

# COMEDY 'MAMA' TALKS LIFE

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Everyone's favorite mama is visiting the Bay Area, and she has a few things to get off her chest.

The Castro Theater will present "Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show" at 8 p.m. March 17. Lawrence first made Mama famous in "The Carol Burnett Show," then "Mama's Family" which ran from 1983 to 1990. Lawrence said the audience can expect a "mixture of stand-up comedy, music and my observations about real life."

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## CATCH 'A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE' NEAR UNION SQUARE

Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning "A Streetcar Named Desire" plays in downtown San Francisco March 4-18. The late gay playwright's masterwork will be performed by San Francisco's African-American Shakespeare Company. The story details the volatile relationship between Stanley and Stella Kowalski. Everything heats up when Stella's sister, Blanche DuBois, shows up. Marlon Brando's "Hey Stella!" line from the 1951 movie classic gained even more attention than a GIF in the Internet era. "Streetcar" plays at the Marines' Memorial Theater near Union Square on 609 Sutter Street.

## GANGWAY GETS KARATE-CHOPPED

San Francisco's oldest gay bar is no more. The Gangway closed suddenly on Saturday, Jan. 27. The nautical-themed dive bar had been in business on Larkin Street, in the Tenderloin, since 1910 and first became popular with a gay clientele in the 1960s. Former owner Jung Lee, 65, told the Bay Area Reporter that the new owner of the bar's liquor licenses contacted him on Jan. 27 and told him he had to shut the bar down on that day. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that the new owner plans to turn the space into a Kung Fu-themed laundromat, which will play Kung Fu movies to entertain customers waiting for their clothes.



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## 30,000

The number of Irish-born residents living in San Francisco in 1880. An estimated 37 percent of the city's population at that time were of Irish descent. (Source: **SFCityGuides.com**)

## CASTRO HOSTS LESBIAN TECHIES

The 5th Annual Lesbians Who Tech + Allies San Francisco Summit brings together what organizers expect will be over 5,000 "queer women and gender nonconforming people and allies" across all areas of technology. The four-day confab begins on Thursday, March 1. Tech-oriented workshops and meetups continue through the weekend. The conference will include "speed mentoring," a career fair, hackathon and a 12-step meetup. The gathering will be held at the historic Castro Theater. If you don't have your tickets now, it may be too late. The event tends to sell out early. But check out its website to get involved in other events. And there is always next year.

<https://lesbianswhotech.org/sanfrancisco2018/>

## WHEN FOG CITY TURNS GREEN

San Francisco likes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and for good reason. Irish people first immigrated to the city in big numbers in the 1840s. San Francisco elected an Irish-born mayor, Frank McCoppin, in 1846, more than a decade before Irish mayors took office in Boston or New York. The city's 166th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Saturday, March 17. It is always held on the first Saturday before the holiday and as luck would have it this year, it is also St. Patrick's Day. The parade has long welcomed LGBT community contingents.

