extremely 'closeted'. We did not 'come out' to our family. We did come out to several friends. Our relationship was proven in court. It should be no doubt as to what our relationship was. It is sad we had to prove that but her parents still deny it existed."

O.P. Do you think it might have been a shock for them to find out that Sharon was gay?

K.T. "I believe they knew all along. I think they just don't want to accept it and as long as they can say Sharon is a vegetable they never have to deal with any of the issues of this case."

O.P. Are you saying the issues is her parents refusal to admit their daughter is gay?

K.T. "I think that's one of the primary issues. I don't think they've dealt with a lot of things. I don't think they've dealt with Sharon being disabled, with the death of the 4 year old grandchild that was with Sharon. I think as long as they can throw all this crap at me, they don't have to deal with anything."

O.P. Where do you go from here?

K.T. "We just got word from the state Supreme Court that they denied rehearing our case. Our plans are to file motions in Federal Court and we are in the process of defining our case and fighting on constitutional issues.

"It's far from over. I think we can win this case for everybody. As I said before, to prevent a bad case law being established as precedent. It has become just a question in my mind as to whether or not to help Sharon.

O.P. You really believe you are going to win?

K.T. "Absolutely, I just don't think this kind of law can continue. All kinds of laws have been removed for Sharon and I. Laws have been broken for Sharon and I and I think sooner or later we will reach a higher forum someplace that will listen, hear the facts involved and not be frightened by other issues.

"Presently we've run into homophobia, handicapism, not to mention sexism in our courts. I believe at some point in time, we'll reach high enough up, that there just won't be any issues."

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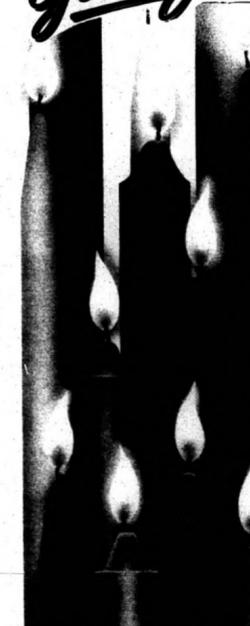


The Court held a Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle at the Silver Fox. Six lucky people won a turkey. You had to be there to collect. The winners were John Vee, Bruce Ganzler, R. Pate, R.T. Walters, Ron Cisneros and Bill Payne. sorry about that girls! See ya next year. Photo by Ted Sahl

Dale's Thanksgiving



Season's Greetings



Renegade's owner Dale Seabright held his yearly Thanksgiving dinner for the "orphans" on Stockton Street. This year's dinner fed less than 50 people. "I think that figure shows we're better off this year," said Dale. Those who did enjoy their dinner say it's always a great meal and all agree that Dale is a great guy for doing it for us! You should've been there! Photo by Ted Sahl

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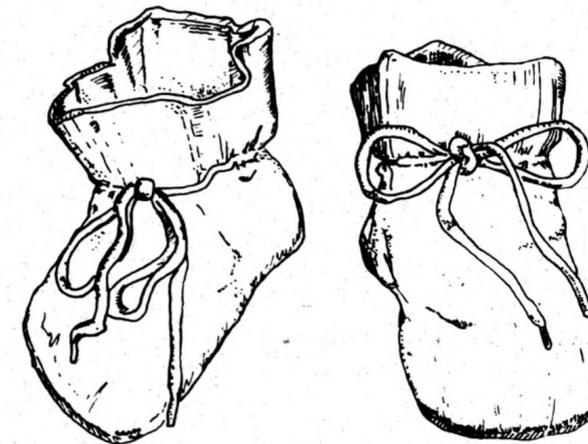
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Sexual/Spiritual Union: Road to freedom!

by Rev. Larry Uhrig

Fragmentation is a reality of most people's personality. Many spheres of our lives and lifestyles are segregated from other parts of ourselves, and we often remain emotionally, psychologically, or mentally compartmentalized.

This is almost universally true of our sexuality; folk wisdom and the custom of our culture call it "a private matter".

Sexuality is only for the bedroom, not for any kind of public discussion or visibility.

