

VOTE Nov. 4th

VOTE NO ON 64



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Next Issue

Due to our desire to provide election results, we will publish on Thursday, November 6th.

Insurance industry group opposes Proposition 64

Los Angeles-The Association of California Life Insurance Companies (ACLIC) announced its opposition to Proposition 64, a state ballot initiative on AIDS.

Voting unanimously against the proposed measure, ACLIC's executive committee termed it "ambiguous, impractical and uneconomical."

Proposition 64 would declare AIDS to be an "infectious, contagious and communicable" condition, which would place it in the same category as measles and tuberculosis.

Authorities on AIDS insist the virus (HTLV-III) is not contagious, but is transmitted through activities that exchange bodily fluids, such as sex or the sharing of hypodermic needles.

Proposition 64 would require public health officials to conduct widespread testing for virus carriers, to report all cases of infection, and to bar infected persons from working in schools or restaurants or in health care.

Lewis Keller, ACLIC president, said, "At minimum, forcing the disclosure of AIDS blood test results will keep people most at risk from seeking help and assisting in necessary research.

"Driving these people underground will increase the likelihood that the disease will continue to spread.

By one interpretation, it could result in mandatory AIDS blood tests for millions of Californians, and the quarantine of hundreds of thousands of people.

"That result would involve huge economic and social costs, and an unprecedented invasion of privacy."

ACLIC joins numerous business and medical organizations opposed to the initiative, including the California Chamber of Commerce, the California Business Alliance and the California Medical Association.

"We were very pleased with ACLIC'S decision to oppose Proposition 64," said Jim Spahr, chairman of the Life and Disability Products Committee of Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR).

"This action is especially significant because ACLIC is one of the largest and most respected insurance trade associations in California."

ACLIC's decision was announced at the annual meeting of the 30-member insurance trade organization.

ACLIC was founded in 1962 to ensure effective communication between member companies, their policyholders, and public and private policymakers.

Campaign Update

Latest polls show 64 percent of the voters statewide either haven't heard of Prop 64 or are undecided.

If two-thirds of the voters receive their information on Prop 64 from reading the short ballot summary in the voters' pamphlet, many feel we will lose.

To win, we must get our message out to the voters so that they understand the disastrous medical effects of the passage of Prop 64.

Only a few days remain to accomplish this.

Two of the major television stations in San Francisco won't sell air time to any of the proposition campaigns to avoid "equal time" requirements.

We know that we are doing poorly in Southern California, especially in San Diego where polls show the "yes" vote ahead.

If we are to win, we still need

both money and volunteers.

You can help:

You can help by writing one last check to BAYMEC.

You can help by making phone calls to some of the 20,000 people who have a history of voting.

Phone calling occurs in the evening between 5 and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 11 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Santa Clara County headquarters.

You can help by handing out leaflets in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties.

If you have the time and are willing to provide some extra help, we need more people in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties to walk precincts.

Please join us in doing some or all of these things.

In Santa Clara county, call (408) 292-0370; in San Mateo county call (415) 327-6642; in Santa Cruz county call (408)

425-6577.

Then VOTE!

We don't want to spend precious time reminding BAYMEC members to vote, but we will if we sense that people have the notion that the election is won before the votes are counted.

If we are to win, we cannot be complacent.

Start the day off right: VOTE before you go to work.

FUNDRAISING

Ken Yeager, our campaign manager, says \$15,000 is needed from our area between now and election day.

So far, we have raised \$58,000.

Many individuals, organizations and businesses are responsible for raising these funds.

The house parties have been enormously successful.

Of the 18 parties coordinated by BAYMEC thus far, \$5,910 has been raised (an average of \$328 per party.)

Our hats are off to these hosts and hostesses and their generous guests.

High Tech Gays has raised \$4500 to date.

In addition, they have agreed to contribute 50 cents (up to \$500) for every \$1 donated to the campaign by their membership.

Please indicate your HTG affiliation on your check.

A fundraiser in San Mateo county at the Cruiser raised \$2,000.

The big event in Santa Clara

county raised \$6,000.

Thanks go to Tinker's Damn, The Landing and Whiskey Gulch for their fundraisers.

This is our last campaign update.

