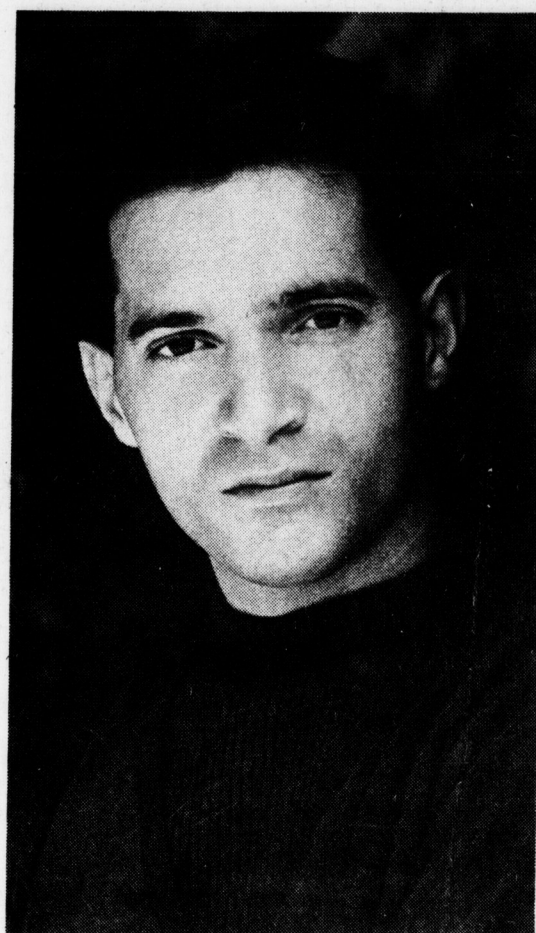


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THE POLITICAL MELODRAMA

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The San Francisco Gay community has been in the throes of trying to commit suicide for the last three years. It looks as if this year we shall see whether or not our community can succeed at suicide or shall be murdered first. Rumored from the big moneyed boys of "Gotham City" is the fantastic boast that they shall control the Gay scene in San Francisco, lock, stock, and barrel, by Labor Day.

Many persons have whispered about the inroads into the San Francisco Gay community of four organizations: one based in Chicago, one based in Atlanta, and two based in Miami. Well, move over boys, someone, somewhere downtown has invited in the big time from the big city and has assured them of the needed cooperation to protect their investment.

We will only hint at the mistake that these metal moths of the night are making; it lies somewhere in that never-never-land between good taste and a small town mentality.

Speaking of miscalculations, none could be funnier than what is developing politically in San Francisco. I have been working with Citizens for Representative Government on the eleven District Plan for Electing Supervisors in our Gay city. The experience has been a shocker.

First, I want to assure all readers that the petition is well on its way to sufficiency with over 34,000 signatures already in and counted. 20,000 more signatures are needed according to the Registrar of voters to achieve the newly declared 15% of the last Gubernatorial election which will allow for mistakes and duplications. Nearly 4,000 are being turned in each week. There does not appear any way possible for our local



politicians to keep our initiative off the November ballot this time.

Roger Boas, supporting this drive, has said that the time has come for this method of electing Supervisors in San Francisco. We are, after all, the only county in California which does not elect its Supervisors by Neighborhood districts. With a little more work by CRG, it looks as if San Francisco's politicians must face the fact that there will be neighborhood district Supervisors elected in November of 1975.

That means at least two of these Supervisors could very easily be known Gay persons of political ability.

But, until that time, let's enjoy the inconsistencies of the strange political bed fellows.

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Misalliance numero uno has to be by the founders and organizers of the initiative drive. They believed that this plan was a radical/liberal idea and would receive its impetus by the "far out" types. The revelation that Jeffersonian Democracy is really old United States conservative political "meat n' taters" was a little strange to self styled Peace and Freedom Party Maoists. That Kopp was a supporter was hard to swallow for some CRG members. But political footsies with Barbagelata and Molinari is still a "mind fuck," as some put it.

Now we see support coming from the Senior Citizens groups, Balboa Terrace and Ingleside Property Owners Associations, Catholic Priests and their Congregations, Business Organizations and nearly every old time Democratic Club around. Calling the plays are still the Haight-Ashbury "long-hairs" of pot prominence.

A scenario that looks like the plot for a vulgar German Opera is shaping up. The background chorus in the Haight has changed its theme song from "Dear Dianne" to "Dumb Dianne." Standing in the wings for a "Grand March" scene is the wierdest collection

of Supervisorial candidates imaginable: The Gay Freedom Day Parade in June should be so long and colorful!!

Believe it or not, Brown, Willie, a sometimes Danish Prince of a legislator and always future candidate for Mayor, and Hongisto, Richard, the heaven sent diversion for demented Grand Juries, have not been assigned even walk on parts. (Please, please stay away fellas.) While Kopp is being considered for a major aria: "One Fine Day in Frisco," Molinari and Barbagelata are studying scripts for possible supporting roles.

If you think the first act is theatrical, look what is shaping up for Act 2, scene 1; real "Bawdway Dramer." Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been set aside for a slick Madison Avenue style campaign to defeat our little initiative. The leader for this political thrust will be a bald headed Italian leprechaun who sees glory in Sacramento. He will be backed by a rough, well-dressed chorus who speak with Eastern accents and carry brief cases filled with money from Switzerland. Taking places amongst this throng will be the bald headed Italian leprechaun's old school chums and

associates now dressed in blue uniforms with lots of gold braid and carrying gold shovels. The memorable hit songs from this scene will be: "On That Great Come and Get It Day-For Us," "When You Bury A Faggot And A Head, Get a Little Bit Of Cash," and "Districting Sure Is Dumb, Sacramento Here We Come." This whole scene will be lighted by neon signs made in the shapes of rainbows, pots of gold and nude dames. The scene will close with a standing ovation from Union Bosses.

Out of the wings for scene 2 of act 2 will ride 5 Democrats in white armor on white horses carrying white josting javelins who are stopping in San Francisco diverted from their Quixotian trips to the Golden Dome in Sacramento. Fights ensue. Exposures and charges appear in national publications. Then there appears a saintly apparition on a large screen mounted box. The picture is coming via heavenly satellite from Federal heaven from which revenue sharing emanates. The apparition annoints a new Republican Saint of Sacramento. The scene ends with National Beatification of Ronald and, as an aside, the unexpected passage in San Francisco of the 11 District Election of Supervisors plan. As the curtain descends we hear in the distance the Nob Hill Cabinet quietly singing, "Three For The Price Of One Is Better Than None."

Now that's California Politics!!

So, fellas and freinds of pot, be careful walking Castro for a few weeks while the chorus of Act 2, Scene 1 change the dope scene to North Beach.

It appears to this tired old observer that some of our radical/revolutionary Gay brothers and/or sisters have helped set up San Francisco's Gay community for the police pressure and payoff syndrome that many of us had thought was gone forever after our previous work in the homosexual movement. Now, an additive of syndicate money and control has compounded our political problems. The question of this column is; "How stupid can Gay radicals/revolutionaries be" or "How stupid can the rest of the Gay community be?"

Back to the barricades you sons and daughters of Gay freedom.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MA BELL TREMBLES AT GAY OFFENSIVE

Pacific Telephone Company, better known as "Ma Bell" is fairly well trembling at the concentrated 52 week offensive being launched against the employment discriminatory policies of Pacific Telephone, by various groups, organizations, collectives and individuals within the Gay communities of San Francisco.

Pacific Telephone received notice of the impending 52 week offensive at the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) hearing that was held at the State Building on Thursday, April 12th, in which six members of various groups testified that Pacific Telephone should not be granted a rate increase due to their discriminatory hiring practices which cost PT&T greatly, and that they could save that money if they would end their discrimination in hiring against Gaypeoples.

First to testify at this 10 AM Public Hearing, was George Mendenhall, member of SIR and the PRIDE Foundation, who explained that Gaypeoples who were already working for Ma Bell were forced to lead double lives, due to Pacific Telephone's concern over their bedroom life. He stated that he as a homosexual who is currently unemployed, could not be hired at PT&T due to the fact that he is a homosexual. This was echoed by Dick Gayer, representing the GAY STUDENTS UNION of Hastings Law School. Gayer stressed for the need of PT&T to drop the hiring policies which exclude Gaypeoples as have Bell of New York and General Telephone of Long Beach-Orange county. Then he was followed by Roland Schembari of the FAGGOTS & FEMINISTS Caucus of the GAY ALLIANCE/SF, who vowed that "a bunch of faggots would be coming down to the Folsom Street phone company offices, doing their thing to upset them and their employees for 52 weeks, an entire year." He stressed that the demonstrations would be quite legal, but irritating.

Then spoke Barbara Harwood of the COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND THE HOMOSEXUAL (CRH) who really laid into the PT&T officials, letting them

know that they will be forced to end hiring discrimination. She was followed by the Reverend Ray Broshears, GAY ALLIANCE/SF, who told of the atrocities being committed by Pacific Telephone Company today, against the poor, the disabled and the elderly, straight and Gay. He related the horrors of which the old and disabled must suffer, and how they are dependent upon their phones and how one elderly woman who could no longer afford to pay a phone bill and was disabled, had her phone removed, was trapped in her hotel during a fire and burned to death. Broshears said that had she still had a phone she might have been able to phone out for help to let someone know that she was trapped. Reverend Broshears scored Pacific Telephone for asking such a ludicrous rate increase of 32% for residences and 50% for businesses, saying that Pacific Telephone wants a rate increase while the population of San Francisco has gone down and the service has gone downhill to the point of absurdity.

He warned Pacific Telephone that their hiring discrimination is costing them money and paying former Chief of Police, Thomas Cahill \$50,000 a year to witch-hunt Gays as head of Ma Bell's security system, is just one example of extravagant spending.

Larry Littlejohn the last of the six speakers told of the various points of discrimination, stating that Pacific Telephone could save money, as well as raising the morale of the Gays currently working there and being forced to lead double lives, and helping improve the efficiency of Pacific Telephone Company, thus saving money and eliminating the need for a rate increase.

The actions of the six Gayspersons have received national press and gives strength to the 52 week offensive against employment discrimination by PT&T, which is being launched officially on April 20th at 11:30 AM with a massive ZAP at the 666 Folsom Street offices of PT&T. During the ZAP, a young Gaysperson, carrying a telephone pole-like cross, will carry that pole on his back from the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER,

beginning at 10:30 AM and walking a route that passes by the SIR Center and then by the Chronicle and Examiner and down fifth street to Folsom and over to the main offices at 666 Folsom Street and should arrive their by 11:30 AM for the rally and ZAP, at which Larry Littlejohn, Barbara Harwood, and Frank Fitch are the tentative speakers. The Gay-youth carrying the pole-cross will be crucified to the cross in front of the Pacific Telephone offices after the rally. All are urged to come and join in, bring along some bells to ring, tambourines to bang on, and some toy telephones.

LUSCIOUS LORELEI IN THE TENDERLOIN

The Tzarina de Miracle Mile will be welcomed to the Tenderloin on Monday, April 23rd, when she journeys into that fabled area to try and raise funds for the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER at a special benefit auction to be held at JACKIE D'S, at 9 PM that night. Luscious will be greeted by the reigning star of Mason Street, Terry Taylor, and a host of other stars from around the City who will be there to try and bring off the most fantastic auction in the history of Gay San Francisco.

Don't miss this highlight of the month, on Monday night, 9 PM, April 23rd, at JACKIE D'S, 147 Mason Street.

The real stars will be at this one, so don't miss it.

GAYS & WOUNDED KNEE

The San Francisco Bay Area Ad-Hoc Committee for Gay Solidarity with the Independent Oglala Nation, has been circulating petitions in support of the struggle of the American Indians in the past week. The Ad-Hoc SF Committee is headed up by Rick Hansen a member of the SAN FRANCISCANS and Aubrey Bailey, a member of S.I.R.

