

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

### **Legacy Business Registry Staff Report**

### **HEARING DATE AUGUST 8, 2016**

### LONE STAR SALOON

Nomination Date: March 14, 2016
Application No.: LBR-2015-16-013
Business Name: Lone Star Saloon
Business Address: 1354 Harrison Street

District: District 6

Applicant: Tony Huerta, Owner
Nominated By: Supervisor Jane Kim
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo

legacybusiness@sfgov.org

### **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

Lone Star Saloon is a neighborhood bar serving the South of Market neighborhood on Harrison Street between 9th Street and 10th Street. The bar was founded in 1989 by Rick Redewell, who envisioned a space where working class, blue collar gay men could gather and be celebrated. The bar was originally located on Howard Street. However, the Loma Prieta Earthquake damaged the building severely, causing the Lone Star Saloon to relocate to its present location on Harrison Street.

CRITERION 1: Has the applicant has operated in SF for 30 or more years, with no break in SF operations exceeding two years?

No, the applicant has not operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years:

1098 Howard Street in 1989 (3 months) 1354 Harrison Street from 1989-Present (27 years)

PER CRITERION 1, has the business operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, face a significant risk of displacement?

Yes. The applicant has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement.

CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes, the applicant has contributed to the South of Market neighborhood's history and identity.



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The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- While the business model is not unique to San Francisco, the bar stemmed from the formation of the gay
  "bear" movement in the City initially as a gathering social place for this subculture, and later becoming a wellknown and all-welcoming bar known for hosting charity events to raise money for various causes such as
  HIV/AIDS, breast cancer research, suicide prevention, and homeless shelters.
- The business has been cited in the following publications:
  - > San Francisco Chronicle, 1/30/1991, "The Return of 3-Dot Journalism," by Herb Caen
  - > The Guardian, 12/2/2015, "Gay San Francisco: a guide to clubs, bars, drag shows and queer culture," by Wonder Dave
  - > SF Gate, 9/2/2006, "San Francisco/'Bears' come out to play at fair celebrating gay subculture," by Wyatt Buchanan.

CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Lone Star Saloon qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- · Projecting business sign with star logo along Harrison Street
- Wood-finished bar
- Outdoor patio at rear of property
- Collection of ephemera, such as street signs

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include Lone Star Saloon currently located at 1354 Harrison Street in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Manager Legacy Business Program





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### San Francisco Small Business Commission Draft Resolution

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### LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO.

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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR LONE STAR SALOON, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 1354 HARRISON STREET.

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

**WHEREAS,** the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

**WHEREAS**, at a duly noticed public hearing held on August 8, 2016, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Small Business Commission hereby includes Lone Star Saloon in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at Lone Star Saloon:

### Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

- Projecting business sign with star logo along Harrison Street
- Wood-finished bar

Absent -

<ul> <li>Outdoor patio at rear of property</li> <li>Collection of ephemera, such as stre</li> </ul>	et signs
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolu August 8, 2016.	ution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on
	Regina Dick-Endrizzi Director
RESOLUTION NO.  Ayes – Nays – Abstained –	



Member, Board of Supervisors District 6 City and County of San Francisco



### JANE KIM 金貞妍

March 14, 2016

Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director San Francisco Small Business Commission 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 110 San Francisco, CA 94102

### Dear Regina:

I would like to formally nominate the Lone Star Saloon as a candidate for the registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco. Lone Star is a San Francisco institution whose reputation precedes it. It is known the world over as the birthplace of the gay "bear" movement. It was founded in August of 1989 by Rick Redewell, an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision. Redewell envisioned a space where working class, blue collar gay men could gather and be celebrated. The bear movement was started by a group of people who felt under represented and disenfranchised by the mainstream. They wanted a place of their own - and so The Lone Star Saloon was born.

The original location of The Lone Star was on Howard Street. Shortly after opening its doors, the Lona Prieta Earthquake damaged the building so badly that The Lone Star moved to its current location at 1354 Harrison Street in January 1990. The Lone Star was a hit from the moment it opened its doors. It quickly rose to prominence as one of the most successful and busiest gay bars in town and was known for its lavish New Year's Eve parties.

Unfortunately, the AIDS epidemic ravaged The Lone Star. By 1993, the bar had lost its manager, most of its bar staff and its leader, Rick Redewell to AIDS-related illnesses. Shortly before his death, Rick had arranged to sell The Lone Star to Kevin Owens, who vowed to carry on the bar's legacy as a welcoming, shining beacon to scruffy gay men and various misfits from around the world. Kevin owned The Lone Star for 20 years. It was during that time that the bar became an important fundraising venue. Kevin established the wildly popular Sunday Charity Beer Bust. Alongside many other charity events hosted at Lone Star, they have raised millions of dollars for HIV/AIDS causes, breast cancer research, suicide prevention, San Francisco homeless shelters, and toy drives, to name just a few examples.