A campaign wrap-up will be issued later which will include final fundraising figures and a list of the many people who have helped us in the campaign.

Until then, many thanks.

Did you see this?

Fact of AIDS

The Center for Communicable Diseases in Atlanta, which tracks the number of AIDS cases in this country, revealed that, as of Sept. 1, not one of the 24,430 AIDS cases reported since 1981 had involved the sexual transmission of the deadly virus from female to female.

Politics '86 Style**By Johnie Stagg**

For the last few years, I have been much less involved in politics. Some call it "Burn Out," some say its name is Apathy; however, I would call my involvement in 1986 "Burn Up."

I have never before seen campaigns sink to this year's level. I can't believe the voters could be swayed by the inane commercials, slogans and comments of the "candidates."

If one would believe "the media" and pronouncements of the "candidates," we have no greater problems facing us (and "the candidates" have no greater problems to solve) than Chief Justice Rose Bird.

Really, pollsters! Do you think voters are that ignorant? (Hint! They didn't fall for the "pollution commercials" in June.)

Here in River City, we have a similar circus going on: NO, folks, it isn't Rose Bird, it's concealed weapons permits (not gun registration in general).

Again, I have more confidence in the good old-fashioned common sense of the voters — if Sheriff Bob Winter was guilty of any misconduct, why didn't anyone care until two weeks before the election?

I maintain that if it weren't an

election year, the charge would never have been made. Easy to maintain, since it hasn't been. Oh well! Politics '86 style, what can I say!

Some food for thought, especially for the gay and lesbian voters of Santa Clara County: All — and I mean ALL — the harassment of the bars, baths and gay community in general has been perpetrated by the San Jose Police Department.

Guess what, folks, Stan Horton has been Assistant Chief of Police for some time now; and for sure, if he does not make policy, I have never heard of him bucking it. (Note that top policymakers Mayor Tom McEnery and Police Chief Joseph McNamara are backing their man Stan to the hilt in this election.)

I have known Bob Winter for a long time now and I know he is not a bigot, has never called for harassment of the gay bars, baths or community in general, and would not stand by silently while it happened in his Department.

Don't be a part of the charade of Politics '86 style: Vote! and Vote with your common sense! Send a message to the slick pollsters, opportunistic campaign managers and spineless candidates — we don't support lies or liars!

ANNOUNCING

Stanford Autumn Dance: Saturday, October 25 from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am in the Elliot Program Center on the shores of Lake Lagunita, in Governor's Corner, Stanford. A pre-Halloween Dance sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS), cover charge of \$3 and ID required for alcoholic beverages. All men and women are welcome. Costumes are optional, music will consist of a mixture of Eurowave, progressive, funk, and high-energy disco. For more information call GLAS (415) 723-1488.

Feminist Lesbian Social Group: (FLSG) meets once monthly in the South Bay for a potluck. To receive the FLSG News which announces the potluck as well as other activities of interest to women in the South Bay, send \$12 for a one year subscription to: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Slightly Older Lesbians: (SOL) meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm at the DeFrank Community Center for an informal support/discussion group. For information call (408) 293-4525 and leave a message for SOL. We will return your call. Newcomers are welcome!

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"You bet."

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

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

"Fantastic! When?"

"How about tomorrow?"

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

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

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I know you will have a wonderful evening, and meet some very nice people.

Say hello to the guys for me and love to all of you.

Lori "Sunshine" Daley

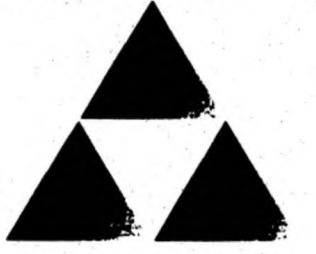
Ryder's D.J. says thanks

Thanks so very much for your help, coverage and donations to our Anniversary/NO ON LaRouche Campaign.

The event was VERY successful and everyone concerned had a marvelous time.

Again, thanks for the support.

Sincerely,
Greg Kemble
D.J. For Ryder's



BAYMEC Candidate Recommendations

BAYMEC recommends the following candidates because of their sensitivity to human rights issues, especially those of Gays and Lesbians. Recommendations are based on candidate response to a questionnaire, telephone interview, and other information.

