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### Imperial AIDS Foundation to disband

by Ted Sahl

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The Imperial AIDS Foundation will close its doors in the coming months as soon as its existing funds are depleted.

According to Yolanda Perez, President who told Our Paper "We will be working with AIDS/ARC patients through local organizations. . . Aris and the Shared Housing Project in San Jose."

Our Paper has learned that Imperial AIDS Foundation has been experiencing problems with the board of directors and has been investigated for charges of business irregularities.

In an interview with Yolanda Perez, President of Imperial AIDS Foundation, the organization answered charges of alleged mismanaging of its funds to the satisfaction of San Jose City Fraud Division.

With all that, Perez had a message to the gay/lesbian community of San Jose about the Imperial AIDS Foundation: "We hope," said Perez, "that our effort gave those of our gay brothers suffering with AIDS/ARC peace of mind who came to us for help. Sure we lost some and we'll lose more in this



Photo by Ted Sahl

terrible epidemic."

"At present 255 cases of AIDS have been reported in Santa Clara County with 141 deaths. Our work is only just beginning, AIDS has finally caught up with us here in San Jose, new cases are being diagnosed and the names are close friends.

"As all of you know," continued Perez, "the Imperial AIDS Foundation board and its volunteers have worked very hard since June of 1983; to be able to help our gay brothers with AIDS/ARC in San Jose.

"We hope," she said, "that our effort gave those suffering with the disease peace of mind.

"If another group forms to take our place, and I hope that happens quickly: don't ignore them," she pleaded.

"Ask questions. Look into the group: offer your time: ignore the negative rumors, they will pop up," she warned.

"Get involved," Perez said, "remember it's not who is the most visible and who is not, ask yourself, is the work being done? All that matters is are those in need being helped.

"Sure, there always will be those who criticize. Ignore them! For those who think they can capitulate through an organization working with fundraising. Forget it. There is no glory working with AIDS/ARC patients. There's only hard work and pain," says Perez.

"Believe me you can't help each and every AIDS patient. There isn't enough money. Government statistics report the cost of each AIDS patient's cycle from illness to death is \$175,000.

"Our sole raising of funds came from the San Jose Community, including each board member's pockets to support the work that had to be done.

"Limits had to be established as to how much financial help could be given to each patient. More than once it was difficult

to have to say to them choose between food or rent.

"You must always make a choice; along with us; our question always was—what do you need right now.

"To our critics anyone who would like to know where and how all the Imperial AIDS Foundation spent the funds it received from drag shows, private donations or whatever, call the Foundation at this number 259-8254.

Also to any people who need assistance, if your suffering with AIDS/ARC call the same number after 6 pm Monday through Friday.

"In closing," Perez said, "the Imperial AIDS Foundation wishes to thank all the volunteers who have worked with us in the past.

"Most important we wish to thank each and every person who donated money to the Imperial AIDS Foundation—thanks again—we couldn't have done it without you."

Finally Perez closed with a personal message—"All the hard work, the love: sorrow and tears all of us have shared in this great effort will never be forgotten."

"Thank you all." Yolanda Perez, President; Bernie Greer, Treasurer—Imperial AIDS Foundation, San Jose, CA.

### From David Scondras

### The National Conference of Lesbian/Gay Elected/Appointed Officials

The National Conference of Openly Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials is a resource, planning and support network including lesbian and gay elected and appointed officials from across the United States.

We continue to be a diverse group, we are male and female; Republican and Democrat; urban and rural; local, state and national; white people and people of color; our life partners are with us and at this third annual gathering, we represent ten states on the east and west coasts, the south, the mid-west and the District of Columbia, as well as the British Parliament and Canada's New Democratic Party.

The National Conference provides a forum for discussion of shared concerns and problems—it is a springboard for ideas on politics and social issues—it serves as a vehicle for planning and organizing efforts of its participants.

Our annual meetings are for public officials who want to share experiences and to encourage prospective candidates—each conference has also developed actions to be taken collectively.

In November 1985, at West Hollywood, we sent a letter to the Centers for Disease Control

outlining "our conviction that AIDS demands an aggressive, coordinated, and speedy research effort."

In March 1986, we met with Speaker of the House, key committee chairs in both the House and Senate, and top public officials of the Reagan administration on an AIDS lobbying mission.

In November 1986, we supported the call for a National March on Washington at our second conference held in Washington, D.C.

We renewed our lobbying in March 1987 when we obtained a National League of Cities priority on the issue of AIDS—again we lobbied our own delegations.

Just last October 11th, nearly all of us participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

As elected and appointed officials, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to serve as teachers within the institutions of government.

We intend to give our perspectives on what is needed by all the people who live in our country, and to demonstrate to our own community that we will always obtain more by reaching for what we need rather than settling for what we can get.

Once again we appeal to the American people to reject per-

sonal prejudice as public policy.

Instead, we ask them to embrace a vision of America which includes as equal partners, white people and people of color, men and women, those who hold differing religious views, and people from many lands.

We ask not only to be seen and heard, but also to be acknowledged for the work we are doing to provide fair and effective government, and to be supported in our demand that gay and lesbian people be given the respect and justice we deserve.

We will assist one another in our election and fundraising efforts and will encourage and actively work for the election and appointment of openly lesbian and gay officials, especially people of color.

We, as elected and appointed officials, are committed to using our positions, our abilities and our power to change laws and lobby colleagues to shape a just society.

To that end we recognize that the 1988 elections are important to the future of our lives.

We, as a body, will not endorse one candidate for President, but we will establish a list of expectations which will be the litmus test for our support for president, U.S. Senators and

Representatives.

Our families and our relations are always an important part of our lives—as part of our commitment to full equality for gay and lesbian people, we support domestic partners legislation as provided in West Hollywood, Berkeley, and Santa Cruz, California, and other measures for the legal recognition of our families.

We are committed to acting as role models for lesbian and gay youth to assure their understanding of our community's goals and future.

We call for the implementation of non-homophobic, non-racist and non-sexist school curricula, and the expansion of teacher training to include sensitivity to the needs of lesbian and gay youth—we are also deeply concerned that children develop a healthy and positive attitude toward sex and their sexual identity.

As parents and care-givers, we demand equitable treatment in child custody, foster care and adoption—we support efforts to ensure that children are placed within a loving and nurturing environment, which we believe is the only appropriate test of a home.

We support equality for wo-

men, including economic justice, passage of the ERA and reproductive freedom—we reject racism in ourselves and in our community.

We sense that we are at a turning point in our personal lives an in the history of our movement for liberation—being at risk for AIDS and being subject to anti-gay violence and discrimination places us in severe stress.

The temptation to despair is strong, but we refuse to believe that fear and tragedy are stronger than courage and the vivid spirit to live.

People with AIDS, ARC and positive HIV are not alone in this crisis time, we care and are willing to go through tough times together.

It is difficult to face our fears about the AIDS crisis, homophobia, racism and aging without blinders, but it is also a challenge that we must be aware of, accept and act on decisively.

