Hung Jury in Melvin Truss Trial

On the same day that downtown San Jose residents, local officials, and the assistant police chief mobilized to protest the verbal harassment of a black woman by an undercover agent, a federal judge declared a mistrial in the civil rights suit brought against an undercover officer who shot a 17-year-old black youth five times at point-blank range.

As last-minute details of a Rally Against Racism were being carried out, Judge William Ingram declared in the Melvin Truss case, "We are hung. What next?"

The six-member jury told Ingram after one day's deliberation that they could not reach the unanimous verdict required by federal law, according to a report in the San Jose Mercury News.

Melvin Truss, an alleged gay transvestite hustler, was shot to death on May 4, 1985 with a .257 Magnum by Officer Paul Ewing at 19th and William St., a block away from the site of the Aug. 3rd Rally Against Racism.

Ewing claimed that Truss had pulled a steak knife out and tried to rob him and that he acted in self-defense in slaying the 155-pound youth. Ewing, 24, reportedly weighed 220 lbs.

Ewing inaccurately described Truss in the police report as "dressed in women's clothes" — a ploy which Truss' family charged was an attempt to portray the youth as a "deplorable character" in an attempt to justify the shooting.

Other inconsistencies were disputed during the week-long civil rights trial.

Judge Ingram announced that a new trial would be scheduled in the next few months — although he still has the authority to issue a "directed verdict," presumably in favor of Ewing.

Ewing's attorney has claimed that five of the six jurors supported his defense, but the San Jose Mercury News reported that it was unable to reach the jurors for comment.

AIDS Quilt Week

Organizers of the NAMES Project are requesting the assistance of local organizations in the creation of a "AIDS Quilt" memorial.

Fabric panels bearing the names of people lost to the AIDS epidemic are being woven into a massive quilt for display in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 11, 1987.

Creators of the fabric tribute are asking local organizations to sponsor panel-making workshops or quilting bees during the week of August 17-24.

Calling their effort "AIDS Quilt Week," organizers hope to encourage participation in the NAMES Project throughout the United States in time for the Oct. 11 display on the Capitol Mall, part of the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights.

"We hope that political clubs, AIDS agencies, sports teams, professional associations, churches, synagogues, and other groups will set aside time during Quilt Week to create memorial panels for their members and friends who have died," says executive director Mike Smith.

For more information, please contact the NAMES Project at 415/683-0767 or 415/636-5725.

Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Skinhead confronts black victim at S.J. Rally Against Racism

By Ted Sahl

Three hundred outraged San Jose citizens held a Rally Against Racism on Aug. 3 at the Olinder Neighborhood Center to show support for a 24-year-old black woman following a racist attack by white thugs who believe in Aryan supremacy.

The youths, with their heads shaved, had attacked the woman as she walked across the bridge from William St. Park to the Center.

The victim, who asked not to be identified by name, was placed in fear for her safety.

In a poem she had written, she described for the crowd how she saw the youths walking toward her, thinking they were also enjoying the beautiful day.

Suddenly they were screaming, "Niggers pay!" and they allegedly grabbed her and threatened to hang her from a tree.

"As they marched toward me, ghosts of the Gestapo marched toward me, and ghosts of the Ku Klux Klan marched toward me, and doors of Auschwitz opened up before me, and the doors of the Gestapo closed before me," she read.

"Thank God for Juan Gonzalez!"

Mark Tipton, 19, has been arrested as alleged leader of the gang. Assistant Police Chief Stan Horton, speaking at the rally, stated that Tipton "is in jail where he belongs."

Vicfim of racist attack.

Horton praised the actions of Gonzalez and everyone at the rally, reminding them the police did their job because "we were called on the scene" — adding, "we are always ready to help all citizens."

Vice Mayor Susan Hammer stated she was appalled, having just returned from West Germany where she visited Nazi concentration camps, and was shocked to hear of a terrible attack against a black woman.

Two dozen speakers from various organizations followed their voice their protest. They spoke about the past racial attacks against the Japanese Americans who were placed in internment camps during World War II.

Another told of his personal experiences with Nazis while attending a university in Germany as a young man.

National Organization for Women president Robin Yeaman spoke out as well, and added gay-bashing to the list of wrongs committed against minorities.

Although invited, a BAYMEC representative declined to speak, but a dozen gay activists joined the rally.