Member, Board of Supervisors District 6



City and County of San Francisco

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In October of 2008, Tony Huerta, along with two business partners purchased The Lone Star from Kevin Owens. They continued the tradition of The Lone Star -- celebrating diversity and raising money for various charities. Lone Star continues to welcome visitors from all around the world who come to our city looking for communities of acceptance. Lone Star is further welcoming other communities who have lost their home such as The Lexington Bar. In response to their closure last year, Lone Star now hosts a successful girl party, Gold Star, opening its doors to the lesbian community.

The Lone Star has 4 years left on its lease. Last year, they approached the building owner about negotiating a new lease and the building owner made clear that he is keeping his options open. With the rising price of real estate in San Francisco, the future of The Lone Star is regrettably insecure.

The Lone Star Saloon is a cultural icon in San Francisco and is a model business for the San Francisco Legacy Program. Attached are documents and articles that attest to the special character and historical value of the Saloon as a LGBT landmark.

Sincerely,

Jane Kim



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Supporting Historical Documentation
The Lone Star Saloon Legacy Business Nomination

1354 Harrison Street San Francisco, CA 94103

### Media Coverage of the Lone Star Saloon:

Caen, Herb "The Return of 3-Dot Journalism", San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, CA January 30, 1991

Beer Bust Bash Benefiting Righteous Rita Rocket's Sunday Morning Brunches at San Francisco General Hospital Ward 5-A, presented by Sistah Odd Star, a partnership between The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Odyssey Magazine and Lone Star Saloon. 6am-noon, April 30, 1995

Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Lone Star Saloon, Advertisements in Numerous Media Outlets, 24+ years running

### Spoken Word, Poetry, and Photo Storytelling of the Lone Star Saloon:

"Brothers on the Street", Lone Star Saloon Archives, San Francisco, CA, October 1989

"Lone Star Saloon" Daddy the Magazine, Harrisburg, PA, 1989

"Bikes Lined Up in Front of Lone Star", The Los Angeles Satyrs, Los Angeles, CA circa 1989

"Bears, Bikers & Mayhem - Getting Ready for the Harley Redwood Run", The Lone Star Gazette, circa 1991

AIDS Emergency Fund Beer Annual Beer Bust, "Pool Player at the Lone Star", San Francisco, CA February 29, 1992

"Cockstars Baseball Team", sponsored by Cocktails and Lone Star, San Francisco, CA February 29, 1992

Gunn, Thom "Front Bar at the Lone Star", The New Yorker, New York, NY, May 26, 1997

"Physically Destroyed Oct 17. 1989, but the Spirit Lives On", Memorial T-shirts, Proceeds Benefiting Lone Star Relocation Project, circa 1989

### Memorials of The Lone Star Saloon Staff:

Jackson, Ron "In Loving Memory of Our Loving Friends... Rick Redewill & Lyn Light", The Lone Star Gazette, San Francisco, CA, June 1993

"Remembering Mark – A Full Day of Rugby & Camaradarie", Benefiting the Mark Bingham Foundation, Presented by San Francisco Fog Rugby Club, September 11, 2011

### **Legacy Business Registry**

Legacy Business Registry is authorized by Section 2A.242 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The registration process includes nomination by a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor, a written application, an advisory recommendation from the Historical Preservation Commission, and approval of the Small Business Commission.

