

# Eartha Kitt, Maria Muldaur Headline New Year's Show

By Robert Simmons

Eartha Kitt and Maria Muldaur headlined the New Year's Show at San Quentin on New Year's Day, which was sponsored by Bread and Roses, a non-profit organization located in Marin County. Norton Buffalo, Donald Kinsey and The Chosen Ones, and Chi Chi, who is an exotic dancer, also performed on the show. Belle, a disc jockey for radio station KTAM was the master of ceremonies.

Three bay area television stations—KTVU Channel 2, KRON Channel 4, and KPIX Channel 5—filmed much of the action on stage as well as in the audience, which was telecast later that evening.

Diminutive and sexy Eartha Kitt caused quite a stir in the old Bastille when she asked to be lifted down from the stage by an inmate whom she rewarded with a kiss while she danced with him.

Ms. Kitt then proceeded to walk among the audience and sing, at times she would stop and sit in the laps of the men and shower them with kisses and hugs while she purred sensually in her own inimitable style which has become a trademark. She literally melted some of the hardcore cons, and to say that love was in the air would be an understatement.

Attired in an all black, two-piece ensemble with a black turban covering her hair, Eartha Kitt appeared to become so overwhelmed by the love, the warm reception which she received from the men of San Quentin, three correctional officers apparently felt that she reciprocated a little too affectionately, because they rushed up and grabbed her by the arm then escorted her back on the stage.

Three of the musicians who accompanied Ms. Kitt were from the cast of "Timbuktu" with inmates George Burbage on drums and Clyde Norris on guitar.

Maria Muldaur, best known for her "Midnight at the Oasis" was accompanied by Richard Alegria, drums; John Gorton, guitar; Charles F. Nagarin, bass; Fred Schaefer, keyboards, and Jim Rothermel, horns.



MARIA MULDAUR singing "Lover Man"

Maria gave a stellar performance which will be remembered by all who attended the show for a long time as she "let it all hang out," really putting her heart into every song she sung. When she sung "Lover Man, Where Can You Be," a song she said that was made popular by the late, great Billy Holiday and a few others, she literally made love to the entire audience, enrapturing them and pushing them to the breaking point. Near the climax of her song, someone from the audience yelled, "Do it to me Maria" while others yelled similar epithets of adulation.

Maria's saxophone player, Jim Rothermel, who sounded much like Hank Crawford tried to steal the show, because for

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## CRB Changes Name

The Community Release Board (CRB) changed its name to the Board of Prison Terms Jan. 1, according to a directive sent from Sacramento.

One reason given for the name change is the CRB was being bothered by too many calls from people looking for Community "Relief" Board, this according to outside news media.

You will now see BPT in the News instead of CRB.



STRIPPER Chi Chi appears to sprout wings.

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## Speights Elected President Of Men's Advisory Council

By Robert Simmons

Walter Speights was elected president of the Men's Advisory Council, replacing Dorsey Nunn, who last held the post.

"As MAC president, basically what I would like to do is redefine the function of the MAC, because there seems to be a great deal of misconception about its function. There are many inmates who feel that the MAC is empowered to deal with individual situations, but this is not true. However we can assist an inmate in trying to resolve whatever personal conflicts he may encounter if they present a threat to the majority of the population," said Walter.

Walter's educational background consists of an AA degree in Business Administration from Biola College in La Mirada, Calif., and a Masters Degree in Tailoring from Dillard University in New Orleans. He attended Tuskegee Institute en route to his Masters in Bible Doctrine at Talbot Theological Seminary prior to being sent to San Quentin.

"Our major concentration is in dealing with those problems or grievances which adversely affect us all. And when I say 'all,' I mean the men in lockup units as well as the mainline. Effecting resolutions of grievances for lockdown units is sometimes difficult because of the bureaucratic procedures involved. But it is my aim to hear and take every step or method available to me to have these grievances handled as expeditiously as possible.