A detailed discussion of our recommendations is available to non-BAYMEC members. To receive a copy, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to BAYMEC, P.O.Box 90070, San Jose, 95109.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. You may take this information with you into the voting booth.

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12th District Lance Weil
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16th District Leon Panetta

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21st District Bryon Sher
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23rd District Norm Vasconcellos
24th District No recommendation
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Sheriff Stan Horton
Municipal Court Jim Rowan

Santa Cruz County
Supervisor, 4th District Russ Oaks

State Propositions
57 Yes
58 No
59 No recommendation
60 No
61 No
62 No
63 No
64 No
65 No recommendation

Santa Clara County Propositions

A Yes
B Yes
C No recommendation
D Yes

San Mateo County Propositions

A No recommendation
B No recommendation

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Personal Opinion

Some thoughts on 64 . . .

"In Germany, they came first for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist."

"Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew."

"Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist."

"Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant."

"Then they came for me, and by that time nobody was left to speak up."

Maybe you think you won't get AIDS. Maybe you think you can't get AIDS. Maybe no one you know has AIDS. So maybe Proposition 64 might not concern you. But, as the quote above suggests, maybe it does. Maybe Proposition 64 is about a lot more than AIDS.

If you are a lesbian or gay, it's pretty easy to be invisible in this county. It's big, with lots of cities across lots of space. Incomes are high, lifestyles are high, standards of living are high. The environment fosters independence, singularity and a certain amount of separation. We have no central lesbian and/or gay neighborhoods, no common organizations or groups which embrace a large portion of the community, no central goals, focuses or ideals.

Now there is nothing inherently wrong with not being visible. Unlike lots of other people, I don't believe every gay and lesbian person is under a mandate to publically announce and display their sexuality. I think we each, individually, should make our own decisions on HOW we choose to come out, WHEN we choose to come out, the DEGREE to which we choose to be out and HOW we choose to express it. And more importantly, no one has the right to tell you otherwise.

Of course there is a but. And the but centers around the fact that if you're gay or lesbian, you're part of a minority. And you shouldn't kid yourself about the possible consequences of belonging to this minority. You can lose your job, you can lose your children, you can be denied an inheritance from a lover of many years, and you can be harassed or physically intimidated. You will also find that no matter how "normal" you think your life is, you are not fully accepted by society at large if you are a lesbian or gay.

We all deal with this situation in different ways. Some of us fight, some of us give in. And there's the whole spectrum of responses in between. All of these responses are ok, which takes us back to my previous statement: being who you are in the way wish is ok, as long as you're sure about who you are.

64 is more than an initiative against people with AIDS. It's a statement about how people who are different should be treated. It is about the denial of rights - medical care, housing and employment - to people because of how they are perceived to be. It is about large-scale legislated discrimination against people. And many of these people are gay men - our brothers. So it is about us - you and me. And whether you're female or male, black or white, able bodied or disabled, working or unemployed, it will effect you if it is passed.

Please make sure to vote against 64 in November. And if you can, please tell everyone you know to vote NO. And please remember that in addition to all the reasons you're asked to oppose it, there is a very important reason: we MUST speak up now, before there is no one left to do it.

Wayne Herriford
Community Member

Gay Awareness Week at San Jose State: for the first time in many years, SJSU will host during the week of October 27 - 31 for Gay Awareness Week. Highlighting the week's events will be San Francisco Supervisor, Harry Britt as keynote speaker. A group of dedicated staff and students are coordinating the Week as a "grass-roots" project and are paying for it virtually out-of-pocket. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below. You know how much an event of this type can mean to our community. Let us know if we can count on your support.

Check as many boxes as apply and then return as soon as possible to Gay Awareness Week/SJSU, c/o Staff of Individual Rights, P.O.Box 3431, San Jose, CA 95156-3431.

I am able to publicize the Week through my business or establishment. Please send materials.

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— Wiggsy Sivertsen, Chair, No on 64 Campaign
Santa Clara County



Stan Horton has attended many events for No on 64 and BAYMEC. Since I've gotten to know Stan, I've seen how he is open to our suggestions. Stan is someone we can talk to. He cares about our issues. We need a Sheriff who respects our community. We need Stan Horton for Sheriff.