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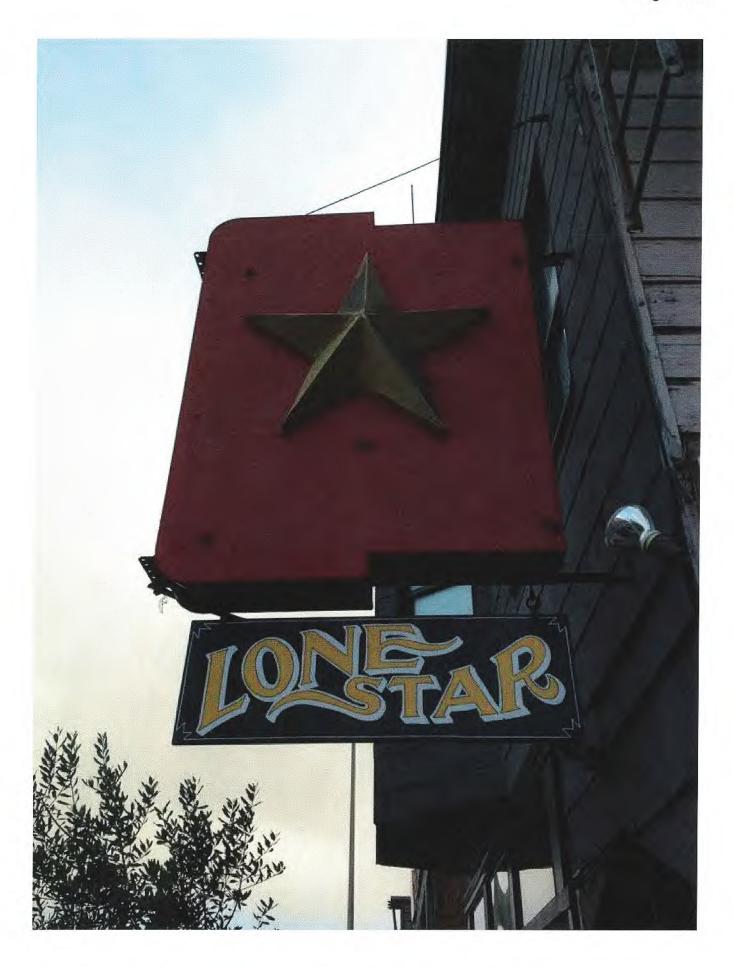
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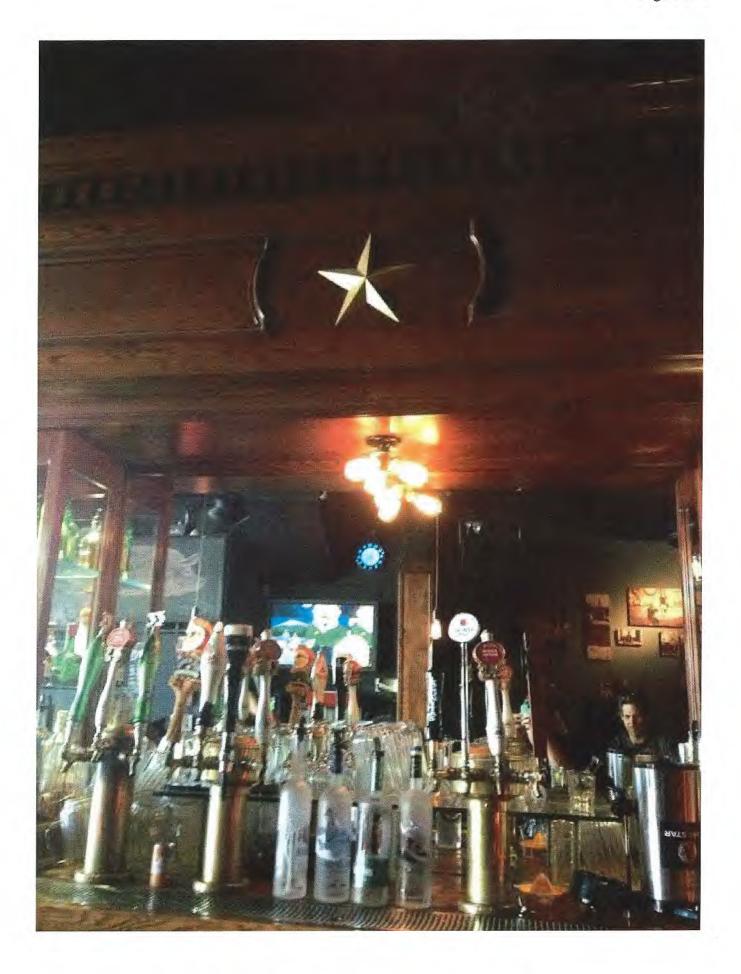
### 3. Eligibility Criteria

Attach the business's written historical narrative and supplemental documents as described under section three of the application instruction.

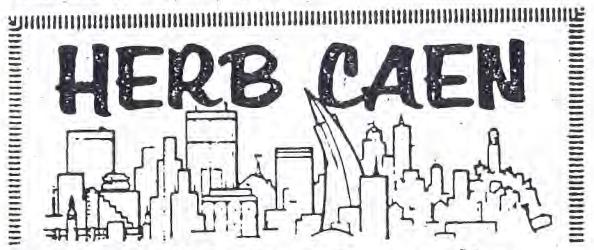
	San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws, and Public formation Release
	ease read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in e space provided.
1	I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
1	I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
1	l attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
7	I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
Z	I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
/	I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
d	I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.