The petition reads as follows; "We, the undersigned members of the Gay Community, an oppressed people, seeking our liberation, do hereby affirm and declare our solidarity with and support of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the Independent Oglala Nation (Wounded Knee, South Dakota) at this time of their liberation struggle. The struggle of your people for

freedom and self-determination is also the struggle of our people, and we stand united with you at this time. For the life, power, peace, joy, and freedom of all the people!"

Signatories of the statement to date include: Jene "Deno" Thomas of SIR; Toni Fox, Lavender Queens; Reverend Troy Perry, MCC; Reverend Ray Broshears, GAY ALLIANCE; Reverend Jim Sandmire, MCC; Bill Plath former president of SIR; Jeanne Cordova of LESBIAN TIDE; Don Scott, VICE-PRESIDENT of SIR; Roland Schembari, of the FAGGOTS & FEMINISTS Caucus of the GAY ALLIANCE; Winston Leyland of GAY SUNSHINE newspaper; Mitchell of EMMAUS HOUSE GAY SWITCHBOARD; Tommy McElrath of HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER; Jim Kepmer of ONE, Inc.; Kevin Norton of SIR; Charleen Pyron of SIR; Roger Ryan of FAGGOT & FEMINISTS-GAY ALLIANCE; Reverend Mikhail Itkin, LA; and Rick Hansen and Aubrey Bailey. If you desire to sign the petition you may do so at either the SIR Community Center; EMMAUS HOUSE Drop-in Center, 618 Shrader; HELPING HANDS GAY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER 225 Turk; or pick one up at the Eddy-Mason Barber Shop 131 Eddy, from Aubrey Bailey.

GAY ALLIANCE

The GAY ALLIANCE OF SAN FRANCISCO / GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA hereby endorse the GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE to be held the last Sunday in June, 1973. April 3, 1973.

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Dessert
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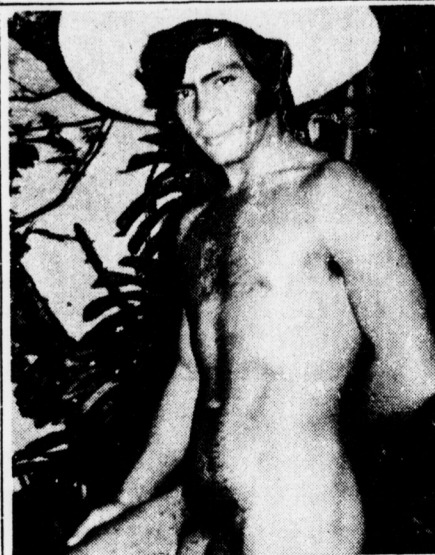
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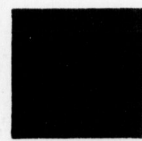
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they are on record as opposing any such facility anywhere, stressing that the local jails would have ample room to house the peoples arrested if the police would cease and desist from their drive on non-victim crime arrests, particularly those having to do with Gaypeoples (288a, 286, 647a, 647b, 314, 647d, 647e).

The chairperson of the GAY ALLIANCE, the Reverend Ray Broshears, has announced his resignation from the executive board governing the GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE COMMITTEE, stating that due to a heavy work load with the ALLIANCE, and other commitments, that he can no longer hassle with arch-conservatives on the Committee.

Reverend Broshears stated that the committee's treasurer desires to set policy in areas which he feels that treasurer has no control over. He denounces the reactionary right-wing tactics of both the treasurer, William Edward Beardemphl and H.L. Perry, the parade marshal. Reverend Broshears' resignation followed that of parade chairperson, attorney B.J. Beckwith who resigned due to personal reason. Broshears and the radicals who remain active in support and participation of the 1973 Parade wish to emphasize that they will take whatever action they feel is necessary to preserve the rights of the radicals and poor Gays to participate in the Parade unhampered by the conservative reactionary rules that Beardemphl and H.L. Perry desire to create.

The summer issue of GAY PRIDE QUARTERLY, the official publication of the GAY ALLIANCE will be released

on May 15th so as to not conflict with the GAY PARADE '73 booklet for the GAY FREEDOM DAY activities, which is due for release in June.

The GAY ALLIANCE which is one of the major tenants of the HELPING HANDS GAY COMMUNITY CENTER at 225 Turk Street, have received with considerable regret, the resignation of famed attorney, B.J. Beckwith as legal counsel for the Center. The staff of the Center and the membership of the ALLIANCE wishes Mr. Beckwith the very best, and thanks him for the tremendous service that he has rendered; both the ALLIANCE and the HELPING HANDS GAY COMMUNITY CENTER.

HISTORIC MEETING

On Saturday, April 7th, 1973 a group of Gaypeoples, men and women, met together at the HELPING HANDS GAY COMMUNITY CENTER, to discuss a possible 52 week offensive against employment discrimination against Pacific Telephone Company. What was so unique at this early morning meeting, was that for the first time in San Francisco history, all of the groups involved in the struggle for Gayrights were represented in the same room. S.I.R. (SOCEITY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS); M.C.C. (METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH); C.R.H. (COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND THE HOMOSEXUAL); EMMAUS HOUSE; GAY SUNSHINE Newspaper Collective; and the militant GAY ALLIANCE OF SAN FRANCISCO with its radical Effemist Caucus present as well; and the newly organized PRIDE Foundation. Attending also was a reporter from the ADVOCATE, and the D.O.B. (DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS).

And what was even more surprising was the fact that the maverick militant Gay minister, Reverend Ray Broshears hosted the meeting and did not blow up once at persons many consider his mortal foes. Broshears told BAR that, "In the matter of Gay rights, I am more than willing to cooperate with anyone to bring about the elimination of discrimination against my Gay sisters and brothers, but I will not compromise my political and philosophical positions to do so, and at this meeting, it was not necessary for we all agreed that the enemy, Pacific Telephone, must be

forced to come into the 20th century. One tense moment did arise when SIR president Frank Fitch made a mention to the recent BAR Article concerning the Bell Tell ZAP, but it quickly passed.

It was agreed that all the groups present would co-ordinate efforts to try and force Pacific Telephone to change their anti-Gay hiring policies. Dates for future meetings were set, and Barbara Hower and Reverend Bill Johnson of CRH were elected by the group to coordinate information, etc.

The meeting was chaired by Larry Littlejohn, and was attended by Dick Gayer of SIR; Reverend England of MCC; Barbara Hower of CRH; Winston Leyland of GAY SUNSHINE Newspaper Collective; Dennis Krusynski and Mitchell of EMMAUS HOUSE; Frank Fitch, president of SIR and Don Scott, vice-president of SIR; David Snider and Roger Ryan of the Gay Effemist Caucus of the GAY ALLIANCE; Reverend Ray Broshears, chairperson of the GAY ALLIANCE; George Mendenhall of the ADVOCATE; Millicent Staten of CRH & DOB. This could be the beginning of something really big is the general opinion of all persons who are involved, and all those present were to go back to their respective groups to seek endorsement of the effort against Pacific Telephone. For further information you may call Reverend Bill Johnson at 863-2295 and Barbara Hower at 431-7767.

EMMAUS GAY SWITCHBOARD INAUGURATES HOUSECLEANING SERVICES

In a move to help underwrite the costs of operating their Gay switchboard and community center, EMMAUS HOUSE is now offering domestic housecleaning services. Operating under the name of PEOPLES CLEANING SERVICES, they are providing housecleaning, yard and garden work, and painting to both private homes and small businesses. At people's price.

The coordinator of the domestic services project, F.E. Mitchell, has three years of experience operating a registered commercial domestic services agency, and has been involved with EMMAUS HOUSE for over a year. "Although I'm no longer a private entrepreneur in this field," Mitchell reports, "I am actively involved with the

switchboard, and feel I can put my expertise to use in helping the switchboard find a way to survive financially." He further points out that the Gay community's patronage of this new undertaking will serve two purposes: that of providing jobs for Gay people and also that of helping keep a Gay Community service alive.

Bernardo Espi, Personnel Manager of the cleaning service, points out how the service will aid the switchboard. "This service is operated by several switchboard volunteers like myself who also do domestic housecleaning for survival. Several people in this field have agreed to donate one-third of their receipts to the switchboard. In other words, when you have a person from EMMAUS HOUSE come into your house to do cleaning, 2/3 of the charge goes to the person doing the work and 1/3 will go to support the switchboard."

The EMMAUS HOUSE Gay Switchboard and community center is now in its third year of operation. It has never been funded by any agency nor does it have "financial angels" who underwrite its costs. "We've always survived solely on donations, and most of those donations actually come from people working on the switchboard who somehow manage to dig into their pockets when the bills come due," according to EMMAUS director Dennis Kruszynski. "We know it's an increasingly tight economy, and that it's getting harder and harder for Gay groups to get the donations they require to survive, just as it's getting harder and harder for Gay people to be able to give those donations. So this domestic services project is our attempt to become self-supporting without having to constantly hassle people for donations."

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Sex Laws Fall

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In a decision that will have far reaching impact on individual — and specifically Gay — rights, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia has handed down a formidable tool for use in cases involving citizen vs. government. The opinion, issued by J. Halleck; reported in 12 Criminal Law Reporter No. 25 (March 28, 1973) is one of the most amazing, incredible and hopeful decisions yet rendered FOR Gays in a court in this country.

Cited as US v. Doe; D.C. Super. Ct., 2/21/73, Judge Halleck dismissed sodomy charges against two men who were caught in "apparently a public rest room" — and proceeded to reduce District of Columbia Code Section 22-3502 to rubble on so many points that the District of Columbia must still be reeling over the decision. And they're probably bewildered at the extent of Judge Halleck's attack on the statute.

The Court's opening blow stated that the statute was unconstitutional because it was overbroad "...because all persons who engage in acts of sodomy are subject to prosecution... including husband and wife, consenting adults of opposite sex, or consenting adults of the same sex, regardless of whether the act is committed in public or private." In other words, sodomy WAS punishable, period. This line of reasoning is followed through later in the opinion as the Court asserts the individual's right to privacy, free from governmental intrusion, **EVEN IN SEXUAL MATTERS.**

Further, the Court offered the opinion that the "discriminatory application... against homosexuals may present a selective enforcement problem

of constitutional dimensions..." Someone up there has finally recognized the discriminatory actions of police and prosecutors in enforcing such laws, **USING MOST OF THEM, MOST OF THE TIME** only against Gays and now suggests that such discrimination is unconstitutional, and in violation of several civil rights acts guaranteeing freedom from discrimination.

The most incredible aspect of this decision is the force and many fronts on which the D.C. statute is attacked. The Court goes on to state that the statute is in violation of "the right to privacy guaranteed and protected by the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Amendments..." And, noting that the right to privacy includes the right of control and function over our own bodies, Judge Halleck quotes from an earlier decision that "If the right to privacy means anything, it is the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion..." Halleluja — we may be freed yet! And the Court points out that government of length and style of hair has been denied and it would be ironic to conclude that the government had the right to interfere with a matter so personal as sex, after being denied the right to govern the length and style of hair.

More! Citing the Kinsey report, the Court continued to attack the statute, stating that sodomy cannot be distasteful to the "vast majority" (apparently an argument used by the prosecutor) since such high percentages of men and women have engaged in some sort of Gay experience in their lives. Now, all those closet cases are no longer going to be protected from themselves by such proscriptive laws, since the Court sees no reason why they should be offended by such behavior, since most of them have engaged in it, even to the point of orgasm.

The Honorable Judge Halleck, quoting from yet another case, states that the government may interfere with one's privacy only when there is conduct that harms others — and he doesn't put homosexuality in that category.