That, supposedly, is why gay people are warned not to demonstrate any form of sexuality or sexual preference in public.

Yet somehow, the exhibition of heterosexuality is glossed over as "innocent affection" or something other than sex.

"Innocent affection" on the part of gay people immediately raises fears that overt sexuality will soon follow, hot and heavy.

If two boys holding hands can cause a stir, the issue is a fear of sexuality.

Gay people participate in maintaining the status quo and work to keep their lives private.

While at first this may seem to be a route to freedom, it is actually a dead-end street.

I do not advocate open and public sexuality, with copulation on street corners, but I do say that sexuality is a dynamic energy force which is close to our spiritual selves and must be harnessed to our spirituality if we are to be fulfilled.

We have been taught society's model of lifestyle in which spiritual and sexual things are polar opposites.

Western Christianity has long promoted this view.

For example, how would the church you grew up in respond to a prayer which said, "Thank you, Lord, for my sexuality and my joy in sexual expression?"

They would probably fall out or their pews in haste to escort you from yours.

In reality, that is just what has happened to gay men and women.

We have been escorted from the religious community precisely because our very presence threatened to undo the traditional structures which conveniently held sexuality and spirituality apart.

Allowing gay people to remain the religious fabric invariably brings about a dialogue of the two.

What is needed now is a frontal assault on the old structures, not only within the churches, but within ourselves.

That can be achieved by combining our sexual and spiritual reality - a merger that is often frightening.

Even personally, we often oppose this merger and seek to shore up old walls that provide separation and a false sense of security.

The truth at the heart of the struggle is that there are not two worlds, one sexual and one spiritual.

The truth of the matter is that to know the fullness of spiritual truth, one must engage the substance of sexual energy and its reality.

An equally important truth is

that to know the fullness of sexual energy and its meaning, spiritual reality must be brought into any sexual exchange.

This is the essence of the mystery which religious form and sacrament has sought to communicate for centuries: the achievement of communion, the blending of two lives in ways that profoundly influence and change both.

The depth and height of human love evidences the occasion of holy communion in which two people merge their reality by way of physical sexual sharing.

In doing so, they discover the presence of God in the most vital way humanly possible.

What happens in such union is the revelation of the nature of each person's being, as well as the interdependence of each person with the Divine.

The discovery presents us with a dilemma: the merger of sexual and spiritual "stuff" is violative and life-changing, and we therefore fear it and seek to contain and avoid it.

The motive of containment has been the source of the world's attempts to devise sexual ethics which prohibit sexual expression except in the most restricted of circumstances.

The result is not a sexual ethic at all, but a procreation ethic that does not serve to express the reality of gay people either sexually or spiritually.

But if gay people are essentially not so different from the rest of humanity, this ethic does not serve any of us.

The procreation ethic which contains sexuality in order to appease human fear has produced and reinforced the social institution of marriage.

Religious symbols and meaning have been co-opted by our culture in order to aid in the process.

The tragedy is that the deeper purpose of the religious symbol - to express human love and relationship, to mediate the union of sexual and spiritual - has been lost in the process of serving political, social, economic, and other cultural needs.

The old models must now be replaced for the sake of furthering health and wholeness of life for both gay and non gay people.

Let us work out our own ethic which begins with the agenda of discovering our spiritual selves.

The result will be vital and healthy human beings able to love and empowered to create community.

The result will also be the source of reformation and restoration of a decayed and corrupt Western religious tradition which waits for the voices of new prophets.

The place to begin is in our own minds, our own hearts and our own beds.

The best sex you will ever have will be a spiritual experience produced out of communion, dignity, self-respect, love and honesty.

This can't happen with anonymous strangers.

The sexual-spiritual union is a beginning for personal integration; every other pursuit is a vain hope.

This is a road to freedom.

LETTERS

Dear D'Artagan

Dear Editor:

The following letter was sent to On The Scene in response to an article in their November 26 issue.

It has been years since I wrote articles for a gay newspaper, but after reading this one and most of all you allowing such trash in On The Scene, I felt it was time for "Kair To Gossip."