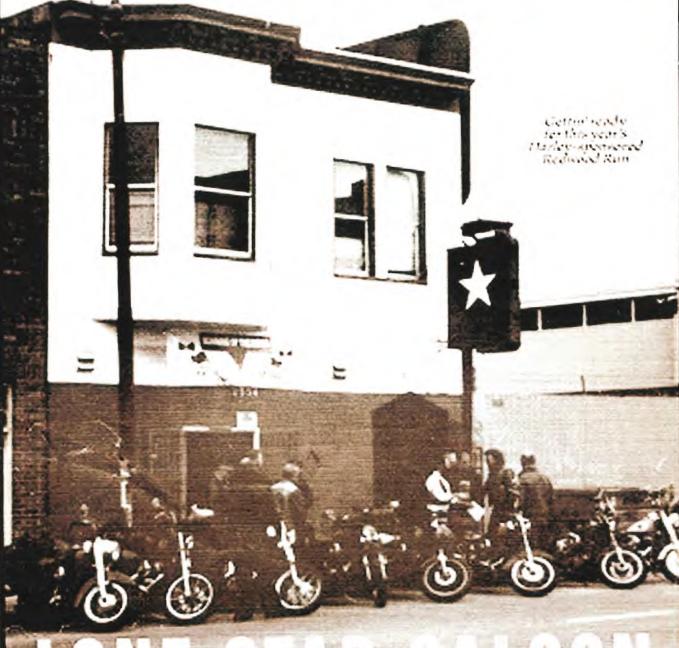
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### Return of 3-Dot Journalism

WHEN IT comes to not taking down election signs, Alan Cranston must hold the record. Richard Meigs points out the "Cranston For State Controller" signs painted on both sides of the Allen Hotel on Market nr. 12th. Cranston last ran for controller in 1962 ... I report 'em, I don't explain 'em dept.: the lifesize bust of Nefertiti wearing a gas mask in the Lone Star Bar on Harrison at 10th ... Pat Bergstrasser is back from London with word that Pierre Salinger's "La Guerre en Golfe" ("The War in the Gulf"), written with Eric Laurent, is No. 8 on the French best-seller list. And he's no longer "Portly Pierre." Lost 40 lbs. at the insistence of his French wife, Nicole ... Say, is that a scoop in the current edition of the S.F. phone book, the one labeled "Good Through Sept. 1991"? Jay Levinson notices that the map of S.F. on the back cover shows — no Embarcadero Freeway!

### BEARS, BIKERS & MAYHEM



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For a free brochure of Lone Star T shifts, case, and other staff, write to: Lone Star Gazette, 1354 Planeton, California, CA 9 5101



The Los Angeles Satyrs MC got a lot of bikers at their beer party last Sunday at the new location of the Lone Star Saloon.

named 'John Henry" that goes with me everywhere. I seek a down-to-earth man, healthy, 29-59,

capable of hot, heavy, sweaty, rough, safe encounters. I'm called Kodiak not because of my size but because of my "behavior" when in "season." Located in the Bay Area, I prefer the country. My address is 315-1/2 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94107. (415) 621-3467. Must have sense of self worth and enjoy outdoors-all friendly inquiries responded. (13)

Hairy, masculine man seeks hot men for kinky fun. My deep throat will satisfy your big cock. Also like bondage: you'll be immobilized, manhandled, tickled silly. All fantasies considered. I'm 30, 6', 200 lbs., hairy everywhere. Prefer well-built, masculine men with imagination. PO Box 7842, San Iose, CA 95150. (13)



Physically Destroyed Oct. 17, 1989 But The Spirit Lives On

### Lone Star Memorial T-Shirts

Proceeds to Lone Star Relocation Project
Send check or M.O. for \$15 plus \$2.50 s/h to:

