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Chief of Police Don Scott.

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Funston Playground Softball field was never more alive than last Saturday (Dec. 8/73) when members of the Gay Community filled the bleachers as a cheering section, under the hilarious direction of three cheerleaders, whose tailor-made yells amused the crowd of policemen's wives, children and clerk-typists from the Central Station.

At the toss of a coin (provided by the Gay Team's coach), the Gay community elected to bat first and in that inning enjoyed three runs, as fumbling police outfielders were unable to retrieve the bulletlike grounders sent to right and left field by the enthusiastic gay batters.

The gay community hopes this is the beginning of a new era of "Peace and Goodwill" between the Police Department and the Gay Community, both of whom demonstrated a camaraderie on the playing field, which brought in a smashing total of \$1,000.00 total according to Channel 7's News Report. Previous to the start of the game, Irene, Coach of the Gay Team, collected a whopping \$450.00 from Gay persons in our Gay bars with a healthy assist from the management of THE MINT and The Twin Peaks Bars. It was at half-time that Meter Maids, without their pads of tickets, went through the stands and collected donations from the spectators. This money will be used by the Police Athletic League to send minority and poverty area children to the Marine's

Summer camp program at High Sierra Camp next summer.

The final score of the game was eleven to three in favor of the Police. Not until the fourth inning did the Police chalk up their first run, when the relief catcher for the Gay Community team missed a pitch hurled in from second base in plenty of time.

At this Happy Holiday Season, it is the sincere wish of the Gay Community that cooperative efforts such as this softball game will signal in a season of understanding, tolerance and good will between members of San Francisco's Police Department and the Gay Community.

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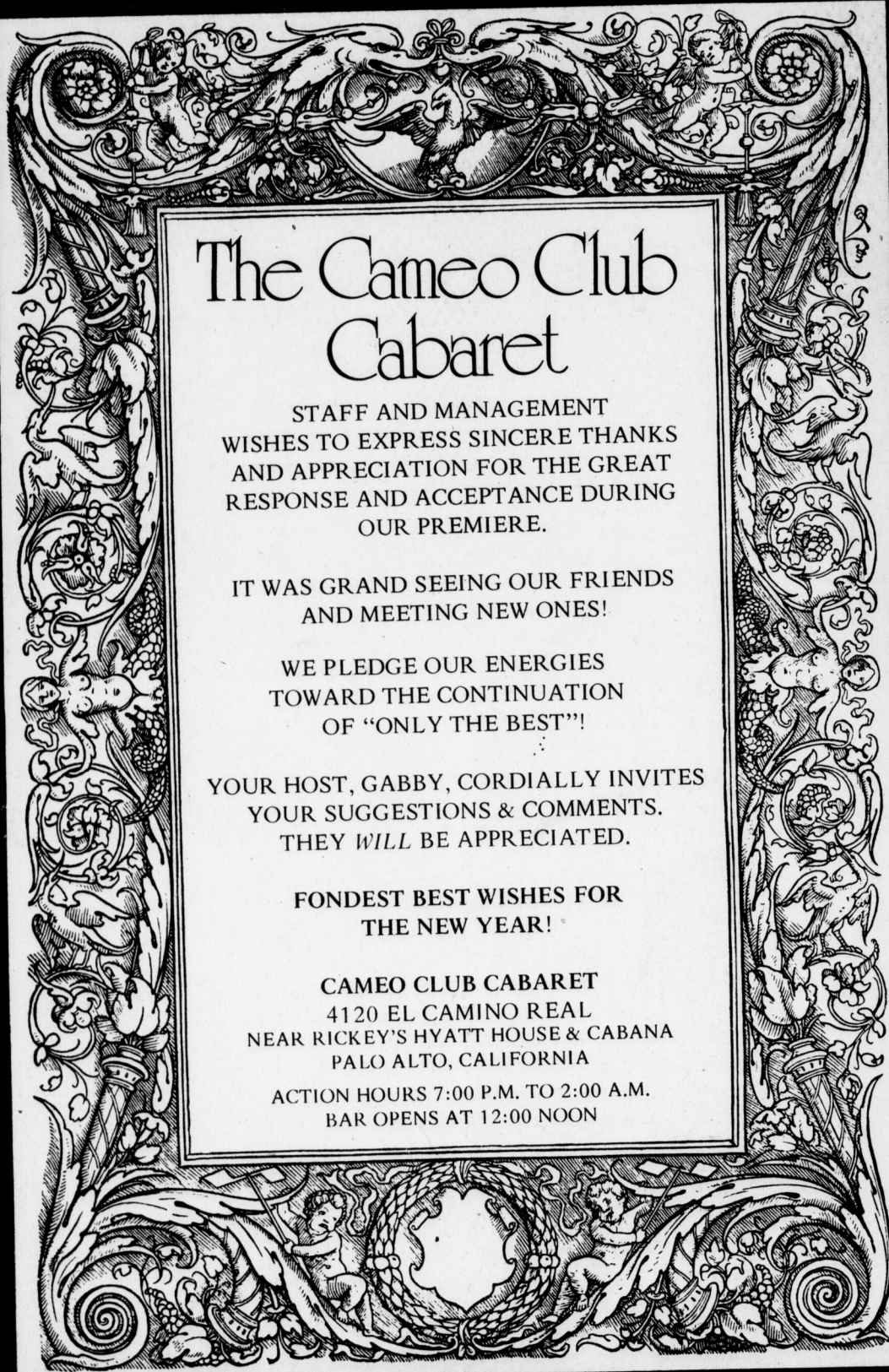
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A serious automobile accident involving my business partner has made it all but impossible to keep up with work, let alone write this column. Now that Chuck is on the way to recovery, maybe some more can be ground out of the old typewriter in front of me. Times like these make one realize the worth of those around us.

It seems to me that readers particularly must be grateful to those many persons who write for this and nearly all gay publications because they must find the spare time to write their columns and they do it without any pay. A thank you or a card to those that you appreciate would be a most welcome remembrance to your favorite gay columnist at this time of year. The most that any of them seem to get is criticism.

My own reward comes at times like

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this last election. As most regular readers know, a great deal has been said in this column about the need for district election of Supervisors and voting for Harvey Milk as Supervisor. I consider the vote registered in gay precincts a personal triumph. Harvey Milk scored heavily in these precincts and proposition K (district election of Supervisors) passed in nearly all precincts where gay persons live. Only certain areas along Polk Street were an exception: to this. (We know where that comes from, don't we.)

Those "professional homosexuals" that have passed themselves off as representing gay persons politically in the last 3 years strongly opposed both Harvey Milk and Proposition K. Maybe now some politicians' eyes will open. These "gay"? persons who say they represent us by lobbying at City Hall have been dividing our community long enough with their backstabbing personality clashes that they institute. Never have they been more vindictive than they were in these last weeks of the election in San Francisco. One of these two-faced egocentrics publicly made statements denouncing Harvey Milk as an insult to the "political accomplishments that they had instituted."