After the rush of the seventies and the initial celebration of our coming out, lesbians and gays today are moving into an era of giving, selfless love, care and responsibility.

Our new spirit is just as eager and energetic about living life as it was when we first came out.



**Lambda Amateur Radio Club**

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), a national organization of gays interested in amateur (ham) radio, is starting a chapter in the San Francisco bay area.

The Golden Gate chapter, as it is known, holds its meetings on the second Thursday of the month at a selected members house. Items of interest include, but are in no way limited to: packet radio, UHF and VHF FM operations, public service events, and DX'ing.

For more information call: 415/821-2666 or write the club at P.O.Box 14073, San Francisco, CA 94114.

**San Mateo AIDS Outreach**

Attention! Gay and Bisexual men who live or work in San Mateo county! The San Mateo County AIDS Project is recruiting volunteers to provide HIV prevention education to those who are at greatest risk for AIDS. We need your help in reaching out to our community! Prevention education is the way to stopping the AIDS epidemic.

If you want to volunteer to be a part of the most important disease prevention efforts of our time and contribute to the well-being of the gay/bisexual community in San Mateo County, we need you!

If you have familiarity with the gay/bisexual IV drug using community and want to help prevent others from being infected thru IV drug use, we need you!

If you're interested call Jonathan at the San Mateo County AIDS Project, 415/573-2588 to schedule an interview or to get more details.

We will be providing two morning training sessions on Saturday, december 5th and 12th. For a couple of hours a month, you could make a difference.

**Lesbian and Gay Bands of America distribute \$\$\$\$\$**

Washington, D.C.-Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) distributed over \$17,400 to six groups at a special reception held in Washington on November 13.

The funds were raised by the benefit concert, "Let Freedom Ring," produced by LGBA at DAR Constitution Hall on October 10, 1987.

The concert was held in conjunction with the National March on Washington.

According to Don Niehus, concert producer, "funds raised exceeded LGBA's expectations."

- National AIDS Network \$2,320.00
  - Nat'l Assoc of People with AIDS \$3,480.00
  - Whitman Walker Clinic \$5,220.00
  - Fund for Human Dignity \$2,320.00
  - Human Rights Campaign Fund \$1,160.00
  - Nat'l March Committee \$2,900.00
- "LGBA is tremendously

pleased to be able to support these important organizations in the lesbian and gay community.

"After five years of formation and growth, LGBA has proven itself to be a vital and viable part of our national community," stated LGBA President, John Macaulyn.

LGBA is a non-profit national association representing gay and lesbian concert and marching bands in thirteen cities.

The benefit concert included over 300 musicians, twirlers and

flag corps members. Also performing were the Denver Women's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.

LGBA is very interested in assisting other cities in establishing bands.

For more information about this or any other questions about LGBA, write to:

LGBA  
P.O.Box 57099  
Washington, D.C. 20037

LGBA is an IRS designated 501 (c) (3) not for profit corporation. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and are much appreciated.

**Crime Stoppers offers \$10,000**

Ski mask rapist prompts San Jose Crime Stoppers to increase the reward. The San Jose Crime Stoppers Board of Directors and the Franklin-McKinley Education Association are combining funds in an all-out effort to capture the nefarious criminal known as the ski mask rapist. The suspect is thought to be responsible for 29 sexual assaults including 16 in San Jose. A cash reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information leading to his arrest.

Anyone with information regarding the rapist's identity or wishing to contribute to the Crime Stoppers reward fund is urged to call 947-STOP.

**Gay Mystery Anthology**

Short stories with a mystery theme are being sought for a first of its kind lesbian and gay anthology.

The work is being compiled by Michael Nava, whose book *The Little Death* was widely praised by both gay and mainstream reviewers. Nava explained that he had been surprised when he learned that no such anthology existed, and so decided to create one.

"Mysteries offer the writer a chance to develop gay or lesbian characters and themes, without having them become the main focus of the story," noted Nava.

"In that sense, they represent a sort of second wave of gay writing. The first wave, in the seventies and early eighties, consisted much more of stories and books in which being gay WAS meant to be the main theme—coming out stories, for example, and romances."

Inquiries and submissions accompanied by a self-addressed and stamped envelope, may be sent to: Michael Nava, 6537 Moore Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048. The anthology will be released by Alyson Publications next year.



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## LETTERS

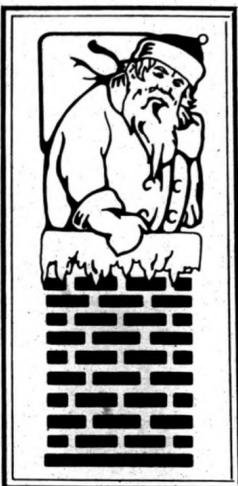
**VISA -vs- Gay Games**  
 Dear Editor:  
 Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent requesting that my Barclay's VISA account be withdrawn and replaced with a Barclay's MasterCard due to VISA's channeling a percentage of charged sales to the United States Olympic Committee.

I hope this may prompt your readers to follow suit.  
 Sincerely,  
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 Re: Acct....  
 Dear Ms. Gilmore:  
 I am requesting that my Barclay's VISA account be withdrawn and replaced with a Barclay's MasterCard. It has come to my attention, via advertising, that VISA is now chan-

neling a percentage of charged sales to the U.S. Olympic Committee.  
 As a result of the recent U.S. Supreme Court case regarding Olympic name use restrictions, specifically restrictions on the use of "Gay Olympics," I am withdrawing any support of this committee, within my control.  
 Until such time that organizations such as the U.S. Olympic Committee recognize: All segments in society as having equal rights on such important matters as: The right to a place to live and The right to a livelihood.  
 To the degree that the U.S. Gay Community, indeed the International Gay Community, be recognized along the ranks on such trivial matters as Olympic name use—such as Fireman's Olympics, Special Olympics, etc., I cannot and will not

knowingly have any funds within my control support such small minded bigoted organizations.  
 I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the appropriate staff to get this message delivered to the Committee through your channels.  
 I am not sure what percentage of sales is being donated to the Olympics Committee by VISA, and although it does not come as an additional charge to my use, I can only determine that if even 1 percent of the \$15,000 that I annually charge to my VISA card would result in \$15,000 going to this committee, that is too much. Indeed, 15 cents would be too much!  
 I feel this is an excellent means of showing this committee, that when enough people turn their backs on bigotry, regardless of

how trivial the issue may appear, there are financial consequences.  
 It would be a shame to consider that the U.S. Olympic Committee would be influenced on increasing its enlightenment solely on the basis of financial consequences.  
 Nonetheless, the intent of this action is to deliver the message that their recent court case regarding name use by the Gay Community is intolerable.  
 I assure you that this action is not a reflection of my view of Barclay's Bank, with which I've held a financial relationship for the past twelve years, indeed, my financial relationship with Barclay's has been more than one could hope for from most financial institutions.  
 Sincerely,  
 Spencer Nutting



## Get Centered Christmas Party and "Fun"

by Neil Christie & Al Jones  
 Big Christmas Party at the Center!