LONE STAR

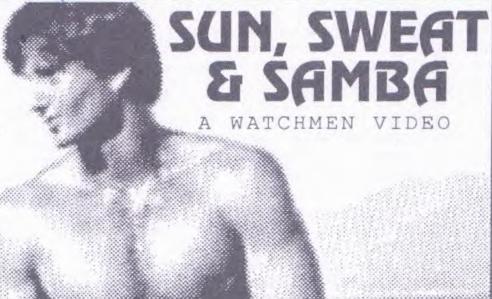
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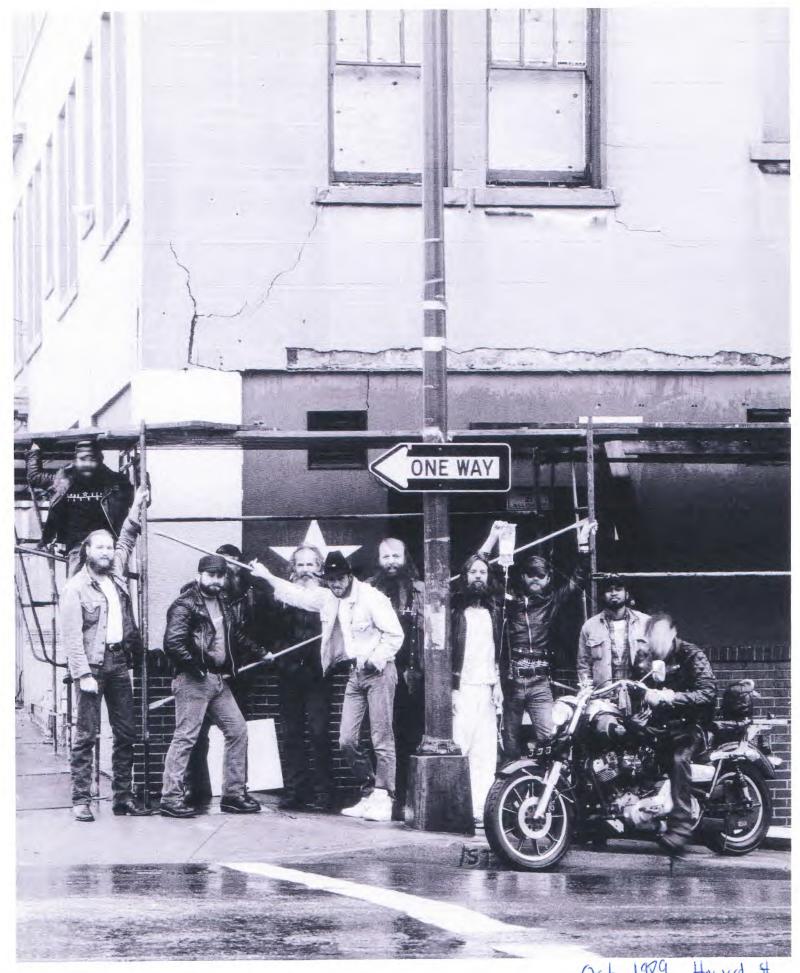
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Dozens of Hot Brazilian Studs sweatin' on the beaches of Rio! This unique video also contains a sizzling soundtrack of the best in Brazilian music and bonus footage that will make you want to visit





Oct. 1989 Howard St

### BEAR BANNED IN

On the way to the BEAR offices the other morning I stopped in my neighborhood Mom and Pop grocery to pick up a bit of pastry. I waited patiently at the counter while the old immigrant woman proprietor nobbled to the counter, leaving her labor of unpacking a bulky carton of magazines.

I was half way through the door, tearing into my plastic-wrapped bear claw when reality slapped me into doing a double-take.

Stooped and bent, her ancient fingers clutched and sorted through one of the largest shipments of pornography I ever saw. She had soft-core porn, hard-core and everything in between carelessly spilled about her feet.

jugs, printed in day-glo yellow,
was unmistakable under one painted
cellophane wrapper. Atop another
bundle was a magazine called Milkin'
Mommas. And this is my corner grocery,

not a peep show.

With all the excitement of stacking cans of creamed corn she listlessly unpacked her shipment of porn. Hustler, The Advocate, Blueboy, Penthouse, She-Hogs, (no BEAR yet) and scores more. Her unflinching hand placed the magazines in the rack alongside a garish collection of tabloids.

I made my way to the office, forgetting what I just witnessed until I heard the folowing disturbing news from our Canadian

neighbors.

In October of last year, fifty copies of 3EAR Magazine were seized by Canadian Customs officials. They deemed BEAR obicene! OBSCENE!!! Hell, we have gobs more taste in class than Milkin' Mamma's any lay of the week.

It's outrageous. They confiscated BEAR. They prohibited us from reaching our riends at Glad Day Bookstore in Toronto.

Maybe here in the good ol' USofA we take our right to free speech and freedom of the press too much for granted. Sure, we may have to place plain brown wrappers over pasty mags in 7-11's, and we put big black dots on smut photos so clit, titty, and cocks don't show. But all and all nobody's cranng behind your armchair enforcing edicts over what adults can and cannot read. Yeah, Helms and his up tight a-holes and he NEA make a big stink over what funds so to who's art. But they don't politically boke yours and the artist eyes out.)