With regard to staff, over the past three years the credibility of the MAC has been maligned to the degree that very little could be accomplished through direct dealing with the staff and such should not be. I think that we're all to blame for the lack of confidence which we maintain towards one another. It is incumbent upon the new MAC administration to amend the discreditable acts of the past. One of my basic policies will be to work more cooperatively with staff as well as the inmates to resolve those issues which cause the greatest amount of chaos toward the prison community," said Walter.

"Another factor that would be pertinent to this administration is that council members will become answerable for their individual actions and attitude towards staff and the problems of inmates. Our's is a role of service and representation which calls for the highest morals and ethics that must be realized throughout the MAC. Once realized, this code of conduct must be maintained by all the members," Walter continued.

"I am aware of the complexities involved in the administration and the responsibilities encompassed by this office which I have been elected to represent. I realize too, that all that needs to be done cannot be done by one alone. No man is an island and no man stands alone," said Walter.

## Warden Sumner Comments on State of SQ

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to those inmates and employees who have worked so effectively in making San Quentin a safe place to live and to work this past year.

In 1979 there were two murders in the Management Control Unit and one in the Security Housing Unit for a total of three. No general population inmate or employee was murdered at San Quentin in 1979.

There were 28 additional stabbings this last year: five in the Security Housing Units, 12 in the Management Control Unit and 11 in the general population for a total of 31 assaults with weapons on inmates.

No employees were assaulted with weapons. There was a total of 10 escapes from San Quentin: two from the minimum family visiting units; two from the outside minimum quarters; two from minimum work crew areas and three from medium B work crew situations (the boat escape) and one from the visiting room.

The medium B escape by boat and escape from the visiting room are unacceptable levels of performance. However, the other situations are well within tolerable limits.

According to statistics on violence the past decade, 1979 was the best year in this regard with the exception of 1970 and 1972. I am convinced that these statistics are the result of continuous effort by the majority of inmates to defuse dangerous situations and the continuous efforts of San Quentin's overall outstanding employees.

The Men's Advisory Council held elections for units and work liaison representatives. I encourage staff and inmates to work closely this next year with the executive body of the inmate council and toward an even more productive year in 1980.

Community based programs will have much more significance this coming year as we are faced with more and more overcrowding problems with the resultant tensions, lack of unemployment alternatives and recreational opportunities. I would like to encourage employees to become involved in these programs as sponsors and to provide the necessary supervision and direction.

I wish to thank everyone for their significant contributions to the smooth operation of San Quentin and wish you all a successful new year.

—George Sumner, Warden

## Volunteer Appreciation Night

By Robert Simmons

Volunteer Appreciation Night was held in the visiting room with services being conducted by Chaplain Harry Howard in the Garden Chapel where over 100 guests were in attendance.

Chaplain Howard said "while some persons referred to the occasion as the Christmas Banquet we call it Volunteer Appreciation Night."

The joyous evening began in the visiting room where the guests dined. Inmate Al Raubitschek played some beautiful music on his violin, setting a mood of tranquility which prevailed throughout the evening. Raubitschek played "Claire de Lune," "Largo" by Handel, and Christmas carols.

One of the guests, Ginny Altice, said that her husband Wally is the outside chairman for Free Con, a group that works with prisoners during their last nine months of incarceration to help them prepare for reentry into society. Ginny also said that Wally comes over here every week and that she comes over once a month when the regular outside committee meets.

After everyone had dined they retired to the Garden Chapel where Christmas carols and religious songs were sung, whereupon, they were led in prayer by Chaplain Howard. Testimonies were given by inmates and outside guests alike. The Chaplain said that many of the guests came from



INMATE AL RAUBITSCHKEK played Christmas carols while the guests dined.

as far away as Auburn, Calif., to share their love with the inmates at San Quentin.

When Joe Lovato walked down the aisle with his guitar toward the podium, little did the guests know that they were in for a musical treat, because as everyone in San Quentin knows, Joe can really sing. Before he sang, Joe recited a poem after which he said, "This song is a thank-you song to the Lord." Then with eyes closed and in deep concentration he began to sing, enrapturing the guests with his melodious voice. While he sang, a hush prevailed over the throng of guests who signalled their appreciation by giving him a standing ovation.