The next attack on the legality of that statute is so amazing, and so

obvious, as to be worth quoting almost verbatim:

"In Western civilization, the repressive treatment of sodomy as a crime is a direct legacy of the Judeo-Christian view of sodomy as a sin.***

"Christianity, of course, began as a Jewish faction, and the sexual asceticism reflected in the Mosaic Code was absorbed by the early Church. As the political power of the Christian Church grew after the Council of Nicea in 325, the Church could proscribe what it had formerly preached against.***

"It was this view of sodomy as an offense against God which obtained at the time Christianity passed into England in the sixth century. The religious nature of the offense was clearly recognized in England during the Middle Ages. Sodomy was not a crime according to the early common law, and jurisdiction over the offense was left to the ecclesiastical courts.***

"The present D.C. Code Sec. 22-3502 is a direct descendant of this religious heritage. ...The religious character of the offense is clearly revealed by the first reported decision construing the 1793 [Maryland] statute...

"The mere recitation of this history suggests that the governmental interest served by this statute is not only far from compelling, but may well be violative of the First Amendment to the Constitution. That amendment commands that Congress shall make "no law respecting an establishment of religion". The establishment clause ...means at least this: Neither a state nor the federal government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another...."

"The teaching of these cases is that when the government enforces a religious injunction by use of the police power, it is passing laws which 'aid one religion' or 'aid all religions' unless some harm to the secular interests of society coincides with the evil the religious prohibition condemns.***

"[T]he enforcement of Judeo-Christian notions of sexual morality, absent a clear secular justification, is not a 'compelling' governmental interest sufficient to override the fundamental right of individuals to privacy in sexual matters.

"Although the Government has asserted no other state interest in placing statutory restrictions upon the sexual acts proscribed by D.C. Code Sec. 22-3502, other possibilities have appeared in a variety of writings.***

"One such rationale is that there is a connection between homosexuality and violent crime. This claim is altogether unsupported by any evidence.***

"Another equally erroneous justification for the criminal proscription of homosexuality is the belief that such persons are involved in recruiting, seducing, and molesting children. But the problems of homosexuality, and pedophilia are not necessarily related. The Wolfenden Report at Para. 57, points out that "a man who has homosexual relations with an adult partner seldom turns to boys, and vice versa***". ***Moreover, the state's legitimate interest in the protection of minors will not be compromised by a holding that consensual sodomy among adults is beyond the constitutional reach of the criminal law. Child-molesters will continue to be liable to criminal sanctions.

Are we finally going to get the separation of church and state guaranteed by the Constitution? It looks that way, and the next time that *** in Sacramento thumps his Bible and screams about a California Sodom and Gomorrah to defeat the consensual sex act bill, maybe we can get him impeached for violation of guarantees afforded by the Constitution that he is sworn to uphold.

As if that weren't enough, in yet another amazing portion of the opinion, the Court notes that sexual conduct between man and wife in public in the "missionary position" is AT MOST a misdemeanor while any other form of sexual activity would be a felony, and raises the question of why one forms of sexual activity should be more "criminal" than another. Holding that the right to privacy extends beyond government prying in our homes, the decision incorporates the views that (1) sexual acts committed by consenting adults in a public area where they might reasonably expect to be undisturbed by the general public, and might reasonably not expect to disturb the general peace, are also protected by the individual's right to privacy, and that (2) if such acts

should be committed in full public view that they be handled as disorderly conducts rather than sodomy, and that (3) the penalty "for violation of Sec. 22-3502 by consenting adults" (10 years imprisonment) raises severe questions of constitutionality under the 'cruel and unusual punishment' clause of the Eighth Amendment. And there is even mention of violations of the Fourteenth Amendment, too.

The opinion is concluded with a statement that, by whittling away the unconstitutional portions of the statute, the case at bar has no merit because the only thing left to the statute is forcible sodomy (rape, even if you are married) and child molesting (which carries its own penalties, but also carries penalties under this statute).

Case dismissed!!

Thus, Judge Halleck's decision, coupled with other recent decisions on the rights to privacy and freedom from government intrusion, provides attorneys with a formidable weapon for fighting Gay prosecution cases. Several courts are recognizing that the State has no 'compelling' interest in intruding itself into homosexuals' lives in the absence of public harm which the State will be hard pressed to prove and which they undoubtedly aren't going to be able to surmount. WE'VE known all along that we weren't harmful to the State — and now some intelligent courts are beginning to back us up.

It would be all but inconceivable that this decision won't be appealed, with the 'state' — D.C. — claiming the right to govern public morality as a 'compelling interest', but that particular statute, and similar ones in other states, has been so thoroughly attacked by this decision as to render it, and others like them, useless — except in specific HARMFUL instances — as they rightfully should be. In an appeal, the 'state' now has the burden of proving that control of homosexuality between consenting adults is legitimately and constitutionally within its purview, and that it has a compelling interest in such control.

Alternatively, the 'state' will act to pass further laws to circumvent this decision — an equally questionable task since the Superior Court decision seems to anticipate every other law that might be passed and raises the serious questions of constitutionality of any law

at all proscribing consensual sexual conduct. Decisions in cases such as this become doubly important to individual rights in light of Mr. Nixon's stated belief that 'law' is the province of the legislature and not of the judiciary; overlooking, or more correctly, IGNORING the stated functions of Congress (to enact laws) and the judiciary (to interpret those laws AND DETERMINE THEIR LEGALITY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, AND AMENDMENTS). But then, Mr. Nixon ignores just about every other fundamental guarantee of this country. Mr. Nixon, et. al., in cutting off legal aid funds for "class action" and "test cases" hope to avoid having the judicial branch of our government exercise its proper function in interpreting legislation, preferring to leave our fate in the hands of the rich lobbyists who greatly influence the legislature. Who ever heard of an effective Gay lobby for Gay rights? Or a lobby for those too poor to fight prosecution to get the law changed in their favor? So far, in this country, it has had to be up to the Courts to decide the legality of such issues, and our current administration doesn't like the way it is going.

It is more than ironic that at a time when such decisions are being handed down by Superior Courts that we in San Francisco — long noted for its tolerance of not only Gays but many diverse groups — should be subject to the hassles we are now experiencing. And, unless, you want to be the California test cases, I wouldn't recommend running wild in light of this Court decision. Although it has a number of tremendously important and standing cases behind it, it's final test hasn't yet

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been made. But it is one of the most enormous steps forward that we've had and, affirmed or denied, should prove to have great impact in individual rights cases, and prove of great benefit to attorneys in fighting invasion of privacy, consenting sex between adults and abridgement of civil rights in general.

We all owe Judge Halleck a "thank you" in support of his opinion. I, for one, intend to see that he gets it! A card addressed to him, c/o Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., surely could not take long to write and post and can only help ALL OF US in our fight to keep government out of our lives.

Especially in view of the recent court determinations that Gays were not being treated fairly, it makes me literally want to throw up to have to read Thomas Edwards, et. al's screaming at Gays who are trying to equalize the Gay situation around the world. It makes me sick to know that we have those in our own community who, having somehow never gotten caught, nor been in danger of being caught, do not believe that it happens, when obviously several courts of this country DO believe it happens. Cases are reported every day, and Judge Halleck's decision quotes on at least three instances where such laws are used discriminatorily and where the penalties against Gays are far more severe than against straights. Yet we have to listen to the imbecilic ravings of such men, who point to themselves with pride at "having made their own way," and don't realize that fully 50% of it was luck at not being in the wrong place at the right time.

I, too, have made my own way, and have no beefs now — however, I HAVE been hassled for just walking down the

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sidewalk, I HAVE been tailed by unmarked police cars to try to catch me cruising the streets, I HAVE been harrassed in Gay bars for nothing more than just coming in the door, and I CAN give dates, times, and details on each one of these hassles. Yet, in spite of that, I have done well enough, but am thankful that it hasn't blinded me to the fact that it DOES happen. And, I repeat that if Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Wing, can't help correct the inequities in our society against Gays, the very least they could do is shut up and not harangue Gays themselves. We have enough shit to deal with without having to deal with their's too.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

CRG announced today that it had gathered the signatures of 35,000 San Francisco voters on its petition which calls for the election of Supervisors from 11 neighborhood districts. CRG thus has collected more than enough signatures to qualify its charter amendment for the ballot under the City Charter which requires 25,000 signatures.

Spokespersons for CRG indicated however, that a recent change in State law places their petition drive under state provisions of the Government code which now requires the signatures of 38,000 voters. This Code has been amended four times since 1970, with the most recent change taking effect on March 7th 1973. No one, including the Registrar of Voters and the City Attorney, knew of this fact until March 15th, 1973. The CRG spokespersons stated that although they had already satisfied the City Charter requirements that were in effect when the petition drive was started, they have been informed by the Registrar of Voters, Emmerly Mihaly, would immediately declare an insufficiency of signatures and void the drive. It was anticipated that the new state requirement of 15% would be met by the first of May. They pointed out that CRG had grown from 100 to 700 active workers who gathered 35,000 signatures during the rainiest period in San Francisco's history.

CRG claims that the present "at large" election system, with its exorbitant campaign costs, has turned San Francisco into one large Chicago style ward. Supervisors seem to be responsive only to monied special interest groups, and are not

representative of San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods and are thus not well informed concerning neighborhood issues. CRG maintains that district elections will cut campaign costs drastically, and force representation and responsiveness. They point out that CRG organized by district allowing local citizens to run the campaign in their own districts, using personal contact campaign techniques. Thus, 35,000 signatures were gathered with a total expenditure of only \$800, a little less than 2.3 cents per signature.

CRG claims that the Board of Supervisors themselves are responsible for the strong citizen support for the 11 neighborhood district campaign. The last year has seen the Board further continue the decline of supervisorial responsibility, which critically threatened the historic principle of balance of power between the legislative and executive branches of local government in our city. The present Board has never overridden a mayoral veto, even though many of the measures vetoed originally passed with sufficient votes to override. This distressing trend towards one man rule in our city must and will be reversed by electing supervisors from neighborhood districts where they will have an independent political constituency.

Moreover, while the present Board weakly abrogates its responsibility to the citizens of San Francisco and knuckles under to special interest group pressure, it refuses to allow the citizens of San Francisco to decide the issue of neighborhood districts. Last August the Board of Supervisors Legislative and Personnel Committee, after hearing testimony from over 200 San Franciscans, recommended that neighborhood district election be placed on the November ballot. After a week of backroom wheeling and dealing the Board voted 9 to 2 to keep the issue off the ballot and not to let San Franciscans decide for themselves how supervisors should be elected. The main reason for this vote was clearly expressed by Supervisor Francois who, during the debate on the matter, stated that CRG was "naive" to even ask such a thing because of the adverse effect district election would have on the personal political careers of those 10 supervisors who would have to run for only three district seats.

Out-of-Town Events

HIS-A & HAT-A

by Lou Greene

Altho this is not my turn for the out of town column, some of the info became a bit garbled in the last issue due to a mixup in thypaste-up. So here goes for the corrections; RUBY'S at 1800 San Pablo in Oakland have two great Bar-Tenders. Tony tends half of the time and Brian tends the other half of the time, or at the same time when necessary.

THE BAYOU LOUNGE in Redwood City are holding thier first annual Crap Disturber of the Year Award. This event will be held sometime in May. There will also be a farewell party for Dee & Liz, who are going on a year's cruise of Europe.

Renie, owner of CLUB CARNATION in Oakland announced that they are now sponsoring a women's pool tournament every Sunday and Wednesday at 8 PM. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the month to the best player, ranging from \$10.00 to \$100.00 The fee is only \$1.00. They are currently holding soft ball team tryouts. See barmaids for details. Astrology parties for each sign are held every month. Check with barmaid for dates. CLUB CARNATION is accommodating wedding parties and need two weeks notice for complete wedding arrangements, including the certificate of marriage. They are open from 7 PM to 2 PM during the winter months.