On Monday, December 14th there will be a combined Christmas Dessert Pot-Luck and General Semi-Annual Membership Meeting at The Center at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone, members and non-members, are invited to bring a dessert to share and join in the fun.

The membership part of the gathering will be short, yet long enough for the members to elect four people to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors that occurred in the last six months and for the Board to report to The Community on the optimistic future that it sees for the future of The Center in The Community.

Four individuals were appointed by The Board to temporarily fill the vacancies as they occurred.

Now it is time for The General Membership to elect four people to fill those positions.

Anyone who has been a member of The Center for at least 60 days can run for those positions.

It is expected that those who were appointed on a temporary basis will also be running for those positions.

The future of The Center, as seen by The Board is bright. Attend the meeting and let us show you just how bright.

As with any organization that is not tax supported, we must find ways to fund what we do.

The Fund-raising committee has been working hard not only to raise funds to keep The Center operating, they have also been looking for ways to have fun doing it!

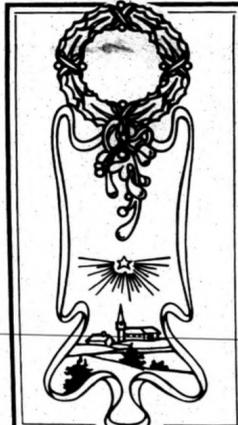
"FUN" is the key word for

December 1987 and 1988 as The Center sets its sights on its fund-raising program for the coming new year.  
 As a self-supporting, non-profit organization, The DeFrank Center has to have a strong fund-raising arm to keep The Center and its programs in operation.  
 The Board of Directors of The Center has decided to include a number of fun activities in its overall funding plan for the rest of 1987 and 1988.  
 On December 5th beginning at 8:00a.m. The Center will be a participant at the DeAnza College Flea Market so that our straight brothers and sisters, without their knowledge, can have a chance to donate to the operation of The Center.  
 If you can, stop by and see us at De Anza College and help us make it a very successful sale.  
 Early in 1988 Members of The Community can look forward to the return of a regular "Gay Skate Night" program.  
 The Board has decided to resurrect this popular roller skating program.  
 There will also be a series of Progressive Parties, Home Parties, and Block Parties designed to raise money for The Center and afford participants a fun time.  
 The Center Youth Group will also be getting into the swing of things.  
 They are currently considering car washes and aluminum can drives as projects, along with more of their on-going events such as dances.  
 Ginny Hagopian, President of The Board states, "Although it is important for The Center to



continue with its serious fund-raising such as membership drives, donation gathering and seeking grants, I feel it is important to also provide fun and entertainment for community members who are asking to support us.  
 "The Center does not receive government funding or support from community organizations such as United Way, so we must continually rely on individuals

and groups in The Community for support.  
 "With the serious issues of AIDS and Civil Rights questions facing us, we need to pull together and maybe provide some programs and activities that people will really enjoy but also provide support for community needs."  
 Some of the other 1988 projects The Center is looking at include a Community Service Awards Night, a Walk-A-Thon and a special Community Center Anniversary party.  
 Anyone who is interested in working on any of these projects or who may have fund-raising ideas of their own can contact the DeFrank Center at 408/293-4525.



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Dec 2,16: Lesbians of Faith: Discussion/Support group, interdenominational, meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 7:30 - 9:30 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Wesley Parlor, 405 So 10th Street at San Salvador, San Jose.

Dec 3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29: El Camino Reelers: Beginner's class on Thursday nights, advanced group on Tuesday nights. Call for details: Marilyn 408/996-3788 or Jim 408/984-8132

Dec 3,10,17,24: Men's Support Group: An informal support and social group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave. San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

Dec 5: Sisterspirit: Linda Moakes, comedienne. Doors open 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7. Call 293-9372.

Dec 5,12,19,26: Dignity/San Jose: Meets each Saturday at 6 pm for Mass at the Campus Christian Center, corner of 10th and San Carlos Streets near SJSU. Dignity also holds rap sessions, social gatherings and occasional outings. Call 977-4218.

Dec 6: Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: Lesbian parenting, Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 pm at the Old Firehouse at Stanford. Call Marilyn 415/969-1260.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Youth Group: Slightly Younger Lesbians and Gays. An informal support group for men and women under the age of 26 meets every Sunday from 1:30-3:30 pm at Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave. San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Holy Trinity Church: A Christian Church for All People, member of the Independent Christian Church network, meets every Sunday from 10:00 am to noon at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave. San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

ity Center, 1040 Park Ave. San Jose. Rev. Randy Hill, pastor. Call 292-3071.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Sunnyhills United Methodist Church: Proclaiming grace and freedom for all. Sunday morning worship at 8:30 am and 11 am, Sunday school at 9:30 am, at 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas. Call 262-1486.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Calvary Metropolitan Community Church: Sunday worship at 5:00 pm at 2124 Brewster Ave, corner Brewster & Lowell, Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose: Sharing God's Love with All People. Services every Sunday at 6:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church building, corner 10th & San Fernando Streets. Rev. Denis Moore, pastor. Call 279-2711.

Dec 6,13,20,27: Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave. Palo Alto.

Dec 8: Slightly Older Lesbians: Africa Slides. Two group members narrate slides from their August safari. 7:30 pm every Tuesday at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

Dec 8,15,22,29: AIDS Support Group: All are welcome. Meets 7-9 pm every Tuesday at Christ The Good Shepherd Church, San Jose. For details, call ARIS Project 370-3272.

Dec 9: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays: San Jose chapter meets at 7:30 pm on second Wed of month in the lounge of the First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton, San Jose. Call 270-8182.

Dec 9: Bay Area Network of Gay/Lesbian Educators: Newly formed South Bay chapter of BANGLE meets 2nd Wed each month at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Potluck 6:30. Meeting 7:30. Call Bryan 978-5751 or Ron 737-0214.

Dec 9,16,23,30: El Camino Reelers: Square dance classes in Palo Alto. Professional caller Mike Luna teaches Wed eves from 7:30 to 9:30. Small fee. Meet at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma Street, Palo Alto. Call Jim 984-8132 or Ann 415/326-7093.

Dec 9,16,23,30: Peninsula Woman's Group: A support and networking group for Lesbians meets Weds at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ on Arroyo St. in San Carlos (2 blocks west of El Camino), second floor, first room on right. For info and a calendar, call Diane 415/349-5189.

Dec 11: Santa Cruz SOL: Slightly Older Lesbians meet regularly in private homes on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Call Dana at 423-1147 for details.

Dec 11: Sisterspirit: Lucie Blue Tremblay, singer/songwriter. Doors open 8:00 pm at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Sliding scale \$3-7. Call 293-9372.

Dec 12: Feminist Lesbian Social Group: Monthly potluck at Liz's house in San Jose, 7 pm. Call 408/295-8412 for directions.

