

After finishing his master's program, Weller said he plans to become more politically involved. He said he may seek a job as a press person for an Oregon politician or in development for a college or university.

San Diego hosts western GLPA conference

The Western Regional Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) will take place in San Diego on Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, at the Balboa Park Inn in Hillcrest.

All members of the GLPA and others interested in gay and lesbian media issues are encouraged to attend the three-day event.

Scheduled workshop topics include "Reporting on AIDS," "Gays and Lesbians in the Military," "Advertising and Media Sales," "Longstanding Gay Publications," "Expanding GLPA Membership," and "Graphic Design in Newspapers and Magazines." Representatives of gay and lesbian as well as non-gay publications from throughout the west will be in attendance, including staff members of *The Advocate*, *Coming Up!*, of San Francisco, the *San Diego Gayzette*, *UpDate*, *San Diego Union*, *Los Angeles Times* and others.

The conference's projected attendance will be around 150, and attendance is limited. Registration is \$25 for GLPA members and \$35 for non-members.

In addition to workshops, time will be available for information-sharing among attendees. There also will be a reception on Friday evening for conference registrants and gay and lesbian leaders in San Diego.

Sunday morning will focus on evaluation of the conference and suggestions to the GLPA about specific concerns of the Western Region membership.

Other activities will include Saturday evening socializing at San Diego's most popular nightspots.

For further information write to GLPA Conference, c/o *San Diego Gayzette*, PO Box 33187, San Diego, CA 92103; or call Ann Garwood at (619) 296-6111.

Heart from person with AIDS transplanted

Doctors who transplanted the heart of a person with AIDS into a 17-year-old boy in Paris last week said the boy was doing well

and that he stood no more than a "minute" chance of contracting the disease.

Dr. Pierre Huguenard of the Henri-Mondor hospital in the suburb of Creteil said doctors performed the operation last week because there was "little chance" in view of the patient's advanced cardiac disease.

Huguenard said the corneas from the man who died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome also had been used on two elderly patients, but use of the kidneys had been rejected.

Medical experts said the risk of contracting AIDS through a heart transplant was reduced because the organ is drained of blood before being transferred, even if the recipient became a carrier of the AIDS virus, the chances of contracting the disease were minimal, they said.

About 400 cases of AIDS has been diagnosed in France, which has become a world leader in research to cure the disease. A survey published by the magazine *Paris-Match* showed that the French were more afraid of suffering from cancer or heart disease than AIDS.

Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators Conference to feature GRNL's Nancy Roth

Nancy Roth, recently appointed Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), will be a guest speaker at the fourth annual conference of the National Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators hosted by the South Florida Gay Pride Committee at the Marlin Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, October 11-13.

Roth, a long-time human rights activist and feminist, will address the delegates at a banquet Saturday night, October 12 and also moderate one of the workshop sessions. The topic for her address will be gay rights lobbying, Gay Pride or AIDS.

Gay and lesbian leaders from all over the country will gather at the world famous resort for a series of workshops, seminars, and assembly meetings to compare notes and experiences, strengthen their organizational skills, and plan the general theme and slogan for the 1986 Gay Pride celebration.

"We expect a record turnout," SFGPC Chairman Eric Lawrence stated, "because of the location and the weather which, during that time of the year, is perfect. This will be the latest in a series of accomplishments for our community and will add to this area's growing reputation as one of the nation's outstanding gay cities."

This year marks the first time this event has been held in Florida and headquartered at a gay hotel. The Marlin Beach Hotel, conference site, an openly gay resort for over 13 years is internationally known not only as a haven for Gay vacationers but as a center for Gay Rights activism.

In their honor?

A monument to gays killed in Nazi concentration camps was unveiled this May in Hamburg, West Germany. The pink granite monument, apparently the first dedicated solely to gays who were in the camps, was placed at the site of the Neuengamme concentration camp by a group called Independent

Alternative Homosexuals. According to *Lesbian Connection*, about 150 people attended the dedication of the monument, which bears the inscription, "Dedicated to the Homosexual Victims of National Socialism. 1985."

In eastern France, however, two French women reported that a collective of lesbians and gays were rejected from commemorative ceremonies at the site of a concentration camp. The wreath brought by the collective in honor of 250,000 lesbians and gay men who died in camps was also violently removed. One of the attending Jewish survivors (a man) stated to the press, "They should have killed them all." Another made the statement that "the real victims and survivors should not be confused with the deviants."

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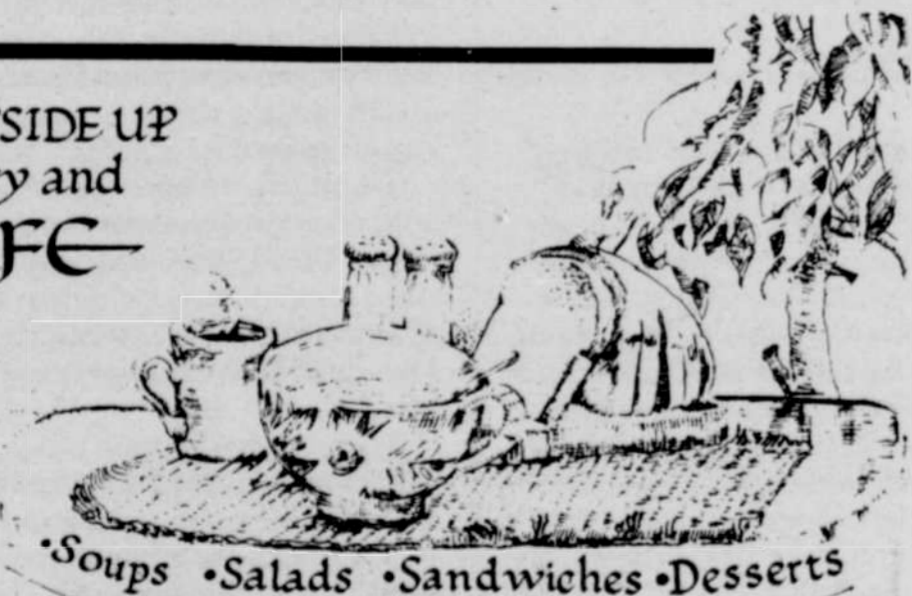
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