THE CHANCES R in Hayward at Manion and Tennison Sts. Will be celebrating Warren Roberts' Birthday and are planning quite an event. There will be about 20 guest entertainers including Terry Taylor, Vicki Marlene, the QUEENS PALACE REVIEW etc. Billy Diamond will be M.C. The Show starts at 9:30 PM and a Buffet will be served starting at 8 PM. All this on Sunday April 29th. — THE HARBOR in San Jose on the Sunnyvale - Saratogay Hwy 85 will be presenting a show on April 26th, Thursday night, featuring Ty Lyndstrom. This is Ty's 2nd appearance here and he/she is being brought back by popular request. If you

haven't caught his act before, be sure and do so this time. — Speaking of the Together People on the Peninsula, how come they didn't get together for the Coronation Ball and crowning of the new Riena V. The presentation was nicely done. Dancing to Jordan and his

band was quite delightful. The buffet kept the stomach from growling and all in all everyone had a pleasant evening. With all the talent available in the Peninsula, if some of it could be used to put on a show of srots, or break up the introductions with an act or two to relive some of the monotony, perhaps more people would attend. It's about time the Together People got together to make for greater and more exciting affairs.

Will sign off now until the next issue. My best to you always in all ways.

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PROMENADE, A VOCAL EXTRAVAGANZA

PROMENADE, currently at Trinity Methodist Church, is a pleasant satirical look at people and events of our time. The original revue played Off-Broadway about four years ago and to my knowledge the Promenade Company's production is the first in this area. It's a show that has something for everyone, especially vocally.... It's an extravaganza!

The music by Al Carmines and the lyrics of Maria Irene Fornes have the flavor of Fellini's "8½", "Candide", "South Pacific" and Jac Brel all rolled into one splendid score. Unfortunately, the musical numbers (there are many) are not listed in the program and I'll have to be content to stab at titles. "Unrequited Love" (the opening ensemble number), "Isn't That Clear",



Joyce Lovett, Wayne Smith & Kathy Wilson
in PROMENADE.

"Be Content" and "Ha, Ha", in my opinion, are the composers' best efforts. At this point the musical director, Ron Manuel, should be complimented for his vocal work with the ensemble and also the quality of sound from the eight piece orchestra.

The thin shred of story is centered around the escapades of two convicts, 105 (Wayne Smith) and 106 (Steven Rogino). Their Laurel and Hardy antics and personable performances give the revue it's lighter moments as they travel through fantasy land and experience the decadence of people, the tragedies of life and the horrible reality of war.

Other notable members of the cast include Miss Cake/Rosita Rodriguez (Neysa Null), who has a roller skate bit in the second act that's hilarious and Ms U (Joyce Lovett) who gives a show stopping performance with "I Gave My Heart To You." Also, featured as the mother looking for her lost babies (Elizabeth Lagorio) in a fine characterization, followed by Jim Coon as the Mayor. In lesser, but important roles, are Rick Slavsky as the Waiter and Richard Kelley as the Dishwasher They work well together, especially singing a song about "Hamburgers."

The director, Glenn Du Bose, has created a very intimate show in the limited confines of the combination gym-auditorium. His crisp staging and fast paced production never leaves the audience with a dull moment. He utilizes the functional set of ramps, stairs and platforms well and even managed to incorporate some of the gymnastic equipment into one production number.

Even with this writing I'm not totally sure what "Promenade" is all about and may be a second viewing would help to more fully understand. But, then again, maybe it's intended to be just the way it appears... a satirical hodgepodge and should be accepted as such. Hopefully this production will not go unnoticed by people uptown. I couldn't think of a better vehicle to replace "Godspell" at the Marines' Memorial. At least, if nothing else, it would be an improvement:

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DOWNTOWN

While on beautiful downtown Sixth street, be sure and see the undraped picture of Burt Reynolds at the TURF CLUB. That's one bar that did not go meatless.

You should go across the street and see the new S.I.R. Center and join!!

I understand Peter from SUTTERS MILL suffered the most from the meat boycott. My spies tell me SUTTER MILL will have a new location soon due to lease problems.

What S.F. landmark (not Henry Ho's) will soon be a Gay bar? And with tons of parking yet.

Dixie del Ray is drying out and doing his thing for a charitable organization.

Val, of LEONARDA'S fame, has opened the old TORTUGA and it is called 1001 NIGHTS. Bob Pace, the silver fizz queen (oops, I mean Princess), rides again there during Sunday brunch. It's a beautiful room full of beautiful people. Break a leg, kids.

Bob (ALLEY CAT) — why is it every time someone runs for a Mister title, they get in drag? Be sure and see Val's new shop upstairs in the ALLEY CAT. He really has done a great job on the room.

The WILDE OSCAR (are you ready?) will have their 13th Month Anniversary on Tuesday, May 15th. If you haven't tried the OSCAR for lunch, do! They serve a salad that's something

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The WOODSHED will end up their four day opening with the selection of Mr. Lumberjack. This is a must. I just love contests that are judged for what you are not wearing.

PIER 54 is really that special place to take someone special.

If you hit the SAUSAGE FACTORY on Geary St. Sunday, you not only get champagne with brunch but a free drink at the WINDJAMMER. By the way, their grand opening is April 20th.

Did you know Fanny (AMBASSADOR LOUNGE) is running for Miss U.S.A.?

THE WARM BELT

The show at the NAKED GRAPE is such a hit they are doing it every Sunday now. Randy will do a guest shot there soon. You can also catch Randy at the CORNER GROCERY, the new bar on 18th Street.

Put on your old Easter bonnet and head for THE MINT. Their contest is at 6 PM April 22nd. By the way, their Tricycle Race is coming up May the 28th.

The PURPLE PICKLE is a must on Sundays with Bob Sanders at the piano. There was Gene Carter (of old 181 fame), Chuck Hawkins (MULE), Steve Porras, Maxine, Boo, Roy, all of us singing our fool heads off. Oh, well, it was April Fool's Day.

If you haven't seen the MIDNIGHT SUN, do!... as it will be redone soon. Jay, you are as cute as ever and that waistline... I hate you!!

You have to see Earl, the go-go boy at the NO. 3. He swings on the rafters like I did at the CASK, only he's more interesting to watch.

THE HOUSE is redoing their dining room. George will stay on as chef when J.B. takes over. The chef at the Q.T. should try THE HOUSE sometime.

Scotty got a surprise at her Anniversary. She is now Lady Scott and is part of Marcus' court.

THE FICKLE FOX had a great turnout for their benefit show for Allen. I have never seen so many stars in one room. They had so many things to raffle off they had to send them to the auction at the *P.S. Who says our community can't get it together.

THE PENDULUM has some of the best prices in town at cocktail hour. If that's not enough, Bob is well worth the trip, whatever the price!!!

AROUND TOWN

"South of Market, THE CARE is coming". Billie Diamond was busy shedding some of his at the BOLD KNIGHT.

The PATHFINDERS are alive and well. This is a fun travel group and I understand their first outing will be a boat trip. Check with the ROUNDUP for details.

Speaking of the ROUNDUP, have you seen their doorman, Ralph? Heaven!! And would you believe his license plates read IM 1 — UR 2.

Speaking of would-you-believe, Lori Shannon received a antherium plant from a heckler she laid out at GOLD STREET. What a nice way to say I'm sorry.

I will have the pleasure to be one of the judges at GOLD STREET on Easter. See ya all at 7 PM There will be a Tribute to Charles Pierce after the hat contest, with all the employees of GOLD STREET doing all of Charles's numbers. This should be a camp!!

Steven, Mr. Congeniality in the Groovy Guy Contest, is now with BIG TOWN. Thank you, Schatzi, for the heaven prime rib.

Did you know Sally (TOAD HALL) brought back a topaz, doorknob-size? Wouldn't you know its weight is 169 K.

It's Anniversary Time again. THE NAKED GRAPE is having theirs on April 30th thru May 3rd with a trip to Hawaii given away each night, along with other prizes, buffet, and goodies of your choice (whatever that means).

Bill and Bob (YOUNGMEN HOTELS) tell me, among a host of others, they house Rick S. (BIG TOWN), Bob R. (ALLEYCAT), Cliff (COVERED WAGON), Robbie B. (GOLD STREET) and Gary A. (GANGWAY). That's what I call one hell of a cast!!!

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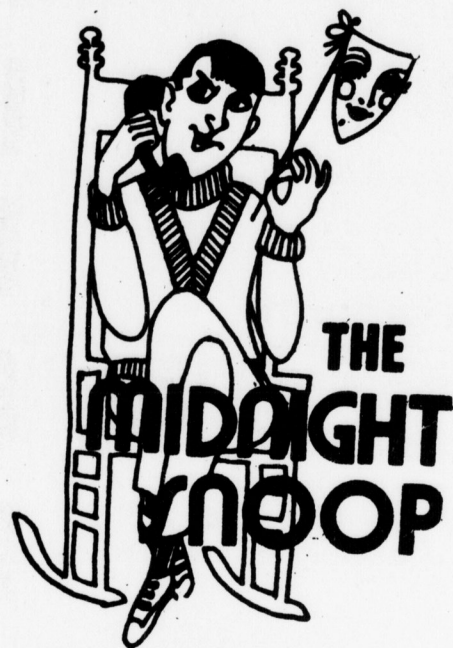
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Show News



by Donald McLean

VIEW FROM THE POOP DECK

I have lain racked on my bed of pain suffering from an incurable disease (the common cold) all last week and thus, have seen no new shows, attended no gala openings (or closings) and, the unkindest blow of all, due to laryngitis, have not even kept in touch with my vast network of blabbermouths. So, I will avail myself of this opportunity to express a few random thoughts, tell a couple dozen hilarious anecdotes and, if you read very closely, might even glean a fact or two.

I have long been an ardent devotee

of Channel 36 and its all-night movies. Lately, Carol Doda has been replaced as the Perfect 36 by a sprite named Karen, who should take sadness lessons from Pippa. Heaving bosom, wet-lipped blatant sex has been replaced by "Gee Willikers!" bubbling enthusiasm - I find both equally nauseating. But I must give credit to whoever selects the movies each week. My life would truly feel unfulfilled if a whole week went by without seeing "Union Pacific" or "Castle of the Living Dead" at least ONCE!! And while I am the first to forgive any cheapie foreign flick made during coffee break for being badly dubbed, when three people are onscreen and T.S. Eliot chatter flows from my telly, I do think at least ONE person's lips should be moving! But - keep up the good work, 36. Thanks to you I shall continue to be late for my job each morning as a riveter.

When Terry Taylor opened at the FROLIC ROOM a few weeks back, she received a dozen long-stemmed roses from an admirer opening night. On her second night, another dozen long-stemmed roses from another fan. On her third night, she received a dozen long-stemmed... stems from Lori Shannon. No flowers, just a huge box filled with stems.

Hitting the Comeback Trail is Pola del Vecchio, planning a show with John Rothermel possibly for a two-nighter at GOLD STREET. Pola has been long absent from the show biz scene, having fought the battle of booze and bennies, dirty habits he picked up working as a

Tijuana beachboy.

PLAZA SUITE has been postponed until at least July. Chuck and Nancy have had such fun rehearsing, they couldn't bear to spoil it by opening too soon.

Currently playing weekends at Cabbages & Kings in Oakland is the hilarious English comedy, "How The Other Half Loves." Worth a look.

Our city's longest-running revue, deservedly so, celebrated two years run last week. It's the delightful show at the SAVOY-TIVOLI, "Four on the Floor." Unfortunately, management has cut the show down to playing only on Fri. and Sat. nights, but it still remains one of the most entertaining evenings available, especially with the new Jerome Kern segment Don Sheffey has just added to the show.