In reference to our "Judy", I too was raised in San Jose and my dear, I remember it well. San Jose was a nice clean town, good stores to shop in such as J.C. Penney's, Harts, etc. this may have been before your time.

However, the city decided to let anyone and everyone infest downtown, and it was soon turned into a large mess, now it is costing millions to restore it and if the City would have been on the ball, (no pun intended) it would have cost half as much to bring this city back.

The only thing I agree with is yes, it is about time; they should have stopped all the tacky stores in downtown long ago.

There are quite a few exceptions.

There have been alot of problems with political/social gay organizations in San Jose for alot of reasons, there have been people like yourself who think their mouth is the voice of salvation.

I am not perfect but I never have written an article unless I have been there or actually heard it; not just gossip.

With a new Court System starting, I do hope that they can get support and not a bunch of the back stabbing that started as of day one, need I say more, I do know this is the talk of the town.

As far as restaurants go, my dear there have been good restaurants and very nice clubs; if you are so concerned about cost, may I suggest you keep taking your dates to MacDon-

alds.

To name a few, Davids at Main Street was very inexpensive and a nice atmosphere; the only problem was that it didn't get gay support as it should have.

Next, the Interlude; this club had a great deal to offer: a piano bar, a back disco bar, and a restaurant. The food was good and prices were fair. I don't think you are aware of what it costs to be in business these days!

Also there was not that much support and soon the Interlude Restaurant was on the same boat, an added comment: the Interlude changed locales for alot of reasons, of which I will not disclose as it's none of my business, "get the hint, girl!"

Now I suggest you get on that rubber wheel trolley and clang, clang your ass around town and try to find these "tacky dives". May I suggest you first get out of downtown and see the rest of Santa Clara Valley.

As a matter of fact, I can't seem to think of a warehouse that is a bar.

"Dives" you say; My dear, if you call TD's "tacky", your head has to be where the sun doesn't shine.

The Silver Fox has a great atmosphere and is decorated in very good taste, it has neighborhood atmosphere and everyone is always made to feel welcome.

I suggest you change your name however before you go there, you might be the exception.

Next, we have Visions, this is not my particular visiting place, but I do go there and the decor there took alot of talent not to mention a lot of bucks.

The Landing, the newest on the scene is also very comfortable and also decorated nicely; now that was a dump before they spent a great deal of money and time on it.

Buck's has a nice decor and is clean. The bartenders are friendly and the atmosphere is pleasant.

The Renegades, I still would not call a "tacky dive". I do feel a bit of fixing up is in store, but a fun day is always there. I know dear, I go there and the bartenders are friendly and they spend time with community projects; again, this is not a dive!

The 641 Club fits the atmosphere; it has a nice back area, the bar is clean and doesn't smell as in years past (when there was a broken pipe under the floor). They also have cleaned this club up and again a good time can be had there.

I feel a song coming on - "Midnight Train to Georgia." - may I send you a ticket?

With the economics of the country right now, people are watching their money and spend it in accordance with their means.

To open a business today takes a great deal of money what with insurance, licenses, repairs, booze, entertainment and on and on.

Most of all, it takes support and money to keep these clubs open, not a bad mouthed queen who thinks we're Vancouver.

As an added not my dear, I have been to Dallas and talk about some dives! girl were you on the wrong horse or should I say you mixed up your cities.

Vancouver has some nice clubs, I spent a week there, but I didn't find them any nicer than our locals.

May I suggest that you take your trolley and do some checking around, spend some money. In other words, put your money where your mouth is.

And not to wreck your day, but I hear that the Tea Rooms at Valley Fair are changing the colors, something about the color seem to bring columnists in.

San Jose is growing up and may I add, you need to also.

Best Always,
Ms KAIR

Agnos introduces AB1 predicts victory is near!

Sacramento-Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) has introduced AB 1 a bill to include job bias against gays in the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

"We have turned the corner and victory is in sight," Assemblyman Art Agnos said.

"We no longer face a debate over whether antigay job bias is prohibited - because we now know that is illegal - but rather how to handle the complaints."

"The only issue for AB 1 in this session is whether we will handle the antigay job bias through the Labor Code, where the protection now exists, or through the Fair Employment and Housing Act," Agnos said.