Harvey Milk, in my book, has been the best, most accomplished, knowledgeable,

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astute, able homosexual leader to come along in the last 4 years.

Mr. Milk would be a Supervisor right now if all things had been the same as in the last election with the one exception that we already had DISTRICT ELECTION of Supervisors. Harvey's votes were largely in what was district 7

on the plan proposed. If he could have concentrated on running in that one district; and because there were no incumbents living in that district; and if two other candidates were on the ballot in that district; and if the same number of people voted who did in the last election from that district; and if Harvey could have only gotten the same amount of

votes that he did, but all in district 7; he would now be Supervisor from district 7.

Outside of a few precincts in the Haight District, all precincts that passed Proposition K were by and large those precincts where gay persons lived. The gay community of San Francisco was the only group that voted overwhelmingly FOR proposition K. The map of San Francisco, when colored by precincts as to which voted for District Election of Supervisors, looked like a map marked as to where gay persons lived.

The registered votes of the last election please me greatly as far as the gay community is concerned. I wish to thank all gay persons who voted. This is reassuring that we should continue the good fight.

As for District Election of Supervisors, this is only round 2. We shall press for adoption of this worthwhile plan until San Francisco gives to our gay community the representation on the Board of Supervisors that we deserve.

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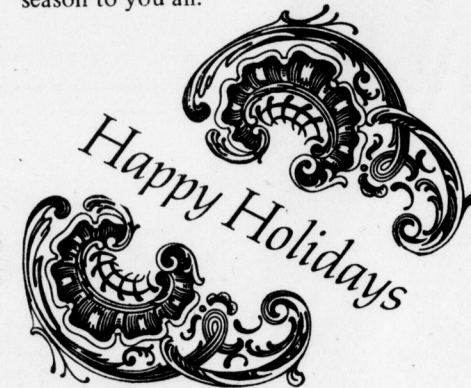
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE PRIDE EXECUTIVE**

This is the third in a series of articles about The Pride Foundation especially written for B.A.R. The first two covered the selection of the Pride Board, and is approach to planning strategy and priorities. This article explains how the Pride Board delegates authority to get work done. There are three aspects to consider here: the Executive Secretary, the Executive Committee, and the Chairman.

The executive head of Pride is the Executive Secretary, who is responsible for all operations. In addition to his own work, he will also appoint or recommend the appointment of the heads of committees and projects, and will coordinate, supervise, and evaluate their work; he will bring up new projects and proposals and help others to present their ideas also. As the focus of operational responsibility, he is where the buck always stops.

The Pride Executive Secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the same Board that instructs and supervises him. Where an executive is elected separately from the Board which supervises him, such an executive is always stronger than the Board, and leads and/or dominates its policies. The Pride system makes the Executive Secretary a clear instrumentality of the Board (which by appointing is encouraged to support him), who may assist in policy but would only damage his position by any effort to dominate it. The system also lets Pride make changes in policies without also changing its chief executive. (A good executive is hard to find.)

The Pride Foundation is currently

searching for a person to fill its Executive Secretary position. This person should have the following qualifications: 1. Relevant experience (education may be substituted for experience); 2. Be a self-starter; 3. Be able to work well with diverse personalities; 4. Present a good image to the general public; 5. Be knowledgeable about current community interests and affairs; 6. Have a motivation to promote the welfare of the homosexual; 7. Be articulate. (Persons interested in applying for the position should write Pride, Box 1983, San Francisco, CA 94101.)

The second aspect for comment here is the Executive Committee of seven Directors, to whom the whole Board delegates such powers as it deems advisable. The Executive Committee stands between the Board and the Executive Secretary, to give closer support, supervision and liaison to the Executive Secretary. Currently it is charged to develop and implement any programs approved by the Board (there are many), and may develop and implement any funding programs on its own initiative. The Executive Committee also sends up for Board decision any problems outside its scope of authority, and its recommendations for additional policy, programs, etc.

At present, the Executive Committee consists of Al Alvarez, B.J. Beckwith, Bob Cramer, Perry George, Don Miesen, Perry Wood, and one other Director.

The third aspect here is the office of the Pride Chairman. He presides at Board and Executive Committee meetings as the parliamentary head of Pride, but has no

executive authority to act for nor represent the organization in any respect. The current chairman is Don Miesen.

This office completes the separation of the executive from the parliamentary functions. (It is impossible to have meaningful supervision and review of an executive and to call him to account, if he is also elected to conduct the same meetings where such accounting should take place.)

The whole thrust of these arrangements in Pride is to encourage its executive to take vigorous action, by delegating the widest range of authority; and at the same time by giving realistic close supervision and assistance to relieve any fear that the executive may abuse his position.

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Pride is grateful to B.A.R. for thus enabling us to bring our message to the gay community; future articles will discuss Pride's intentions regarding the encouragement of volunteer workers, community elections, and other topics.



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# LABELS

## THE MEN IN MY LIFE

"Existentialists" Jean-Paul Sartre and Albert Camus bristled whenever they were called Existentialists; they never ceased battling being classified. Their objecting was not just a case of being contrary, for to them man was ever becoming, ever changing, ever exercising his freedom. Living as if one were his label or up to the expectations of that sticker — be it "lawyer," "doctor," or "dragqueen" — smothered one's becoming authentic. To them living is a DYNAMIC; living as if one were his label is bad faith. Moreover, in the mouths of their critics, the label was a dirty word (for Existentialist read Intellectual Mafia, Philosophic Degenerate, Unamerican Atheist). It seems nobody escapes the abuse of short-sighted people...

I have always chafed (at times suffered) under the labels our language/society have pasted on me. The word "homosexual" depicts a very small part of my being; if allowed to stand for the totality, I am boxed in. No one such

word describes me, completes me, nor enhances me. I am homosexual when I am sexing "homos" (a word that with all its cargo of ugly childhood memories still makes my skin creep). Sucking a cock doesn't make me a "cocksucker" (only when I'm being a son-of-a-bitch about it). "Queer" is an insult from anyone's mouth; "faggot" offensive only when mouthed by strangers. "Fag" hurts, "Queen" depends on how the queen's using the title. "Fairy" always makes me regret how such a lovely word went awry. "Gay bar" or "gay world" doesn't bother me, but "a gay" or "the gays" or "I'm gay" does. On the one hand I'm embarrassed for small-town reporters when they write that at the last Auxiliary Picnic "a gay time was had by all"; on the other I resent Gloria Steinham becoming the expert on "camp." To be sure... all examples of name-calling and my own ideosyncracies (which can be and are handled day after day).