Oddly enough, throughout the evening, a dozen "skinheads" milled around the edges of the rally, occasionally holding their own press meetings, having their pictures taken, mostly ignored by the crowd.

After everyone had spoken and the TV cameras had left, a 'skinhead' approached the victim where she was standing next to her son.

A guard and others quickly rushed to her side.

"I am not a violent person," the 'skinhead' said, but he was quickly interrupted by the victim.

"You were there," she said, "and you yelled, 'Get that dirty nigger'!"

He denied he said that. "I was yelling to my girlfriend, 'Let's get out of here!'

A bitter argument ensued between the victim's son and the 'skinhead.'

Family and friends whisked the black woman away.

Three large groups formed to shouting matches by the crowd who wished to taunt the 'skinhead' — who never left the scene.
A National AIDS Memorial

On Sunday, October 11, 1987, thousands of Americans will gather at the U.S. Capitol to demand that the President and Congress take immediate action to substantially increase Federal funding of AIDS research, treatment, education and services.

The NAMES Project is a nation-wide campaign to memorialize the tens of thousands of Americans who have already been killed by the AIDS epidemic. We are creating a memorial composed of thousands of individual fabric panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS. Designed and completed in homes across America by the friends, lovers, and families of people killed by AIDS, the panels will be assembled into one massive expanse of names and displayed across the Capitol Wall in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 11, 1987.

Inspired by the American folk art traditions of quilting and sewing bees, the NAMES Project is a positive expression of personal loss as well as a dramatic illustration of the impact of AIDS on American society.

Some people will choose to create their panel privately as a personal memorial to someone they loved. We hope, however, that many more will follow the traditions of quilting and sewing bees, involving friends, families and co-workers in designing and creating the panels.

Businesses and organizations such as sports teams, political and social clubs, churches, and professional associations are urged to sponsor panels for members who have died.

How to create a memorial panel:
1. Select a durable and lightweight fabric of any color for the background. Cut and hem the fabric to fit the shape you want. Size of fabric should be 6 x 3 inches (16 x 10 cm) for a 3' x 3' panel (36 x 36 inches).
2. Design the letters. Some suggestions:
   - Applique: sew letter to background fabric
   - Painting: brush letters on with paint, dye, or ink
   - Spray paint cut-out letters
   - Apply glue or fabric glue

3. When the panel is complete, take time to write a one or two page description of the person you have memorialized. Tell us what this person meant to you.
4. Wrap the panel securely before mailing it to The NAMES Project.

Deadline: All panels must be received by September 15, 1987.

Contact "New Leftist" for further information on mailing panels.

The first issue of the East Bay Alternative came off the press in July to a 12-page newsletter format containing news and advertising of interest to gay men and lesbian women in Contra Costa County. To contact the monthly publication, call 415-988-0286 or write to East Bay Alternative, P.O. Box 9227, Ste. 113, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

For Swap
You like Italy? I like America! Lush house w/extensive art collection. So many B/Rs. I can't count 'em. While I am in the USA I am willing to swap my Italian home for your American homes. Full use of the entire home except my robes. If interested contact Paul at Vatican 6-5000.
Democratic Issues Conference

Area Democrats will focus on the problems facing local and national governments at the 1987 Area Annual Meeting in the Redwood Room at the Hotel Shattuck, 2001 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, on Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to all Democrats and non-Democrats who are interested in the discussion of the issues.

Chains of Command

By Marie Hilt, PhD

The fundamentally most important quality necessary for success in our complex society is self-esteem. The outcome of almost every significant thing we do in our lives is largely dependent upon our self-esteem.

One of the main reasons why this is so is that the problems that we deal with are not necessarily the most important to us. We are often forced to deal with issues that are not our own, and therefore, have little influence over the outcome. This can lead to a sense of helplessness and frustration.

Furthermore, the way that we perceive ourselves is often dictated by the way that others perceive us. This can lead to a situation where we are more concerned with what others think of us than with what we ourselves are capable of. This can lead to a lack of self-confidence and a sense of inadequacy.

One of the most important things that we can do to improve our self-esteem is to focus on our strengths. We should try to identify our strengths and use them to our advantage. This can lead to a sense of accomplishment and a sense of self-worth.

