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#### Pink Triangle Park Opens.

The most moving comments came from someone not even scheduled to speak. Gloria Lyon, a Holocaust camp survivor, sat in the audience at the June 23rd dedication of Pink Triangle Park, her own memories of the experience weighing on her mind as various dignitaries spoke of the importance of human rights. As the crowd waited for the Mayor to arrive,

she rose and approached the podium asking to share

"I remember the pink triangle but I didn't know at the time what it stood for because there was never any time to socialize," recalled Lyon who still bears the tattooed identification of A6374 on her arm. "I saw them work hard, being abused and deprived of their human rights. I saw them being beaten.'

She recalled her own experience in the notorious Auschwitz camp as a Jewish teenager witnessing the lines of people entering the crematoriums, with nothing but smoke coming out. Her own death came incredibly near when she and dozens more were forced onto a truck en route to execution fields. She jumped, rolling down an embankment and hiding until she could melt back into a crowd.

The audience of about 150 people was quiet as Lvon finished her remarks and Mayor Brown approached. Veterans of World War II, some of whom fought in the European theater, snapped at attention and saluted. Though she and the Mayor stood together, there was no question for whom the salute was intended. An emotional wave rolled the audience and the Mayor, who helped fund the Park's creation through the neighborhood Beautification Fund, asked Lyon to join him and other dignitaries in unveiling the plaque at the Park's western edge. It reads:

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MAYOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SAN FRANCISCO ARTS COMMISSION DEDICATED HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001 TOM AMMIANO, PRESIDENT, SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF **SUPERVISORS** 

#### A Remarkable June. More in July.

Greetings All-

June 23 marked a highlight in EVPA's long history: the formal dedication of the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial by Mayor Willie Brown. Approximately 150 people attended the ceremony and heard addresses

from Wendy Nelder, Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification, City Treasurer Susan Leal, Supervisors Bevan Dufty and Tom Ammiano, and most movingly, Holocaust Survivor Gloria Lyon, who shared her memories of wearing a yellow star while in a concentration camp and seeing men wearing pink triangles being sent to their deaths. The San Francisco Concert Chorale sang to begin and

Thanks to the efforts of Michael Crawford and Tom Hanus and their firm, Persuasions, media attention was widespread. Articles appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle. San Francisco Examiner.

#### Next **Continued Inside** Meeting July 17th, 7:30 pm Susan Leal Coming.

The July 17 monthly meeting of EVPA will include Mayoral Candidate Susan Leal. Leal currently serves at the City's Treasurer. If you are interested in hearing her plans for the City should she win the November contest, come to the Eureka Valley Recreation Center auditorium, 100 Collingwood, on Thursday at 7:30 pm for her remarks, and a regular neighborhood association calendar of business. Among the other items of business for the meeting is

BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER VICTIMS OF THE NAZI REGIME an important update about the remodeling of the EVRC slated for an

#### Party in the Park. Seward Minipark that is.

Come join EVPA, friends and neighbors this Saturday, July 19th from 11 am - 3 pm to commemorate 30 years of neighborhood spirit symbolized by the pioneering and popular Seward Minipark (near 20th and Douglass, just east of Kite Hill). Eureka Valley residents can be proud that this was the first concrete dual slide and the first, and precedent-setting, hillside

San Francisco. Past EVPA president, B. Shimon Schwarzschild - a driving force behind the creation of the park - plans to attend and can share many stories about the evolution of the park and the neighborhood.

• Bring a covered dish and have a hotdog that we'll be grilling. • Slide races for kids of any age (old jeans recommended). • Help complete the bas-relief wall started in 1974 when the park was one year old. • For more information, please contact Richard @ 437-0900.



Gloria Lyon shows her concentration camp ID tattoo and spoke of seeing prisoners with pink triangles.



World War II Veterans listened from the front row, including EVPA members (r to I) Jim Compton and Bob Melbourne



Standing at the plaque unveiling: (r to I) Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Holocaust survivor Gloria Lyon, Wendy Nelder, director of Neighborhood Beautification Fund, Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr., EVPA President Gustavo Serina (background), Supervisor Tom Ammiano, City Treasurer Susan Leal, EVPA Treasurer Joe Foster (background) and park co-artist Robert Bruce.

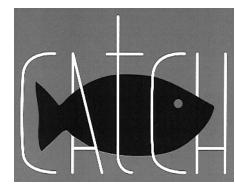
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Pink Triangle Park and Memorial is open and ready for visitors. It is the nation's first permanent memorial that focuses exclusively on the experiences of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders during the Nazi regime. It joins other significant Castro landmarks such as the giant Rainbow Flag, the mural of Harvey Milk above his former camera shop, the site of nation's first AIDS Quilt Office and, of course, the Castro Theater itself. Though the park is open, the work continues on developing educational outreach materials and fundraising to ensure the park's proper maintenance of landscaping and sculptural art.

EVPA is proud of its principal sponsorship role in transforming a oddly shaped, weedy evesore into something of national significance. The three-year-long effort that began with a national art competition and continues embodied in the new park could not have occurred without the support of hundreds of hardworking volunteers from the residential and business communities. A few, although no where near all, are recognized in the next column.

The dedication ceremony of Pink Triangle Park was made possible, in part, through the support of these generous businesses. Eureka Valley Promotion Association expresses its thanks to:





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The Pink Triangle Park and Memorial has been a multi-year undertaking helmed by EVPA's Education and Recreation Committee, first under the chairmanship of Joe Foster and then under the leadership of Pauline Shaver. Pauline managed the project from its inception to its current phase. Without her remarkable dedication, it would not have happened. Special thanks to them both and many EVPA members who helped along the way.

Members are encouraged to attend our July 17 General Membership meeting. which will feature two special quests: Mayoral candidate Susan Leal, who will share her vision for San Francisco, and a representative of Friends of the Urban Forrest (FUF), who will explain how this organization can help in planting more trees in our neighborhood. This a key element of District 8 Supervisor Dufty's Castro Renaissance plan, which the Department of Public Works is spearheading.

This month also marks the 30th anniversary of another significant chapter in our

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organization's history: the creation of the Seward Street mini park. Please join us to celebrate the dedication of that Park on July 19th. Congratulations to all who helped create this unique Park for the enjoyment of all.

I encourage residents, business, workers, nonprofits and faith communities to join EVPA as in investment in keeping the Castro and upper Market area a vibrant neighborhood in which to live and work. As our June and July activities demonstrate, EVPA is where you



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#### Castro Street Fair Approaching.

The annual Castro Street Fair is approaching and volunteers are needed for the October event. Each year EVPA receives a portion of its funding from donation collection efforts near the 17th Street entrance to the Fair. Please contact the new project leader for this, Adam Hagen, at 415/296-2190 or ahagen@mcguire.com.

#### **Human Rights Campaign Dinner** Saturday July 26, 2003

Kathleen Connell and her partner Jaye Whittaker are putting together a table for this year's Human Rights Campaign dinner on Saturday, July 26. Special guests will be John Kerry and Margaret Cho. The cost is \$175 per person to support one of the country's top Gay and Lesbian rights organizations. Anyone interested should contact Kathleen directly. At 650/604-4837

#### **Castro Photos Needed!**

Local writer Strange de Jim has signed with Arcadia Publishing to show the history of "San Francisco's Castro" in 200 photos and captions. He is seeking photos from EVPA members and others of the Castro/Eureka Valley area and lifestyle taken anytime between 1848 and 2003. If you have an image you'd like to send him for inclusion, please send to Strange de Jim, P.O. Box 14547. San Francisco, CA 94114. He will scan your photos and return them. If you have questions, call Strange at 415-621-4517.