Dec 12: Hortiphiles: A group for lesbians and gays who enjoy growing plants. Walking tour of garden attractions in Golden Gate Park. Meet in front of the Conservatory at 11 a.m. and bring a bag lunch. Call Geoff 415/325-7212.

Dec 13: High Tech Gays: Monthly Potluck and Business Meeting, 6:30 pm on 2nd Sunday each month at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. HTG is providing roast turkey for Dec meeting, bring trimmings. Guest entertainment will be San Jose Spurs. Call Voicemail 408/993-3830.

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CHAIN LINK CHILD

By Ron Schmidt

"Growing up an enemy in your own backyard" focused Aug. 16 S.F. Examiner readers on the experience of George Iwao, an American whose ancestral signature in his skin had stripped him of Constitutional guarantees from 1942 to 1945, "the years that will live in infamy."

Writer Pete Hamill's retrospective added to the Constitution's growing tome of bicentennial literature the disturbing reminder that terrorists held that document hostage while more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were forced from their homes into chain link camps, the most famous of which was Manzanar.

Probably the only thing worse than the scars of that time would be the realization that the nation had not learned from its sin; the only thing worse than growing up an enemy in your own backyard, growing up an enemy in your own home.

Yet that is the continuing reality of more than 600,000 Americans under the age of 18, in California alone. Six times the numbers of Manzanar, their signature of difference is sexual. They are our Gay and Lesbian youth, the children the establishment refuses to recognize.

For WWII internment victims, reparation is finally underway, a lesson begrudged, the persistent demand of third-generation Japanese Americans determined to face the nation with its sin.

But for victims of homophobic internment, the Constitution remains the hostage of terrorists from Falwell to the majority justices of the 1986 Supreme Court, impaired patriots who view separation of church and state with Old Testament astigmatism. The Great Charter of the present pinions the arms of parents with Judeo-Christian roots, recommissioning Manzanar as chain-link closets in one-in-ten homes across America.

"Home," wrote Robert Frost, "is the place where you have to go there, / They have to take you in..." unless, declared the Burger Court Five, the significant other attached to your hand is your own gender.

Forget the millions across the country; 600,000 kids in California are too many to worry about... So were the 110,000 with decodable skin. I remember one child toe-tapping on the dock of San Jose's internment depot, her shoes as shiny as the quicksilver angles of her hair, genetic distinction carving her father's disbelief.

That I could watch from my father's Roadmaster car be credited to the Teutonic tendency in our features. Aside from our surname, the mild clutter in my father's tongue was the closest we came to not passing for real Americans.

From that edge of stereotype I memorized the lineaments of difference so that when, in the course of adolescence, my own distinction had no index in the family, I acceded to patent leather caution and told no one. Not even my mother. I was, myself, a chain link child.

But it didn't show. I had no lisp, didn't swish when I walked, go limp at the wrist. Mine was the questionable blessing of being able to pass. That I was a man who loved men, in fact, as women attempt to, even I denied until a fellow Santa Clara taught his features, his resonance and the snug fit of polished cottons to my desire.

Nature's signature was a passion I could not exorcise even with the counsel of alternate Jesuits who advised that my parents were to blame; that the object of my affection could not be that way because he was a fine young man; that marriage would annul my aberrant obsession; that I should seek psychotherapy.

I do not think of the 110,000 when I think of the years of infamy. I think of one child... as I think of one child to focus the 600,000 and know beyond the pale of reason that infamy is infamy against whomever it is perpetrated; that infamy is the present becoming the ignored past. I am angry that infamy thrives.

Despite the 1972 declaration of the American Psychiatric Association that homosexuality is not a disease, ten percent of our children become interns at pretense and masters of the lie... or worse to disguise the chain link imprint of their affectional needs.

Statistics published by Los Angeles County's Triangle Project show that one-third of the 600,000 Gay and Lesbian youth will develop chemical dependencies — 200,000 drug addictions — and that over 100,000 will attempt suicide. Of the throwaway / runaway youth living on the streets the incidence of homosexual kids is three to four times higher than heterosexual. At-risk youth trigger the concern of school boards across the nation, right after test scores and only in the context of heterosexual values. In what is truly the metaphor of the ostrich with its head in the sand, schools reflect families who deny the existence of homosexual children and that is unconscionable abuse.

As an adjunct to Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Week last April, Santa Clara County teachers received flyers entitled "It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Kid!" In those two pages, child abuse was defined, warning signs described, and fifty-four hot-line / support numbers listed to call.

Not a single mention was made of Gay and Lesbian youth, not a single referral number listed in a county housing at least twenty-three Gay and Lesbian support groups, including Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

More repugnant still is the fact that in a profession that espouses ideals and open-mindedness, whose membership has a higher than average incidence of homosexuals, role models for Gay and Lesbian youth are virtually nonexistent.

Judeo-Christian terrorists set the boundaries of academic freedom, poised over the credentials of Gay and Lesbian teachers who dare to assert their dignity. Devaluation of ten percent of our children and the teachers who could be their role models is a consciously perpetrated abuse by families whose index for loving is their neighbors' opinion.

"Say It Isn't So" is the theme song applauded from fall's Back-to-School Night to spring's Celebration of Skills as school hierarchies, sensitive to the appearances so valued by parents, skirt the issues essential to their children. "(Chuckle...) Just look at how our test scores have risen since we started teaching students how to pass a test! Hmmm? ... Yes, tragic that business about Bobbi, but, you know, he just never seemed to fit in."

While every survey of art, music and literature swells with the impetus of homosexual genius, the genius' sexual orientation stays wrapped in state-mandated chain link. What an incalculable loss that the positive and pervasive influence of historical role models such as Michelangelo, Tchaikovsky and Sara Teasdale are not allowed to stir students' appreciation with their full dimension.

Grudgingly, state officials have authorized mention of homosexuality in connection with AIDS education as long as that mention goes unendorsed as a lifestyle. It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Kid... unless you're one of 600,000 queers.

I was lucky. My mother, when I told her at age 43, wept for the decades of silence and loved me in spite of them. In San Mateo last June, on the other hand, a mother and grandfather attacked their Gay offspring with a golf club and ax. On the gamut of responses, most lie somewhere between. And somewhere between is the chain link compound, the Manzanar that never shut down.

Fitting in is an estranging phrase. It turns the warm touch into a wagging finger, the embrace into clenched fists. Enemies are still growing up in their own backyards... 600,000 strong in California alone. By middle school, the flourish of their sexual signature isolates them in the classroom, partitions them on the campus and, in their own homes, designs the caution of parental boasts before stigma strikes and pride succumbs to silence.

What threatens the family is not the existence of homosexuals but rather the fear, root-bound in Judeo-Christian tradition, that distorts the disposition to love. Doctrinaire loving is an intrinsic contradiction. In-place limits run counter to the limitless Great Commandment. A tradition that restricts the instinct of a father to love and a mother to nourish is the tenet of terrorism, the embodiment of infamy.