— Ken Yeager, Campaign Manager, No on 64 Campaign
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A Friend Indeed

by Ted Sahl

"We're going to talk about AIDS patients" my friend Jim said, "especially about their needs when they are first going into the hospital."

OP: You have an idea you would like to share with Our Readers, tell us about it.

JIM: Recently we took an AIDS patient to the hospital. We got there at 10 a.m. and waited until 3 p.m. Finally the doctor came up to us and said for him to go upstairs and get into bed.

This person had nothing with him; no money, he just didn't know what to do. The doctor said he would be there at least three days.

That gave me the idea for the kit. It contains everything a person needs from razors, cologne, toothpaste, brush, mirror, and postcards to breath freshener, the little things that freshen you up when you are feeling ill.

And it contains one more thing, a stuffed puppy dog. It could be your friend and companion. You could hug it like you would your teddy bear.

Not long ago we gave a kit to an AIDS patient. He cried, he loved the puppy dog pet, he gave it a name and put it in bed with him.

OP: What if some wanted to buy one to give an AIDS patient, is that possible?

JIM: A group of us with Holy Trinity Church of San Jose are trying to make up as many kits as we can to be given to AIDS patients.

OP: I see by your information card of the list of articles, they cost \$33.89. Could someone donate \$33.89 to the church to help you make up these kits?

JIM: We would love to receive contributions to help. We need to make up a bunch of them. People could contact Rev. Randy Hill, Holy Trinity Church at the DeFrank Community Center. Just call 292-3071.