There are additional problems in the business of labels. Modern social scientists have added — in their view — "neutral" contributions to our vocabulary. The word "homosexual" was coined by a Hungarian doctor in 1869, the term

"invert" the contribution of two French doctors in the early 1880's (a German lawyer's "urning" — those of us dedicated to the goddess Urania — was used for about fifty years but never washed well into English). All these efforts were to lay to rest the biblical horrors: "canaanite," "sodomite." These good intentions shifted the authority from church to clinic; the cause, from wickedness to sickness. (For the victims paving a new road to Hell!) The term "homosexual" is misleading and debasing. Homosexuality is not the opposite of heterosexuality. I am not merely *either* straight *or* gay. We are *all*, first, last, and always, HUMAN, and to be human is to be sexual. Sexuality is one way of being human; alternative sexual preferences are a far cry from abnormal ones (the only abnormal act is the one I can't perform).

Furthermore, while only men can make words, words have a way of "making" men in their image. We tend to become, to fulfill, to personify the definition. And should we be plagued with faith — trust in experts, authorities, priests — we soon come to be their clients, patients, and penitents (to cure me or to save me from what they've

convinced me I am).

Language has greater — much greater — clout than we usually give it credit for. Let it rampage and it will shape us according to its whims; tamper with it and it might spit the slug back in our face (witness "homophile" for "homosexual" — it doesn't fit — for as I don't sex all men, neither do I love all men. And while the coining is an admirable try, hopefully it will go the way of "urning"... away!). The best for now would be to hold all short-changing labels at bay, all those that delimit, thwart, and possibly injure. Until one comes along that I can swing on, a tag that enhances me like "Ms." did for liberation-minded women, I'll stick with what I call myself: "a man's man."

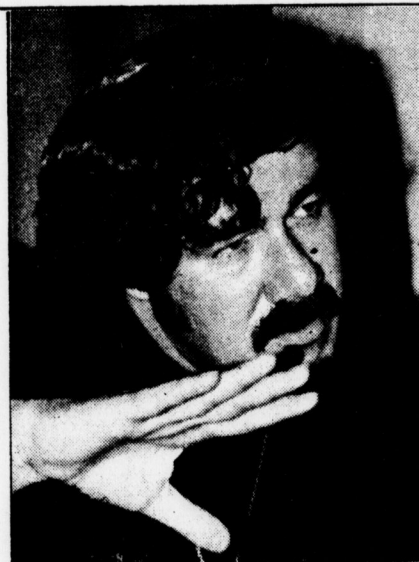
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by margret ann

ELLA — "THE FIRST LADY OF SONG"

The CIRCLE STAR THEATRE hosted the fabulous Ella Fitzgerald recently for an ever-so-short one-week engagement. What kind of adjectives can you use to describe this sensational talent that have not been used before? She is a "Super Songstress" and a master of vocal control, phraseology and melody. She has a vocal flexibility that is by itself astonishing. Every song is a work of art and is always an identifiable Ella creation. Although she is classified primarily as a jazz singer, standards are very much a part of her repertoire, and include "Good Morning Heartache" from Lady Sings the Blues as an example. Other blockbusters were a Gershwin medley and "Mack the Knife." Ella Fitzgerald is an unbelievable talent and rightfully is deserving of the title, "The First Lady of Song." What more can I say about a vintage pro such as Ella?



ELLA: Super Songstress

Seeing and hearing is the real appreciation.

The first part of the program featured the Count Basie Band with an hour set. Actually, the band, or should I say orchestra (15 pieces), far outshone Mr. Basie himself. Without any exception it is one of the finest collections of musicians I've had the pleasure to hear in many moons. The set included solos by Eddie

Davis — "Speak Low"; Bobby Plater — "Pretty Gal"; and Paul Cohn — "What's New." Not to be overlooked is Sonny Page on drums. They just don't make them like Sonny anymore.

If and when Ella Fitzgerald makes another appearance in the Bay Area, it certainly is worth the time and gas to travel to see her. She is the last of a dying breed of entertainers.



## BEAD-DAZZLED — AN AWARD WINNING BENEFIT!

For as many years as I care to remember, benefits, in any way, shape or form, are the type of happening I would rather avoid. They usually consist of poorly put together entertainment, unrehearsed performances and overall bad management of funds and costs. Oftentimes the goal of raising money is all but overlooked. However, within a very short span of time, this city has been graced by two exceptionally good benefits, one being the recent benefit for PRIDE and the other "Bead-Dazzled," a benefit for M.C.C. held at the Jack Tar Hotel.

The show was a pleasant complement of fashions by Pat Campano and the vocal talents of Michael Owen, Jose, Faye and Kenny Ortega. To elaborate on the performances of Mr. Owen, Jose and Faye is unnecessary; they are all beyond reproach.

The real star of the evening was a gentleman that is known for another talent, Mr. Pat Campano. His creations have adorned the bodies of many of San Francisco's local personalities. In addition, he has designed and constructed costumes for such productions as "Once Upon a Mattress," "Revolution '70," "Mame" and "Dames at Sea." Mr. Campano, who is usually content to remain offstage and in the background, narrated the parade of his outstanding fashions, a job he handled with ease and confidence.

All in all, "Bead-Dazzled" was a very enjoyable experience and I'm sure was a financially successful venture for M.C.C.

— M.A.

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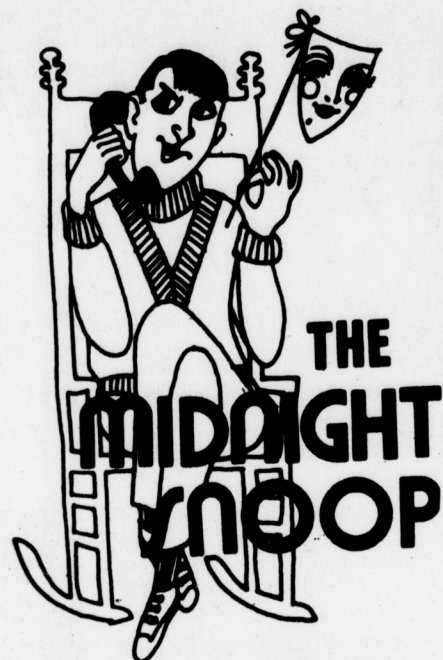
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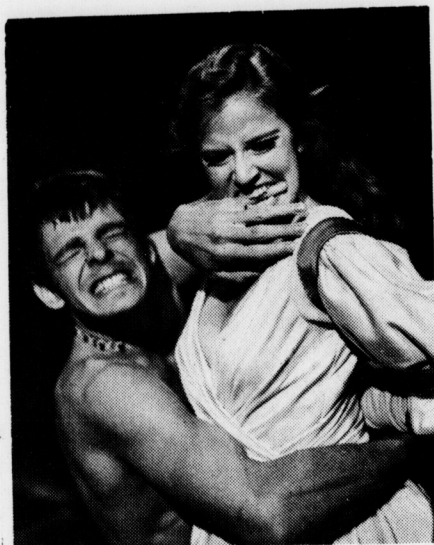
Show News



by Donald McLean

A.C.T. OFFERS 2 HOLIDAY TREATS!!  
TAMING OF THE SHREW

A.C.T.'s new production of TAMING OF THE SHREW, under the rousing direction of William Ball, is the most exciting, stimulating evening of theatre this city has seen in many a moon. Shakespeare's bawdy comedy of the battle of



Marc Singer & Fredi Olster in a tender, heartwarming moment.

the sexes has been directed by Mr. Ball in the tradition of "commedia dell'arte," with a troupe of strolling actors presenting the piece as a low broad comedy, performed with great theatricality and physical knockabout Marx, Bros. style. If you're one of those theatre-goers who cringe at the thought of sitting through anything Shakespearean, you'll find TAMING OF THE SHREW the perfect show to change your mind. Mr. Ball has managed, as with "Merchant of Venice,"

to make Shakespeare palatable to the masses. The packed house on the night I caught roared with approval, most of whom had probably not been exposed to Shakespeare since "Julius Caesar" in high school.