Homosexuality is deeper than Christianity, more profound than Judaism. Christian and Judaic are the taxonomy of one's belief, but homosexual, like heterosexual, is what one is.

As a condition natural to ten percent of the population, it can neither be excised through therapy nor exorcised with prayer. But it can be deprived in chain link silence.

Numbers are not the issue. Be it 600,000 or 110,000, the count is tallied one at a time in the crippled relationships of a child who should thrive. On every level, at any age, Manzanar is a national disgrace.



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Anything Goes:
A Cruise to Nowhere

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy
Cole Porter's sparkling shipboard romance comedy Anything Goes is getting a production by the West Valley Light Opera Association which can best be described as unseaworthy.

Indeed, it seemed like it took a month for the ship to limp across the Atlantic.

Considering that the show is packed with funny dialogue (like Reno's exit line as she is being led off to the bar, "He leadest me beside distilled waters") and some of the best songs ever written for Broadway, like "You're the Top," "It's De-ly-ov-ly," "I Get A Kick Out of You," "Anything Goes," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "All Through the Night," and "Take Me Back to Manhattan," one might easily wonder how it is possible to torpedo such a vessel.

And the cast is full of improbable characters: a gangster disguised as a bishop, a cabaret singer who is also an evangelist, a stuffy Englishman with a questionable past, a dimwitted gangster's moll, and a young tycoon who poses as Public Enemy number 1.

Unfortunately, the direction is so leaden that even he good performers in the lot are always in imminent danger of drowning.

Take Margie Lang as the brash singer Reno Sweeney. Lang has the voice and stage presence for this role.

Her solo "I Get A Kick Out of You" is very nicely done. But when you yawn indifferently during "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," you know that something isn't clicking.

Moonface is the comic gangster who tries to help the hero while keeping two steps ahead of the cops himself.

Here we have Tim Bohle as Moonie, but Bohle has no comic timing, no feel for the pivotal part he is playing, no voice for the songs he gets to sing, and a bad case of mush-mouth.

Billy Crocker, the young tycoon, is amiably played by Hank Lawson; but he is too frenetic and bumbling and not suave or devil-may-care, as the role demands.

He also has pitch problems. Marcia Wells-Lawson is very bland as Billy's love, Hope.

Julie Dale is a treat as the moll Bonnie; she utilizes huge eyes, an infectious buoyancy, and a good pair of dancing legs to make this role the hit of the show.

Her "Heaven Hop," is devilishly good.

Les Dale is pleasant and convincing as the Englishman Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, who keeps a diary of quaint American phrases like "You give me hot pants!"

And Marge Hand is a nicely bossy mother to Hope.

The chorus of "Angels" and ship's crew is barely adequate, displaying little energy.

CLO's 42nd Street must have taken all the tappers out of

circulation for awhile.

The orchestra, under Rick Reynolds is generally brash and upbeat, but could do little to undo the tedium on stage.

The direction by Ben Kanter is the major cause of this shipwreck.

Clumsy blocking, poor characterizations and unimaginative use of the stage, plus some inauspicious casting must be laid at his feet.

Even community theatre directors usually know better than

to have performers lean on the proscenium, which is part of the "real world" and not part of the set.

And since when are bridge chairs used on cruise ships as deck chairs?

Cruises to "nowhere" are popular these days, and that's just where this production's ship went.

It continues at the Saratoga Civic Theatre through December 12.

The Rainmaker
is dusty drama

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

San Jose Rep is opening its 1987-88 season with Richard Nash's 1954 play The Rainmaker, a drama of cynicism which is redeemed by hope.

The Rainmaker has a certain homespun charm, but the most this production managers is to highlight how much we've changed since 1954.

Back then kids could grow up isolated on a ranch where a crystal radio set, which was too weak to pick up any station at all, was the peak of high tech; and when a nineteen year old boy would listen to his thirty year old brother's advice about not driving out with the loose girl in town.

But this is all so unreal now, that the entrance of a "mysterious stranger" into the Curry family ranch house, who claims to be able to bring rain to end a drought seems the most logical character of the lot.

San Jose Rep has assembled a troupe of credible actors (all new to the Rep) to fill out the Curry family (dad, sons Noah and

Jimmy, and daughter Lizzie) and the local sheriff and his deputy, but three key ones seem ill cast or just out of place.

Bill Starbuck, our mysterious stranger, is played by Nick Corri, who looks like Michael Jackson in Indian drag, and acts like our all too familiar TV evangelists, preaching miracles, while in reality, being a simple con man.

Starbuck, of course, has his sweet side.

His attentions to Lizzie finally make her feel beautiful (brother Noah never misses an opportunity to tell Lizzie how plain she is) and redeem her from her staunch cynicism.

But Corri seems more like a little brother to Jacqueline Knapp's thirtyish Lizzie, and that undermines the play's credibility.

Knapp is strong as the incipient spinster, but played far too old for us to sympathize with her properly.

Warren Frost is a "gentle Ben" kind of father, never cross or impatient, always knowing how far to go, just when to stop. Does anyone have a father like that?

David Dunard is quite good as Noah, running the ranch but

completely unable to run the family, at least to his satisfaction.

John McCluggage is bouncy as little brother Jimmy, not too bright, but with the wisdom of a nineteen year old (like Wally Cleaver).

Brian Connors is very weak as the deputy Sheriff named File, who would rather have a shaggy dog than a second wife.

When Lizzie is torn with the decision to choose between Starbuck and File at the end of the play, she is well pleased to have two suitors.

We know they both are jerks, and she'd be better off without either.

The lovely set by Jeff Struckman overwhelms the actors and spills hay right into the audience's lap.

The direction by the Rep's new Artistic Director Timothy Near never seems to know whether the play is taking place now or back in the 50s.

The musical background and the delightful choreographed scene changes are modern in feeling, while the play's philosophy is tightly anchored in the Freudian age.

And cutting 30 to 40 minutes out would have been a blessing.

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Communication

By Marta Hlatt, PhD

The more defensive a person gets about their viewpoint, the more you can be sure they are bringing hurtful experiences from the past to the present disagreement, and are having difficulty separating this.

Ghosts from past relationships often haunt current ones, and these need to be addressed when things have calmed down.

7. Stay with one issue at a time, and avoid getting off the track by bringing in irrelevant issues.

8. It's OK to feel so hurt or angry sometimes that you simply can't discuss it at the moment, but never let it go longer than 24 hours or it's likely to get buried, and cause trouble later.

9. Instead of making accusations, use "I messages." These are messages that begin with the words "I feel," and then go on to express a FEELING, not an opinion.

For example: "I feel stupid when you criticize me like that."

An "I message" must contain an emotion word, such as sad, hurt, rejected, angry, secure, etc.

Saying something like "I feel you're being ridiculous by acting that way," isn't a feeling, but an opinion.

If your partner responds by invalidating your feeling, simply repeat it without becoming defensive, until you feel really heard.

If they care about you, they will finally acknowledge how you feel and will not be likely to repeat the behavior.