Inmates Henry Kilpatrick and Pete Vanderguten sang a folk version of "Amazing

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## VIOLENCE STATISTICS San Quentin 1970-1979

Year	Assaults With Weapon	Fatal Stabbing or Beating	Assaults on Staff With Weapons	Staff Death
1970	16	1	16	0
1971*	39	9	21	4
1972	18	5	2	0
1973	59	8	17	0
1974	82	12	8	0
1975†	60	5	16	0
1976	38	5	18	1
1977	34	8‡	7	0
1978	46	4	8	0
1979	31	3	0	0
	423	60	113	5

\* 1971—One officer shot; one inmate shot attempted escape.

† 1975—One inmate shot while stabbing another inmate.

‡ 1977—One inmate shot while stabbing an inmate.

## Visitor Rights Group Helps S.Q. Visitors

The San Quentin Visitor Advocacy Council (VAC) provides a forum where visitors to the prison can express their grievances, says Barbara Owen, VAC representative.

Formed in the Spring of 1979, the VAC collects grievances from local groups concerned with visiting problems—Friends Outside, Centerforce, Prisoners Union and the Prison Law Office—hopefully to address and solve these problems.

Local groups are the primary arena where visitors can go with visitor-related problems, according to Ms. Owen. When the problems cannot be solved at this level, the grievance is then forwarded to the VAC.

In addition to grievances, the VAC also functions as an information council and often becomes an organizing factor for visiting issues.

In a recent Sharing Days session held by the VAC, a two-hour debate took place on what was the best strategy to use when confronting prison authorities with a grievance. From this debate, according to Owen, it was decided that the VAC would "present specific grievances, within a framework of specific ends, related to the improvement of visiting."

This framework involves the establishment of visiting as a priority for the Department of Corrections (CDC), creation of an on-going, working relationship with the CDC and an overall stance on visitor rights.

At present the VAC is preparing a report to be sent to Jerry Enomoto, director of corrections, outlining their efforts and grievances they have received, this according to Barbara Owen.

The VAC welcomes input from those concerned with visitor rights. Their address is P.O. Box 336, San Quentin, CA 94964.

## Line Jumping in Visiting Lines Causing Problems

Due to the increasing complaints by visitors with regard to line jumping, fistfights, and other problems, a proposal has been submitted by the MAC on how to cope with them, according to MAC president Walter Speights.

"A plexiglass box should be installed so that when visitors come up they can simply drop their ID cards onto the box and be seated. Then when the visitors get their ducat they will also get their ID card back, whereupon, they may proceed to the visiting room," said Walter.

"The problems which have surfaced out in the visiting lines for free persons appears to have overtones of spilling over into the institution and we don't want that," said Walter. "A proposal was submitted and approved by acting correctional Captain J. L. Copus."

"The new procedure will be implemented as soon as proper notification has been made to the visitors, and it is hoped that it will help to curb the problem which has gotten far out of hand," said Walter.

## One Man's Opinion

# Anger and Resentment Replaces Joy of Visiting

By Vince Smith

There is a major contradiction in San Quentin's policies concerning visitors. At the administrative level they heartily endorse the premise that incarcerated men *maintain close family and social relationships* through correspondence and visiting. On the staff level the attitude is that visitors are to be suspect in bringing contraband into the institution or plotting escapes and not, as the term implies, just concerned in visiting friends and loved ones inside. This has caused a certain amount of hostility to develop between visitors and staff to the point where it carries over to the inmate and staff.

Now it is time to implement some changes in the way our visitors are *received* into the institution. We have seen the visiting program go through one change after another—most changes have been for the better. Thousands of dollars were spent to build new visiting areas (anyone who has ever had to visit in the old inside visiting room can certainly attest to the need for that change).

Family visiting was implemented for all convicts—except those on death row or in the adjustment center. This has all been to the good but now we need some light shed on a couple of questions that are in the minds of a lot of people—convicts and visitors alike:

**Why is it necessary that visitors be subjected to two- and three-hour delays while being processed into the institution?**

This question has been asked and answered by staff to the effect that "fish" (newly hired employees) were assigned to work the east gate—where visitors are processed in—as temporary replacements for experienced guards who were on vacation. Plus, a new identification procedure for visitors is being initiated that is supposed to alleviate the long waiting period.

