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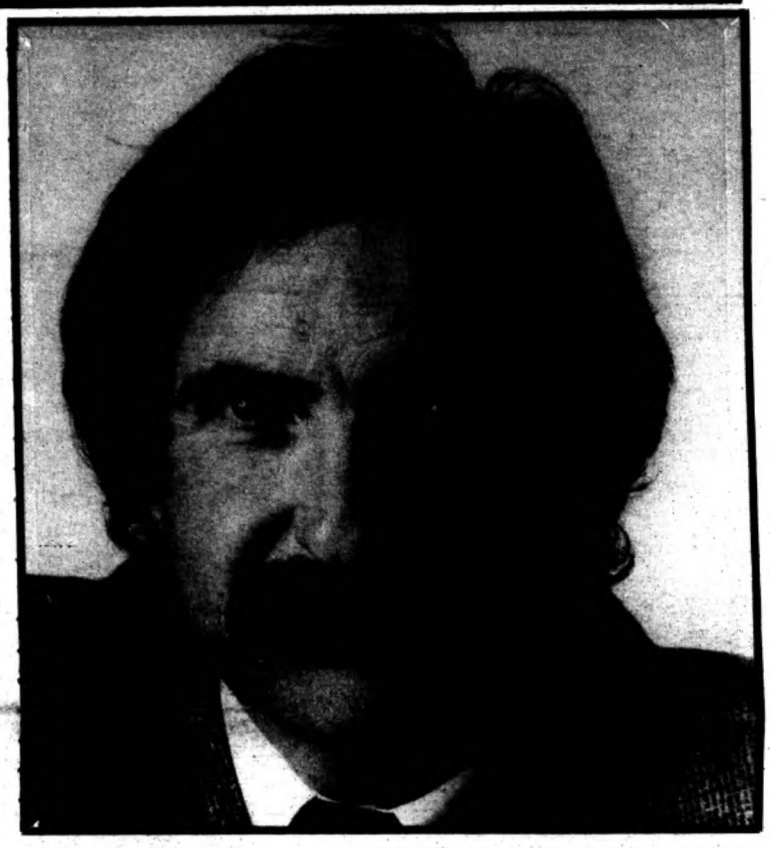
Nolan elected president San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



With his election as president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Tom Nolan now holds the highest elective position of any openly gay person in California.

Nolan was elected by his peers on January 6.

Elected to a four-year term on the Board of Supervisors in 1984, Nolan's sexual orientation made local press headlines initially.

Soon after taking office, Nolan was instrumental in creating an AIDS Task Force in a county which had not yet dealt with the growing crisis.

The Task Force has been instrumental in helping to locate in Redwood City - Nolan's hometown - the first hospice in the state intended exclusively for AIDS patients.

The hospice - called Ellipse - is scheduled to open in early 1987 at 631 Woodside Road in Redwood City.

The 16-bed facility is intended for persons with AIDS who do not require hospitalization but need some medical care as well as physical and psychological therapy.

The skilled-nursing facility also will accomodate AIDS patients undergoing experimental drug treatments that require monitoring.

The San Mateo County AIDS Task Force also has established a successful "Buddies" program that matches persons with AIDS with others to assist in a variety of services.

At Nolan's request, the county includes gay and lesbian concerns in its sexual harassment policy and training programs.

Sexual orientation is now routinely included as a non-discriminatory category in all county contracts.

Nolan spearheaded the No on 64 campaign in San Mateo County last fall, resulting in a whopping 75 percent "no" vote against the measure.

Nolan also represents San Mateo County on several Bay Area organizations, including: Metropolitian Transportation Commission (MTC), Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), and the Bay Area Council's Steering Committee.

He also is a member of SamTrans and chairman of the San Mateo County Housing Task Force.

San Mateo County, one of the most affluent counties in California, has a population of 625,000.

Glamour with a Heart of Gold

(The story of the Imperial Court System of North America)

by Ron Bluestein

Jackie V and Jackie X of Reno, Sissy Spaceout of San francisco, the empress Chuchu of San Fernando Valley; what do these "royal" people have in common?

Each is a member of the gay community's oldest and largest charity organizations - The Imperial Court System of North America.

The Imperial Courts - celebrating 25 years as a humanitarian foundation - are located in 50 cities, mostly in the western United States and in Canada.

Their focus on fundraising goes beyond the gay community: the San Diego Court sponsors a Children's Shoe Drive for needy children.

When a person from idaho was diagnosed as having AIDS, the Boise Court initiated the Idaho AIDS Foundation.

For a fisherman's son in Bellingham, WA, it was a first glimpse at the gay world and coming out while dancing with Empress Spaceout during a local coronation.

Many national organizations have found the Court System to be effective fundraisers on the local level.

For many straight politicians, the Courts have proven to be an important entrance to a considerable political voting bloc and, ironically, a source of embarassment for some gay political clubs, for whom the Courts present the very stereotype they want voters to forget: men in dresses.

Today, however, the Courts are more than "men in dresses", many women are now active members, including the Grand Duke of San Francisco, the Emperor of Vancouver and the Empress of Idaho.

Women and men from all walks of life are attracted to the heart and "haute" of the Imperial Courts.

As the Courts proudly declare, "Everyone is welcome!"

Each Imperial Court holds Coronations for Emperor and Empress - which are actually elections for co-presidents.

Although the coronations vary from elegant to high camp, the Courts take their missions seriously.

Nicole Murray, the four-time Empress of San Diego, compares the Courts to "Shriners, the Elks or any similar service organizations.

"The money we raise goes directly back into the community."

The Courts are more than just a channel for money; they provide self-esteem and, in many cases, social and political clout.

Whenever anti-gay manipulators have turned up - from Anita Bryant to Lyndon LaRouche - the Courts have raised thousands of dollars to help combat bigotry.

When the Gay Games had financial troubles in its beginning, the Courts were there before any of the rest of the gay community.

The Courts have raised funds for the M.C.C. churches and countless AIDS projects, as well as community causes - the elderly, handicapped, hungry and homeless.

Above all, the Court System is women and men - empresses and emperors, dukes and duchesses, and the leagues of courtiers - who choose to make a commitment.

Denna Jones, the 1985 Grand Duchess of San Francisco, perhaps speaks for all Court Royalty when he said, "The decision to run for a court office was a personal commitment.