Good communication involves two people being fully present in a conversation, looking at each other, hearing each other, showing some empathy and compassion, and approaching the discussion with love.

If these elements are present, the likelihood is that the couple will be able to solve problems and resolve the conflicts that come up between them, thereby developing a more loving relationship.



New Year's Eve with Pacific Friends

A New Year's Eve Potluck and Dance Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 31 by Pacific Friends—South Bay, an Asian/non-Asian gay social group. This event is one of several annual fund-raising events sponsored by this San Jose-based group, which also features other activities such as camping and hiking trips, beach outings and a variety of other socials.

The New Year's Eve party will be held at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose beginning at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 fee will be collected at the door, all guests are requested to bring homemade food to share. Beverages will be sold by the group, which requests that non alcoholic beverages be brought. Reservations are not necessary.

At the last annual New Year's Eve party more than 100 guests were present. Many ethnic culinary dishes were enjoyed by those present, who then danced their way into the New Year. For your free copy of the group's monthly calendar of events, send a SASE to: Pacific Friends-South Bay, P.O. Box 8262, San Jose, CA 95155, or call: 408/379-7170.

Outstanding Young Men of America

Montgomery, Ala.—The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced that Fernando J. Gutierrez has been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Now in its 25th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a

drive for excellence—qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

The men listed along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Our board of Advisors and Editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Men of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

NGLTF staffer to serve on board of National Feminist Network

On November 22, Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was elected to the board of directors of the National Women's Conference Committee.

The National Women's conference Committee (NWCC) is the Continuing Committee for the National Women's Conference held in Houston, Texas in 1977.

At the ground-breaking conference, several thousand feminist activists met to form a comprehensive agenda for action to achieve women's equality.

The NWCC has for ten years monitored and promoted the implementation of the planks and resolutions passed at the 1977 conference.

"The work to achieve full implementation of the feminist agenda is far from complete,"

noted Radecic. "I plan to aggressively advance the interests and concerns of lesbians, and to promote greater support among the mainstream women's organizations for equal civil rights for gay men and

lesbians." The NWCC recently convened its 10th annual conference in Washington, D.C. A National Plan of Action Update which details the substantive agenda promoted by the Committee may be ordered from women's organizations for equal civil rights for gay men and

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When It Looks Like I Have Failed!

by Rev. Randy Hill

Recently, circumstances surrounding one of the ministries in which our church has been involved, came to an abrupt halt.

It was initiated by us as we felt legalities were not being followed.

We had worked since February of this year with lots of "blood, sweat, and tears," literally.

Criticism and gossip concerning the project was generated and it made us stop and wonder if God had lied to us when God promised if we would "commit" it to God, it would succeed according to His plan and purpose.

We all know the answer to that question—of course not! Our problem actually laid in the "committing process." Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!

God works in mysterious ways at times... His plan to perform for our highest good.

So we stopped, changed directions and looked up rather than at each other and we start again... in a different direction to a different drum beat.

Meanwhile, we learn to accept the criticism gracefully... some call it "paying your dues" to the community—we learn from our mistakes, never defeated and certainly not a failure and launch out into the unknown deep in faith, always trusting the Lord to direct our paths, thoughts, and ways.

"Randy," says I, "how many times have you felt like a failure

in your life when your goals haven't been met?"

The only answer is "numerous and often."

So often we stumble in our faith if God changes our directions—the sad part is that many of us feel that we are failures not just in this project but in life.

"After all, look how old you are and you are just now at this point in life!"

"What happened to all that education you amassed?"

"Look at how many times you tried something and didn't succeed?"

Yep, you are a failure... so why try again only to hurt worse!

Have you ever had those feelings? I certainly know I have. You certainly couldn't measure my success in monetary values.

The fact is that the "enemy" attacks us at our weakest points, especially after we have tried something and not succeeded as planned.

God's Word (the Scriptures) teaches us lessons from beginning to the end.

There are basically six reasons for a project to fail according to the Scriptures:

- 1. It was contrary to God's Will for your life (Genesis 11:3-8)
2. It was outright disobedient (Numbers 14:40-45)
3. It was due to sin in your life or would have caused you to sin (Joshua 7:3-12)
4. There was a lack of

prayer (Matthew 17:15-20)
5. You didn't count the cost (Luke 14:28-32)

6. Your unbelief (Hebrew 4:6)

Just remember that when your project comes to a stop God is trying to tell you something.

In our particular case, God is changing our directions and directing our paths, closing some doors while opening others but always with the promise it Will Succeed simply because "the Lord is in it!"

have failed, pray this prayer by Robert Schuller—you will be amazed how good it makes you feel about yourself—after all, that is God's will for your life, isn't it?

When It Looks Like I Have Failed

- Failure doesn't mean I'm a failure
Failure doesn't mean I haven't yet succeeded
Failure doesn't mean I have accomplished nothing
Failure doesn't mean I have learned something
Failure doesn't mean I have been a fool
Failure doesn't mean I've been disgraced
Failure doesn't mean I've been disrespected
Failure doesn't mean I don't have it
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Failure doesn't mean I've wasted my life
Failure doesn't mean I should give up
Failure doesn't mean I'll never make it
Failure doesn't mean I need more patience
Failure doesn't mean you have abandoned me
Failure doesn't mean you must have a better idea!
Amen



At this time, let us all give thanks for apparent failure for in essence, God loves and cares for each of us in a most special way. "Oh, How Important We Are To God!"

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Excuse me, please...

I offer my heartfelt apologies to everyone that I offended by either saying too much, not saying enough or... Last issue I think I managed to do just about everything that one typesetter/layout artist could possibly do, and all in one issue too. Maybe that will be the end of my blunders for the year (thank goodness there's only one more issue this year).

I screwed up the Christmas Tree Lot article—made it look like Gary was operating the lot for his profit when actually, he is trying to operate the lot at a profit for Holy Trinity's Necessities and More Project: with 50 percent to the Holding Fund for the AIDS Hospice and 50 percent for Necessities and More's general fund. Sorry Gary!

I left photo credits off of the Coronation photos—well, they were all overlapping and so... Anyway, photos were by Ted Sahli and by Teri. Sorry Ted! Sorry Teri!

I failed to type Ted's article correctly about the coronation—Congrats to Toby, our new Emperor and to Frank our new Emperor! Sorry Toby and Frank—next year is coming and I will be better!

Also along the same lines... apologies to Casa de San Jose, many of our past emperors and empresses were present, some from out of the area. I even sat at the table with Smokey (past Emperor) who came from Stockton and walked in a beautiful costume for Rachel and Bobby's last entrance—what can I say, the girl is getting dippy!

Ooops! not all my blunders were last issue, I offer great apologies to the folks at Mac's, Raphael in particular, I left Mac's Club off his Halloween picture! For my catholic brothers and sisters—mea culpa! mea culpa!—at least all my sins are original!