The greatest asset of this production is Marc Singer as Petruchio. Immensely sexy, Mr. Singer strips to the waist for his meeting with Katherina, greeting her in white tights, boots and a leering smile. His Petruchio is a cross between Douglas Fairbanks and Leo Gorcey. He's cocky, lusty, yet tender in the second act and thoroughly likeable from start to finish. Fortunately, he is matched toe to toe by Fredi Olster as Katherina. Her shrew is a vixen but never a bitch, sharp-tongued but compassionate, and from the moment they first meet, the audience roots for them both. How nice not to see the standard stereotype performances of Kate as an unappealing harpie and Petruchio as a blustering braggard. Mr. Singer and Miss Olster give full-bodied performances of dimension. Their famous wooing scene is now a wrestling match, as they throw each other across the stage, slug, claw, bite and generally try to maim each other, without even losing breath. They are magnificent.

They are surrounded by a fine supporting cast, with even the littlest cameo role made vital and interesting. Claire Malis manages to make Bianca, usually a vapid bit of fluff, into a wily little minx who bats her baby blues to get exactly what she wants. Stephen Schnetzer, William Paterson, Raye Birk and James R. Winker all lend solid support to a production that moves at a machine-gun pace, with fine costumes by Robert Fletcher and minimal but highly workable sets by Ralph Funicello. It is total ensemble playing, the quality that makes A.C.T. stand far above the average theatre we see in San Francisco, and this is the kind of production that makes you point with pride to A.C.T. as our resident theatre company.

OH COWARD!

A.C.T., in association with Wroderick Prod., has brought us OH COWARD!, an evening of sophisticated wit and song by Noel Coward. It is a loving tribute put together by Roderick Cook of the best, most famous and often the most obscure works of the master of the stiletto tongue and precious charm, performed simply and tastefully by a cast of three, Mr.

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**MIDNIGHT SNOOP (continued)**



*Charlotte Fairchild captivates as the perfect Coward leading lady.*

Cook, Charlotte Fairchild and David Holliday. Miss Fairchild especially captivates completely, whether singing a haunting "If Love Were All" or a dynamic "Mad About the Boy" or portraying a Cockney housewife in "The End of the News." She's the perfect Coward leading lady, superb voice, fine enunciation (with Coward a prime necessity) and splendid timing. Mr. Cook scores as the



*Roderick Cook has put together a loving tribute in OH COWARD!*

droll Noel himself, particularly in that grand old Bea Lillie number, "I Went to A Marvelous Party." David Holliday sings well and with finesse ("You Were There"), usually acting as the foil for either Mr. Cook or Miss Fairchild but getting in a few of his own licks too ("Nina"). For anyone who's ever been amused or enchanted by a Coward lyric, this is a must!

**TAMING OF THE SHREW** is now playing in rotation at the Geary Theatre, **OH COWARD!** is at the Marines Memorial on Sutter. If you are seeking a rewarding evening during the Holidays, both shows have "a talent to amuse" and must be seen.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM SNOOP**

As is my custom, that time of year has once again arrived when I save lots of time and money by giving my Xmas gifts in print to the entertainers of our city. My Christmas list for 1973:

The cast of **GONE WITH THE WIND** - Jobs for all, since they've folded here.

**TERRY TAYLOR, BRYAN MARSHALL & BUSTY O'SHEA** - Matched luggage with rhinestoned monograms for their trip to Boston (3 more entertainers gone from S.F.). And best wishes for success.

**PERRY** - A "yours truly" stamp to save him all that writing.

**MICHELLE** - The Angela Lansbury Award for his forthcoming planned revival of "Gypsy."

**YONKERS PRODUCTION COMPANY** - A backers party so they can produce the original musical adaptation of "War and Peace" in '74 (Melanie will play piece) ... on the VILLAGE stage of course.

**BRANDY LEE** - A fervent prayer she's never in an earthquake (silicone can shift, ya know!).

**FAYE** - A leading solo with the Mitchell Boys Choir.

**GARY SCHNEIDER** - A new record entitled "The Andrews Sisters Play Ethel Smith."

**BEVERLY SILLS** - My sincere thanks for being my favorite interview of the year. Last year's winner - Mitzi Gaynor. The "Nuts to You" Award to Michael Caine for his condescending slurs on homosexuals.

**PAT CAMPANO** - A burlap sack and a string of glass beads. Let's see what you can design from that!

**BIG JIMMY** - Dr. Irwin Stillman gift-wrapped.

**MICHAEL OWEN** - Downers. All that energy makes me nervous.

**PAT MONTCLAIRE** - Ann-Margret's nightclub act, complete with 20 boy dancers ... and a club to do it in.

**CHARLES PIERCE** - A rare photo of Don Banks falling off his Jeanette

swing onto Mavis, who had 14 drinks on a tray and never spilled a drop.

**CRAIG RUSSELL** - A copy of Jim Bailey's soon-to-be-released abdication speech.

**GEORGE BUCHANAN** - The Radio City Rockettes carved in wood; pull one string and all 32 kick in unison.

**JOHN GOOCH** - The Collected Recordings of Joe "Fingers" Carr.

**CAROL LYNN** - All old photos of herself, before "work." Especially those as a boy.

**GARY POOLE** - 30 copies of "Arthur Murray Taught Me Dancing in a Hurry."

**CHUCK McALLISTER** - An Instant Transvestism Kit.

**JOHN ROTHERMEL** - A pair of silver lame' platform evening pumps worn by Lydia Roberti in "College Rhythm."

**STEVENS & MILLER** - A Ford Foundation grant. They may be the answer to the energy crisis.

**LUSCIOUS LORELEI** - A record of nothing but thunderous applause.

**SWEETLIPS** - The Dale Carnegie book, "How to Win Friends & Influence People."



*LAVERN CUMMINGS of Finocchio's... a Christmas wish.*

**CHUCK LARGENT** - A black wreath with "In Memoriam."

**EMPRESS MAXINE** - The starring role in a new Hawaiian revue to open in the back room of the P.S.

**MARCUS** - My best wishes for "Empress '75."

**MAME of Portland** - My old jewelry. Poor thing never has any flash.

**LAVERN CUMMINGS** - "The Complete Hits of Nelson & Jeannette for Split-Voice Singers."

**MARGRET ANN** - "Joan Bennett's Beauty Secrets"

**MONTEZUMA** - A weekend locked in the men's room of the Gateway Theater, unable to see the Busby Berkeley Film Festival.