The first show I was ever in in New York was 12 years ago in an awful reconvered loft buried in the bowels of Manhattan. It was an off-off-off-Broadway play and in the cast of eight was a struggling young actor named Al Pacino. I remember, when we first met, he struck me as a tough West Side punk and as we got to know each other, I discovered he was a sensitive, intelligent talent trying to rise above his background through acting. We all worked for nothing and I doubt if the eight of us could have raised ten dollars between us. 11 years later comes "The Godfather" and it's nice to see someone who deserves it finally make it big. A couple of months ago, ran into Al

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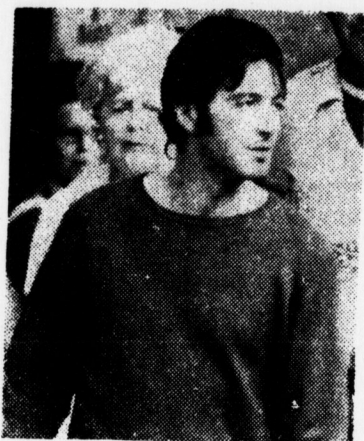
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on Market Street, looking worse than when I knew him way-back-when. He laughed and told me that he and Gene Hackman were here researching their roles in "Scarecrow," which opened last



AL PACINO... 12 years to overnight success! week in the Bay Area. They were staying at the Fairmont and every morning, left the hotel in old rags and went down to Mission Street to mingle with the panhandlers, winos, etc. They even joined the free lunch line at St. Anthony's and nobody paid any attention to them. 12 years to become an "overnight sensation" and even then, nobody recognizes you.

Michael Greer will follow Charles Pierce into GOLD STREET for a limited run, opening May 1st.

Both the Orpheum Theater and the two Golden Gate movie houses have closed down, what few nightclub shows we have left are staggering through on weekend business, food prices are skyhigh, and does anyone besides me feel that we may soon see the return of ration books and breadlines?



CRAIG RUSSELL as Tallulah at the new CABARET.

Everything's gone up except salaries and somebody better do something FAST!

The dynamic Ann Weldon will return to the El Matador opening April 19th.

Faye, our Best Actress of the Year, assures me she will be "fussy" about her next vehicle. It's hard to top Mame, but I think I can safely say she will NOT play Little Mary Sunshine, coming soon at your favorite VILLAGE.

Speaking of awards, do you realize that Nancy has 6 Goldies! I think that's just piggy. Think of those starving orphans in China who don't even have one.

The FICKLE FOX Benefit on April 9th for Allen Abel made almost \$1000., thanks to the generosity and talent of so many concerned entertainers, including the trilling thrush of FINOCCHIO'S, LaVern Cummings, in a rare appearance on his night off. On April 11th, the *P.S. held an auction for Allen and raised another \$3500.00. I never am ceased to be amazed at the way the entertainers and bar people pull together when the chips are down and someone needs their help. The Snoop Award (one peephole with a bloodshot eye) for Above & Beyond the Call!!

The ever-changing show for JACKIE D'S is tentatively scheduled to open May 9th with a cast of thousands.

Chapter 2 of the sitting-room-only smash at the Palace, the musical adaptations of the Nancy Drew series, will play May 4th and 5th at midnight. Chapter 2 is called "The Fork in the Road" (or how about "A Bang in the Alley?") and will feature the same star-studded cast as Chapter 1.

A brand new showroom just opened in our fair city, THE CABARET at 936 Montgomery St. Grand opening is April 18th with three shows nightly starring the marvelous Craig Russell, the impressionist who drew rave notices all over L.A., and featuring the song stylings of the lovely Brandy Lee. Shows at 9:30, 11 and 12:30. This is on the definite must-see list - a new showroom with new talent is the most exciting news this columnist has had in a long dry time!

The FROLIC ROOM has added Bashka to its permanent lineup, along with Tommy Almon, and will feature a guest star every two weeks along with two go-go boys.

The Motown sound can be heard nightly in the Venetian Room of the



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You'll love this! Easter Sunday, the 22nd, the staff of GOLD STREET will perform the closing night of the Charles Pierce Show at 10:00 PM minus Mr. Pierce, who will sit in the audience with a microphone and comment on the proceedings. Can you imagine, wall-to-wall Bette's, Tallulah at the bar and Channing in the men's room! This will be a farewell tribute to the legend-in-his-own-time, Charles Pierce, who is embarking upon a tour of the East Coast. Time just did not permit a return engagement at Pearl's City Tavern in Honolulu, one of his favorite chic bistros. Call for reservations immediately.

I hear Reba has a hot line direct from THE AMBASSADOR to Herb Caen's office (which he's never at).

Do you know who the biggest box office attractions are on the summer stock circuit? Think of all the biggie stars that play in stock and then gasp when I tell you - Allen Ludden and Betty White. Ain't that regurgitatin'?! Poor Larry Kert! He sprained his arm 4 days after 2 Gentlemen of Verona opened and has been forced to practice his physical therapy at RITCH STREET. Maybe they should start advertising "where the stars meet."

There's so much Gay humor and drag on TV these days, no wonder Gay club shows aren't doing any business. It's no longer any novelty to the straight audience; now the novelty is seeing straights doing Gay material and Gays doing straight book shows. I predict the casting sensation in 1973 will be Christine Jorgenson playing Stanley Kowalski at the Ahmanson Theater in

L.A. (She's gotta be better than Jon Voight; he got the worst reviews since Judas Iscariot.)

I was watching Barbara Rush last week on an episode of "Maude" and started thinking about that select group of supporting actors / actresses I will go to see in anything, simply because they always add quality to anything they're in... and isn't that a lovely reputation to have!!

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Judy D., when are you coming back to San Francisco for a visit? We miss you right Mr. Kline.

Quote: And how old are you Sir?

'She's not like that at home'... quote from John K. of his John.

Did you know that Gail who owns the swinging San Jose Bar THE SAVOY has a secret name of Tommy? Guess how I found out Gail.

What was the FE-BE statue doing in the window of the LEFT BANK GALLERIES the other evening... you did have to pay for it didn't you Warren (Q.T.).

Have you seen the *P.S.'s great new post card... you did a great job again Henri...

Joe Roland of the GANGWAY was host to Gordie, his former bartender, who brought in a cotton candy machine and proceeded to make them for Joe's Breakfast Club and all other bars... what

a ball... cotton candy and white wine.

For a really different atmosphere in dining and really good food try PIER 54. They truly have a great wine list and the vibes are fine... the decor is different to say the least. Right Shirley?

Our favorite entertainer, Mr. Michael Greer is opening at GOLD STREET shortly so check and watch the ads so that you can see this versatile entertainer... he had a great write-up in the April issue of DAVID MAGAZINE.

Seems as if Rome of the HOUSE OF HARMONY wears the most expensive wash day shirt in town... how much did you have to pay to get it back Minnie...

Really nice to see 'The' people that turned out for the auction that was held at the *P.S. It is really amazing how people stick together when needed. It makes you feel good that you live in such a nice community.

Don't forget the Easter Day Brunch at S.I.R. There will be an 'Easter Parade Walk' after the brunch. Dick Nelson is helping Hector from S.I.R. with the 'unusual' Easter decorations and it is worth a trip to see and enjoy it besides helping a real worthy cause.

FLASH! Carlos, formerly of THAT after hours place on Mission Street, is now the first authentic lady bartender having recently completed her transformation from male to female. - How appropriate for her to be at the BODY SHOP.

If Val enjoys as many customers in her new establishment as the name implies you can expect to run into a

thousand and one of your friends there each nite.

A new STAR OF THE EAST has appeared on the local horizon. His name is Paul Gee and has proven to be a real friend of the community. Thank you Paul.

Eeny, meany miney mo... the Auction took in a lot of dough... but the cause is just and fine... All for cash right down the line... What a duo... Henri and George Wilbern of the RAMROD dining in the quiet corner of the Q.T. last Sunday night... under the weeping wisteria vines. Its musical checkers with the Polk area bars. Most of the bartenders are forsaking the wine for the circus and carnival circuit. I hear Barbara Balls will be "LALA CULA" half man and half woman and alive in the side who. Rosie Rosenthal's pink popcorn brought in more than twenty five dollars at the *P.S. auction with the provision that the buyers would not have to eat it. Pitty Pat, Pitty Pat, where have you been, Its been long time no see, are you really of the gin...

The Sleeping Beauty of Turk and Polk Streets - Rose - has a new hat - A crash helmet, she can crash faster with it. The fabulous Rod and Michael are rumored to be soon invading the Upper Market Street area or is it Polk Strasse. No matter where they expand to, they deserve every good thing possible for many years of good, clean and honest bar operation... It's more than we can say for a lot of 'em. Fallstaff has introduced their premium label Ballentines to the local market. Not sure

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that it will ever replace the old original Fallstaff even with Joe Alioto pulling the taps at their fine new showroom bar on 11th and Harrison Streets... Rex and Zane have uplifted eyebrows after reading that VECTOR story about their arch competitor. Mama don't allow no illegal stuff in there. ... Hans has expanded while at the same time several of his employees have hit the trail... Have you tried the Senior Citizens Employment League, Hans... I hear Martin Boreman is dead... and so many of you thought that he was Hans in disguise. ... Roger Hall has got no ball, but sure has plenty junk he bought in Spain, and Picadilly Lane and leakproof waterbed bunk. ... Little Bo-Peep didn't

lose his sheep, he lost his virgin status, He met a guy named Mike I hear whom he says sure does out rate us.

Yes, Mr. Lips there is a fabulous COCKPIT in Singapore.

Strange, strange... Emperor Marcus, Shirley, Cristal, Lorelei and yours truly were the ONLY Royalty present at the *P.S. auction... where or where have all of the dowagers and community people gone to... remember United we stand... right Jose. Had a really great time at the MISTAKE'S Palm Sunday Hat and (Basket) Party.

Thank you Mr. Lips as you had the award winning basket... in my eyes anyway...

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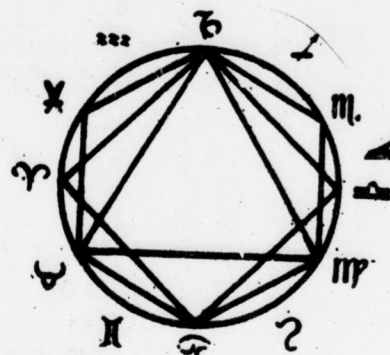
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TAURUS

We should start out by saying something good about Taurus. He is practical and patient and reliable, and he has a firm and fixed sense of values. He likes all things luxurious, good food, good art, and all the creature comforts. He is determined and strong-willed, but the other side of the page would have to say that this sometimes gets over into being headstrong and stubborn. While it is very nice that you can depend on him for having his mind made up, it is disaster to him and all his friends when he is wrong and you cannot in any way tell him so. If determination and stability are his best expressions, obstinacy and possessiveness are his worst.

The most important thing about Taurus are what he has, and Taurus will inevitably use the words "I have" in much of his conversation. He is very

practical about material things, and the acquisition of these is very important to him. He gets what he wants by dint of sheer persistence and even hard work, and that is even the way he can go after fun things and having fun. Business all the way, he can make money and even manage to keep some of it. But his emphasis is on personal property. And even his light-of-love is a property. He certainly will not share on any level but the most social and abstract. For his belongings are his personal security blanket.

Often Taureans are very good looking, clear complected, and youthful. Little lines and wrinkles come rather late in life, as does also a tendency to put on weight. The classic Taurean has a heavy neck and shoulders, but there are so few classics of any sort around.