"I knew that I would have to dedicate the next 12 months of my life to the men and women of San Francisco, and with the help of a great court, I did."

The Imperial Court System of North America will be honored at "Night of a Thousand Gowns", a tribute to the pioneering role of drag in the lesbian and gay communities, Saturday, March 27 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

This first national charity ball will raise $500,000 to be distributed evenly among 5 organizations concerned with AIDS Funding: The AIDS Action Council, the March on Washington Committee, The Human Rights Campaign Fund, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the New York Gay and Lesbian Community Center, which is serving as the local sponsor.

For more information, please write: Night of a Thousand Gowns, 106 1/4 Lexington Ave., NYC, NY 10016.

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ACLU endorses Gay Marriage

The National Board of directors of the ACLU voted last October to adopt a formal policy statement endorsing both gay and lesbian marriage and a range of economic benefits for gay and lesbian life partners.

This statement will be added to longstanding ACLU policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation and against criminal laws prohibiting homosexual conduct.

"This new statement extends the general anti-discrimination principle of existing policy and specifies ACLU support for changing laws of marriage," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"As far as I know, the ACLU is the first mainstream civil rights group to take this stand.

"I hope others will follow suit," she added.

The new policy statement describes both the recognition of gay and lesbian marriage and the recognition of economic benefits for unmarried partners as "imperative for the complete legal equality of lesbians and gay men."

The benefits covered by the policy include employee fringe benefits, insurance benefits, income tax benefits, and visitation and next of kin rights when a lover is incapacitated.

Hunter pointed out that the ACLU has been litigating benefits cases for a number of years.

The ACLU is co-counsel in the Massachusetts foster care case, challenging that state's policy of giving preference to "traditional" married couples.

In Minnesota, the ACLU sought to be appointed guardian for Sharon Kowlaski, after she was severely injured in an automobile accident and her parents denied visitation rights to her lover.

In addition, the ACLU has filed amicus (friend of the court) briefs in an Arizona case of a bisexual man denied certification as an adoptive parent, in a New York case of a gay life partner seeking a lease to stay in the apartment he shared with his lover, and a California case of a gay man seeking to require the state to provide medical benefit coverage to the domestic partners of state employees.

Supreme Court to rule on Gay "Olympics"

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to decide whether the United States Olympic Committee can prohibit San Francisco Arts and Athletics, Inc from using the word "Olympic" in connection with an event originally known as the Gay Olympic Games.

Represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and private counsel, the organizers of Gay Games (as it was renamed), had asked the Supreme Court to reverse a lower court decision which ordered the gay group not to use the word "Olympic."

The Gay Games were "designed to combat homophobia and to work for the health and tolerance of gay and lesbian persons," according to the organizers.

In her response to the Supreme Court's grant of review, attorney Mary C. Dunlap observed: "The Amateur Sports Act, on the face of it, does not give away the word "Olympic" to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"If the law could be read that way, then the law violates the First Amendment guarantee of free speech.

"The U.S. Olympic Committee has gone further in invading the First Amendment by its position that only popular olympics that it likes or approves of can use the cherished word.

"I am pleased that the Court has recognized the importance of not permitting the censorship and discrimination that the U.S.O.C. has used this law to accomplish."

She pointed out that the record in the case establishes widespread use of the word "olympic" by groups including the police, Armenians, and the NAACP, and that there are Olympics for canines, rats, and crab-catchers.

Susan McGreivy; a lawyer with theACLU of Southern California, declared: "This case, without a doubt, involves the single most egregious abuse of civil liberties law that I've seen."

"I'm extremely pleased that the Supreme Court granted our petition for review in this case," said Nan Hunter.

"We hope to use this case to further establish the principle that speech which is affirming and positive about homosexuality is entitled to the fullest protection under the First Amendment."

The legal battle between the gay group and the official U.S. Olympic Committee began in august, 1982, when the Committee got an injunction prohibiting use of the word "Olympic" in connection with an event in which amateur athletes, most of them homosexual, were scheduled to compete.

In May, 1986, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the Olympic Committee's claim to copyright control of the word, ruling that it was "essentially property" and that Congress had given the Committee control over it.

In a forceful dissent from the appeals court decision in favor of the U.S.O.C., Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, joined by two other judges, said that the majority had failed to acknowledge "the difficult first amendment issues presented."

He continued, "Troublesome as would be a total withdrawal of the term from public discourse, an exclusion that is invoked pursuant to a subjective assessment of the wholesomeness of the proposed speaker or propriety of the proposed message is more troublesome still."

In August, 1986, Gay Games II drew some 3,000 amateur athletes from 18 countries to compete in San Francisco.

Sisterspirit: Coffeehouses are held every week, featuring women's music, theatre, readings and occasional video shows. Sisterspirit supports the local women's community through their volunteer-run women's bookstore and weekly coffeehouses. They are located in the Billy DeFrank Center at 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose. For more information call: (408) 293-9372.

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A Christmas Concert

Photo by Ted Sahl

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus put on a Christmas Concert December 6, at the First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd Street in San Jose. The proceeds went to benefit the Chorus and the ARIS Project.

The Watergarden's Water Baby

Photo by Ted Sahl

Who said Santa isn't real!

Photo by Ted Sahl

Who said Santa Claus isn't real? Don't you believe it! He's alive and was in San Jose this Christmas. Santa (aka) James C. Albee did his thing of spreading joy and goodwill in the gay community.

Mz Bubbles du Pla at The Landing

Ms Bubbles du Pla and her Winter Carnival of Stars put on a show at the Landing on December 20. Proceeds went to benefit M.C.C. and those in need at Christmas time. A total of $216. was raised plus a 50 bill given by the Landing. Photo by Ted Sahl

Game Night at DeFrank Center

Photo by Ted Sahl

How do you unwind from the hectic Christmas rush? Simple, grab your best 'gal' and your favorite game and head for the Billy DeFrank Center for a game night sponsored by Sisterspirit.

Savoy brings in 1987!

Photo by Ted Sahl

LETTERS

Gay Arts Council may disband

Dear Community:

Help is desperately needed!!