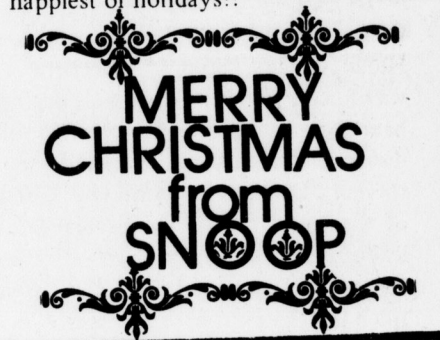
**SHIRLEY** - Ice skating lessons.

**MONA MANDRAKE** - A badly scratched recording of "Dietrich Sings Hildegard."

**TAWNY TANN** - A one-way ticket to San Francisco.

**CHUCK WALTZ** - A fingernail clipper.  
**VICKI MARLANE** - Raquel Welch's bust.

**TO THE AUDIENCES OF S.F.** - The hope that you have found 1973 a year of good entertainment and much fun and the wish that you will have the happiest of holidays!!




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# a film view

BY MONTEZUMA

## ASH WEDNESDAY

I've just seen the best film of the year — the year 1958, that is. As I swam my way upstream thru the bathos and tears that drenched the screening room, I was once again reminded that even movie stars can do and have problems and that life isn't always easy just because you look like Elizabeth Taylor.



Elizabeth Taylor plays a rejuvenated 50-year-old in "Ash Wednesday."

Barbara Sawyer feels she is leading a pale "Imitation of Life" and goes to Switzerland for a complete "body sculpture" operation which the viewer sees quite graphically in the removal of excess skin, the tightening of sagging jowls and drooping buttocks and breasts. The operation takes place on a symbolic Ash Wednesday and after 40 days of looking like a "Portrait in Black," Barbara Sawyer, aging housefrau, emerges radiant Elizabeth Taylor-Look-A-Like. Unfor-

tunately, Barbara has a "Magnificent Obsession" where her husband is concerned. She's gone thru all this pain, trauma and tears for him. When she is released from the clinic, her new-found friend, David (the fifth most famous fashion photographer in the world and fellow patient at the "Fountainhead" of youth), tells her: "Now, Voyager," go forth and be pretty and happy" — but Babs just can't let loose. As a mysterious "Madame X", she wanders alone through the chic winter resort of Cortina. Lotsa snow, blue lens and Maurice Jarre music. But finally she meets Erich, a poor but handsome ski-bum gigilo. "The Bad and The Beautiful" meet to the strains of "Ruby" and all goes well until the moment of truth, and Barbara decides that she cannot cheat on her hubby.

After more soul-searching plus a cream puff or two, she asks her grown-up daughter to come to her. The young miss does and is amazed at how gorgeous her momma looks. Her daughter tells her the truth — that Daddy has found another woman — a younger one — and wants to divorce. But Barbara still holds on. In a "Brief Encounter," she finally beds with Erich — and finds out she likes it. Finally, after more Maurice Jarre music and endless walks, her husband, Mark, arrives. Following a mardi gras party, the show-down occurs. "Love Me or Leave Me" is Barbara's ultimatum. "I've leave" is Mark's reply, something that he's wanted to do for years. As the train pulls away leaving Barbara with nothing but tons of furs and a diamond or two, we know that life is only a "One Way Passage" for Barbara. Fade-out. The End.

Through all my sobs, I did find time to make notes on the acting prowess of the cast. Elizabeth Taylor looks divine, "fur on fur — elegant and easy," and she gives

one of the best performances she's done in years. She manages to salvage her reputation after the last few bombs she's been in. There are many of us who have always loved the gorgeous Miss T., so it's nice to see her looking good again with a nice, meaty role, the kind that another Miss T. — Lana — used to do so well.

Henry Fonda has a brief but excellent role as "Mark." The opening credits utilize pictures of both stars from the younger days up to the present and it's most interesting to see the way they have done it — loved Henry's head on Nicky Hilton's body in the wedding pictures.

As "Erich," Helmut Berger gets another chance to do something contemporary (if you missed him in "Dorian Grey"), and is his usual animated, Germanic self. Personally I don't think there's any truth to the rumors that he takes "wooden" lessons from Roxie Hart.

Keith Baxter is heaven as "David." He gives his too few scenes sparkle and humor — something not found too often in the film. Best known for his stage work, Mr. Baxter is a welcome screen personality. His character in the film reminded me of Miss Taylor's photographer/actor friend from kiddy-days, RMcD.

Margaret Blye has a short but terribly important scene as Liz's daughter. Actually all the actors and actress parts are short which keeps the spotlight almost entirely on Miss Taylor.

Monique Van Vooren has a tiny cameo as "the German woman." She plays a "legend-in-her-own-time" German film star who visits the clinic periodically for "sculpture." Three guesses only.

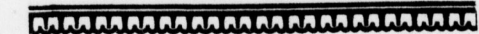
This film is certainly not one of the more cheerful ones of the current holiday crop, but if you like Liz, you'll probably dig it a lot. Will be opening on Polk St. at the Royal and also at the new twinned U.A. Stonestown at Christmas.


### PREVUES OF OUR NEXT ATTRACTION:

Recently meeting with various representatives of the motion picture and television industry, the Gay Media Task Force has set down "general principles" for the treatment of homosexuality on film or television. The Task Force is up in arms over the treatment we receive in the upcoming Fox release, "The Laughing Policeman," which takes place in San Francisco and was filmed in many of our

local gay spots. I'll be viewing the picture shortly and will review it in the next issue. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of these "principles," write to me and I'll send a copy. Some of it's very realistic and some a little radical and far-fetched. Time will tell.

Since the next issue won't be out till after Xmas, may I take this time and space to wish you all a very merry and gay, frivolous season. Mucho Luv.