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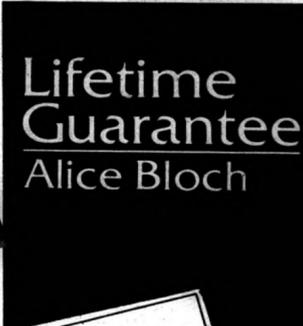
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**Dec 15: Slightly Older Lesbians: Dealing with Holiday Stress:** a presentation by Cindy Shapiro, PhD, well-known therapist in the lesbian community. 7-9 pm every Tuesday at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

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**Dec 3: Woman's Alliance:** Open House at WOMA, 5:30-7:30 pm at 160 E Virginia St., San Jose. RSVP 298-3505.

**Dec 4: McCorquodale Reception:** Holiday reception with State Senator and Mrs. Dan McCorquodale, 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Training Center, 1580 Berger Drive, San Jose.

**Dec 6: Reception for Supervisor Susanne Wilson:** Wine and cheese, co-sponsored by BAY-MEC and High Tech Gays at the home of Ron Taylor, 4:00 to 7:00 pm. \$25 per person. Call 773-1335.

**Dec 12: Libertarian Party:** Holiday Open House, 5:00 pm at the home of June Genis in the La Honda woods. Call 415/851-7664.

**Dec 12: Womens International League for Peace and Freedom:** 5th Annual Peace Fair beginning at noon at 240 So. Market St., San Jose. Live performances by local artists, clowns, and face painters, plus a variety of foods and gifts from around the globe. \$1 adults, kids free. Call 294-1203.

#### Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Radio/TV

**Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: Women's Radio Hour:** With Mary Jeffries, every Sun. 11 am - noon, KKUP 91.5 FM.

**Dec 7, 14, 21, 28: Closet Free Radio:** Programming for the Santa Cruz lesbian and gay communities, from 8:30-10:30 pm on KZSC 88.1 FM every Monday.

**Dec 9, 16, 23, 30: Fruit Punch:** Gay radio every Wed. 10-11 pm, KPFA 94.1 FM.

#### Gay Events/Night Life

**Dec 4: Peninsula Area Games Association:** 1st Annual Christmas Show, featuring Don Te Beaux, to benefit 1990 Gay Games. Doors open 7:00, show 8:00 pm at IFEES Society Hall, 432 Sterlin Road, Mt. View. \$15 per person. Music and dancing after show. Call 415/969-4722.

**Dec 5, 11, 19: The Landing:** Way Out West Band 9 pm - 1 am at 448 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose. \$2 cover. 287-1535.

**Dec 7, 14, 21, 28: Club St. John:** Sounds of the 60's on Monday nights at 170 W. St. John St., San Jose. The Chiffons, The Ronettes, The Four Tops, The Temptations. Well Drinks 1.75. 947-1667.

**Dec 31: Pacific Friends/South Bay:** New Year's Eve Potluck & Dance Party at 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose. 7:30 pm. \$5 at door. Call 379-7170.

**Dec 31: The Watergarden:** 11th Annual New Year's Waterbaby Contest. Over \$2000 in prizes. Buffet, entertainment. Regular admission plus \$12 cover. Call 275-1242.

#### We're in business not to make money for ourselves...

by Ted Sahl

According to Martin Werner, 3rd member of the "Ovulations," that outrageous trio that makes fun of working women, telephone operators, and secretaries alike with the records they choose to pantomime, were invited to take their troupe to the East Bay.

A fundraiser for East Bay/Alameda AIDS Project saw the "fruits" of the Ovulations' labor—over \$600 was raised for their work and for a good cause.

"The show first sort of hit the Driftwood (in Hayward) clientele, leaving them in awe," said Werner, "but then they mellowed out, and had a good time."

Look for their next performance with Bubbles and Richard, December 12 at The Landing—remember, the Ovulations will perform anywhere, anytime for a non-profit group.

That's Mervina Poodlelip, Jim Shobar, and Jackie Besit at your pleasure.

#### Landing Makes A Change



Photo by Ted Sahl.

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According to Carl Hammett who replaces Jim Schrober as co-owner, "We'll definitely attempt to give the Landing a western image."

On November 28, the Landing featured a group called "Way Out West" led by the "Boss Woman" Donna, who is the lead singer.

The band played at the Gay Freedom Day Celebration in San Francisco and for dancing at the Gay Rodeo at Rowell Ranch this past summer.

From the reaction of the crowd dancing in their cowboy/cowgirl garb, the band was a hit! Check them out on December 5th, 11th and 19th—Get On Down!

You should've been there!

#### Yes, Virginia, the band does still play on

The third annual Christmas Gala and Dance Along Nutcracker will be presented by the San Francisco Band Foundation at the GiftCenter Pavilion, 888 Brannon, San Francisco, on Sunday, December 20th.

The San Francisco Band Foundation is comprised of six exciting, individual performing groups. City Swing and Gail Wilson, The San Francisco Tap Troupe and The Vocal Minority have performed in nite clubs, concerts and events throughout the Bay Area to reviews of "delightful" and "magnificent" and our era's "Manhattan Transfer."

Let's not forget Davies Hall, the Civic Auditorium, the Venetian Room and, the biggest event of them all, the annual parade featuring the "niftiest playin', fanciest steppin'" San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps and Flag Corps.

The Foundation has represented San Francisco at Expo '86 in San Diego, Houston and Washington, D.C.

Special guest performers already committed to appearing at the Christmas concert include award winning comedians, Marga Gomes and Danny Williams.

Other entertainers tentatively scheduled are Sharon McNight, Sandy Van and members of the Physique '87 body building organization.

Reserved seating for this 6 p.m. event is limited with ticket prices at \$25 and \$20, available through mail order or through the Foundation Box Office (415/621-5619). General admission tickets are \$10 and \$15 and are available at headlines.

The event promises to be an exciting one, with tutu rentals available for those who wish to dance along with The Nutcracker, big band dancing immediately following the concert, and a Pre-Show Penthouse Reception prior to the event (4 to 6 p.m.) with champagne, catered buffet, special entertainment and a ticket price of \$100 per couple (includes reserved seating on the main floor.)

Jon R. Sims founded the band over 10 years ago. His dream was to find a permanent home for the organization and to create a center for performing artists. Jon has already succumbed to AIDS before the dedication of the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts in 1986.

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#### ON STAGE

by Ted Sahl

Patricia Childs Bond performing live, her original play based on a love story that was one of America's best kept secrets.

The character of the play is Lorena Hickok, personal secretary to then First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Bond took much of the dialogue from the 6,000 love letters, Hickok unashamedly wrote to Eleanor who saved every one of them (they were written between 1929 and 1968).

There never has been any proof that Lorena consummated her love for her "first and last lady," Ms. Hickok died alone; only the rumors of love persistently remain.

The DeFrank Center was packed and the audience oohed and ahhed as Bond transcended the feelings of Hickok and her pain... another sister Spirit gem!