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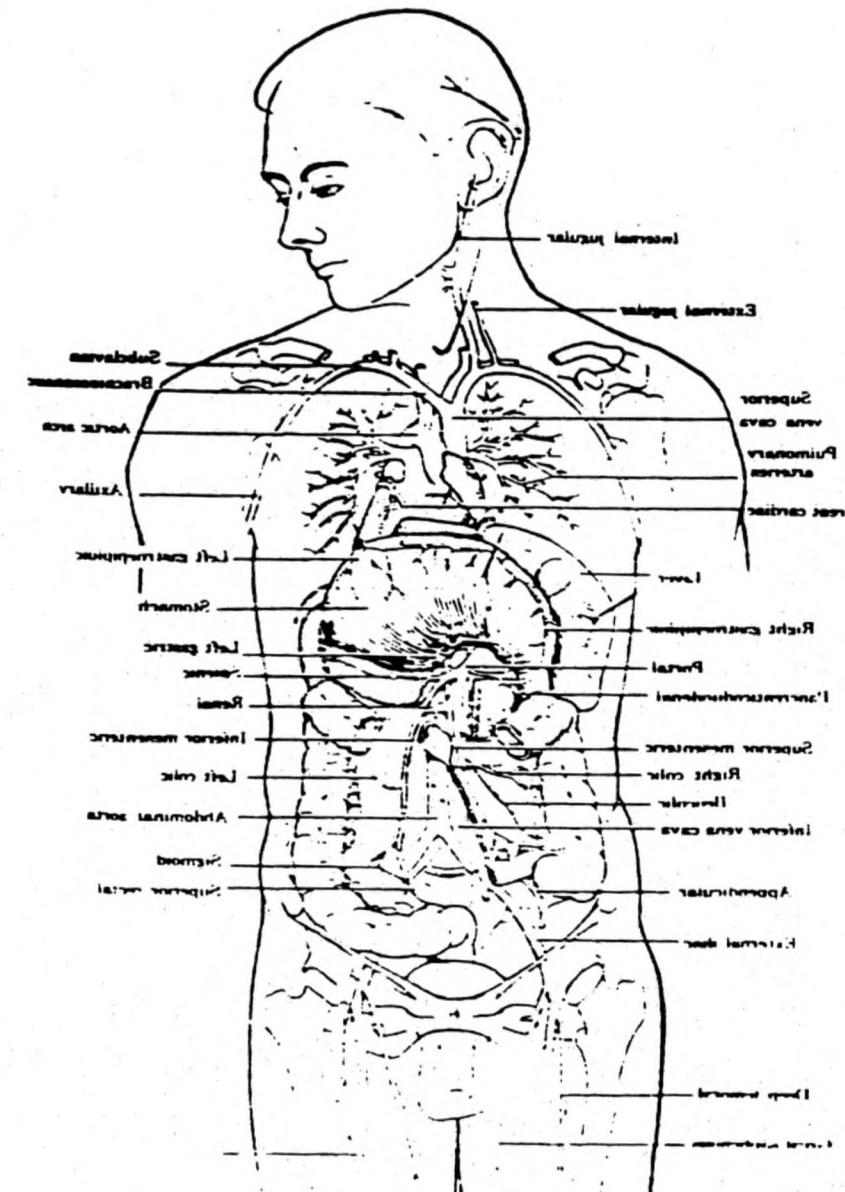
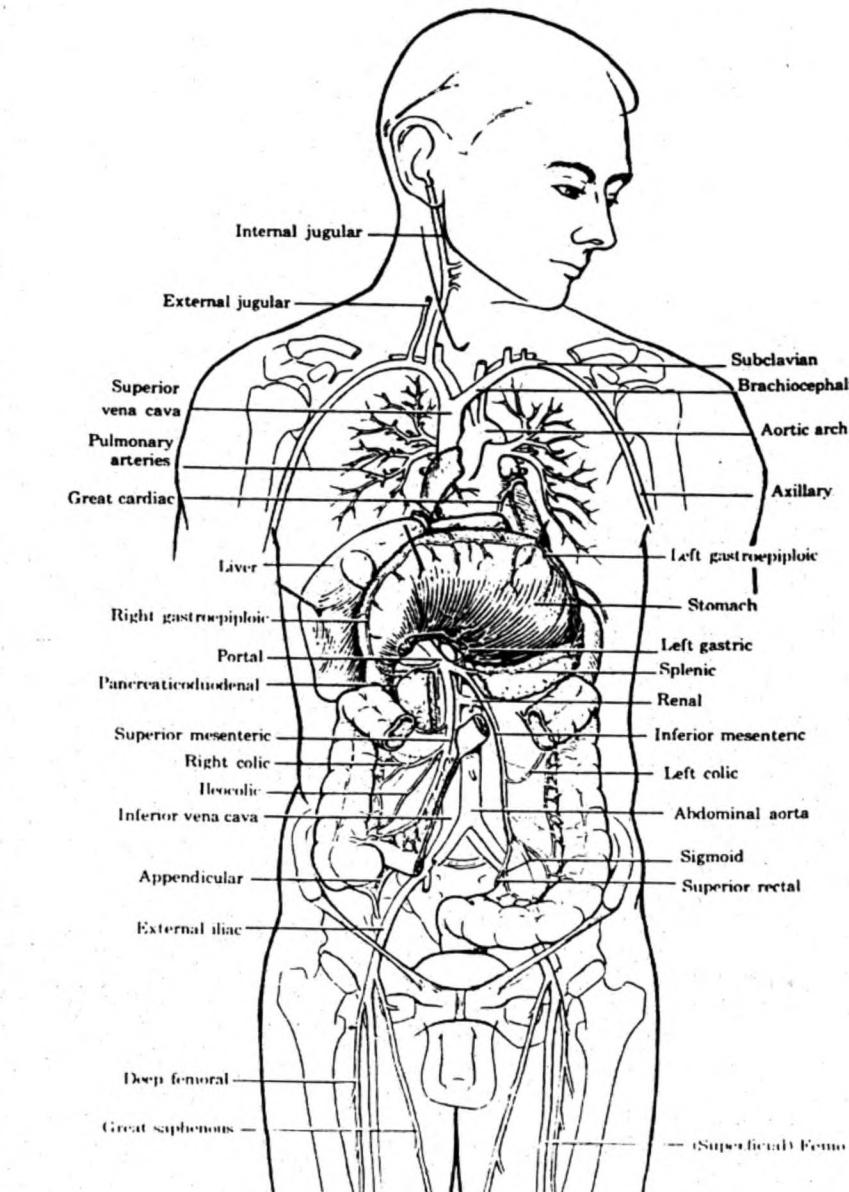
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October 27th