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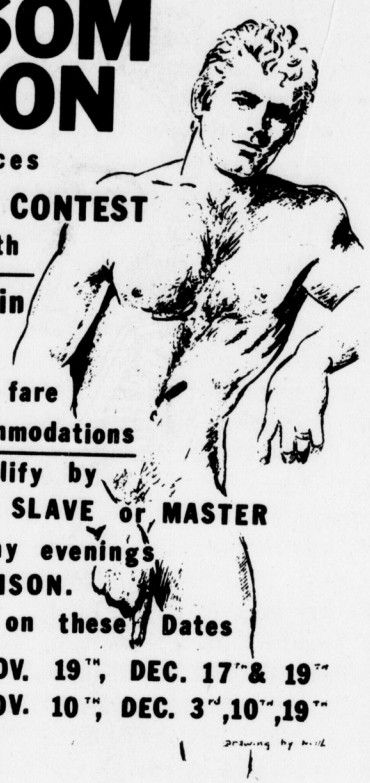
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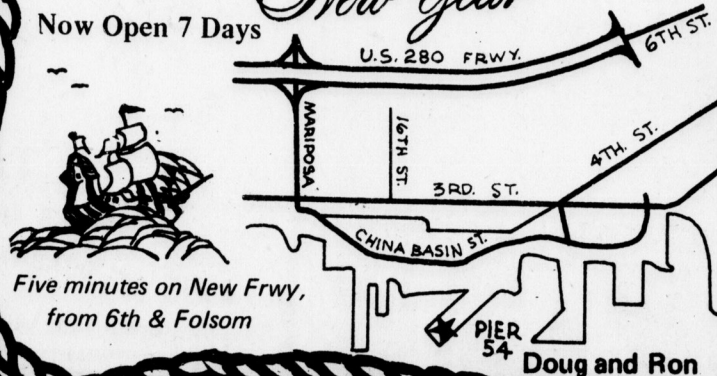


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## General Happenings

# Tidbits

by the Bay



### DOWNTOWN

Mel and Shirley's grand opening of the SCORE II was a very royal affair. The best of luck.

Thank you, S.I.R., for a wonderful Thanksgiving and to Joey Collier for the dress. You should see him and Lady Mike behind the bar at the TURF CLUB! Now that's quite a pair. Had lots of fun. You're a great gang.

A Tip of the Brim to Naomi! Poor dear was up half of the night chasing turkeys for the S.I.R. dinner.

Petri, of PETRI'S CABORARA on Calif. St., is a real camp. Try their Won Ton soup for lunch. It's their specialty and you may run into your old (young)

loves. I did. Hi, Gene! They will have a free Xmas buffet from 11:30 a.m. till ? on Thurs., Dec. 20th.

"Boys in the Sand" and "Bijou" are showing at the POWELL CINEMA. I bet the cable car riders are getting an eyeful.

Mr. & Miss Rendezvous Contest, Dec. 13th, will be quite a show. David has planned a heaven evening and would you believe 22 contestants. The winners will represent the bar in the Mr. & Miss San Francisco Contest.

THE WINDJAMMER SALOON will have their grand opening Sat., Dec. 15th at 9 p.m. with buffet, band, etc. Best of luck to Ron and Jim, the new owners.

### POLK ALONG LARKIN

Did you know the WILD GOOSE gave away a real goose on their last anniversary night?

See you all at the GANGWAY Xmas Party on the 20th.

There will be a new bar in this area soon. I can't tell yet but some big mouth has already let the cat out of the bag. I've been told by 3 people and they're right.

Playgirl's December man can be seen at the LAUREL in "Truck It."

The POLK GULCH SALOON is having or had their second Chubby Chaser Party.

### CHINESE CHECKERS

Rose Buckley can be seen at 1001 NIGHTS.

Ron (the horse lady), VI'S CLUB DRAKE, is now at the WINDJAMMER SALOON.

Tom (GILDED CAGE, remember?) is now with BIG TOWN.

Art (J.B.'s HOUSE) is now at the TWIN PEAKS.

Kish, I think you were wrong. Ken is still at the PENDULUM.

Donald has left TIFFINY'S.

Gretta Grass is now appearing at the 527 (between shows).

Jim Sterling (FOLSOM PRISON) is now at the DOG PATCH SALOON, as is Ron Shields from the 1001 NIGHTS.

Kissy Diki has left the WATER HOLE 3.

J.J. Van Dyke is leaving the S&M omelet at PIER 54 to do a show at DAHL & PENNE'S in Portland.

Rose I - 21 and 3½ is the new cocktail waitress at the 527.

Black Beauty has returned to S.F. after a short stay in Portland.

Jack (FOLSOM PRISON) is now with the WATER HOLE 3.

Wayne of the ALLEY CAT is the new manager of the MIND SHAFT.

### AROUND TOWN

The COITS had their annual jaunt to Las Vegas. Hope you had ball and won lots of money.

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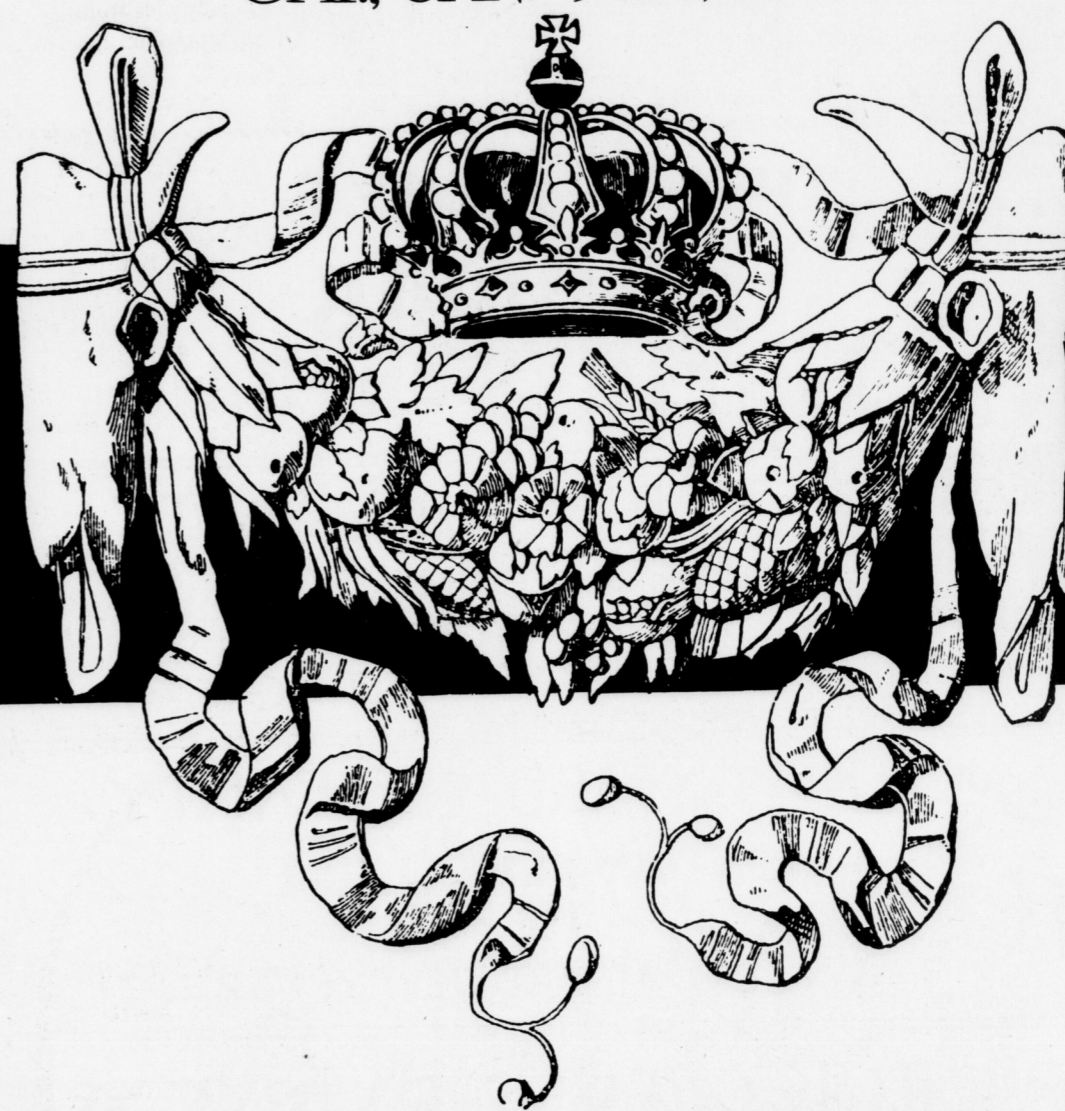