This is all well and good, but this writer has had the experience of being a visitor (as well as a convict) to San Quentin. In the mid '60s, at a time when the inmate population was approximately 5,000 men, there was never a wait of more than 20-30 minutes at the east gate. Once signed in you proceeded to the old visiting room where you had the protection of an enclosed area—with seats—while waiting for your visit. This wait never exceeded 30-45 minutes.

Visitors to San Quentin now have no place to go (other than their automobiles—if they want to lose their place in line) to get protection from the elements. And anyone who has had to brave the cold and rain that hits San Quentin knows how severe the weather can get here.

This gives reason to wonder why hasn't there been a waiting room with seats constructed for the visitors who endure the long lines? It would seem that the cost of some type of shelter at the east gate could not possibly be that great—especially since the labor could be done by convicts and we all know that doesn't cost anything.

It has come to the point where the visitors become involved in heated arguments amongst themselves because a small number of them will attempt to jump the line or to bulldog their way in. A simple "take-a-number" system, such as those used in large stores, would prevent this inconsiderate behavior from happening.

At times like this it is no wonder that by the time the visitor sees the inmate the spirit of the visit has been replaced by anger and resentment which spills over to the inmate and can totally ruin a visit. Is this a desirable method of *maintaining close family and social relationships*? No! It can foster resentment to the degree where it could cause the visitor to curtail the number of visits they make.

**Are unclothed body searches of visitors really needed for the security of the institution?**

This question has been asked by many. There are numerous decisions which have been handed down from the courts and it still has not been resolved to a definitive answer. It is expected that security of the institution is the primary concern of the administration, but here is an example of over-reacting:

An inmate was scheduled for a family visit on Christmas Day. When his wife and 14-year-old daughter arrived at the institution an unclothed body search was requested of them. This man's wife—wanting to be with her husband on Christmas—said she would submit to the body search but that she would not allow this humiliating search to be conducted on her 14-year-old.

She was informed that she would be allowed the visit but that the 14-year-old could not visit (then, or in the future) without first going through the body search. This woman traveled many miles to be here for the visit. Was it expected that she would have her young daughter wait in the



car, or take a bus home, while she was on the visit?

She did the only thing she could under the circumstances and decided she would spend Christmas at home, alone!

The inmate has been placed in administrative segregation because it was felt that he was "emotionally unstable" as a result of some heated comments he directed at staff after he was informed of the visit being cancelled.

The "kicker" behind it all is that an alleged phone call was received at the institution to the effect that some type of contraband was to be smuggled into the institution by this man's family. This information came from a reliable source and was made in an "off-the-record" manner to the inmate.

It has never been disclosed just what type of contraband was to be smuggled in (in fact, it usually never is—either to the visitor or the inmate). It comes under the term "confidential" and leaves the visitor very little to go on in their own defense. How can you defend something when you don't even know what it is that you are suspected of? As the result of an anonymous phone call this man's whole family has had, to say the least, a lousy Christmas and, I am sad to report, the 14-year-old has decided she will not come to visit her Dad again. Surely this was a most unreasonable approach to this matter.

Who knows what reason the phone caller had in mind? It just seems that the family of this man should not have been subjected to this treatment when there were other options available.

The inmate is not "emotionally unstable" he is just madder than hell and happened to make an indiscreet remark to the wrong person. This is an example of the hostility that carries over from visitor to inmate to staff.

There are numerous examples which could be cited—both pro and con. The point is that there has to be a better way to deal with situations where all staff has to go on are anonymous calls or notes dropped. We cannot expect them to be negligent in their concern for security, but we also cannot expect families or friends to want to continue visiting when they are looked at with a jaundiced eye.

No one likes to be under constant suspicion of wrongdoing—not even the wrongdoers. Unless substantial information—and even this must be defined—is received by staff as to alleged criminal activity by our visitors then they can, and should, be given the benefit of the doubt.

Our visitors are members of the same society that our keepers belong to . . . with the same rights and the same protection of the law. Because they have a husband, brother, son, or even a friend serving time in prison does not automatically mean they violate the law. They are entitled to the same respect society demands of others.