In love affairs the Taurean is perhaps the world's greatest lover. He goes at it with passion, and he knows how to use his body to get back what his body

needs. More than being simply affectionate, he can call up reserves of charm and sweetness. But ultimately it will be the possessiveness of his attitude which will be the underlying motif of the affair. Scorpio, being himself possessive, understands and likes this, and Scorpio also being passionate can really enjoy a Taurus love affair. Both are ready to let love go on forever, especially as long as it remains sexy and sexually satisfying.

Taureans usually get on well with Virgos, but they are not too willing to be used by Capricorns unless the latter provide a high measure of security. Capricorns tend to want to manage everyone in their sphere, and Taureans do not usually like being bossed around. Good possibilities for Taurus are nice artistic and pliable Pisceans and motherly Cancerians. But Leos are somehow never quite real, and Aquarians want to stand off by themselves once in a while, so these two signs do not make good Taurus partners.

Those with Taurus Ascending (or rising) can consider Pisceans their friends and Virgos their casual lovers. Scorpios make their best partners or more enduring partners. Those who are Aries Sun sign or Aries rising can usually be the Taurean's secret enemies.

The coming weekend has rather fewer than normal aspects between planets, and most of these are good or can be turned to good. The strongest negative aspects occur early Saturday morning and in the middle of Sunday afternoon. On Saturday morning, there may occur bothersome delays, and Sunday afternoon may be a little bit depressing. The Moon will be in Sagittarius most of the time, going into Capricorn just before Noon on Sunday.

Saturday morning, Mercury will be at six Aries, the Sun at one Taurus, and Venus at four Taurus. Saturn will be at 17 degrees of Gemini. Pluto and Uranus will be at two and 20 degrees of Libra, and Neptune will be at six degrees of Sagittarius. Jupiter and Mars will be at nine and 18 degrees of Aquarius.

ARIES: Money is important right now, as also are community interests and friends. Friday you may feel like planning a trip to see someone far away. Your mind is operating a little better, although Saturday has its responsibilities. In the afternoon you

can take off for a short trip. Sunday is a good day for socializing and having fun, especially in the evening.

TAURUS: Things are looking up for you now. You feel better and are more with-it. The money may be in short supply, but things pick up Friday evening. Devote Saturday to some attention to the home budget and partnership finances, and do not travel or drive during the day. You can think better of travel on Sunday and may even beign a love affair with a future traveling companion.

GEMINI: The coming weekend should be most interesting. Friday goes along smoothly and much can be accomplished. Pay some attention to your partner and the people in your circle. Play Saturday by ear. Be more intuitive than mental. Accept an invitation for Sunday. Along with being pleasantly social, there are other things to be achieved, and Sunday night may find you ready for anything.

CANCER: Things behind the scenes may not be going well, and there will be a lot of work to finish up on Friday. Take it with good grace if you have to work or are asked to do something for others on Saturday. Mind your diet and health. Sunday let the other guy call the shots and go along. Be social in the evening, for this is a good night to enjoy yourself.

LEO: As career minded as you are this weekend, take some time out to have some fun. Friday is a double day when you can be creative in an unusual way and be adventurous. Devote Saturday to friends or a friend who may need you. Sunday also stresses the idea of service. Keep your eyes open for all sorts of possibilities to improve your career position.

VIRGO: Keep a weather eye to what is going on around home on Friday and do nothing to upset the applecart. But be social and meet people for there may be a surprise in store. Use some caution against accident on Saturday, especially during the early day. Go out in the evening. Sunday will bring a better time for having fun with someone special. Enjoy it.

LIBRA: Stick to routine on Friday, let others know where you stand, be communicative, and get out for a visit in your neighborhood in the evening. Relax on Saturday, begin by sleeping-in

late, but do something for fun the rest of the day. Sunday should continue very nicely for you in all you do and in any plans you now make for the future.

SCORPIO: Money is on your mind, perhaps for some real needs around the home, but don't expect others to come through with it. Your partner needs attention. Friday is a fine work day, and the vibrations last into the evening. Saturday spend quietly and get some needed rest. Sunday is a good social day so be your best charming self, socialize in your immediate neighborhood.

SAGITTARIUS: Your health should now be on the upswing, and you feel better about things around you. Project on Friday and be creative in your work. Sleep late on Saturday, and generally relax the rest of the day. Sunday step out, be social, try to put any worries you have about money until Monday.

CAPRICORN: Friday is a bothersome day, and what you really want to do is to have fun. Stick it out on Friday, for things will improve Saturday and Sunday. Saturday starts badly, but by the time evening comes things get more exciting. Sunday you will be feeling a great deal better, so go out and meet someone new.

AQUARIUS: There are things to do around home to improve it, but you will want to spend Friday with friends, to have fun, and you can, but the turn of events is sure to surprise you. Saturday take things easy, do any chores you have to attend to, keep your feet on the ground. Sunday is an active and busy day where you can combine business with pleasure and still manage a good image.

PISCES: Attend to the job on Friday. This is a good day for some real accomplishment, and you will be in a good light. Saturday the vibrations stay with you, so use them to your best advantage. Communicate and attend to routine. Sunday go out visiting or going places where you can meet and talk to many different people. Broaden your horizons.

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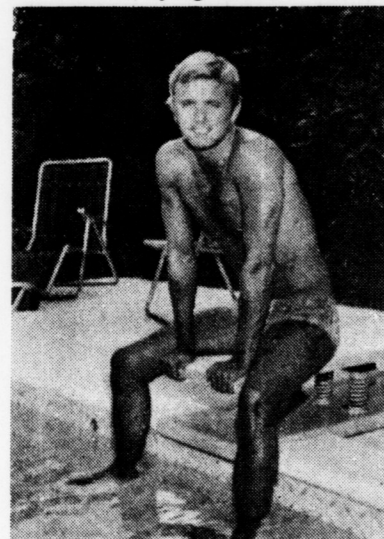
SERPENTS CELEBRATE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Last Sunday saw a mob of well-wishers converging on the premises of the NO NAME BAR to help celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the SERPENTS M/C, an afternoon of fun, fun, prizes and beer galore. Less than a month ago, the SERPENTS had only two members. When Bill Martin moved to Denver, that left only one member. As of now, there are approximately eight members and what a ball they had. For a club that has had its ups and downs, I can truly say their anniversary party was a great success. The rift in the club started over a year ago when one faction elected to wear white tie and tails to a function and other members elected to wear their uniforms. Nonetheless, the SERPENTS are alive and well and definitely TOGETHER. Congratulations are offered to that club and many more to come in the future.

DOUG MACDONALD IS MR. JOCKEY SHORTS II

The highlight of the BOOT CAMP'S

2nd Annual Fair last week was the selection of Mr. Jockey Shorts II. Last year, there were 28 contestants, but last Wednesday night saw no less than forty-six groovey numbers in their briefest briefs, vying to win the title for



Doug McDonald of the BOOT CAMP...

the current year. To say that the judges had a difficult time deciding would be the understatement of the year. Nevertheless, Sir Douglas, Knight of the Emperor, added another accolade to his growing list of accomplishments, having

been 2nd runner-up in the Mr. CMC Contest. Although the contest was billed as a Jockey shorts contest, needless to say there were lots of Munchingwear, Fruit of the Loom and Grease briefs, which did not necessarily disqualify the wearers. The next night saw J.J. Van Dyck doing his L.O.L. (Little Old Lady) routine on the early show, and his never-seen-before magician act later on that evening. On Tuesday, leather gifts were given away and Peter of SUTTER'S MILL won the jacket donated by LEATHER FOREVER. Saturday, Lee of BIG TOWN underwent the ritual of a fantastic bike christening and Chuck Servello didn't make it because he didn't get his new bike and besides, he had to work. The whole week saw the place jammed to the ceiling, but a close to a mile-long line was out in front the night of the Jockey Shorts Contest; nevertheless, Herb Caen and Papa Cass were able to get in and cheer on the contestants.

MR. COWBOY OF 73-74 TO BE CHOSEN JUNE 23

All you cowboys better start primping and practicing your riding techniques. The Office of the Emperor has announced the 3rd Annual Mr. Cowboy of San Francisco Contest to be held in the patio of BIG TOWN on Saturday night, June 23, a benefit function for the Office of the Emperor. Rules and regs, contest prizes and other details will be out soon, so if you are inclined to be a titled personage, get

yourself a sponsor and ride baby, ride.

ANOTHER AUCTION' ANOTHER SUCCESS, ANOTHER FRIEND HELPED

It's amazing how much money is floating around this town. Take, for instance, the city's number one auctioneer, Bob Ross, Prz of the TAVERN GUILD and put him in an elegant setting like the *P.S. and for Allen Able, a friend of Manuel, super waiter there. A total of \$3500 was raised last Wednesday night and more funds were raised on Monday at the FICKLE FOX when actors, singers and dancers got it on to raise funds. As I've said many times before, the Community definitely rallies for a friend in need. So Allen, hurry and get well - we miss you and of course, so does Manuel.

PARTIES, GRAND OPENINGS, CELEBRATIONS and ON, AND ON

The WOOD SHED, Market Street's newest waterhole was the scene of an exclusive preview cocktail and buffet of Prime Rib party Monday night. Some 250 persons were greeted by one of the most unique invitations yet, inviting them to be hosted by Reba and the Emperor. Those gold colored T-Shirts and brown buttons go well together. Wednesday is Bike/Leather Night, Thursday is Celebrity Night and Friday is the preliminary session of the Mr. Lumberjack Contest. This Saturday, the inimitable Michelle will M.C. the finals of the contest and a \$100 cash prize will be given to the winner. The WOOD SHED is located at 1601 Market Street at 12th, so join in the festivities and visit Our Town's newest bar... like they say, Bury your hatchet at the WOOD SHED.

Last night, a big two-story bar opened on Montgomery just below Broadway called AFTER DARK and THE CABARET with dancing, shows and elegant dining. Very little advance publicity has been given to this nitery, but watch for their ads announcing another sensational grand opening.

BIG TOWN got their dancing license, so put on your gold lame slippers and hurry on down because dancing started on Tuesday, April 17th. Chuck Smith, the manager, is a proud dude and he should be. With the culinary superiority of Executive Chef Schatzi, bartenders like Jimmy Sterling, Terry Folmar, Steve, Mike and Trashy Danny plus waiters Chuck, Larry and Rick, it's a

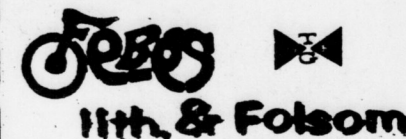
winning combination. That brunch menu is something else and all those shops in and around the patio make it a pleasant chore to explore. Just wondering when that vitamin shop is open. A grand lady went there last Sunday armed to the teeth with cash and check book, prepared to spend some \$300 but had to go to Macy's because that shop is NEVER open.