Another important thing that we can do is to set realistic goals for ourselves. We should try to set goals that are achievable and that we can achieve. This can lead to a sense of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

Finally, we should try to surround ourselves with positive influences. We should try to be around people who encourage us and who believe in us. This can lead to a sense of confidence and a sense of self-worth.

It is important to remember that self-esteem is not something that we can change overnight. It is a process that requires time and effort. However, by focusing on our strengths, setting realistic goals, and surrounding ourselves with positive influences, we can improve our self-esteem and achieve a greater sense of confidence and self-worth.
**Our Paper Calendar**

**Nonprofit/Social Organization**

NOTE: To list your organization, make sure your group is a non-profit organization. Contact us for more information.

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**OUR PAPER Calendar**

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**NOTE:** Nonprofit/Social

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776-4759; John (E. Bay) 526-8912.

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To Gather Conference of Affirmation—Gay and Lesbian Reunion," will bring a variety of topics and activities to the conference. The conference will be held from Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel, 360 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111. For more information, call 292-3071.

**II. Aug 20:** AIDS Hotlines Project: **Singles and couples are welcome, and no dancing except as noted.**

**III. Aug 28:** Women's Day 1987:

**IV. Aug 31:** Gay Pride Celebration—**In a larger sense, we want this to be a celebration of love and acceptance, and away from the camera, with our family and friends."**

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**Cheryl Swannack was leafletting for Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner closely followed.**

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LILY
Our paper Page 7
Lily plans these women—Lily, Edie and Lyn—are to marry, and enter the distribution business, after which they might be self-conscious or frightened in front of others. They took the decision to proceed with the marriage, and entered a relationship that included a "fair- share" of the profits. They then transferred ownership to themselves.

"Lily was her own best lawyer," says Churchill. "She had no experience in law, but she wanted to be involved in every aspect of the case. She wanted to make sure that everything was done properly."

Churchill confirmed that Lily's actions were not a violation of her legal rights. "Lily was acting within her rights as a business owner," Churchill says. "She had the right to make decisions about the business, and she had the right to represent herself in court."

"None of the parties are happy with this decision, but Lily is not giving up," Churchill says. "She has faith in her ability to win the case, and she is determined to fight for her rights."

Churchill added that Lily has a strong support system, and is surrounded by people who believe in her. "Lily has a lot of friends and family who support her, and she has a strong team of attorneys working on her behalf."

"We will continue to fight for Lily's rights, and we will not give up until we win this case," Churchill says. "We are confident that Lily will prevail, and we will do everything we can to help her win."
Good gay reading from A L Y S O N PUBLICATIONS

The Spartan
A book-moving novel of gay male love, sex, and Olympic history
by Dave Harrison

Move over, Socrates
For two years, Eric has taught school as a gay man. During that time, he has become an important voice in the debate over AIDS counseling and testing. He is aamma's friend and one of the leaders of the gay movement.

Who says heroes can't be gay?
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The son of Irish ancestry and a proud graduate of The University of Notre Dame, John Prendergast has been an important figure in the gay rights movement. His life is an inspiration to all who believe in the power of love and acceptance.

In a distant time and a far-off world...
The story of the Spartan's journey is one that will make you laugh and cry. It is a tale of love, loss, and survival.

What's up Doc?
In an Alcoholic Family: An Emotional Hangover
By Fernando J. Caldes, Editor
Director of The Growth Center
Did you know that two-thirds of all Americans have been exposed to alcoholism in their family? Do you know what it's like to grow up in an alcoholic family? In this book, the author shares his experiences and offers advice to others who may be going through a similar situation.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE Starts September 13
The Southbay Gay and Lesbian Volleyball League will begin its fall season on Sunday, September 13. This is a recreational league open to all players of all ages, from beginner to advanced. The season will run for 8 weekends, and there is a $40 per person entry fee. If you want to register, please call 408/370-3272 or write to Southbay Volleyball League, 1063 Lackawanna Ct., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

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Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
Pamela D. Cummings, Pastor
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Another addition to the wonderful world of Alyson Publications is the beautiful new novel, "The Spartan." This book-moving novel of gay male love, sex, and Olympic history is a must-read for anyone interested in this exciting genre. With its blend of romance and history, "The Spartan" is sure to captivate readers of all ages.

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The office of Evans & O'Brien is proud to offer a new AIDS hotline. This service is available to anyone in the San Jose area who is in need of assistance with AIDS-related issues. For more information, please call 408-370-8424.

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