The Arts Council of Gay and Lesbian San Jose, suffering from lack of support from the community may be forced to disband unless interested persons come forward to help lead it.

Formed two and a half years ago by Ron Schmidt, the Arts Council moved boldly in its first year and a half to present a dozen artistic events in the San Jose area.

Included were the well attended Winter and Spring Showcases (where local artists showed and sold their works or performed for the admiring crowd), held at the Los Gatos Dance Academy of Paul Curtis and Shawn Stuart.

As well as poetry readings, two performances of "The AIDS Show", and the gala benefit performance of "Execution and Justice."

When Ron Schmidt abruptly resigned at the end of the first year, the remaining board members, who had been drafted on the basis of their involvement in the arts, were indeed heavily committed elsewhere and have been unable to devote sufficient time to the Arts Council.

There is wonderful artistic skill in the San Jose community, but few with *management skills* (artists or simply art lovers) have come forward, and they are the ones who can make the Council work: arrange showings, concerts, photographic outings, encourage growth, and bring the artists out of their closets.

If there are interested members of the community who would volunteer to join the board and make the Arts Council a living, thriving entity once more, they are urged to call Shawn Stuart, chair of the board at (408) 379-8901.

Should the Arts Council fold, its remaining financial resources would be turned over to the Billy DeFrank Center which has been covering the Arts Council with its tax exempt status umbrella.

Sincerely,
Rick Rudy

Letter from Ms Thing

Dear Community:

What happened to all of you on Sunday, December 21st?

There was a benefit show given by the IRS Show Troop at the Stage Coach Inn for the Billy DeFrank Center.

For a town the size of San Jose, with a gay community almost as large as S.F., I was ashamed at the turn out.

There were approximately 20 people to help participate.

None of the gay community and or the lesbians bothered to show up or ask to entertain.

If you are tired of watching 'drag shows" why don't some of you out there with talent get off your collective "duffs" and do something constructive for you and your community.

Is it really true that the younger generation today only care about themselves as individuals rather than the community.

No wonder our gay community and events in this town is to say the least, discouraging.

Can't more of you find it in your heart to get out there and participate and support the people and organizations who are trying to make things a little better for us.

When other towns have shows or benefits, 85 percent of the community turns out to help: Modesto, San Francisco, Alameda and Sacramento; but no, San Jose can't even help their own.

By the way, if you thought it was just another drag show, you were wrong.

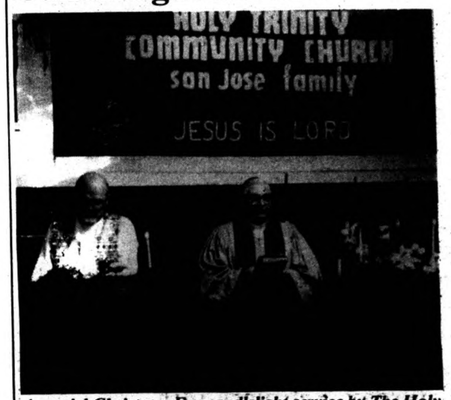
The IRS performed as if they had a full house. Bouquets to James Silva, Stephance, Paul, Bubbles, and Jennefer, a show well done!

Come on San Jose, lets get out there for we are here to help each other not just ourselves.

Sincerely,
Ms Thing

(Letters to the Editor should be addressed to: Our Paper, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. We reserve the right to edit for length as well as the right to not publish. All letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number for possible verification. You name will be withheld upon request.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



A special Christmas Eve candlelight service by The Holy Trinity Community Church brought many together in San Jose. The Holy Trinity Community Church meets at the Billy DeFrank Community Center. Friends arrived from Grass Valley to attend the service.

ACLU wins Florida AIDS discrimination case

The American Civil Liberties Union announced the successful settlement of Shuttleworth -vs- Broward County in Florida, the leading case nationally on the issue of employment discrimination on the basis of AIDS.

Under the settlement in this federal district court case, Todd Shuttleworth, who was fired by Broward County in September 1984, will receive approximately $190,000 and be reinstated as a county employee.

The county also pledges to follow federal civil rights laws in dealing with other employees with AIDS related problems.

"Todd Shuttleworth is receiving everything he could have obtained if the case had gone to trial and been totally successful," said Larry Corman, cooperating attorney for the Broward County Chapter of the ACLU of Florida.

Corman represented Shuttleworth before the Florida Commission on Human Relations and in federal court.

"The settlement will allow Todd to get on with his life," said Corman.

"With the insurance benefits of a county employee, he will be able to seek more extensive medical care, including possibilities offered by experimental medical research, that otherwise might not have been available to him."

Shuttleworth himself said he was encouraged that the settlement reached in his court case will pave the way for others with AIDS related conditions to fight employment discrimination.

Allan H. Terl, vice president of the Florida ACLU and a member of the national ACLU's AIDS Task Force, observed that the Shuttleworth case "brought to its knees the government agency that saw fit to terminate the employment rights of an AIDS victim, instead of showing compassion.

"Through this case, we in the ACLU hope we have made the public aware that AIDS discrimination will not and need not be tolerated."

Terl praised Shuttleworth as a particularly courageous man who stood up for principle at a most difficult time of his life, instead of simply fading into the background as the county had hoped.

"This is the third AIDS case in a row in which our client has won and the defendent has thrown in the towel," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"In Massachusetts, the New England Telephone Company reinstated Paul Cronan after we won a court victory under the state handicap discrimination law.

In CAlifornia, a school district decided not to appeal after we won a federal court decision under federal law reinstating a school child."

Shuttleworth was fired in September 1984, from his position as a budget analyst with the Broward County Office of the Budget and Management because he was diagnosed as having AIDS.

His lawsuit alleged that he had been discriminated against on the basis of handicap, which is prohibited by Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and had been denied equal protection of the laws and due process of law in the county's summary dismissal of him.

After the federal court suit was filed, the Florida Commission on Human Relations, in a landmark ruling, stated that AIDS is a handicap within the meaning of the Florida Human Rights Act and that employment discrimination against persons with AIDS in thus illegal.

That ruling stands as precedent in Florida and applies to both public and private employers statewide.

The federal court suit was settled on December 5, 1986.

Under the terms of the settlement, Shuttleworth will get up to $190,000 in compensation for medical expenses, personal injuries sustained, and attorney's fees.