SOUTH OF MARCUS AND OTHER AREAS OF ACTION

Most of you will probably want to attend the 1st Anniversary of the NAKED GRAPE on April 30, May 1, 2, & 3. Bill Bailey has lined up an incredible list of activities, including drawings, a live band on Wednesday, May 2, and a grand prize of a round trip free to Hawaii. Tickets given out each night will qualify you for the prize. Empress Maxine and the Emperor will be the hosts and Reba IV as well as other celebrities will be there to greet you. Also, on Wednesday, May 16, the NAKED GRAPE will throw its Taurus Party so all you stubborn bulls get down there for that shindig being given for Bob, Neil, Bill and Ron... The Gay pronos movie houses are finally succumbing to the competition and the LAUREL THEATRE has announced \$3 matinees on Monday through Fridays from 11 AM to 2 PM. On Wednesday nights your friend or buddy can get in from 6 PM to Midnight for \$8... The 1145 (formerly CASEY'S FRONTIER) has changed their name to the RED BALL EXPRESS and something else. With Jason, Keith and Chuck Arnett behind the plank, things should be happening there and real soon... Jim Owens has joined Wayne and Reba Rattlesnake at the CLOUD SEVEN and a welcome addition I say. The YACHT CLUB'S loss is lamented by more than one customer but glad to see Hans scooped him up and a wiser move has never made on or off Polk Street... Robin of the WILD GOOSE may have his idiosyncracies (like giving long-stemmed roses in 2 parts, the blooms and the stems in separate packages), but he sure packs 'em in daily and even giving the HOUSE OF HARMONY some competition on Rome's Monday Wash Day including Twit of the Week parties. The artistic

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hangings at the Goose are certainly an eyeful; now that Bob Kerns went and married Eddie, we need some diversion don't we? ...And speaking of diversions, the 527 CLUB isn't hurting one bit. I was there for brunch last Sunday and the place was packed. It certainly is good to see Darryl Lotter in action. He can run circles around many bartenders and Ronnie Wells is doing a great job there too. Helen and Lance are great as ever waiting on tables and Chef Monte can serve up some delightful grub... HAMBURGER MARY'S is expanding with the acquisition of the property next door. Watch for the opening of another new bar on that corner to be called SISSY'S SALOON on April 26th and not only that, but they're opening another resaurant at an unnamed location to be called EARTHQUAKE ETHEL'S... In the Castro area, the CORNER GROCERY BAR opened inauspiciously on 18th, just a block below Castro and I hear FANNY'S is doing a bang-up job with their menu while the newest star on that street is DICKS on CASTRO (Formerly the TWILIGHT)... Robin Price is back in town after a lengthy stay in Sidney, Australia. For whatever it's worth,

Graham Appleton of the SPMC in Sidney is not the big, bad villian some people have been saying he is. At any rate, Robin's only comment about Australia is that: "It's different," but if you want ALL the details you can see Robin behind the plank at the WOOD SHED along with Jack, Ken and other groovey people like Steve, formerly of the HANS OFF... If you were at Empress IV Reba's birthday party at the CLOUD SEVEN the other night, you probably saw and heard that iconoclastic video tape he made with Hans and wrecking just about everybody who's anybody in town. I mean, talk about gall! Nevertheless, the consensus that Reba was probably the most outrageously colorful Empress is shared by many, many people and 50,000 queens CAN'T be wrong... Bob Damron's Guide Book is just about ready to go to press, so if he looks harried you can understand why. Almost every day in every city, a new Gay bar opens, closes or moves and changes its name and if THAT isn't a job, ask Pat McAdams and Bob. Whatever the obstacles, you'll have to admit the Damron Bar Guide is pretty accurate and a MUST for all of your

travelling during vacations this year... Great bunch of women over at SCOTT'S PIT. At her 3rd Anniversary party a couple of weeks ago, was able to meet and greet a great group of lovelies including Starr, Wendy, Clare and Kanti who is running for Emperor II this year. Scotty may now be addressed as Lady Scott, the first woman to be named to the Court of the Emperor and watch for a big party there soon honoring the Empress and the Emperor, all the Court and the Knights... For all you people who have money owing to you from the Committee to Elect an Emperor, be prepared to be paid in full no later than the end of this month... And to the many inquiries I've received as to the whereabouts of Cecil Knockherwurst Weatherbee, I can only say we miss him very much but I think he's a little bit busy these days... SCOOP of the WEEK: Yes, it's true, since Lennie Lynn announced her candidacy for Empress IX, our friend Perry is running too but we can't get a yea or a nay out of Luscious Lorelei... Did 'ja see Russ of FE-BE'S last weekend? Sporting a pure leather red, white and blue bike jacket and that's what I call preparedness (Our country's bi-centennial is only 2 years off)... Have you noticed the Empress's honor guard sporting those pretty white jackets with appropriate royalty emblems? Very, very sharp... When the San Francisco contingent travels north to Portland for the crowning of the Princess, No one, but No one will be allowed to wear drag except the Empress but all you've got to do is tell people what they can't do and they will surely do it... Congrats to the new manager of the RAMROD, Glen, surely one of this city's nicest bartenders and ditto for Mike there and John at the door... Hottest song on the juke box at the BOOT CAMP is Bette Middler's DAY TIME HUSTLER and if I didn't know better I'd say the flip side "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B" is Lori Shannon, Terry Taylor and Allan Lloyd who zonked everyone with their WAC outfits doing a similar number and asked to perform at last year's LuLu Awards in L.A., and speaking of awards, time's drawing near for the BAR'S 2nd Annual Camp Awards show and that should be the 4th of July Weekend, same weekend as the CMC's Rainier Creek run... And

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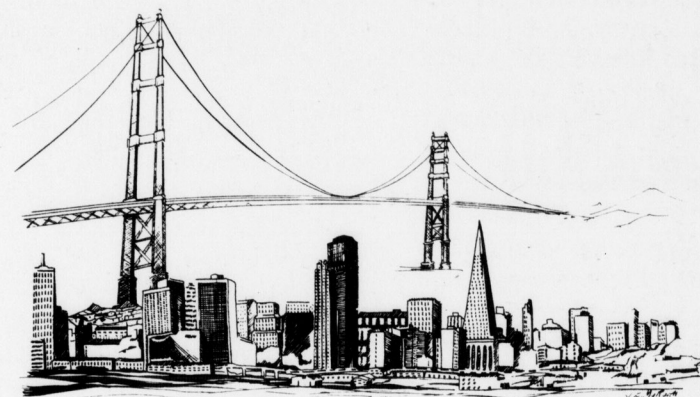
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speaking of runs, the CMC held their Tax Break Run last Friday and from all reports, it was a fantastic trip for all involved... And Ken Cmapbell wants everyone to know that he and John have definitely resigned from the RECON M/C as have quite a few others but nobody will say why.... Jim Gregg is coming back to town and if there was ever a party-giver, that's Jim... And have you noticed some of the signs in the bars lately — they're make by Mr. Snow who certainly does have a talent for originality, beauty and variety... The STUD is planning another one of their super trippy art exhibits and displays so be on the lookout.

That winds it up for this week; see you at Easter Sunrise Services at two places, by M.C.C. at BIG TOWN and by Rev. Broshears at Land's End; also, start dreaming up something groovey for Gay Freedom Day Parade in June — it should be our finest hour. Be good to your neighbor, love one another and hang in their babies. Good night Eddie, wherever you are.

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Bella: To Dowager Empress Bella we give a note from home. This for being able to face another situation as only Bella can — in absenteeism.

Reba: To the Dowager Empress Reba we give a song. Reba who wants to know, "Did I Stay Too Long At The Ball?"

Cristal: To Dowager Empress Cristal we give a coconut. The Black Swan of Bitchery who flies high over the Pacific and can find happiness in a tree in Wai Ki Ki.

Lorelei: To Lorelei, (Oregon's Honorary Miss Garbag Can) the hottest tiara in town, we give a golden blond to shower it out.

Kissy Kissy Diki: From Empress, to Court Jester, to now just a joke, we give Kissy Diki a new press for the printing of the half price tickets to next month's coronation.

And now we are on to Roxanne, but then so is everyone else.

Ted Northe: To the Empress of Canada, Lynn, we give a snowstorm. From Snowbird of the North to... "What DID she do to make herself famous down here?"

Voo Doo: To Voo Doo we are unable to give a thing. She already has a new "leash" on life.

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Jose': To Dowager Empress Jose' we give nothing. You already have the known world BEHIND you and that should be enough to keep anyone busy for a lifetime.

Bobbi Jean: To Bobbi Jean we give San Francisco. A new city, another campaign and then on to L.A.

The Peninsula: To the Peninsula we give Los Angeles. Like the Red Cross, L.A. can use some fresh blood.

Darcelle: To the Empress Darcelle we give the key to the turkey farms in Petaluma. May the Follies go on forever.

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"I am an enigma I have always been an enigma, and I shall always be an enigma," so states Helmut Berger as "LUDWIG" (The Mad King of Bavaria). The film of the same name is also an enigma — whose pieces never quite make up an entire film. I was terribly disappointed in this film which is the work of Luchino Visconti, who has

brought to the screen such masterpieces as "The Damned" and "Death In Venice."

The entire film is flawed and I really found it hard to believe that I was seeing the work of Visconti. Yes, in the past his films have tended to get tedious, but always the feeling and mood of the film were captured in the editing and photography. In "Ludwig," the worst things about the film are the editing and photography, with screenplay and score (you are Wagner-ed to death) coming in a close second. When one thinks of the subject matter — a man who ruled and went bananas, building story-book castles for his personal use, having beautiful men at his beck and call, sponsoring Richard Wagner as the composer wrote his great music, etc. etc. — one would think that something a lot more effective and interesting would emerge on screen than the hodgepodge presented in "Ludwig".

Helmut Berger may be a great personal friend of Visconti's (it's been printed that Visconti is leaving Helmut everything in his will) but unfortunately his acting talents cannot and do not carry such a role as Ludwig. His makeup is fine in conveying the spoiled brat king

who eventually loses it — with those plunked eyebrows and marcelled bob, he does a good Germanic Joan Crawford sans shoulder pads. "Time" magazine has stated that the film is 3 hours of watching his teeth rot, and they're not too far off. His best acting is done by the decaying teeth.

There are some individual scenes that are interesting but seem to bear no relation to the rest of the film. Ludwig's preference for young men is first disclosed in a very "GP" rated scene and later in a drunk brawl-room that is nothing but "The Damned" in lederhosen. During his "rotting teeth" period, Ludwig becomes enchanted by a young actor (Folker Bohnet) but the young actor disappears from the film as mysteriously as he appeared. Strange things happen in this film all the time and one is constantly asking "what???" as each scene dissolves into another.

Many of the fine actors in "Ludwig" seem embarrassed by their roles, particularly Trevor Howard as Richard Wagner. Silvana Mangano portrays Wagner's mistress who is the cause of much distress and the eventual parting of the ways between M.L. (Mad Ludwig) and Wagner. In another of his



King Ludwig (Helmut Berger) welcomes the Empress of Austria (Romy Schneider) in Visconti's new film at the Larkin Theater.

supporting roles, Helmut Greim plays one of M.L.'s aides and except for one brief scene and speech about losing the war, he is totally wasted. After his success as "Max" in "Cabaret", I was looking forward to seeing him in much better roles. Greim seems to be repeating his role from "The Damned" with even less to do in "Ludwig". The only standout in the film is Romy Schneider as the Empress Elisabeth who seduces then abandons the young Ludwig (prior to his discovery of boys). She conveys a spirit and sense of discipline that is sorely missing in others, particularly Berger.

In a season of many films around town after post-Xmas famine, this is one

that should only be caught by die-hard Visconti fans ("Ludwig" makes "The Leopard" look great) and those who go to look at costumes and sets. Although we are allowed some glimpses of the castles built by M.L., not enough is shown to make it worthwhile for set-viewers only. It's just all too sad and disappointing for me as I expected much, much more but would have settled for less, but this is settling for nothing.

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by Mike Wright

Summer is here and that brings beaches, bars, and beautiful brown bodies. The Peninsula is in full swing with a lot of cruising, camping and carrying on. Put it all together and it spells F-U-N.

I would like to publically thank all those wonderful people who helped make the benefit for Liz a smashing success. In my opinion, this breakthrough in cooperation has achieved many beneficial results. First, a totally Gay show was presented in a state run school. Many thanks to Foothill College for acknowledging

talent in other than "straight" form. Secondly it proved that the guys and gals of the Peninsula are really working TOGETHER to achieve the very desirable goals of understanding and acceptance of our life style.

Mr. Charles Pierce must receive our special thanks for donating his time and talent. Sir, the people of the Peninsula love you.