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# FORTUNES

By Tycho

**Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)**-Beliefs and positions may be challenged. That's not a problem for the ram. It's an opportunity. You're able to see almost any situation in a positive light. Your ability to know when to be curious and when to be cautious is invaluable these days.

**Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)**-Your secret love is no secret anymore. Some deep feelings that you had been hiding (possibly even from yourself) are out in the open and you're mighty glad of it. This opening allows lots of room for innovation and inspiration.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**-Splurge. Sometimes it's nice to give and other times it's nice to receive. Right now you want to give, give, give. It all comes back in time, so shower the object of your affection with lots of something or the best of something. You'll be feeling glad all over.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**-While Gemini wants to give it all to one person, you've got one thing that you want to give everybody. Why don't you rent a Santa suit and wear what you're feeling? You give good feeling to everyone you meet.

**Leo (July 23-Aug 22)**-Everyone wants to be where their heart is for the holidays. But not everyone is as well organized and completely dedicated as you are. Disregard anyone who tries to stand in your way. Go to where your heart leads you.

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)**-Getting gifts from a loved in the month of December is hardly big news or anything unexpected. But you are going to be getting something unexpected from someone that you love. This has nothing to do with Christmas. You do love a surprise.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)**-Fascination is the word. When or who you're fascinated with could be most anything or anyone. The world is a wonder and you've got a million questions to ask. Friends who are fellow air signs (Gemini, Aquarius) would love to give some answers.

**Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)**-There is nothing inherently good or bad about power. Power is. It's the way that it is generated and used that brings judgement to light. You're a Scorpio so you know of what I speak. Know thyself and take a giant step in December.

**Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)**-Don't buy your Christmas presents. Make them. You are a fountain of creative energy and ideas. Apply this tremendous wealth and creates something very personal and very important. Need I add that you'll be the life of the party?

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)**-Keep your eyes open. Somebody has got their eyes on you. Are you looking? You could look away from those gazing eyes but it would be difficult. This certain person has a certain intensity about them. Are you ready for this? Enjoy it anyway.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)**-You'll be getting a big Christmas bonus this year and with your visionary vision you'll know just what to do with it to make it grow. In fact, the whole process of turning something good into something better is what you're up to.

**Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)**-You are a traveling man or woman these days. Short jaunts, long journeys, plans that stretch out for years; you could be involved in any and all of these. Feeling secure at home gives you the freedom to go out—far out.

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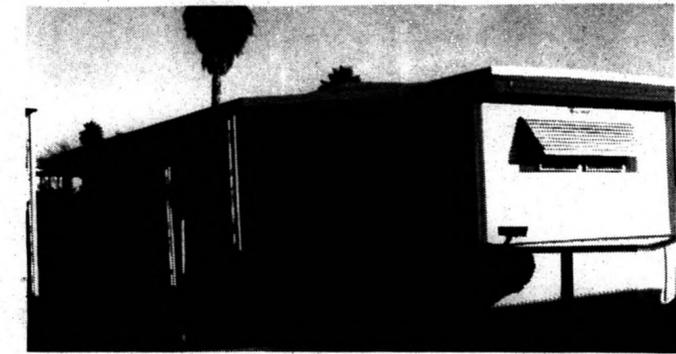


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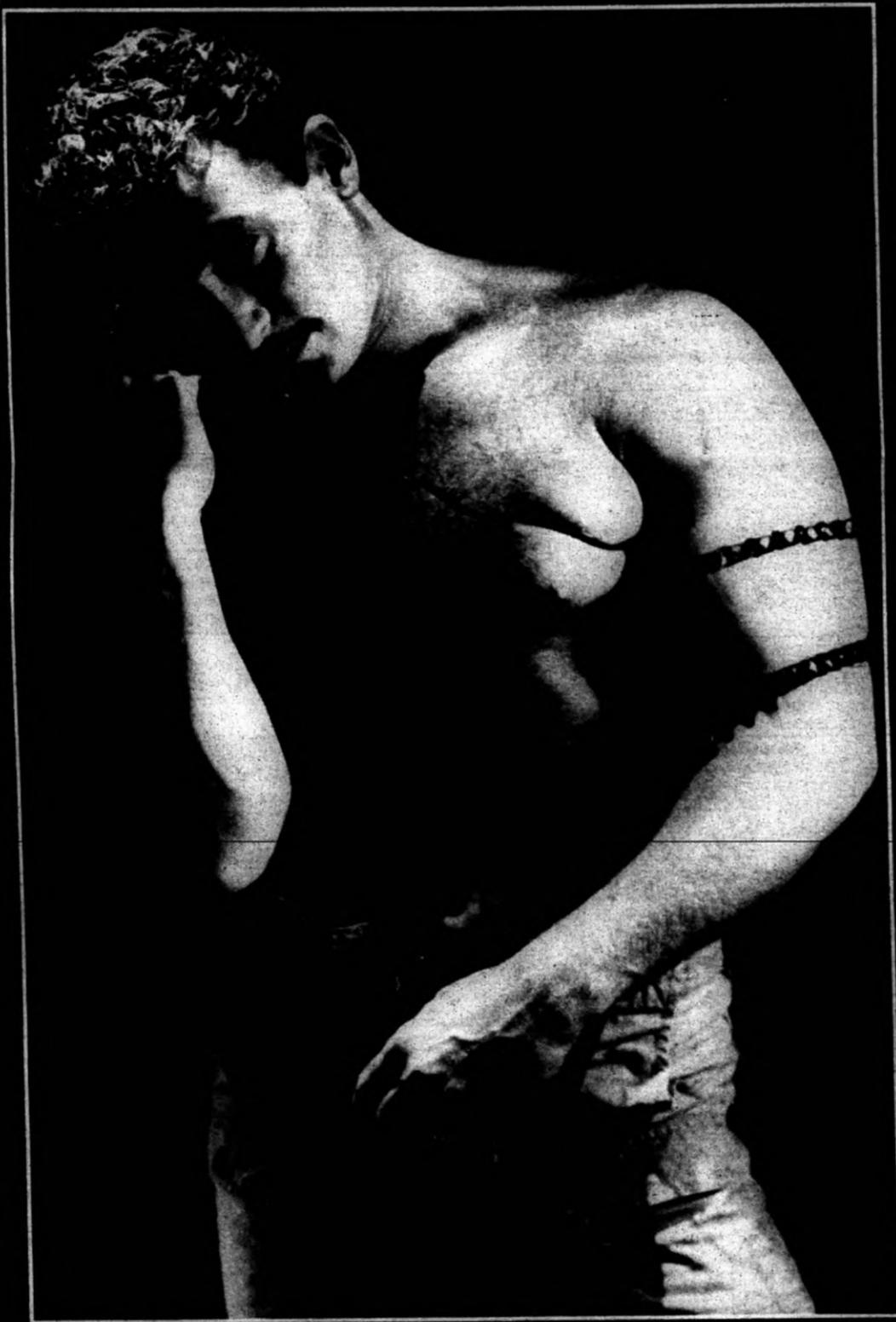
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