Resentment will always be around between staff/inmates, staff/visitors—it is somewhat like an "us-against-them" syndrome—the blame for convicts being forced to stay behind walls will naturally spill onto the people in charge of those walls. It is a part of human nature to "take sides" but this doesn't have to surface in the form of negative attitudes and can be tolerated.

Prisons are here to stay and visiting is an integral part of any prison program. If we are to *maintain close family and social relationships* then we must have a conducive atmosphere in which to build and enrich those relationships. When we have to go out to a visitor that has been angered by a long wait in bad weather or that was body searched (for reasons that are not usually disclosed to them other than, "orders from higher up") the visit is ruined.

I like to "escape" on my visits . . . put the walls and bars behind me and focus all my attention on my visitor and the outside world. This a private time for both visitor and convict. A time to let tensions go and to enjoy being with someone you care for and who cares for you. A time the convict can let down his defenses and share feelings without concern for his "macho" image. A time to just be!

The Visitors Advocacy Council (see the article on the VAC in this issue) has been a long time coming. Through this organization our visitors can, and will, have a voice in how they are *received* into the institution. Through this organization one word may become part of the visiting program at San Quentin: *diplomacy*.

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## NEW YEAR'S SHOW . . .

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about five minutes when he blew he bared his naked soul to all for which he received a standing ovation.

Norton Buffalo, best known for his performances on albums with Steve Miller, Bonnie Raitt, Commander Cody, The Doobie Brothers, and many others brought his magic harmonica to San Quentin on New Year's Day. He is one helluva harmonica player to say the least, because Norton has been sending harp players back to the woodshed and sending his audiences away with new ideas of what can be done with a harmonica.

Norton said, "I've been recording for about four years, but we've (the band) only been together since last November, right after Thanksgiving."

Accompanying Norton was Steve Bruten on guitar, who said he'd been playing for 20 years, and Eugene Houch, bass.

When Maze, a musical group had to cancel their appearance on the show, Donald Kinsey and The Chosen Ones performed in their place. The Chosen Ones were comprised of Joseph Thomas, bass and vocalist; Michael Robinson, guitar and vocals; Ronald Prince, guitar, and Ralph Kinsey, on drums.

Donald Kinsey, who got out of bed with a cold to perform in the show, is a talented rock musician with a lot of class and a lot of heart. Even though he was booed by some for the kind of music he played, there were many others who gave him a standing ovation. At one point, Donald left the stage in frustration, presumably because he felt that his presence was not appreciated. However, he returned and put his soul in the



RAY ANCHONDO AND CHI CHI dancing together.

light of the audience.

The highlight of Chi Chi's act came when inmate Ray Anchondo joined her on stage to do a few bumps and grinds, eliciting hoops and hollers from the throng when she and Ray rubbed derrieres.

Chi Chi has been performing in San Quentin's New Year's Show over the past 10 or 12 years and in everyone of them she has received numerous encores and standing ovations.

As mentioned earlier, the show was sponsored by Bread and Roses, headed by Mimi Farina who is Joan Baez's sister. Each month, the non-profit organization produces 35 to 40 shows with performers donating their time and talents to hundreds of people in convalescent homes, hospital children's wards, drug rehabilita-

tions, and mimes. The acts are diverse but their intent is to entertain and to establish a caring relationship with those who are too often forgotten.

Bread and Roses ushered in 1980 with a show which will be remembered for a long time by the men of San Quentin.

## Blood Donor Program for San Quentin

A blood donor program might be in the works for San Quentin, according to Scott Keene, Prison Law Office assistant.

In a recent letter to Warden G. W. Sumner, Keene requested that the warden consider establishing a blood plasma donor program at S.Q.

The proposed program would be operated by the Plasma Research Center of California under the supervision of San Quentin staff.

There are several interesting aspects to the program that could benefit the convicts of San Quentin.

"Inmates could donate plasma up to two times a week," Keene said, "and receive \$10 per donation." He went on to explain that the Plasma Center could also train inmates to operate the plasma machines and assist them in finding related employment upon their release.

