



Photo by Frederic Larson

Union Square Aglow

San Francisco's Christmas season began officially last night when an 84-foot imitation tree was lit in Union Square. The Christmas tree, constructed around the Dewey Monument by S.F.-based FM Productions, sparkles with a

computer-run show of strobes, miniature and diamond lights, set with mylar garlands and glittering pinwheels. Mayor Dianne Feinstein was supposed to light the tree, but was not present because she has a cold.

Court Rejects Palo Alto Jaycees Case

The state Supreme Court refused yesterday to reinstate a \$100-a-day contempt of court order against the United States Jaycees for alleged sexual discrimination.

The court refused to review an appeal by five women who claimed they were barred by the national Jaycee organization from affiliating with the Palo Alto Jaycees.

The contempt order was issued by a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge who had ordered the U.S. Jaycees not to withdraw the local chapter's license.

The national organization had moved to revoke the license on the ground that the Palo Alto Jaycees had violated the organization's "no women" rule when it affiliated with a women's group called the Palo Alto Young Citizens.

The national organization oversees local chapters nationwide, which operate under a charter granting membership only to men between the ages of 18 and 35.

The Palo Alto chapter originally won a preliminary injunction from the local judge against the national organization, allowing affiliation with the women's group.

The national organization then sued in federal court.

The Santa Clara judge found it in contempt of court and fined it \$100 a day for each day it withdrew Palo Alto's license.

The state Court of Appeal dissolved the contempt order, ruling that a state court cannot issue a contempt order against a party for filing suit in federal court.

Chilly and Sunny Weekend Ahead

Rain-weary Bay Area residents will find a brisk and sunny weekend, National Weather Service forecasters said yesterday.

High temperatures will be in the 40s, and nighttime temperatures may fall below 30 degrees in outlying parts of the Bay Area, according to forecaster George Bonawit.

"The high pressure ridge is building out there in the Pacific and we're generally looking for clear skies, though the clear skies mean some cooling," Bonawit said.

"There will be a slight chance of drizzle in the extreme northwest," he added, but said it will probably miss the Bay Area.

In San Francisco, 8.9 inches of rain has fallen this season, compared with 6.9 inches during the same period last year.

The service also said small craft advisories will be in effect because of high seas ranging up to 12 feet.

Winds are expected to be from the northwest up to 15 miles an hour.

The state Department of Transportation reported all major roads into the Sierra open and clear, including Interstate 80 and Highway 50.

Other roads into the high country, although open, will still require chains in the higher elevations.

Snow fell in the Sierra early yesterday, with Squaw Valley reporting eight inches of new snow

on a base of one to two feet at 6200 feet.

Elevations ranging from 8200 feet reported winds up to 25 miles per hour with 18 inches of new snow on a base of five to seven feet.

Heavenly Valley reported up to two feet of new snow in the last 24 hours on a base of four to six feet, with temperatures in the 25-degree range.

Skies in the Sierra Nevada, aside from some local cloudiness, are expected to be clear for the weekend.

\$1.25 Million For Victorian Painting

London

A 130-year-old painting by Sir John Everett Millais fetched a world record price for a Victorian painting at a London auction yesterday.

Called "The Proscribed Royalist, 1651," the picture was sold for \$1.25 million at Christie's auction rooms.

The purchaser was a London dealer, Julian Hartnoll. The catalog noted that the work had been sold twice before at Christie's — in May 1862 for \$2600 and in May 1897 for \$10,000 — and described it as one of the most important of Pre-Raphaelite paintings.

Associated Press

Court Sends Woman Back to Smoky Office

By William Cooney

A Fremont woman who is extremely sensitive to cigaret smoke suffered a legal setback yesterday when a federal appellate court ordered her to return to her job to see whether she gets sick again.

"It's just like sending a lung cancer patient to work in an asbestos plant," said 47-year-old Irene Parodi.

Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled in a suit filed by Parodi that her employer, the Defense Logistics Agency in Burlingame, must offer her a job in a smoke-free environment or give her disability pay of \$500 a month plus \$20,000 in back pay.

Because of congestion problems, she has been unable since June 1979 to work alongside workers who smoke in her office. She has been on unpaid leave since then.

After last year's ruling, the agency offered her a job in a smoke-free computer room just off her former smoky office.

But U.S. Magistrate Owen E. Woodruff, appointed by the appeals court to check out the job site, inspected the new work area and ruled it was unsatisfactory for Parodi because she still would have had to enter the larger, smoky room for up to two hours each day.

"If she stays in the computer room, she cannot do her job," Woodruff said. "If she leaves, she runs the risk of illness. No one can be expected to do a competent job under such conditions."

Yesterday, the same appellate court that originally ruled in her favor found that Woodruff's report was "inconclusive," and it ordered Parodi to try to work and then see what happens.

"I think it is cruel and inhuman to order me to go back and get sick," Parodi said. "I also think it is discrimination because they are isolating me at work instead of isolating the smokers, as San Francisco and Palo Alto have done."

Those two cities recently passed laws saying non-smokers have preference over smokers in the workplace.

She said she has been told by defense agency officials that if she goes back to work she should take her lunch break and coffee break in her small smoke-free room and use a special restroom at a nurse's station where smoking is not allowed.

"But I can't do my job without entering that large room where there is cigaret smoke," she said.

Two lung specialists have told her not to go back, she said. "But I don't know what to do. If I don't go back, my 4½-year fight will have been wasted."

Russia's Chinese Dictionary

Moscow

The Soviet Union has published the first section of a new four-volume Chinese-Russian dictionary, the government daily Izvestia reported today.

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