He returned to county employment on December 8 and was reinstated to the county's health insurance plan.

Shuttleworth's new position with the county will be in the office of Dr. Ronald Wright, the Medical Examiner for Broward county and an ally of the ACLU against discrimination on the basis of AIDS related conditions.

Shuttleworth's specific position involves research regarding AIDS.

Shuttleworth had spent the last two years in San Francisco, living on Social Security and other government benefits.

Our Paper News/Ad Deadlines 1987

The following is the schedule of Our Paper copy deadlines for Volume VI (1987 calendar year).

PLEASE NOTE that because we publish two issues each month, there will occasionally be THREE weeks between issues, instead of the usual two.

This happens when there are five Wednesdays in the month, instead of four. The paper is NOT a week late when this happens - we are following a schedule that was set up at the beginning of the year for the whole year.

We realize this may create confusion for some readers, but it also gives us a reasonable schedule with an occasional break from the pressures of production.

Our deadlines for the next issue are published on the front page below the banner of each current issue; this is a good place to consult when in doubt about the deadline.

We hope you enjoy reading OUR PAPER and will feel free to contribute any news from your group or business. Press releases should be typed, double-spaced, and dropped off or mailed to OUR PAPER, 973 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126.

Since we do not have a staff of reporters, we are unable to take news releases over the phone, although we do appreciate your calling us to keep us informed or to call our attention to newsworthy events.

Our photographers also appreciate being notified of events which may have a visual impact or interest. Since our photographers work freelance, you may call them call direct if you wish.

Here are the deadlines:

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New Year's Depression: *are you detoxing from the holidays?*

by Dr. Christopher Eskeli

Was your Christmas one round of good cheer after another?

Did you rock in the New Year high on drugs?

Is your body feeling a little older and wearier?

Are your emotions in the basement, your self esteem too depressing to talk about?

Are you having the January detox of your life?

Now comes that New Year's resolution.

You'll turn over a new leaf, right?

You'll get it together, get a new job, find yourself a lover, walk away from the booze-sex-drugs syndrome and start developing the "real you", right?

Well, my friend, that choice is, of course, yours for the taking, but first will have to come to terms with the "past you."

Choosing a new way of life starts with being completely honest about the old way and asking yourself why the old way is not working any longer.

Many of you will come the conclusion that the old way includes a big role for alcohol and drugs; in your job, your relationship, your health, your state of mind, your life.

Simply, there is no element of your life which is not influenced by your chemical dependency.

The New Year's resolution is a farce if it is not based on an honest self appraisal.

That need to "turn over a new leaf" means there is something seriously wrong with the way things are now, that the quality of life has been greatly affected in a negative way during the preceding year.

And will you be making this years resolution only to give up again next week, next month.

Maybe this year will be different.

Maybe in the past you have tried to live out these resolutions ALONE.

Ah, there's the rub.

Without support, few of us would have made it.

Now may be the time to reach out for the kind of support it takes to make this year's resolutions, promises, the search for the "new leaf" possible and attainable.

The sources of support abound in our community.

More appear every year and these gay and lesbian community resources are made up of the kind of people who want to help you, because they care about you.

Would you like to enjoy some unqualified, unconditional caring?

Those resources may include calling a therapist to get some support in dealing with the relationship issues, or calling one of the 12 Step Programs.

Alcoholics Anonymous, for example.

Outpatient and or inpatient programs provide a more intensive kind of support system.

Whatever you choose, remember, you do not have to do it alone.

You can make your New Year's resolution stick this time.

(Dr. Eskeli is administrator of the Right Step Recovery Program, a chemical dependency treatment center in Portland, Oregon for the gay and lesbian community. 1-800-221-9053.)

AIDS lobbyist to address MECLA

Rand Martin, legislative advocate for the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), will address "Lobbying for Pro-AIDS Legislation in Sacramento" at the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA) civic event Tuesday, January 27, 1987, at 7 p.m. at Le Bel Age Hotel, 1020 North San Vicente Blvd. in West Hollywood.

Those wishing to attend can send their check for $15 per person to MECLA, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 204, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

Martin's speech will focus on the ins and outs of major AIDS legislation for 1987 including Assembly Bill 87 introduced by Assemblymember Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), which is also known as the "Omibus AIDS Bill"; and Agnos' reintroduced AB-1, the well-known employment non-discrimination bill.

Its membership currently includes 20 groups including the Elections Committee of the County of Orange, the Bay Area Non-partisan Alliance, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, Christopher Street West, the National Gay and Lesbian Press Association, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Southern California Physicians for Human Rights and MECLA.

Membership includes a seat on the statewide Board of Directors and receipt of all mailings from Sacramento.

For more information about LIFE, contact Rand Martin, c/o LIFE, 926 "J" Street, Suite 1020, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Sex Research Project

Philadelphia, Pa-Word of anew study focusing on lesbian and gay sexuality has been released by two independent researchers.

The study seeks to address the question about types and incidence of sexual dysfunction in gay and lesbian couples.

James Bahr, a member of the research team, stated, "We believe that gay or lesbians sexual orientation is a natural state.

"Further, we believe that lesbians and gays should be sexually functional.

"Very little research has been done on sexual dysfunction in lesbian or gay couples.

"The work that has been done has exclusively focused on couples who have come in for counseling.

"Clinicians need information desperately; moreso, gays and lesbians who are sexually dysfunctional or have a dysfunctional partner, need to know they are not alone."

The researchers hope to be able to answer what most sex researchers consider to be a basic question: "What kinds of sexual dysfunctions affect couples and how prevalent are they?"

Bahr notes that it was as recent as 1979 that a similar study was first done on heterosexual couples.

This 1979 study proved invaluable to sex researchers and clinicians who need to treat the dysfunctional couples.

Now, Bahr and Dr. Gerald Weeks are beginning to ask the same question about gay and lesbian couples, in hopes of helping to "normalize" lesbian and gay sexuality, as well as to provide important information.

"For too long now," Bahr points out, "lesbians and gays have been viewed by the scientific community as emotionally underdeveloped, or sick.

"This attitude is reflected in, and partially directed by, the research being done.

"The time has come for research concerning lesbians and gays to begin to reflect and explore our issues."

