**Editor receives HRC award**

Rosalie Nichols, editor of Our Paper and co-owner of Ms Atlas Press receives award for "exemplary commitment and positive contribution to the community in the field of human relations and human rights." From (r) Supervisor Tom Legan on behalf of the Human Relations Commission. Photo © Ted Sahl

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**Coors loses**

In a summary judgement opinion issued on February 17, U.S. District Court Judge Spencer Williams ruled that the efforts of Solidarity, a San Francisco-based Gay rights organization, and others to seek public support for a boycott of Coors beer are "constitutionally protected by the First Amendment," and that there is no basis for Coors' $141,000 anti-trust suit against the boycott organizers.

The decision ended a lengthy and turbulent lawsuit (Coors v. Wallace, et al) filed by the Nichols Coors Company against Solidarity, the AFL-CIO Coors Boycott Committee, a Civil Rights Coalition, and the women of the Chavez family, including Juana Estrada Chavez, age 94.

"KQED Incident." In 1981, the AFL-CIO Boycott Committee launched a successful effort to discourage KQED television from holding a special "Coors Day" as part of its annual fundraising auction. A leaflet produced by Solidarity urging the boycott of Coors products was brought by Howard Wallace, a representative of the AFL-CIO committee to a meeting with KQED officials. The event was subsequently canceled.

Judge Williams agreed with the ACLU argument that the First Amendment protects individuals and groups who produce a publication in the use by others. "To the extent that Solidarity's support aided Wallace's and the boycott committee's efforts to dissuade KQED and Coors from holding the planned 'Coors Day,' and has sought public support for the boycott among its members and others in the community, these efforts are constitutionally protected by the First Amendment," Williams wrote in his opinion.

"(One's) right to engage in, or encourage, the maintenance of a consumer boycott is functionally equivalent to the First Amendment right to petition even though the message contained within that petition is not directed at a government agency, official or policy," he added.

As for the antitrust claim, Williams noted, "Even having shown (that there was a sales decline as a result of the boycott), Coors would still, at best, be a step removed from having shown an anti-competitive effect on the national beer market, since it is well established that the antitrust laws protect competition, not competitors."

According to ACLU attorney Brunwasser, "Antitrust suits brought against community groups joining consumer boycotts threaten to chill the exercise of First Amendment rights. Judge Williams' opinion, by putting a mantle of constitutional privilege on boycott supporters, affords significant legal protection to consumer activists."

During the course of the suit, Coors sought to obtain private membership and financial information from Solidarity.

In December 1982 a district court magistrate ruled that Solidarity must provide the company with the names of all members who had been active in boycott.

**Coors goes to Governor — Fundamentalists fight for veto**

**By Dios B. Sanders**

Via GPA Wire Service

Sacramento — A bill that would outlaw job discrimination against gays reached final legislative approval on March 1 when the Assembly voted 42-33 to send the legislation to Gov. George Deukmejian.

Assemblymember Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) author of the bill he has carried for nearly a decade, called the approval "an historic vote," and said, "Today, you have cast a vote to end the discrimination, to rule that the laws we have passed so long ago still have meaning."

But Assemblymember Ernest Kosnya (R-Saratoga), an outspoken opponent of the legislation, warned that all those lawmakers who voted in favor of AB-1 "will feel the weight of the people that they would be thrown out of office in next year's state elections.

Deukmejian has declined to take a public stand either for or against the legislation, as Assembly Bill 1, but has come under an avalanche of pressure from anti-gay Christian fundamentalists to veto it.

If the governor signs AB-1, it allows it to become law in 12 days, without his signature. California would become only the second state in the Union to enact a statewide gay rights statute. Wisconsin passed a more comprehensive law last year — over bitter fundamentalist opposition.

The Governor's office has been deluged with anti-AB-1 mail — almost all of it from fundamentalists urged on by their ministers, some of whom have taken the waves on religious radio stations to denounce the bill.

Assembly Republicans, still uncommitted back page
NGTF opposes Meese nomination

Congressman Studds to be honored

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar. 15, the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) joined with a coalition of organizations and individuals to oppose the nomination of Edwin Meese as Attorney General of the United States. Virginia M. Apuzzo, executive director of NGTF, declared in her statement to the committee that Meese had failed "the simple test of compassion... for those of us who are gay or lesbian." Apuzzo noted a series of concerns to the gay/bisexual community regarding the Justice Department.