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If you need any New Year's goodies, give Naomi a call at 648-0579.

Happy birthday to the Godfather and Happy anniversary to the 527. Hope you and Charlotte have a ball in the islands.

If you missed TIFFINY'S opening, you missed one of the nicest buffets I have seen in some time. Sorry to report Kay is in the hospital very ill. Hurry back, love, we miss you.

The BAYOU will have their Xmas show Dec. 15th and Lou Greene will be made Honorary Crap Disturber of the Year.

Everyone is having awards. Don't forget the Community Awards at Calif. Hall on Dec. 16th. Lee Raymond will be

one of the performers and a Tip of the Brim to Ralph Rotten (how did you get that name? You're such a nice guy) of the COUNTRY CLUB is doing the sound and also for the Coronation Jan. 5th. This should prove to be quite a show.

Chuck Alexander and Randy may be a steady thing at the SAUSAGE FACTORY on Sundays.

SCOTT'S PIT has planned quite a month, with all proceeds going to the Lesbian Mothers Union. Dec. 6th will feature Sharon McKnight. Bring a toy. On the 15th and 16th, SCOTT'S will have a new book sale with a pot-luck dinner on the 16th. On Dec. 23rd, M.C.C. is sponsoring a raffle every half hour with a color T.V. as grand prize. SCOTT'S has just been completely redone so drop by and give a look.

Mr. S.F. lost a contestant. Tacky Tacky Ruth won Marcus' Closet Ball.

Once you get in a dress! I lose more escorts that way. Right, Gary?

Terry Taylor is sponsoring a Xmas Carnival at the HAVOC HOUSE Sat., Dec. 15th, a 2 p.m. as a benefit for the Helping Hands Center. Sounds like it will be a fun afternoon.

Marcus and Tacky Tacky, your SPOON AWARDS were heaven. It was re-ally a camp affair. I hope you got home alive. I know the ROUNDUP will never be the same.

THE MIND SHAFT has a 1906 World's Fair decor in the back room. That should blow your mind. It should be open in a week or so.

I hope Santa fills your stockings with all the goodies you have always wanted.

Be good to each other.

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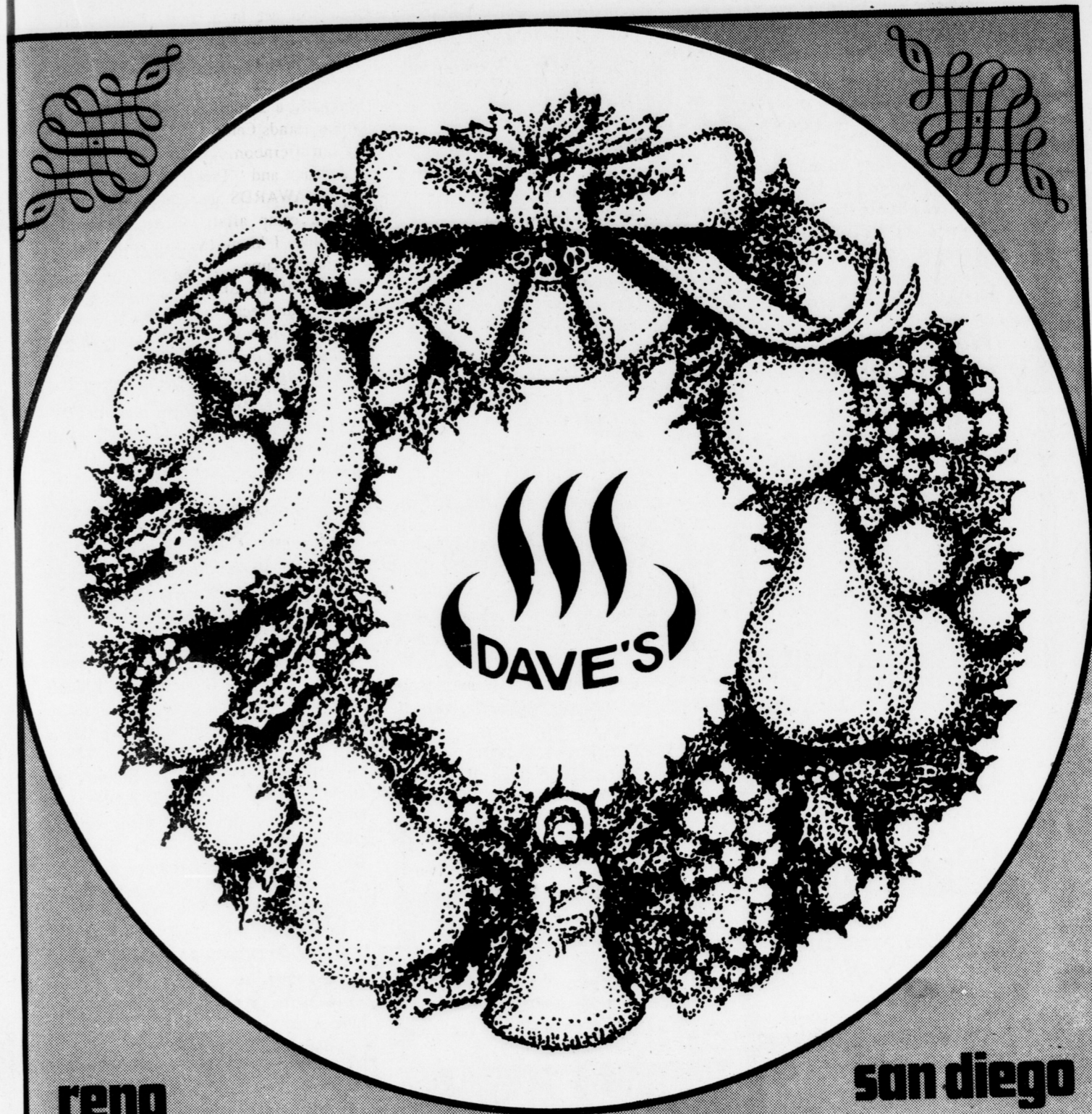
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Bill McWilliams is unbelievable. No one typifies the miracle of Christmas so much as he, so it is only fitting that we make the pilgrimage to the BOOTCAMP to pay tribute to this unassuming man.