"We won our fight against antigay job bias when the Attorney General, in response to my request, ruled last April that an existing labor code forbids all such discrimination," Agnos said.

"This summer the Deukmejian Administration's Department of Industrial Relations agreed that it will handle all complaints of antigay job bias and set forth procedures to handle complaints," Assemblyman Agnos said.

"As the California Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 now stand, a gay person who has a complaint of job discrimination would go to the Department of Industrial Relations which would hear the case, decide if discrimination had taken place, and then could be awarded back pay and reinstatement by the Department," Agnos said.

"That's very similar to the remedies in the Fair employment and Housing Act, which deals with job discrimination based on race, sex, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, or sex," Agnos noted.

"But in addition to those remedies, the Labor Code also includes a possible prison term for employers who violate its provisions, and that goes beyond the Fair Employment and Housing Act provisions," Agnos said.

"Also, the Labor Code does not exempt religious organizations or small employers from its coverage, which we do provide in the Fair Employment and Housing Act," Agnos said.

"I believe that all discrimination should be treated alike."

"Job discrimination against gays should be treated no differently than job discrimination on the basis of race or religious creed."

"Now AB 1 will do this," said Agnos.

"The bigots who wanted to use AB 1 as a focal point for their campaigns of hatred and

money-raising schemes lost the battle without ever knowing what hit them," Agnos said. "It's a done deal."

"I look forward to working with the Deukmejian Administration in bringing a sing standard to this last remaining element in California public policy against antigay bias," Assemblyman Agnos concluded.

Other California laws already provide protections to gays in housing, public accommodations, as victims of attacks motivated by hatred, and in public employment.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act protects against discrimination in housing and public accommodations.

An executive order banning discrimination in public employment, including such jobs as teachers, police, firefighters and other positions, was signed by Governor Jerry Brown.

It was upheld by Governor Deukmejian when he reviewed it as Attorney General and issued a formal opinion (Opinion No. 80-511, signed July 3, 1980) concurring that such discrimination is illegal.

AB 848 (Bates) of the 1983 Session includes gays in the special protections against violence based on hatred, in a bill that was signed by Governor Deukmejian.

The Man you've been waiting for could be on our line right now.



"Is this your first call?"

"You bet."

"Uh . . . yeah."

"Can we meet? Maybe catch a show or something?"

"You've got a great voice. Very sexy. And maybe a bit nervous."

"I'd love to. My treat, okay?"

"No. I guess I'm excited. You sound great, too."

"Fantastic! When?"

"Promise me something right off, okay?"

"How about tomorrow?"

"Sure."

"Great! I can't wait to see what you're like."

"Let's talk about anything but . . ."

"Same here. And then if things work out, maybe we can talk about . . ."

"Hey, great. Really! Talking about it on the first call makes me nervous. Thanks."

"Sure! In person I'm fine."



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NGLTF begins new era

by Rick Rudy

Celebrating its 13th Birthday, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) held its fall board meeting in Washington, D.C. November 7-9 with 22 members representing 12 states.

California wrestling the title from New York, now leads with 6 board members: 5 from the Bay Area (Rick Rudy, Cupertino; David Steward, Mountain View; Sonni Zambino, Oakland; Charlie Wing and Peter Fowler, San Francisco, and one Laurie Shane, from West Hollywood).

The Bay Area members will host the summer 1987 board meeting in San Francisco with receptions planned for the South and East Bay as well.

The board adopted a budget of \$680,000 for the next fiscal year.

Jeff Levi, executive director said, "We will be working to assure that policies relating to AIDS are not detrimental to the interests of our community at the federal, state and local levels."

"Our goal is to assure that all those at risk to AIDS continue to have equal access to the social, economic and medical systems and that public health measures do not drive underground those they are designed to reach."

"Key issues here relate to testing, contact tracing, reportability, insurance, discrimination, etc."

"In addition, we need to motivate the government at all levels to plan the necessary expansion of services which the growing AIDS caseload will require."

Following the US Supreme court decision, NGLTF solicited funds to mount a Privacy Project to "build a broad-based coalition for national organizations in support of privacy rights in general and sodomy repeal in particular."