Bahr, who is himself gay, recalls, "I have had to deal with dysfunctional gays and lesbians in the past whose confusion and lack of knowledge about sexual dysfunction has caused them a great deal of anxiety.

"All I had to offer them was my knowledge of heterosexual dysfunction.

"It seems appropriate that when dealing with a particular population a clinician or researcher should have knowledge about that population.

"Extrapolations from other populations are not sufficient."

Currently, the study is in the data collection stages.

Weeks and Bahr are trying to obtain couples willing to fill out their questionnaire.

The questionnaire takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and is returned via mail.

Participants will have no contact with the researchers, unless so desired.

Bahr assures that all information is anonymous and confidential; no one will be able to identify a couple with their responses, not even the researchers.

Nothing else will be asked of the participants.

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Vikings is a disappointment

by Rick Rudy

San Jose Rep's second show of the 1986-87 season is Vikings by Stephen Metcalfe, a simple-minded play, and a real fine disappointment for anyone who would compare it to Metcalfe's fine **Strange Show** presented by the Rep last season.

Vikings gives us three generations of the Larsen family, all carpenters by trade and all stock characters who, once we know them, are perfectly predictable.

Indeed, the play seems almost an exercise written for a playwriting class in its lack of subtlety and polish in dialogue or plot development.

We have grandpa Yens Larsen, well played by Larry Swanson, the crusty yet life-loving patriarch; a descendent of the Vikings.

Yes, he's dying (of cancer) and consequently everything he says is true.

He wants to die quickly and "with dignity."

Peter Larsen, son of Yens and the central character, runs the family construction business.

He has grown to hate carpentry and drinks to deaden the pain of having lost his wife to cancer.

His part has most of the play's emotional material, and James Edmondson, who plays Peter, lets us know this by either shouting, growling or crying his way through every line.

Gunnar, Peter's son and Yens' grandson, has inherited his grandfather's love of carpentry, and works for Daddy (at minimum wage); daddy Peter is determined for him to be "something better."

Gunnar seems to have no life outside of cooking for the family and carpentry, and Skip Greer plays Gunnar exceedingly well; more convincingly, in fact, than the stilted dialogue deserves.

JoAnn Johnson plays the nurse Betsy Simmons who comes to treat Yens.

Betsy was a cheerleader with Peter's wife back in high school, is now divorced, and "always had a crush on Peter."

Johnson is pleasant and competent in her role of Peter's savior.

Metcalfe has the characters step forward and directly address the audience occasionally, presumably because he couldn't find a way for them to properly express their emotions in the context of the plot.

These moments are extremely artificial.

In TV shows, one can almost always "feel" when a commercial break is coming; the dialogue builds to just the right pitch, and, sure enough, the break arrives.

Metcalfe has written **Vikings** the same way: you can always tell ahead just when an emotional change is coming.

Is Grandpa Yens having a good laugh? then it must be time for him to feel a stab of pain from the cancer, etc, etc.

The direction by Kenneth Kellheher makes no headway in alleviating these shortcomings.

The stereotypes play themselves out just like we knew they would.

It's comfortable because we see it every day on TV, but if we wanted the same stuff, why would we go to the theatre?

Vikings continues at the Montgomery Theatre through January 18.

It's magic again at A.C.T.

by Rick Rudy

The American Conservatory Theatre has a wonderful, magical hit on its hands with the opening of Woody Allen's **The Floating Light Bulb.**

This little known 1981 work is only Allen's third play; **Don't Drink the Water** and **Play It Again Sam** are his others, but it is a gem of insightful characterization of a troubled family living poorly in New York in 1945.

The sixteen year old son Paul, lives in a world of parlor magic and the title, **The Floating Light Bulb** comes from the name of a magic trick which Paul opens the play, in which a light bulb glows, without electrical connections, and floats in the air, even swooping out over the audience.

Each of the characters is dissatisfied with his or her life and wants a little magic to liven things up.

In typical Woody Allen style, though, that magic is always just out of reach.

Joy Carlin is Enid, the mother, who tries to make ends meet and keep the family together.

Carlin is reminiscent of Edith Bunker but with much more depth; her coiled emotions are often at the breaking point.

Carlin is brilliant in her portrayal of hope, frustration, love and anger, all brimming forth as she watches her life and her family's life disintegrate.

Joe Vincent is fine as Max, the father, who works as a waiter and spends his money on the numbers and his girlfriend Betty.

He has dreams of running off with Betty to Florida, but the mob is too close, and he never has enough money to break away.

Son Paul, excellently played by Liam O'Brien, is a truant from school and a stutterer with no social skills.

He has turned to magic tricks as his own escape mechanism, but fails to pieces when forced to show them to others.

Yuri Lane plays the 13 year old son Steve, a tough, sour faced kid, who fails all his classes, including Personal Hygiene.

Betty, the cocktail waitress, is campily played by Nancy Carlin, always dreaming of her new exciting life with Max in Florida.

Ken Ruta is a wonderful Jerry Wexler, an unsuccessful theatrical manager, who is constantly on the lookout for that "perfect act" which will make his fortune.

Enid brings Jerry down to watch Paul's clumsy magic, which embarrasses them all.

Bachelor Jerry and love-lorn Enid spend a happy half-hour together, but it's too late for either of them to find the fulfilling happiness they both crave.

The play moves rapidly through six quick scenes in ACT I, but slows considerably in the final long scene in ACT II with Jerry and Enid.

Introducing a totally new yet important character in the last scene poses structural problems for the script, and could easily have ruined the play if Ken Ruta and Joy Carlin weren't so masterful.

As it is, their nuances and subtleties of characterization are captivating.

The set of a 1945 Canarsie Brooklyn apartment is beautifully detailed down to the water pipes, stained wall paper and crumbling plaster.

The direction by Albert Takazauckas brings out the considerable skills of the cast and the warmth and frustration of the characters.

The Floating Light Bulb continues through January 31.

Go see it. Call (415) 673-6440 for tickets.

For Colored Girls. . .

by Ted Sahl

Photo by Ted Sahl

December 5, 6, and 7 Sisterspirit Bookstore/Coffeehouse sponsored a production of For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enough at the Billy DeFrank Community Center. A smash hit on Broadway, this performance was done by the San Jose Black Theatre Group featuring five women. A fine production and a real heartbreaker about five women who hide their pain in laughter through dance and poetry directed by Charmaine Crowel. One of the best projects by Sisterspirit. For future performances, call 408/274-1582.