1. Introduction of Workshops
2. Statistical Information
3. The Growth of AIDS Outside The High Risk Groups
4. Discussion

November 3rd

1. AIDS, and The Human Body
2. Antibodies and The Immune System
3. HTLV-III Testing: What does it mean?
4. Discussion

November 10th

1. ARC: What is ARC and What does it mean?
2. Diagnosis of AIDS and The Clinical Setting
3. Santa Clara County AIDS Screening Clinic
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November 17th

1. Prevention
2. Relationships and Romance In a Gay Relationship
3. Safe Sex Practices
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by Ted Sahl



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Photo by Ted Sahl

**Kerovak...
a Jazz Play**

by Ted Sahl

Jack Kerovak, author and poet attained notoriety with the publication of "On The Road" in 1957.

A controversial man, known as the "Daddy of the Beats," he believed Jazz to be the heart of American inspiration, the freedom of individuality.

He saw in Jazz musicians who played about their truth, the love and suffering of the blues.

The actor Vincent Balestri plays the part of Kerovak in a two act play which he wrote while living in Chicago.

The play has been performed in cabarets and theatres across the continent.

Balestri is Kerovak as he relives the poet through his book, capturing the essence of the man.

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Theatre Review

By Rick Rudy

It's a Hot Sunday in the Park

For those who like their theatre unconventional, the American Conservatory Theatre's production of Stephen Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George* is just the ticket. If you don't mind verbal and musical intellectualism as a substitute for light comedy and



Jack Keller as George Seurat and Melanie Chartoff as Dot in the American Conservatory Theatre production of "Sunday in the Park with George" photo by Larry Merkle

the Island of La Grande Jatte which now hangs in the Art Institute of Chicago.

This painting, and the characters it portrays, are the people of the play, while the urge to create art and the effect such compulsion has on others, is the substance.

In the second act, Sondheim hurls us forward in time to the present where Seurat's great-grandson is a struggling artist in the medium of electronically controlled images and light.

This new George is drawn back to Paris, to the Island of La Grande Jatte where his great-grandfather worked to become reborn and forge ahead as an artist.

Seurat's contribution to art was the use of dots of pigment in close proximity which fuse together, not on the canvas, but in the viewer's eye, to give a vivid, shimmering appearance.

Sondheim, taking Seurat's lead, has made his score of dots of music which shimmer when listened to at the right distance.

George is wonderfully played by Jeff Keller.

Bearded and somber in act one, he refuses the diversions of Paris, or his mistress Dot (appropriate!) and drives towards the completion of his enormous canvas.

As he sketches, we meet the artists, boatmen, tourists, shopgirls, soldiers, old lady with nurse, servants and bathers who will come together to form a living tableau of the painting.

Keller also plays the new and very different George who bows to media and gallery directors to get his work seen.

Here Keller is almost a Jimmy Carter look-alike, smiling widely to rivals and critics at the opening of his newest Chroma-line VII.

Keller has a fine strong voice and an affable manner with untapped determination beneath.

Melaine Chartoff plays the mistress Dot in act one.

Unhappily posing for George on the hot island, yet enthralled by his talent.

She also portrays young George's 90 year old grandmother in act two, a remarkable transformation and a successful one.

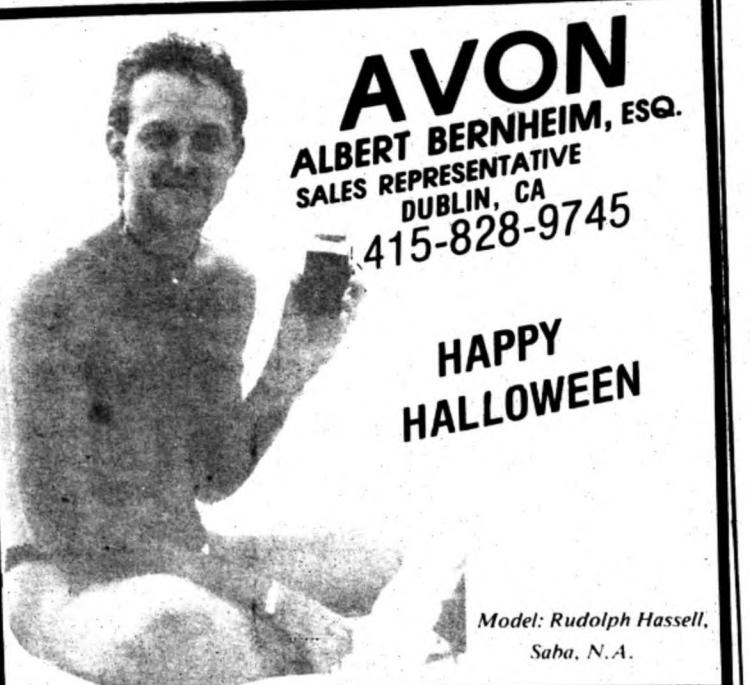
She sings nicely, though sometimes hard to hear, but makes Dot vivacious and real.