Hey, if you thought our far-right-fascist eminist-Bible-thumping censorship mongrels were bad, dig this; Canadian LAW fornids any magazine and book to enter the country that does not reflect "the homogeneous concept of 'Community Standards'". And you know that communities standards are easily nauseated over images of nonmissionary position cock and cunt. No wonler getting our subs up north is like playing if pick-up in a wind tunnel.

And that's just a spoonful of this poison. In Canada "sex-police" are a frightening reality. They loom at the borders as Customs Agents who'll rip open innocuous parcels, not just for contraband but for anything vaguely resembling smut.

And like a gaggle of snarling ol' biddies, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police confiscate and ban books that have been available to the public for decades. These bad folks had The Joy of Gay Sex pulled off every bookshelf throughout the country in 1986. (Glad

Day won the court case but unfortunately the book went out-of-print).

And Project P; The joint Metro Toronto-Ontario Provincial Police project; the heavy-duty heavies that come knock-knock-knocking on your front door after getting a tip from the Attorney-General.

Not only are books and periodicals confiscated, videos and films are snatched from the viewer too (The wind tunnel analogy changes to a whipping tornado when we

ship Bear videos north).

In Canada the censors play to win. Arrest warrants are issued, police raids are made, and the owner of a literary outlet may find his business collapsing under the financial duress of withheld inventory and the burden of lengthy appeals and litigation.

Glad Day books in Toronto sadly has had enough material confiscated since they opened in 1974 that the complete list would easily overflow off this page. In 1986, the Canadian authorities denied entry of 2,000 copies of *The Advocate* due to it's explicit personal ads. That's just one obvious example.

So now our magazine, BEAR Magazine, draws dust in an Ontarian governmental vault. We are charged with "sex with violence", "anal penetration" and "degradation." Of course we could grovel beneath the Ontario Advisory Committee on Contemporary Literature and pay them to snip out and dot all offending words and pictures from our magazine's lay-out. But then there'd barely be a BEAR left that's fit to print.

Ignorance and intolerance are the labels on this toxic bottle. Jealld Moldenhauer, the owner of Glad Day, told us that the conservative Canadian government has their big guns aimed at gays in particular. Their tactical harassment is an equation whose sum equals the halt or slowing to a trickle of any and all gay literature that crosses Canada's borders, thereby discouraging the populi from purchasing the shameful filth.

If what happens there happened here, most Americans would gladly ignite the protest fires.

Our Northerly friends need as much help as possible. Drop a note to your nearby Canadian Consulate expressing your views.

### UPDATE



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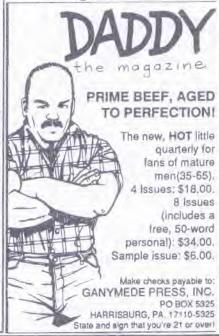
Many of you local boys—as well as recent visitors to San Francisco—will recognize the building on this issue's back cover as the remains of The Lone Star Saloon which was destroyed in the quake of '89. This establishment (let alone the men who frequented it) was one of our fair city's finer assets.

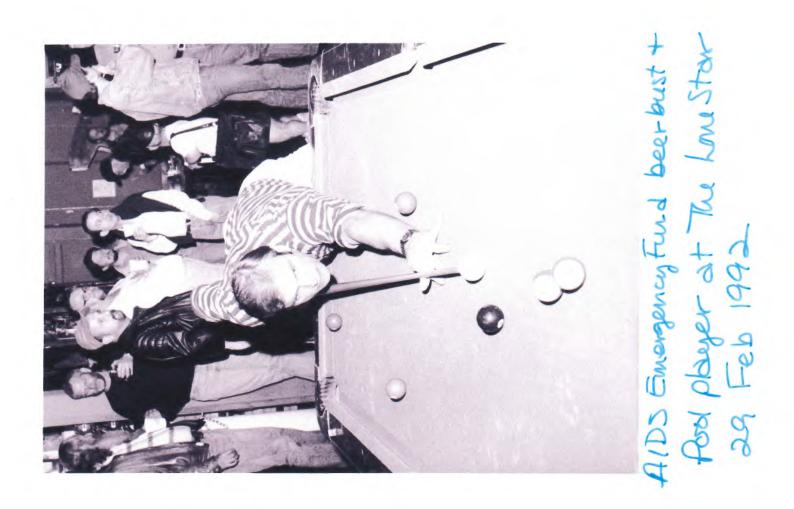
Rick Redewell, with the support of his friends and his old man Ken, is working like hell to cut through the federal, state and city relief paperwork and to get the new Lone Star off the ground.