On Friday, April 6th, Donna Mae IV, Reina De San Jose, held his farewell ball and coronation for teh Reina V of San Jose. The ball was attended by royalty from near and far and watched over by Empress Maxine and Emperor Marcus. The highlight of the evening was the corwning of Larissa as the new Reina De San Jose. I'm sure his reign will be marked with pride and dignity. Good Luck Larissa.

If you haven't stopped by the CRUISER in Redwood City, do so. Three handsome waiters are ready to serve you the most delightful dinners.

The HIVE in Redwood City will hold the "Queen Bee" contest on April 19th. This should be a really fun affair with much of the Peninsula royalty attending to add to this camp function.

On Sunday, April 29th the Peninsula will honor its biggest "shit shoveler" at the annual Crap Disturber of the Year Awards at the BAYOU LOUNGE, Redwood City. Make plans to attend this terrific event because it will coincide with the BAYOU'S anniversary party that day. The inimitable Bashka will perform two shows at 9 and 10:30 PM and a free buffet will be served at 5 PM. Next month, May 13th, the BAYOU LOUNGE will give DANNY (Daisy Mae) the bartender a "surprise" birthday party. It will be by Danny's 21st... again.

On the serious side, the Gabby Diamond Awards will take place on June 2nd, hopefully at Foothill College. This should prove to be the most elegant affair the Peninsula has ever held. Make plans to be there to honor the great talents that the Peninsula has shown. Speaking of talent, a production company is now forming in the Peninsula. Auditions for groups, singers, etc. will start April 29th. Experience is preferred, but not necessary. Contact Lee at 325-7575 or 322-9403.

My year as Mr. Peninsula is just about over. Therefore, plans are in the making for the Mr. Peninsula II contest. Anyone wishing to run for this office should contact me at 325-7575 after 4 PM daily. All applications must be in by May 14th as the contest will be on June 14th. Go-Go boys, Mr. titles from everywhere, and Groovy Guys should make this gathering well worth attending.

Personal Notes:

Jimmy Hughes, where are you?

Thank you Sir Michael and the Peninsula Guild for supporting me. I love you all.

Congratulations Don and Stephanie on your new appointment to the court. No two people deserve it more. Love,

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EASTER MESSAGE

TO THE COMMUNITY FROM
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EASTER, 1973

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is fashionable for churches to issue special messages on Christmas and Easter. While we think it would be presumptuous to speak out only at those times, this Easter does provide for us an opportunity to share with you our sense of joy and love.

Easter symbolizes to use that God's love is both personal and everywhere. It says to us that all of us are joined in a sisterhood and brotherhood of love which can overcome prejudice, intolerance and oppression. Easter symbolizes the constant possibilities for human rebirth and creative change that kindles hope for the future and motivates us to positive action for social change now.

It is in that spirit that we hold out the hand of peace to all of you. We don't call upon our community for unity as much as for mutual respect and cooperation. The diversity and plurality of our community is part of its excitement. We are not all at the same place in viewpoint or action. We are glad this is so because it means at the very least that it is not boring to be Gay and proud and in San Francisco! So we hope every group among us can "do our thing" as long as we don't oppress or "rip off" any of our sisters and

brothers. And let us encourage mutual respect with less personal and organizational attacks on one another. If Easter points to positive human change, it gives hope some of us can learn to govern our mouths with some maturity and responsibility! Fortright discussion and vigorous debate are fine, but they are not the same as "bitchy" attacks and ideological rhetoric. These latter can divert our attention and energy from the positive things we need to do to better the lives of the Community and to compelte our liberation. So in that spirit we say to all of you - A happy Easter and Peace and Love.

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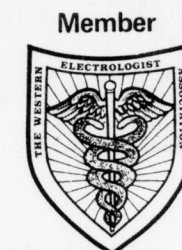
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If I have made any errors or deletions, please contact the writer and corrections will be made in the following issue.

A letter to Louella P.

Dear Louella P.

San Francisco is noted for its dining experience, both Gay and straight. Word of mouth is still the best criteria and so with some doubts I went to diner at BIG TOWN.

First, a reservation. BIG TOWN does take reservations, why, I will never understand. Reservation settled for 10 o'clock we jumped in the shower and took care of the P.T.A. and into our

finery and down to BIG TOWN. Since we were a little early, a drink at the ROUND UP across the street was decided on. At 9:30 we finished our drinks and headed across the street. The red carpet is layed out as you enter BIG TOWN, great, red carpet service we were impressed. Up the grand saircase we minced and stopped at the reservation desk waiting for the numerous people to finish heir busness which was brish. Can't help overhearing "but we've been wiating 25 minutes." Actually, this is expect in a busy place and so we remain in line while other customers who have been wiating plead their case. Finally, our turn approaches and we sidle up to the throne and give our name to a friendly face, Robbie, also known as Helen Trent. Ah, great, we are 30 minutes early. We know that and ask how long the wait would be after our 10 PM reservation? "About 25 minuts." He/she states. OK fine so we go have a drink adn wander around the complex that is BIG TOWN. Most of the sotres are open, people saunter in, hwoever, no one bys anything. The rents must be high, maybe people buy on Saturday afternoon. Teh prices are high also, but isn't everything. Back to the bar for another drink. The downstairs bar at BIG TOWN is a large room trying to look Hollywood Western. This is ruined however by flashing lights at one end that makes the place look like Hollywood hippie or a bad version of the STUD. (right, much worse). Cute bartenders behind the bar who unfortunately pay more attention to cruising than they do to serving drinks. Time flys and soon it is 10:25 and we have not been called. OK, a 25 minute wait. 10:40 comes and goes and still no call so we finish up our drinks. (Being heavy drinkers and loud if necessary, we have managed to have six martinis and are in quite a genial mood.) Up the red staircase we head and lo and behold Helen Trent is gone, however, a friendly replacement checks our reservations and

smiles weakly and says we will be seated next. So, around the corner we trot to the upstairs bar for another martini. The bartender here is quick to serve and quick to insult as obviously he doesn't have the looks to be waylaid by cruisers. 10:50, still no call, around the corner we by this time stagger wondering if we want to eat at all. Lo, Helen Trent is back and swears faithfully we will be seated in two minutes. Back to the bar to gather my friend up and around the corner we lean/brace ouselves against the wall while friendly Helen Trent smiles graciously and flees toward the general direction of the tables screaming "I'll set the damn thing up myself). Back he comes and hark the herald Angles sings. "This way please." and we are led into the holy of holies, the back room and seated at our table. The waiter comes over and is very friendly and introduces himself as rick and then disappears for ten minutes. By this time, with our desire to help the bar make money on drinks we are feeling no pain, except ones of hunger. The wiater returns and hands us our menus, graciously and friendly smiling through the sweat on his brow. The menu is gorgeous and we both think of eating it. The items are listed in all their elegance, from crepes to nuts. We order, we wait, the appetizer arrives and we gobble. Now the edge has been taken off our hunger, the soup arrives, delicious, would have been even better if it was hot, as clam chowder leaves something to be desired luke warm. Now, the main course, luscious frog legs, no, not Lorelei's. Although, they couldn't be much tougher but large and meaty. We omit the salad as it was dropped before getting to our table and not being sure we got a new salad or the old washed off we reserve our comments. 12:50, we fly down tht estairs and hopefully out into the night and away from Hollywood BIG TOWN.

P.S. most of us are not as well known as the fabulous Luella P. and naturally he/she gets the red carpet treatment at a bar/restaurant because they know he/she will write about them. If we were all Luella's, we would have nothing to scream about, thus the above.

Dear Ima Pickey: Received your letter which I thot was well done, however, I'm certainly disappinted that a man with your ability at

expressing his self would be so cowardly as to withhold his name.

If you have read my column carefully, you will find that I make no over statements and infact show no partiality. I only express my personal experiences. I am not given the red carpet treatment and I pay for all my meals. When the food is not to my satisfaction, I bitch and sometimes send it back just as you would. Due to the sudden popularity of BIG TOWN they apprently have grown too fast. Perhaps your letter might encourage them to space their reservations further apart so that you or anyone else would not have to suffer the same experience. Thank you for your letter and I hope next time you will have a more pleasant dining experience at the restaurants I write about.

Louella P.

**AND FROM THE
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES
Thursday, April 1, 1971
"ASK ANN LANDERS"**

"La, la, la, la, la, la, lovely Linda

Dear Ann Landers: Last May my husband asked me if he could wear one of my housedresses while painting the kitchen. He said it would be more comfortable. I said OK. He did look awfully cute, and I told him so. Ever since that time he has been wearing my dresses and wigs and makeup when we are alone. He has aksed me to call him Linda when we "play girl friends" as he calls it.

I can truthfully say I don't mind. The only thing that bothers me is that he is prettier than I am. If we went out in public together, he would get more whistles. Yesterday I read an article on sex deviation. It said men who enjoy dressing up in women's clothes are transvestites. I do not consider my husband abnormal. He is very manly in every way. He just happenes to enjoy playing this little game. Is there anything wrong with it? I'd like your opinon.

Happy Woman who
Loves Her Husband

"Dear Woman: My opinion is of no consequence. The only thing that matters is what you think, and apparently you think it is just fine. If you and your husband enjoy "playing girl friends," it's nobody's business. Just make sure the doors are locked and the shades down. And say hello to Linda.



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MEET CRAIG RUSSELL... Former president of the Mae West Fan Club, then her personal secretary, now he impersonates her nightly to critical acclaim and Miss West's displeasure. An exclusive interview with the fast-rising sensation.

PRINCIPALS SQUARE OFF !!

BEARDEMPHL

Despite rumors to the contrary, the GAY FREEDOM DAY COMMITTEE is finally together and moving ahead towards the largest and best Gay Celebration that has ever been put together.

The instigators of a divisiveness within the group putting on the parade have quit, i.e. The Most and Very Reverend Raymond Broshears of the foul mouth, and his three spreaders of untruths, one Candy Coleman who refers to Thomas Jefferson as a Fascist, one Roger Ryan who wanted assurance from the committee that "I will get my money before I burn my membership

card," and one Roland G. Schembari who so brilliantly misread into my last B.A.R. article that I called John Foster Dulles a commie. At last these sick, sick Gay extremists are exposed for the spreaders of divisiveness and downright lies within San Francisco's Gay Community.

Good riddance, I say, and I hope that the four of them will be happy on June 24th when they will hold their little "Festival" next to the open sewer in front of the City Hall. Gay Funky Fun is the theme of their attempt to put down the whole Gay Community of our fair city. Enough of these silly immature political games.

Now that that unpleasantness has been taken care of by the rest of the GAY FREEDOM DAY COMMITTEE, every honest Gay person may participate who has an open pride in being homosexual.

The officers are firmed up for the Committee, Steve Ginsberg, as chairperson, Micheal Bumblebee as Secretary, W.E.B. as Treasurer, and H.L. Perry as Parade Marshal. The whole attitude and manner of the Committee has been changed into one of positive open cooperation amongst all Gay persons. It is indeed a pleasure to work with so many dedicated persons.

A totally new concept in program publications is being considered by the newly formed publicity committee. Working on this end of the presentation are Spencer Nutting, Dick Lewis, Paul Aginsky and Chuck Thayer. It is exciting to see intelligent, talented persons again working, VOLUNTARILY, to put out a true image for the homosexuals of our area.

The Board of one of San Francisco's most prominent churches is considering helping out our Committee to put on

the dance for the Gay Community in one of the loveliest buildings in San Francisco. This is going to be a pleasant surprise for everyone if the Executive Board can bring this about.

The GAY FAIR, to be held in Lafayette Park is now beginning to draw tremendous response. It looks like this Gay Peoples Fair will have great interest and beauty.

The Parade itself has already received commitments from organizations all over the Western United States and even from as far away as Vancouver B.C. This year we need music in our Parade and anyone who can come up with a band will be most welcome. The largest contingent will be those that just

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