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ANNOUNCING

Gay and Lesbian Regional Conference: "Continued Struggles. . . Future Triumphs" is the theme for the 5th annual Western States Lesbian and Gay Students United conference to be held at UC Santa Barbara, February 13-16, 1987. Approxiamtely 200 students from California and throughout the Western Region are expected to attend. UCSB's Gay and Lesbian Student Union, host for the conference, has organized workshops and guest speakers with topics including political, social, psychological, and educational issues. There will be over 25 workshops and seminars from which guests may choose to attend. Additionally, there will be a dance Saturday night and a brunch Monday. Applications are now available: deadline is February 1, 1987. Registration fee is $10. Contact the Gay and Lesbian Student Union, P.O.Box 15408, Santa Barbara, CA 93107; (805) 961-4578.

8th National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference: Fifth National AIDS Forum: to be held March 26-29 in Los Angeles. The Forum and Conference in addition to its usual offerings of presentations, abstracts, keynotes and panels, this year's conference will include significant opportunities for networking: a Saturday night banquet with a prominemt keynote speaker, receptions sponsored by different caucuses and organizations, tours of key lesbian and gya health care facilities in Los Angeles, and social events sponsored by local and national lesbian/gay and AIDS organizations. Special attention is being given to insure opportunities for meetings of caucuses, national groups, 12 Step groups, as well as one day special events. Steps are being taken to make the conference accessible to the hearing impaired and the physically challenged. For information, contact: NLGHF (202)797-3708 / TTY (213) 464-0029.

Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care and AIDS Services: Second Edition invites participation as an individual practitioner, service provider, organization or resource that offers some health related service to lesbians and/or gay men. If you wish to be listed in the Sourcebook, please contact NLGHF for a form. Listings are free. If you would like your listing in bold print, $5 will be required. The deadline for submission is March 1, 1987. Advertising space is also available. National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 65472, Washington, D.C. 20035, (202) 797-3708.

Barriers to Achievement: National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) published the educational pamphlet "Barriers to Achievement" which discusses employment discrimination suffered by gay and lesbian scientists and engineers, with emphasis on security clearances. Other topics include economic costs, immigration, hiring practices, security agencies, the military, and private contractors. The pamphlet reviews over a dozen cases of security clearance discrimination involving gay men and lesbians. It also contains a bibliography for reference. This pamphlet is part of a continuing series of educational pamphlets published by NOGLSTP and funded by the Chicago Resource Center. For more information, contact Joseph Schreiner, NOGLSTP president, P.O.Box 14138, Chicago, Il 60614.

The Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG): meets once monthly in the South Bay for a potluck. To receive Entre Nous, the FLSG publication which announces the potluck as well as 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 p.m. in the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 1040 Park Avenue (between Race and Lincoln) in San Jose for an informal support/discussion group. Call 408/293-4525 for information. Newcomers always welcome.

Ms San Francisco Leather Contest: January 24th, 8 p.m. at the High Chapparal, 2140 Market Street. Proceeds from the Ms San Francisco Leather Contest will benefit the 1st Annual International Ms Leather Contest to be held later this year. Proceeds from the International Contest will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home Hospice, AWARE, AIDS Alternative Health Project and the Women's AIDS Network.

Humanist Forum: "Insider's Guide to Silicon Valley" will be the topic on Friday, January 16. Door open for refreshments at 7:30 p.m. and the speaker begins at 8 p.m. The public is invited and there is no charge. The guest speaker on the 16th will be Leigh Weimers, columnist for the Mercury News. This event is one of a series of Forums which are presented in the public interest on the third Friday of each month at the Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga. For more information contact the Humanist Community of San Jose at (408) 251-3030 or write 3032 Warm Springs Dr., San Jose, CA 95127.

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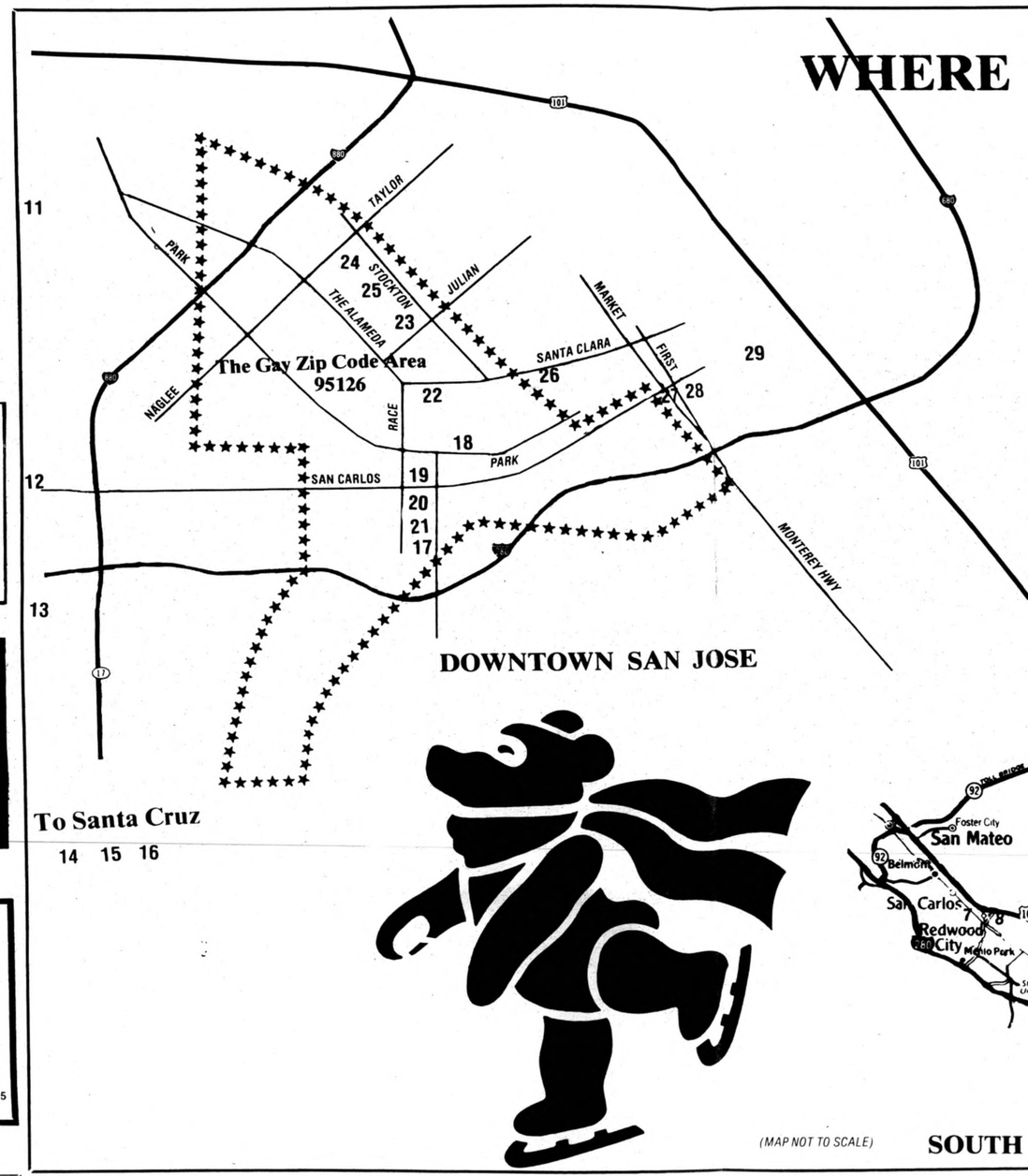