Ross Perot's "no"... "no"... "no"... "no..."

Apar jai found the Frenchman's "no..." to be undermined by granting public funds. If the civil rights laws . . . are to have any meaning, they must "narrowly believe that all in position in the Bob Jones case, in which 95 percent of the students were black, . . . are to have any meaning, they must be understood by granting a religious exception along the way." Among other issues cited by Apuzzo were the failure of the Justice Department to consider gay and lesbian violence as a civil rights violation; "rape proliferation and occurrence of gay and lesbian continued back year." In testimony before the Senate...
Stand with the crowd during the ovation, one wonders when the evening will close. 1300 well-dressed, handsome gays and lesbians together to hear gay actors read works by those to a gay audience. Stories about people who go to bars and about people who don't. Stories like dressing in drag on Halloween, being caught with your hand in the till, being fired from a job for being gay. The Frog didn't change into a prince. The princess didn't need to kiss a frog. The time is now. The time is right. AB 1 NEEDS YOU

Governor's Office with telegrams, handwritten letters, and personal, hand-written letter explaining the need for support. These are the letters that you, if he's an avowed supporter of your cause, will use. Senator Richardson and his staff will then sign it. These are the letters that you, if he's an avowed supporter of your cause, will use. Senator Richardson and his staff will then sign it.

The public is invited at no cost to the Symposium on AIDS and the Media. The Symposium will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 1986 at 1:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Community Library, 13250 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070. The Symposium is sponsored by the San Francisco Lawyers Against Sex Discrimination (SFLADS), the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the National Lawyers Guild (NLG).

Gay Pride news

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Myth: AIDS is just media-hype. FACT: Over 10,000 people have been diagnosed as having AIDS; of those, about 2,000 have died. This should serve as a sobering reminder to all of us that the AIDS epidemic has not peaked here as it has in other major metropolitan areas. AIDS is not media-hype.

Myth: The AIDS crisis is over. FACT: The number of new AIDS cases is still growing at a rapid pace. It is not too early to begin preparing for a major funding drive.

Myth: There is no incidence of AIDS in Santa Clara County. FACT: Loot more than 400 people with AIDS are now living in Santa Clara County. Our community is not immune to the AIDS epidemic. We must be prepared to deal with this crisis.

Myth: Only gay people are concerned about AIDS. FACT: There are many groups that are concerned about AIDS, including women, older Americans, and African-Americans. Everyone has a stake in the fight against AIDS.

Myth: The AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County does nothing except ask for money. FACT: The Foundation's primary goal is to raise funds for AIDS education and prevention programs. We also provide local services to AIDS victims and their families.

Our board of directors has already approved our 1984 budget. We are going to be on the air by mid-April with our first major radio spot. Please help us reach our goal by making a tax-deductible contribution today.

The AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County is a 501 (c)(3) public charity. All contributions are tax deductible. Contributions may be made with a check or money order payable to the AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County, P.O. Box 41, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

We need your help. Please make your contribution today.

Love was in the Air!

by Ted Haas

San Francisco—Lovers—and for some, just friends—met and had a day to enjoy each other's company.

Everywhere one went it was the same. Because it was Valentine's Day.

San Francisco's valentine was the Galloping Gourmet.

"We did not have the same kind of event offered by the State of California," said Daniel Wilson, Chairman of the AIDS Foundation. "However, we did do a lot of fundraising activities to raise money for the Foundation."

The Galloping Gourmet was the main event of the Foundation's fundraising campaign. "We are extremely pleased to have the Galloping Gourmet as a major event," said Wilson.

The Foundation announced that the Galloping Gourmet will be held on April 15, 1984. The Foundation will be accepting donations for the event until April 15.

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Showcase '84

by Ted Salt

A star-studded show was presented at Buck's on the Stockton Strip.

The show, presented by Cheri and Friends was a benefit for the AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County.

A variety of entertainers were featured on March 15 and 16.

The lucky T.Tickie was her upgrade and saved a typical Tacky Tine that was her upgrade.

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Beer Bust on the Strip

by Ted Salt

The Mayor of Stockton Strip threw a 'Beer Bust,' also known as all you can drink! At the Boot Rock.

