

Marijuana supporters ask Bay-Area police, "Got milk?"

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police confiscated several pounds of brownies at the Castro Street Fair and planned to test the sweets to see if they were laced with marijuana.

The seizure Sunday at a table set up by gay activists drew an angry crowd that jeered at police.

Onlookers chanted, "Shame! Shame!" as police made off with the haul.

"If there is marijuana found in those brownies, well, marijuana is still illegal until we know otherwise," said Lt. Greg Suhr, who oversaw the bust.

"If they contain marijuana they will be destroyed," he said.

No arrests were made.

Suhr said if the brownies contained no marijuana, they would be returned.

The incident occurred at a table set up by ACT UP-San Francisco,

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a group in support of Proposition 215, an initiative on the upcoming November ballot that would legalize medical uses of the drug.

Todd Swindell of ACT UP said the brownies were being sold for medicinal use to help people with AIDS or other illnesses, and to encourage support for Proposition 215 in the gay and lesbian community.

"It's absolutely outrageous and ridiculous," Swindell said.

"We were reaching out to the community and doing nothing," he said. "They stood by the table for a long time without doing anything . . . I was hoping we could work something out."

Candidates to fight like cats and dogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fourth debate in the presidential campaign holds all the trappings

of a fur-flying confrontation.

Television show host John McLaughlin said he's tired of "wishy-washy" responses from presidential candidates.

Instead, he said he plans to moderate a debate pitting Chelsea Clinton's incumbent cat Socks against Bob Dole's dog, Leader.

At issue: Which would be the best first pet — a dog or a cat?

The National Humane Society and the publisher of both *Cats Magazine* and *Dog World* will co-sponsor the event, which is set for Oct. 17 in Washington, D.C.

A team arguing for Leader's side will be led by *Dog World's* contributing editor John Cargill.

Amy D. Shojai, President and founder of the Cat Writers' Association and contributing editor of *Cats Magazine*, will lead the cat side.

The Humane Society says both Socks and Leader will be asked for comments, which will be aired during the debate — if they are supplied and limited to the topic under discussion.

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