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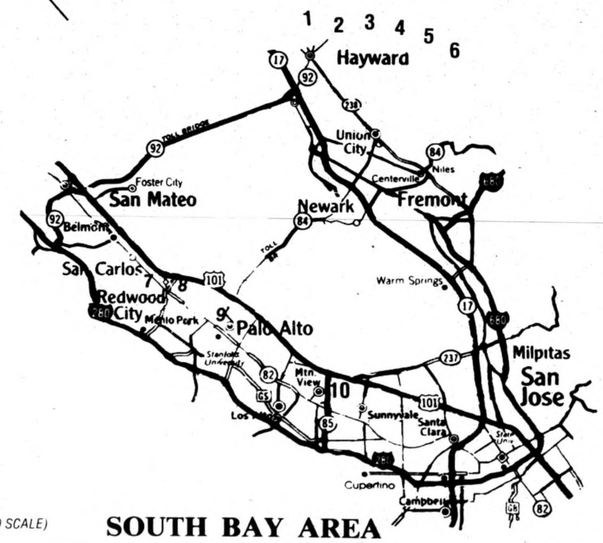

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Palo Alto Players receive grant

The Palo Alto Players have been awarded a grant from the Kleiner Family Foundation for $23,000 to purchase and operate an infrared listening system for the hearing impaired to be used in the Lucie Stern Theatre.

"Part of the Palo Alto Players long range goal to reach new audience members includes acquisition of an infrared listening system.

"With this gift, a system will be purchased and installed to encourage the return of people who stopped attending the theatre because they could not hear the performances well enough to enjoy them," says Peter M. Bliznick, Theatre Administrator.

Last spring, Eugenie M. Watson, Chairman of the Board for the Players approached the Kleiner Family with the idea of putting an infrared system in use at the Players home - the Lucie Stern theatre.

A proposal was submitted and the Palo Alto Players were awarded the first grant given by the Kleiner Family Foundation.

Rose Kleiner, trustee of the Kleiner Family Foundation, said: "The trustees join me in expressing the pleasure of having such a fine theatre company as the Palo Alto Players in our community, and hope that the infrared system will make theatre going a reality for those with hearing impairment."

During the past few years there has been a growing awareness of, and accomodation to, the special accessibility needs of the physically handicapped.

In the United State alone there are 22 million with hearing impairment.

One of the most dramatic devices yet developed for the hearing impaired, and distributed exclusively through Sound Associates in New York, is the infrared system.

Operating with wireless headsets, the system can be worn with or without a hearing aid.

The unit is designed so that the patron can sit anywhere in the theatre and receive the sound without the distortion of ambient noises, such as a chair being scraped on the floor or the rustle of candy papers, that is picked up by a hearing aid.

According to Sound Associates the infrared system is only available in four other theatres in the Bay Area and of those four, only ACT has permanent use of the system.

The Palo Alto Players will be the first Peninsula theatre to offer this service to their patrons.

It is hoped that the installation will be complete by the opening of **Amadeus** this January and that the season patrons and audience members will be able to enjoy the benefits of the Kleiner gift for years to come.

For further information on the use of the system or the upcoming season productions contact (415) 329-0891.

The IRS

December 21, the IRS, a popular group of entertainers put on a show at the Stage Coach Inn on Coleman Avenue in San Jose. Pictured above is Ms Lucille, direct from Oregon. One hot little pistol. . . you should've been there. *Photo by Ted Sahl*

New Year's Eve at Visions!

Photo by Ted Sahl

Christmas "Gay Family" style

Yours truly spent Christmas with Dennis Andrews, lover, family and friends. *Photo by Ted Sahl*

Spurs raise $1,100 for ARIS

The San Jose Spurs helped make it a "Country Christmas" for those served by the ARIS Project, raising $1,100 in donations and collecting over 500 pounds of food, toiletries and other Christmas gifts.

The ARIS Project is Santa Clara County's support service for those afflicted with AIDS/ARC.

ARIS also provides support for family and friends of AIDS/ARC victims.

The Spurs, the South Bay's only gay Country & Western dance group capped off a successful year of performances by appearing at several South Bay bars to raise money for ARIS.

On Friday, December 12, the Spurs performed at The Landing, Silver Fox and TD's.

On Saturday, the 13th the Spurs danced at Buck's and the 641 Club.

The bars and their patrons demonstrated enormous generosity and the Spurs would like to thank them for their donations.

A special thanks goes to Neil, the owner of Buck's for his assistance and substantial cash contribution.

In addition to the Landing, Silver Fox, TD's, 641 Club and Buck's, cash and sundry donations were received from the Savoy, Vision's and Renegades.