No promises, but it looks like an end of March '90 opening at a South of Market location. And guess which magazine and video production company might just have a corner of the bar for retail sales?

### LET'S BE VIDEO PALS

Bill and Mike are a couple that like to watch and be watched. They sent me a tasty video of their antics which I've been thoroughly enjoying. If you'd like to trade vids with these guys write them at Box 41-1175, Chicago, IL 60641.





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### In Loving Memory of Our Loving Friends . . .

### Rick Redewill

August 9, 1952-April 14, 1993

Our beloved comrade and community leader Richard "Rick" Byron Redewill died on Wednesday evening, April 4th, at Kaiser Hospital French Campus, after a courageous and hard-fought battle with AIDS. His body was buried with a gravesite ceremony in Georgetown, CA, on April 20th. His life was also celebrated with great gusto by his many local friends at an all-out party here at the bar on May 2nd and 3rd, just as Rick would himself enjoy.

Rick owned and operated not only the Lone Star Saloon for four years, in two different locations, but was also the proprietor of our brother bar Cocktails/The PIT. With his great strength of will, his abundance of spirit and heart, and his uncanny ability to attract, connect, and direct the talents of numerous staffpersons, associates, and friends, Rick became a major influence in the recent resurrection of the SF/SOMA gay men's joie de vivre.

A savvy, ambitious businessman who never forgot others in need. Rick was generous with his time, money, and other resources. He was well-known for his keen interest in and active support of community events, local artists, national fraternal clubs, business organizations, and political and civic groups.

Although the Lone Star will continue under new ownership, Rick's strong physical presence among us and his joyous spirit will be deeply missed-indeed, irreplaceable.

Survived by Rick are: his lover Mike Weber, proprietor of Cocktails/The PIT; his mother Nadine of Georgetown; and his sisters Barbra and Judy of Sacramento-who at Richard's bedside witnessed his passing and departure of all pain from his body.

We wish your soul great everlasting peace and love, Rick, with all of our hearts.



RICK REDEWILL, past owner of THE LONE STAR SALOON.

### Lyn Light November 1, 1957-June 3, 1993

Our dear friend Lynford "Lyn" W. Light also recently passed away, on Thursday, June 3rd, at Kaiser Hospital, after a difficult and painful struggle with cryptoccosis meningitis. Former manager of the Lone Star, Lyn remained active with the bar and his many charitable and community activities as long as his health allowed.

A memorial beer bust benefitting the AIDS Emergency Fund will be held in Lyn's honor on Saturday, June 26th,



at the Lone Star. A gravesite ceremony will be held later at the convenience of his family in Lebanon, PA. Lyn is survived by his mother Mrs. Esther Light, his brothers George and Lester Snyder, his three aunts, numerous nieces and nephews, and by his many loving friends. Lyn's joyful presence will always be with us.

LYN LIGHT, past bar manager.

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### Blog of Rabih Alameddine

### Front Bar at the Lone Star by Thom Gunn

Front Bar at the Lone Star

Fat flesh egg
400 lbs. of him
set firmly on
the toothpick stool.
Fat, fat.
Styles change:
use a new word
and what you see is new.
Great not gross now,
chubby not fat.
Great flesh daddy,
chubby-chaser's delight.
Contempt or pity
of twenty years
melted in admiration

Some feet distant what slender youth! gaze fixed on this dream of quantity. Encouraged, squeezes to the adjacent stool: just enough room for flirting from.

The point of the heartshaped Raphael face gave way to the sporty chin of the Gibson girl. Styles change. The democracy of it: eventually everyone can hope for a turn at being wanted.

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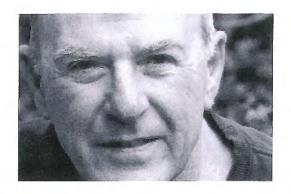
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### Bear Ephemera & Archival Repository

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March 3, 2016

On behalf of the Bear Ephemera & Archival Repository, I am writing in support of the Lone Star Saloon being placed on the San Francisco Legacy Business Registry. As the Lone Star Saloon approaches 30 years of serving the South of Market neighborhood and acting as, in many opinions, the bar associated with the emergence of the Bear community in the 1980s-1990s, their importance to the local LGBTQ community and Bear community at large cannot be overstated.