Men and women juntoed each other in a party atmosphere. No one turned away others in the pinball machines. For those who wanted a more intimate atmosphere, the pin was available with an own finishing room.

For all, the music was rock and roll and everyone had a great time.

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Mardi Gras

Desperados style

by Ted Salt

Mardi Gras at Desperados is an exciting event, with cash prizes for the lucky.

The theme is having a good time and has an acoustic guitar and a keyboard player at the boot rock.

Ms Jonae sang two of her hit recordings, "Red Light Lover" and "Little Black Dress," and introduced a new song called, (of course) "Song for the lucky.

The lady had everyone clapping hands. Vivace—Dynamic The lady located the very best venue.

The dance floor was packed all evening. A great—A dance from an English court—and an Arab sheik behind the bar.

Desperados, a very popular disco bar—a bar without a gender.

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THE ALEXANDROS EXPEDITION

by Patricia Stirk

Evans Talbot has a secret—although he's done his best to create a public image of himself as a clown, he knows inside he's a sophisticated man. His husband of over 20 years is for men, his old assistant, Hamish—who is a man—quite openly gay—doesn't support Evan's secret. When a friend of the two men is imprisoned by the Taliban in the Middle East, Evan and Hamish lay plans for a rescue mission, booking passage on a cruise ship bound for the Mediterranean. As the mission progresses, romance and international adventure weave together into an unforgettable story.
S.O.S.

Federal Election Commission

...show that the HRCF fund had a balance of about $321,000 in 1983, raised about $321,000 in

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Women and the Law

The National Conference on Women and the Law was founded in 1969 to plan and organize annual conferences on legal issues of particular interest to women.

This year, the 15th conference will be held at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, March 30 through April 1, 1984.

The theme of the conference, "Bread and Roses: The Economics of Feminism," has been chosen to address the overwhelming focus of the current economic climate on women.

The program, extending over three days, includes hundreds of workshops, panels and films; involves the perspectives of Third World women/women of color, older women, lesbians, working class/lowlow income women and women with disabilities.

Keynote speaker, Angela Davis will focus on the inter-relationship of racism, classism and sexism in our society. California Chief Justice, Rose Bird will be the guest speaker at a luncheon honoring women in the judiciary.

The keynote panel will discuss strategies for change. For more information write: P.O.Box 7308, Glendale, CA 91205. NGTF

Fired Lesbian lecturer settles

Berkeley (IGNA) Merle Woo, an outspoken Lesbian, announced last week that she has settled her lawsuit against the University of California at Berkeley by accepting two years' back pay, and also reinstatement as a lecturer for two more years.

"Hooray for Merle Woo and all who support her, and who care about free speech and end to employment discrimination," said her lawyer, Mary C. Dunlap.

Woo, 42, who complained that she was fired "because I was visible," described herself as an "Asian-American, socialist, feminist, lesbian, and trade unionist."

The deal that was concluded includes a two-year contract to lecture in the University of California's Department of Education, $48,584 in back pay, plus $25,000 in attorney's fees.

Coors continued from front page

cott efforts, the identities of contrib­
tors to Solidarity, minutes of Solidarity's meetings, and other information concerning the group and its activities.

Coors also asked for, and was granted, reimbursement for the cost of asking the magistrate for a ruling on the constitutional issues of privacy and associa­
tional freedom.

The ACLU-NC had refused to turn over Solidarity's records without a court order.

"We felt that this probe repre­
sented a real threat to associa­
tional freedom," Crosby explained. "People won't join con­
traversial organizations if they feel threatened in this way. Gay rights groups are the type of organizations particularly in need of this protection—as persons who disclose their homosexuality often have to live in ignorance or even custody of their children. Society continues to discriminate," she said.

In June 1983, Judge Williams agreed and remanded the case back to the magistrate to be reconsidered in the light of the compelling privacy issue.

"Indeed, if membership in the Republican Party is deemed in­
violably private, then membership in a far less popular and far

more fragile association should be afforded at least a similar level of protection," Judge Williams wrote in his June 8 ruling.

Coors attempt to obtain mem­

bership information was held in

abeyance pending the outcome of the summary judgment motions (argued in August, 1983). Because of Judge Williams' ruling this month Solidarity's lists will not be disclosed.

Assembly Bill 1, the gay and lesbian employ­
ment rights bill, has passed the legislature and is now before Governor Deukmejian.

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