At presstime Warden Sumner was not in the institution and was unavailable for comment.

## Parolee Denied Entrance To Work as Legal Aide

Hugh Erwin, on parole after serving 13 years in a Virginia prison for murder, has recently been denied entrance into San Quentin by Warden Sumner, to work as a legal representative for the Prison Law Office (PLO), according to Michael Satris, PLO attorney.

Erwin, paroled to California from Virginia, was hired by the PLO to conduct legal interviews and act as a liaison between San Quentin prisoners and the staff at the Prison Law Office.

Erwin's parole officer, Tony Laszewski, wrote a letter to the Warden informing him of Erwin's intention to work as a legal representative for the PLO. In the letter he outlined Erwin's past record stating that "Subject was convicted of first degree murder on June 26, 1965, in the State of Virginia."

Paroled to Marin County to live with his mother in San Anselmo, "Erwin has worked hard to find employment. We feel this particular position would be a valuable one," wrote the parole agent, "both in the area of training as well as giving Mr. Erwin experience in the legal field."

On Dec. 9, Warden Sumner sent a one-line denial to the request by Michael Satris, asking that Erwin be allowed to enter San Quentin to conduct legal interviews. "We will not grant Hugh Erwin permission to enter the institution," was the Warden's reply.

"While not so stating," said Satris, "presumably the exclusion rests on the fact that Mr. Erwin is a parolee released from a correctional institution within the past year." Satris also states that the Warden, himself, has a man working in his office who was paroled from San Quentin a few months ago. "So being on parole can hardly be cause for exclusion."

At presstime neither Warden Sumner nor Mike Madding, prison information officer, were available for comment.

## Appreciation Night

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Grace." Their act conveyed to the guests the message of their love for Christ as the guests joined in and sang along with them.

After Chaplain Howard and Chaplain Russell presented many of the guests and inmates with Certificates of Merit for their fine work in the Christian faith, a huge circle was formed around the inside of the chapel with everyone holding hands, coming together as one and sharing their love for Jesus Christ in prayer.

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EARTHA KITT whoops it up as Greg McDowell and Don Wilson and others look on.

rock music he played very nicely.

Chi Chi, an exotic dancer who performed wearing a G string and a "Gee" bra, thrilled the audience with her shake dance while she exhibited the art of making her flesh move in various directions, much to the de-

tion centers, local and state psychiatric institutions and local, state and federal correctional facilities.

Through Bread and Roses, the community provides talent of every sort — musicians, storytellers, jugglers, dancers, comics, puppeteers, magi-



Norton Buffalo and his band.



THE GUESTS and inmates enjoying the evening together.

# Pirates Squeak by Bracken Insurance Team 82-76

By Robert Simmons

In a game that appeared as if the San Quentin Pirates would rout the Bracken Insurance basketball team, they barely squeaked by them 82 to 76 in a thriller with both teams getting into early foul trouble and committing numerous turnovers which at times became a comedy of errors on Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Skyline Gym.

At the onset of the game, one of the Pirates' star players, Bobby Knight, collided with Bracken's Starnes and suffered a deep cut under his left eye. Knight had to go to the hospital for stitches. Before he left though he made his presence known by scoring eight points.

Knight was hustling hard when he collided with Starnes, ballhawking and intimidating the opposition guards and had he not been injured, without a doubt the Pirates would've had a much easier victory over the scrappy Bracken team.

Winston, the big gun for Bracken Insurance, led all scorers with 38 points while the Pirates' "stutter-stepping" Miller had 19 and his teammate Murray netted 14 respectively.

The turnovers were outstanding in the contest with the Pirates committing 22, and Bracken Insurance committing 25.

The Pirates' field goal percentage was horrendous also as they could muster only 37 percent accuracy on 32 of 82, while the opposition fared even worse with only 37 percent on 29 of 79 attempts. The Pirates outrebounded Bracken 59 to 52.

From the charity line, the Pirates shot 51 percent on 18 of 35, with Bracken managing only 55 percent on 18 of 33 attempts.