The supporting cast is uniformly fine, though some are better actors than singers, a fact made apparent by the complexity of the musical score.

Notable are Drew Eshelman as the snobbish artist Jules, Lawrence Hecht as a vulgar boatman, Ruth Kobart as Seurat's elderly mother, and Richard Butterfield as a soldier.

For those with a taste for the unusual, who do not care to leave the theatre whistling the score, who have seen enough tap dancers for the year, or who wish to begin immersing themselves in this Season of Sondheim, ACT's *Sunday in the Park* is the place to be.

Sunday continues at the Geary Theatre through November 1.



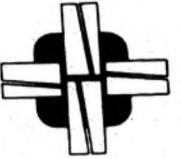
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Night of the Demons All Tricks; No Treat

by Jeff Barber

As Halloween approaches, the Community Players of Los Gatos-Saratoga current offering is appropriately *Night of the Demons* by local playwright and scenic designer Stephen C. Wa-

ter. She showed good presence of mind on opening night, when a demon that was supposed to awaken her, was never quite able to reach far enough to touch her.

The plot concerns an innocent young couple, Mark and Sheila Whitfield (adequately played by real-life husband and wife David and Margaret Apple), who arrive at a long-deserted, reputedly haunted mansion to set up housekeeping.

The young couple is undaunted by the mansion's unearthly (and tasteless) decor: a fireplace shaped like a huge demonic mouth, a large statue of a hideous toad-like creature, strange slit windows that only allow light into the room on certain days of the year, etc.

But however brave they may be, Mark and Sheila aren't up to facing an attack of phantom rats; they flee the house.

They return only after inviting a professor at a nearby university, Dr. Evan Lofgren (Rick Rudy) to investigate the strange mansion.

The professor arrives accompanied by a team of "demon-busters" that include Kate MacAndrew (Wendy Howard-Benham), a blind medium; Marsha Selton (Patti Goldsobel), a sensitive young student with remarkably strong ESP; and a skeptical geologist, Harry Belknap (Ron Habina).

Soon a secret door is discovered leading to a subterranean tunnel and chamber.

A copy of *The Necronomicon*, an occult book that may possibly hold the key to defeating the demons, is found in the chamber.

Just in the nick of time too, as the demons are becoming more and more aggressive, attacking or possessing various members of the group.

In the middle of the night the demons, who seem to be from another dimension, mount a full-scale attack on the humans.

There are special effects galore and the play ends with an ambiguous "Twilight Zone" like twist.

Effects Overwhelm Actors

There's an old show biz maxim that goes "Never perform with a small child or an animal."

The results are sadly predictable.

Either: A) the child or animal is SO cute that all other performances pale in comparison, or B) the child or animal throws the script out the window and all other performances are ruined in the resulting chaos.

As *Night of the Demons* demonstrates, the old saying might well be amended to include "special effects" as well.

The special effects of *Night of the Demons* so totally dominate the play that the actors are overwhelmed.

Some of the effects, particularly the swirling red fog that billows forth from the basement tunnel during the climactic battle are visually quite stunning..

But even when they work (and several misfire on opening night), the effects heavily-handedly call attention to themselves and reduce the play to mere snippets of dialogue filling the intervals between effects.

To make matters worse, *Night of the Demons* never succeeds in becoming either a suspenseful thriller, ala the movie *Halloween*, or a playful sci-fi spoof like *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

It moves back and forth in some painful middle ground, not successful in either genre.