The Project will include an education program for all constituencies, development of a lobbying handbook for states considering repeal efforts, and

the targeting of several states for repeal efforts.

NGLTF's Violence Project, finally arranged to testify before the House Judiciary Committee to promote government efforts to address anti-gay violence.

Other Project goals are (a) to encourage law enforcement, criminal justice, and social service agencies to respond to anti-gay violence; (b) to educate and maintain liaisons with other civil rights organizations; (c) assist local gay communities in organizing against violence; (d) collecting and analyzing data on anti-gay violence nationally and stimulate research on the issue; and (e) serve as national spokespersons and clearing-house on anti-gay violence.

NGLTF's media director and development directors are also forming policies and plans to make NGLTF a more central focus of the community and to

double the membership base in the next twelve months.

NGLTF is also working closely with many other organizations in its lobbying efforts.

Some of these groups include: AIDS Action Council, American Civil Liberties Union Gay/Lesbian Rights Project, American Foundation for AIDS Research (Liz Taylor's foundation), Gay/Lesbian Press Association, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, National AIDS Network, national Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, national Gay Rights Advocates, etc.

NGLTF also interacts with non-gay groups and government agencies/departments. All such interactions take time and patience to develop and NGLTF has been at this task for many years and continues it daily.

NGLTF is expanding nationally and is committed to working together with, not in competition with, local gay/lesbian groups.

Your support is important.

The Spurs are alive and well

The San Jose Spurs were displaced from their practice home when Ryders decided to close their doors suddenly.

If you happened into Visions on a Tuesday night and saw country/western dancing - it was the spurs practicing for their Dallas Rodeo trip. Thank you Visions for the space.

After coming back from Dallas and speaking with several of the bar owners, the Spurs are now making their Tuesday night home at Bucks on Stockton Strip. Thank you Neil.

So, all of you who used to go to Ryders, come down to Bucks on Tuesday nights where we will have our practice session and then dance afterwards; we will also have practice sessions on Saturday afternoons.

Currently, the Spurs are practicing for upcoming trips to the California Rodeo in March and the Denver Rodeo in May.

Recently, the Spurs performed at the High Chaparral for the AIDS/ARC Vigil. The Gay

GGBA to distribute remainder of Pac Bell fund

The GGBA Foundation will distribute the remainder of a \$3 million fund to be created by Pacific Bell to compensate gay and lesbian job applicants and employees who claim they were discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation.

In the settlement of an 11-year-old suit brought by gay rights organizations and individuals.

Pacific Bell will ask an independent arbitrator to review the claims of those who believe they were discriminated against before the telephone company changed its policy in late 1980 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Individuals will be compensated from the fund, based on the arbitrator's evaluation of each claim.

Any money remaining in the fund after all claims are resolved will be given to the GGBA Foundation for subsequent distribution to organizations serving lesbians and gay men throughout California.

"We are excited that the settlement will allow the GGBA Foundation to assist lesbian and

gay non-profits, which are generally ignored by mainstream granting organizations, in an unprecedented fashion," says Tom Fleming, Jr., president of the foundation's board of directors.

"The board is ready to expand the foundation's philanthropic impact beyond the Bay Area, and we welcome the opportunity to increase the size of our grants in response to the income anticipated from this settlement."

After court approval of the settlement terms, expected in March 1987, an application deadline will be established for discrimination claims.

Residual funds could be available for distribution through GGBA Foundation 15 months after the application period ends.

No estimate as to the amount of the residual funds could be given at this time since that figure can only be determined after all claims have been settled.

Founded in 1979 by the Golden Gate Business Association, the GGBA Foundation is the oldest and largest lesbian and gay philanthropic organization in the country.

Games Opening Ceremonies, International Gay Square Dance Convention and the Dallas Rodeo.

The Spurs would like to do more benefit exhibitions in the San Jose area.

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The benefit, a Country Christmas for ARIS is being held in the following bars: The Landing, The Silver fox, Bucks, The Savoy, Visions, 641 Club and TD's.

The participating bars have boxes for canned goods, books, toiletries, and stuffed animals, as well as jars for donations of money.