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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries *(Mar 21-Apr 20)*-Take out the garbage. Be it psychic, physical, emotional, or the kind that literally gets thrown in the can, now is the time to get rid of what is both unnecessary and impeding your progress. Take a strong position in new work situation.

Taurus *(Apr 21-May 20)*-Recognition for service rendered and deeds performed comes quickly. Humility helps, but don't turn away from a genuine thank you. And speaking of allowing things to happen spontaneously, big boys and girls do cry when they feel like it.

Gemini *(May 21-June 21)*-In order to make the future shine as brightly as the present, you and your partner need to work out some basic understandings in your relationship. Taking care of situations before they become problems is a good way to show your love.

Cancer *(June 22-July 22)*-Speak your mind. No matter how close you are to somebody else there aren't too many people who read minds. Familiarity can be a problem, can't it? Keep reminding yourself that the truth needs to be both spoken and heard.

Leo *(July 23-Aug 22)*-Excuse me while I imagine your imagination. You hardly need Tycho to tell you that the possibilities are endless. and that's with one lover that's loyal and true! Those of us without a Leo for a lover will get by somehow.

Virgo *(Aug 23-Sept 22)*-No matter what your age is, you're definitely experiencing a burst of youthful optimism. Recent creative outlets and encounters have brought you close to your true, original nature. Enjoy the fun, the spirit, the laughter.

Libra *(Sept 23-Oct 22)*-Take it easy. You've been going at it with a powerful drive and dedication. It's time to take time out for yourself. if you need to justify a short holiday, just think how much more energy you'll have when you return to the challenge.

Scorpio *(Oct 23-Nov 21)*-Working at home brings great pleasure. For some of you this means a simple respite from the usual routine. For others it could mean an answer to your prayers. Whatever the degree of your satisfaction, enjoy the pleasure of combining work and leisure.

Saggitarius *(Nov 22-Dec 21)*-A fine romance is a fine way to get the new year going. Either the new person in your life is quite the romantic type or an old love is being beautifully rekindled. Either way, love is in bloom in January.

Capricorn *(Dec 22-Jan 19)*-Lucky stars are shining down on Capricorn. If you'll just keep following your truly amazing intuition you'll be fine. Plan something special for the weekend of the eighteenth. It's a good time for good timin'.

Aquarius *(Jan 20-Feb 18)*-In this marvelous learning process you've been involved in one of the things you're constantly being reminded of is that beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder. Give special attention to what and who you appreciate.

Pisces *(Feb 19-Mar 20)*-Keep following the path of your new year's resolution. And if you haven't made one it(s not too late. You need to direct some of that powerful positive energy toward important future goals. Focus on big accomplishment.

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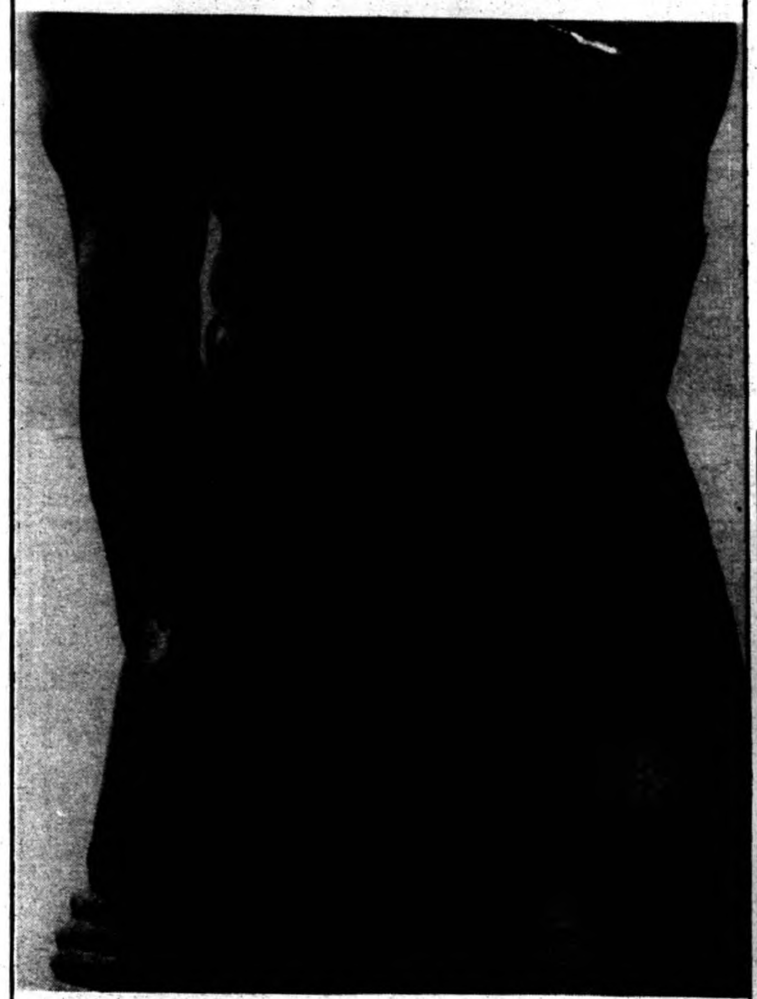

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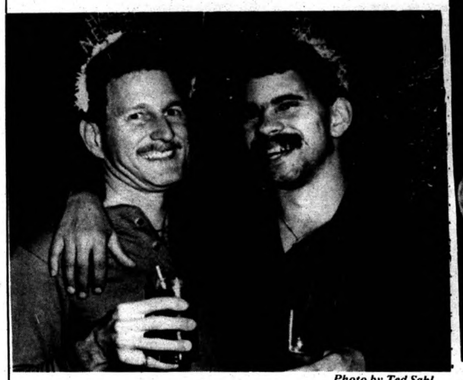

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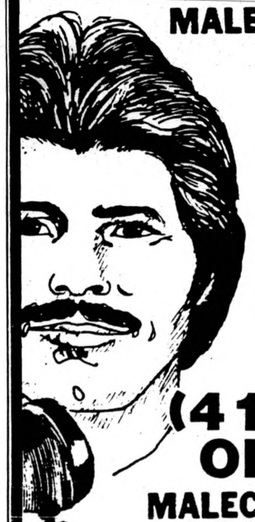

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