There is too much cute-sy

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Kenneth Lumley



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The best performance of the evening is turned in by Wendy Howard-Benham as Kate, the blind medium.

Against all odds, Howard-Benham is actually convincing as she ominously spouts mumbo-jumbo about demons from alternate universes.

One wonders if a lighter, campier version of *Demons* might have been more enjoyable.

On the technical side of things, the set by author Stephen C. Wathen was magnificent.

The lighting by Dan Bennett was suitably moody.

The sound effects by sound designer Bill Beebe were adequate and generally effective.

Special effects, the real star of this show, were supervised by Joe Collonge.

Night of the Demons runs through October 31 at the Saratoga Civic Theatre.

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Our Community Profile

by Jimmy Joe

I met a real legal eagle this week, an attorney, who is a champion of gay rights.

Bruce W. Nickerson, a lawyer with a cause, calls himself a crusader for what he believes is right.

Nickerson, whose practice of law is right here in San Jose, says that the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara are hotbeds for police arrests of gay men, especially in backrooms of bookstores. "Santa Clara County is NOT as liberal as San Francisco."

"In fact, the police departments have dedicated funds in the pursuit of victimless crimes."

Nickerson firmly believes that police should spend their time in trying to stop violent crime.

However, it seems that some police officers enjoy their task of searching out gays to arrest.

It is comforting to know that because of his expertise in the fine points of the law, Nickerson has overturned many such cases of entrapment, and had them thrown out of court.

Most policemen do not know the exact laws in this regard, and therefore make false arrests, or do not have sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction.

Nickerson was a successful entrepreneur for a number of years, owning and operating two thriving businesses.

Then one day he asked himself, like in Peggy Lee's song: "Is This All There Is?"

He wanted to make a difference in his world, and was

interested in making a contribution to causes that were close to his heart.

As a gay father, he understands the issues that confront gay people.

He belongs to an unofficial group of six gay lawyers who call themselves the "toilet lawyers."

This unusual clan has become very good at their craft and have created a powerful alliance.

Their collective expertise has earned them the respect they deserve from judges, other lawyers and certainly the clients they represent.

Nickerson's first case, defending a gay client, was in 1981.

He set up his practice here because this area has more activity than in other parts of the Bay Area.

As an experienced trial lawyer, Nickerson now has a case pending before the State Supreme Court, where he hopes to have it tried before there is a change of personnel.

Angry because he has seen other attorneys take advantage of gay clients, Nickerson has a track record to confirm his ability to maintain his client's innocence, at least before the

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Our Legal Column

by Bruce W. Nickerson

eyes of the law.

If you are ever arrested, Nickerson advises that you should remain quiet.

You may ask the officer why you are being arrested, but otherwise, do not antagonize the officer.

Then make this simple statement: "I want to talk to my attorney."

"The street is the policeman's turf, but the court is my turf," says Nickerson.

Another issue that is a very sticky concern is that of wills for gay people.

I will have another article devoted just to the facts and flaws that are easy to overlook.

Gay people have a few pitfalls to avoid in dealing with relatives and lovers.

Bruce Nickerson will also be writing a column, giving legal advice to our readers. (*elsewhere in this issue*)

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As a result of these rulings, it is hoped that the police will stop this waste of taxpayer dollars and pursue valid crimes.

After taking the matter under submission, Judge Cordell ruled that the People had not proved one of the elements of Penal Code 647 (a) specifically that the defendant must "know or should know of the presence of persons likely to be offended."

The Judge cited the following facts in support of her decision that the above element was missing from the People's case:

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Included are 5-player teams from The Savoy, Visions, Tinkers Damn, 641 Club, Renegades, Daybreak, and The Cruiser. Watch Our Paper for League standings.

Thanks to Bill Schindler, Dave Jacobs, and Pat Drennan for making this friendly competition a local tradition.

Here come the Hot Chocolates making a return engagement by popular demand to The Savoy on Saturday, Nov. 15th, to benefit AIDS patients. Details in our next issue.

Then, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, something different — a Flea Market in The Savoy parking lot (also to benefit AIDS patients).

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