The gifts and donations are for the people with AIDS, the boxes and jars will be available through December 23.

All your gifts and donations are greatly appreciated.

The Spurs did benefit performances at the participating bars over the weekend of December 12 and 13.

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AGLA Sixth Annual Media Awards Show: to be held March 21, 1987 at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. As in previous years, awards will be given to motion picture, television and theatre productions that have portrayed gay and lesbian characters in a responsible manner. The show will cover the period from July, 1985 to December 1986. Ticket prices will be \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25. A cocktail reception will begin at 7:30 p.m. with an 8:30 curtain. For ticket information call (213) 871-8088.

Frank Sinatra: is slated to star in La Cage. Filming is slated in March and April in the south of France. Cannon Films announced that the movie musical version of La Cage Aux Folles will star Frank Sinatra. (information from GAZE, Memphis, October 1986)

Not Married but Genuine: Permanent residence status may be awarded to non-Australian lesbians and gay men in a "genuine gay relationship" with Australians. According to New Zealand Pink Triangle, the new policy has come after intense lobbying from the Gay Immigration Task Force comprised of Australians and non-Australian partners who are trying to obtain permanent residency status. People seeking residency will have to provide evidence that they have lived with their partner for at least four years. Under these new guidelines, about 40 applications have been approved.

Hollywood stars to attend ARIS fundraiser December 21

A bevy of Hollywood celebrities will attend a fundraising event scheduled for Sunday, December 21 at the downtown San Jose Holiday Inn, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Screen Actors Guild, AFL-CIO, is assisting in scheduling their members to be present.

The tickets for this "Elegant Reception" are \$250 each or \$500 a couple.

The ARIS Project provides support services in Santa Clara

County to persons with AIDS or ARC, their loved ones, and those grieving the death of someone with AIDS

Services are provided wherever they are needed - in the home, hospital, or other care facility.

Please contact Bob Sorenson, executive director, ARIS Project at (408) 370-3272 about the ARIS Project itself.

Please contact Diana Miller (408) 738-4546 for information about the fundraising reception.

Holy Trinity's Christmas Events

The Holy Trinity Church, San Jose Family, is pleased to announce its Christmas events:

Our special appeal this season will be for the Necessities and More ministry to people with AIDS and ARC.

Monies will be collected during this month to purchase Ensure Plus, an expensive nutritional liquid food supplement.

These are given at no cost to those with AIDS/ARC. Your donations may be sent to the church office, 1449 Hester Street, San Jose 95126-2513.

Call the church office (408) 292-3071 for more information. Save your aluminum cans for Necessities and More!

The revenues from this drive will go for the above also.

You may bring your cans to church on Sundays or call the office and we will pick them up.

Every little bit helps. Also, our clothing and furnishing bank needs items. If

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Our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 10 p.m. on December 24 at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. All Are Invited!

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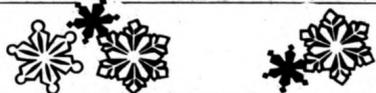
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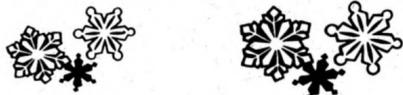


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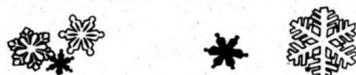
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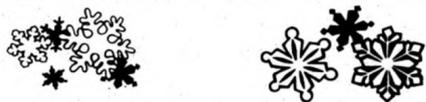
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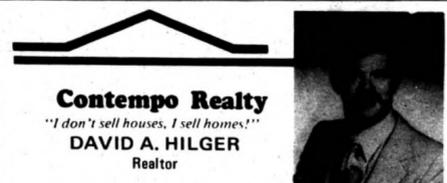
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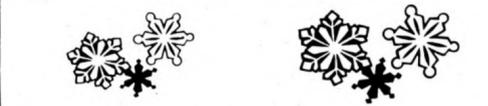
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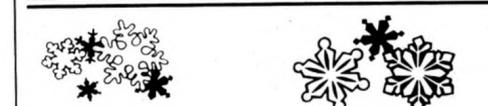
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