The Pirates led by as many as 14-points at one juncture of the contest and led by 13 at the end of the half. J. D. Miller

brought the fans to their feet when he stole the ball and slamdunked which apparently sparked his team's 13-point surge late in the first half.

In the second half, Bracken Insurance got some good rebounding from their No. 14, Wheeler, but the Pirates' Murray hung in there with him as he also hit the boards with authority. Melvin Jackson added some sparkle to the game when he made a razzle-dazzle pass to Leory Willimas which Williams converted. After that it was "tit for tat" with each team answering the other's hoop. At least it went that way for a while until Bracken Insurance caught fire, enabling them to close the gap.

With 11:17 remaining, the Pirates found themselves leading by only four points. Then on a hoop by the hot-shooting Winston and a freethrow by his teammate, Wheeler, the Pirates' lead was cut to one point with 8:37 remaining, which caused them to call time out. When play was resumed the Pirates committed a turnover, enabling Bracken to take the lead for the first time in the game, 65 to 64, with 7:56 left.

From that point on the lead seesawed until Bracken Insurance came apart at the seams, committing fouls and turnovers on which the Pirates capitalized and took a four-point lead at which time they went into a stall. The opposition had to commit a foul then and hope for a miss, but such was not the case as the Pirates converted, enabling them to emerge victorious, 82 to 76.

As a team, the Pirates are still not clicking together, but they have all the ingredients to form a fine winning combination once they gel. They certainly have the talent and a fine coach in Carl Ross.

The game was refereed by Dave Middleton and Burbage with Armstead Cole keeping

the statistics. These three men do a fine job at every game, some of whom come down to the gym on their own time to work without pay and they are to be commended.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING			
Pirates		Bracken Insurance	
Jackson	4	Bracken	4
Miller	19	Pleffer	4
Robinson	0	Wheeler	12
Murray	14	Buffi	6
Knight	9	Winston	38
Johnson	9	Starnes	12
Ratti	9		
Redmond	5		
Scarborough	1		
Williams	2		
Total	82	Total	76

Referees: Dave Middleton, George Burbage.

## Funds to Quentin For Improvement

The state budget proposed for next fiscal year includes \$2.3 million for improvements at San Quentin Prison, according to the San Rafael Independent Journal.

The spending package includes:

- \$851,200 to convert C Section in the south block to a security housing unit.
- \$600,000 to build the prison's share of a subregional sewage system serving the Ross Valley and San Rafael.
- \$350,000 to build three duplexes at the ranch for the family-visiting program. The six units will replace those now in old buildings at the entrance to the prison.
- \$321,300 to move the dental office from the pre-release building to the hospital.
- \$198,000 to replace old barracks at the ranch with four modular units to serve as dormitories for 100 prisoners.

## Lawsuit Over Medical Care

A new lawsuit has been filed by the Prison Law Office on behalf of San Quentin inmates charging that the medical treatment received by men in the prison is so inadequate that it constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment."

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco and is part of a continuing effort by attorneys at the non-profit organization to fight what they say are inadequate hospital and medical care facilities at the prison.

The latest suit alleges that several inmates were not given prompt attention for their illnesses, resulting in further damage, and that unlicensed personnel have dispensed drugs.

"That's baloney," was the response of prison spokesman Mike Madding. He said that the hospital at the prison is antiquated and needs improvement, but that the standard of care is good and unlicensed personnel are not dispensing drugs.

He said, however, that a charge that it took 30 minutes for medical personnel to get to a Death Row inmate who had an epileptic seizure probably was accurate.

"It's a matter of security," he said. If a medical emergency arises on Death Row in the nighttime, keys have to be sent in order to let them in."

"But," Madding said, "the Death Row men are seen daily by medical staff members.

## Incident in Gym Causes Lockdown

San Quentin was locked down for 18 hours following an incident in the Skyline Gym involving one white and one black inmate, according to Acting Captain J. L. Copus.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. There were no weapons involved, said Copus, and the two individuals that took part are being held in administrative segregation pending investigation of the matter.

The lockdown was lifted at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, and San Quentin went back to normal schedule.