Opened in 1989 by Rick Redewill at 1098 Howard Street, the bar moved to its current location a year later following the destructive Loma Prieta Earthquake in October 1989. Since moving to 1351 Harrison Street, the Lone Star Saloon has continued serving the local Bear community and hosting events, parties, fundraisers, and memorials. In the past 27 years, the Lone Star Saloon has raised funds for local charities and non-profit groups, such as the AIDS Emergency Fund, PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), and the Bears of San Francisco (BOSF), supported different community sports teams, and acted as a community center for the South of Market neighborhood in both joyful and somber occasions.

In 2014, current Lone Star Saloon owners JJ Beck and Tony Huerta donated more than 11 linear feet of historic materials to the Bear Ephemera & Archival Repository (collection #2014-01). The collection consists of 78 envelopes of photographs relating to the early years when AIDS was ravishing our community, ephemera relating to events and charitable fundraisers, and posters to promote the fraternal bonds within its walls.

The Lone Star Saloon continues to be a gathering place for non-profits and community sports teams to raise funds for their respective causes, brings in out of town bears on a pilgrimage to the first "Bear Bar," and acts as a community center for an ever-changing Bear community in San Francisco. Adding the Lone Star Saloon to the Legacy Business Registry ensures that our community can still thrive in this rapidly changing city and ensures that the bears still have a place to call "home" in the years and decades to come.

Thank you,

Jeremy J. Prince Founder/Archivist

Bear Ephemera & Archival Repository

Bear Ephemera and Archival Repository was established in 2013 to collect, store, and preserve posters, printed documents, photographs, organizational records, accessories, memorabilia, and other materials. These materials document the history and culture of the Bear community and Bear-related organizations, businesses, and social activities.

Filing Date: June 20, 2016

Case No.: 2016-008432LBR

Business Name: Lone Star Saloon

Business Address: 1354 Harrison Street

Zoning: WMUG (WSOMA, Mixed Use-General)/

55-X Height and Bulk District

*Block/Lot:* 3519/013

Applicant: Tony Huerta, Owner

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### **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

Lone Star Saloon is a neighborhood bar serving the South of Market neighborhood on Harrison Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. It is located at the ground floor of a two-story, mixed-use building that was previously used as a store as noted in the 1915 Sanborn map. The bar was founded in 1989 by Rick Redewell, who envisioned a space where working class, blue collar gay men could gather and be celebrated. The bar was originally located on Howard Street. However, the Loma Prieta Earthquake damaged the building severely, causing the Lone Star Saloon to relocate to its present location on Harrison Street.

### STAFF ANALYSIS

### Review Criteria

1. When was business founded?

1989

2. Is the business unique to San Francisco?

While the business model is not unique to San Francisco, the bar stemmed from the formation of the gay "bear" movement in the City initially as a gathering social place for this subculture, and later becoming a well-known and all-welcoming bar known for hosting charity events to raise money for various causes such as HIV/AIDS, breast cancer research, suicide prevention, and homeless shelters.

3. Is the business associated with culturally significant events?

Yes. The business is associated with the formation of the gay "bear" movement, which was started by a group of people who felt under represented and disenfranchised by the mainstream

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and who were looking for a place of their own.

4. Is the business associated with culturally significant persons?

No.

5. Is the business associated with a culturally significant art/craft/cuisine/tradition?

No

6. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/interior?

No. The 1907 property has been previously evaluated by the Planning Department for potential historical significance. The property is considered a "Category C Property" that has, per the Planning Department's CEQA review procedures for historical resources, been determined to not be a historic resource.

- 7. Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?

  No.
- 8. Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?

  No.
- 9. Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?

Yes. San Francisco Chronicle, 1/30/1991, "The Return of 3-Dot Journalism," by Herb Caen; The Guardian, 12/2/2015, "Gay San Francisco: a guide to clubs, bars, drag shows and queer culture," by Wonder Dave; SF Gate, 9/2/2006, "San Francisco/Bears' come out to play at fair celebrating gay subculture," by Wyatt Buchanan.

### Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

### Recommended by Staff

- Projecting business sign with star logo along Harrison Street
- Wood-finished bar
- Outdoor patio at rear of property
- Collection of ephemera, such as street signs

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR LONE STAR SALOON, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 1354 HARRISON STREET (BLOCK/LOT 3519/013).

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the South of Market neighborhood's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on July 20, 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that Lone Star Saloon qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

### Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

- Projecting business sign with star logo along Harrison Street
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs** its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2016-008432LBR to the Office of Small Business.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission on July 20, 2016.

Christine L. Silva

**Acting Commission Secretary** 

AYES:

Hyland, Hasz, Johnck, Johns, Pearlman, Matsuda, Wolfram

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ADOPTED:

July 20, 2016