## Arnold Schwarzenegger Donates "Star Wars"

The movie "Star Wars" shown last weekend was donated to the men of San Quentin through the kindness and concern of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The SQ News would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Schwarzenegger and Mike Madding for their effort in obtaining this movie for the mainline—it was much appreciated.

## Convict's Wife Makes S.Q. History

By Donnie Johnson

When Teri Lynn Bamber's plane took off from the Alburquerque New Mexico airport, all she was looking forward to was the Christmas visit she and her little boy were going to spend with her husband, David, in California's San Quentin Prison. Little did she know that in the next 24 hours she was going to make history in San Quentin and make this Christmas one she or her husband would never forget.

History came in the form of Crystal Kay Bamber, a five pound baby girl, born 12:10 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the family visiting quarters at San Quentin.

David Bamber delivered Crystal Kay himself five-and-a-half hours after Teri began feeling labor pains. "We wanted it that way," said David Bamber. "It's good to be able to bring you own baby into the world." According to David, Crystal Kay wasn't supposed to make her appearance for another month.

"Everything went good," said Bamber. After it was all over Teri wanted to know if it was a boy or a girl. David answered by saying, "It's five pounds of sugar . . . it's a girl." With that they both smiled, according to Bamber.

## Do You Want To Quit Smoking?

A five day smoke program will be held at San Quentin Feb. 24-28. The classes will be held during the hours of 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Classes will be conducted by Dr. Leslie D. Anderson, director of Community and Inner City Ministries, Martinez.

Sessions will vary as to lectures, films, literature, therapy and testing materials. At the end of the first session, once a week follow-up classes will be held.

At this time 61 inmates have expressed an interest to attend the smoke program. Correctional Officer Jones will be the staff sponsor. If the sign-ups stay at 61 men, an additional sponsor will be needed.

For additional information, contact Chris Miller at pre-release, or call ext. 453.

## Transportation For SQ Visitors

—Correction—

Hospitality House buses run from the Richmond Greyhound bus depot at 23rd St. and McDonald Ave. every day except Tuesdays. They leave the depot at 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. and stop by the Richmond BART station at 15th St. and McDonald Ave. enroute to San Quentin.

The House suggests that visitors use Travellers Transit Line as a means of alternative transportation on Tuesdays.



CRYSTAL KAY, Dave Bamber's "five pounds of sugar," looking out at a brand new world.

Crystal Kay is the first baby ever born in San Quentin Prison's 122-year history—at least since S.Q. became an all-male facility in 1933. As opposed to most of the history-making events that take place behind these walls, this one was special. "It's all right when something good can come from this place . . . instead of just madness," said David Bamber, proud father and happy man.

## Simmons Wins Two Awards In Penal Press Contest

By Donnie Johnson

The American Penal Press Contest which is sponsored by The School of Journalism at Southern Illinois announced the results of the contest recently and Robert Simmons, who is Editor of the News won two Honorable Mention awards for the Best News Story and Best Sports Story.

Last year, Simmons won a second-place award for the best sports story and honorable mention for the best news story.

The awards were for the story he wrote on "James Baldwin Visits Sate" and the boxing match between Chris

## Two Awards

Rollins and I. W. Johnson. Simmons also fought on the card which featured seven bouts.

"I was kinda disappointed because I didn't place this year, but in view of all the problems that we had with the newspaper, I am thankful that I was able to even receive honorable mention," said Simmons.

"This year, I feel that our reporters will do a lot better when the next contest rolls around. We have two good writers in Donnie Johnson, our senior reporter and Robert Scott," said Simmons. "Our photographer, Vince Smith, also slings a mean pen."

## BA Degree

## Sonoma State College To Offer Night Classes

Mr. L. E. Bolton, supervisor of education and Mr. G. Durkee, supervisor of academic instruction, recently attended a meeting at the Sonoma State College to set up an upper level night college program for San Quentin.

Enrollment for the night college program has already started. Seven inmates who already have AA degrees are in-

terested.

According to Mr. Bolton, the meeting at Sonoma State was a good one and should produce positive results.

Anyone interested in the night college program who already has an AA degree should contact Gary Durkee in the education office, or phone him at ext. 300.