Ken: Merry Christmas, Bill. Do you have a holiday message you would like to share with everyone — the secret of your humility, your modesty, your unassuming graciousness.

Bill: That I have. Each morning on arising I recite the Boy Scout pledge. I face myself in the mirror, raise my right hand, place thumb over little finger — and that aint easy when you've got Crisco all over your hand — and recite "On my honor, I will do my best, etc., etc., etc."

K: How noble. It sounds just like you. Tell me, Just Plain Bill, what Good and Noble Causes are you supporting now?

B: Just now I'm seeking donations for my various cash registers.

K: Worthy indeed, but don't you have some sort of special project to gladden the poor and oppressed and lighten their bloodshot, cruise-worn eyes on Christmas

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morning?

B: Well, we have these Noel paintings.

K: Ha! Ha! Not only are you diffident, but you can bandy the words about. Noel — I get it.

B: I knew you would. My Christmas project? I'm glad you asked. Yes, I have a project but it goes on the year long. I have a deal with the Fire Department and they bring me the toys that they can't or won't fix. We have the flair and imagination to make them into useful gifts for the little nippers.

K: Just where is your workshop?

B: You're sitting on it.

K: Mind you, keep a civil tongue —

B: No, really, it's right beneath you — in the basement of the BOOTCAMP. Come on, I'll take you down there. We catch the elevator in the back. You'll sort of have to push your way through the crowd back here. That's another one of my altruisms — what other bar south or north of Market has Sunday School Services in the back every night? Here — onto the old elevator and away we go — deep beneath the BOOT CAMP to Jolly Bill's Happiness Factory.

K: Why, this is incredible. I don't believe it. Toys and games from floor to ceiling. Nick or Pitt would eat their hearts out.

B: Herè, let me show you around. See these? These are little ROUNDUP wind-up dolls. The spring winds just far enough to take them to the ENDUP. There's even a little gyroscope inside to keep them from detouring into BIGTOWN.

K: What's that big thing?

B: That? That's the Bouncing Betty Bonko Beach Balloon. And this is the hot air pump to inflate it. Easy! She's very think-skinned — the smallest prick and she's deflated.

K: What's this game here — Monopoly?

B: It's similar, but it's called FOLSOM PRISON Auction.

K: What's the object of the game?

B: The object of the game is to keep someone at 527 Bryant from finding out what color your money is going to be.

K: Here's a pair of worn-out boxing gloves.

B: Yes, those belong to Art and Tommy. I have to get them recovered and back to the RAMROD for Monday night's fight.

K: Oh, yes, I've seen those bouts on

Wide World of Sports. Funnier than the roller derby. Oh, here's a dollhouse.

B: That belongs to Collie — a mountain woman from Arkansas. She brought it down to have glory holes bored in every bathroom.

K: That's nice. Toys should be educational as well as fun. What's this? It looks like Jess Molina.

B: Put that back — it's a cookie jar and it's full of brownies. Look at this — the Lennie Mollett piggy bank.

K: That's strange. There's no coin slot on top.

B: No, but there's a big hole under the tail where you can shove in dollar bills or whatever.

K: Have the Dodge Boys heard about this? Well, Bill, I certainly have to hand it to you — here you have a veritable treasurehouse of goodies — Amazon Lil's Picture Dictionary, the Lorelei Doll — wind her up and she changes her wig every three minutes; Harry's Hobby Horse — five minutes in her saddle and she's off her rocker; Glenn's Paint by the Number Kit, Hazel's Switch Blade Tuning Fork — the list is endless. Jeez — what a big Tinker Toy!

B: Isn't that a beauty? That's from Kelly at the Lion. You can touch, but don't play with it.

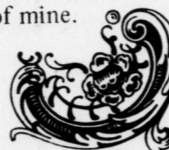
K: How well I know. Very frustrating.

B: Don't be frustrated. Remember, it's Christmas, and we should all have something to keep us happy, not only at Christmas, but the whole year long.

K: You mean the Christmas spirit?

B: Hell no. I mean an Erector Set.

K: Put 'er there, brother — I get a big bang out of mine.



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EMMA MAY  
 VON GAY

Well here we go — a first for Emma, would you believe I can't think of anything to stir. I will just have to play it by ear.

As a cast member of the Merry Kish Mess show, I will go on record to say it was one of the maddest and merriest things. A great bunch to work with... Hats off to Kissy, Kissy Diki. — Don't forget, Empress Maxine, it's beneath you to be a maid anyway.

I bet you are all waiting for my review of the 1st Annual Spoon Awards — It was done in beautiful high camp, even if some people did get uptight. Those of course are the first to stir — after me! Yes, I was crowned King of Spoons (bow) and Charolette (curtsy) of the Mint as my Queen. Thank goodness they know the differences of sexes... Emperor II Russ pinned Emperor I Marcus with the first pin of his reign (does that mean they are engaged??). A beautiful gesture. My personal thanks to Emperor I Marcus,

Tacky Ruth (Miss Closet Queen 1974), the staff of the Roundup, Gary and Al for a great nite.

Next year's awards should contain about 95% of the city, since it's the in thing to carry a spoon with you for safety's sake... I hear that Portland and Vancouver have already picked up on the spoon symbol... all the luck, fellas.

Let's go into the pot and stir a little...

Boycott of the coronation ball by some people who have been always telling us that United We Stand, Divided We Fall... Congrats to Bill Plath elevated to Board of Trustees at SIR... Anyone left in the city that isn't running for Emperor or Empress next year???... Will Czar 3 1/2 of the Miracle Mile come out of hiding... Rome n' Dick at the Phoenix? Really!... Let's not let Doug MacDonald resign as Chairman of Operation Concern... even if some of the spoon award winners are stirring... I will stand by you... Bill Flanagan, will you ever lose your title of Mr. Tavern Guild, or are you another Fanny???... Terry Taylor, Busty O'Shea and Bryan Marshall are leaving us for the cold weather back east to do some shows... The weather wouldn't hurt this group... break a leg, gals... A special message "For Once In My Life"... Empress Maxine will look far out on Coronation nite (if she doesn't bleed)... mark my words... Thanks to all of her friends who will be attending her farewell dinner at Big Town on the 17th. Many thanks to Emperor II Russ for a great idea... This I hear will be done every year for the outgoing Empress... That's what I call togetherness... Now I know Christmas is really upon us — the New Bell has upheld its tradition with the most beautiful Christmas tree in this city... A must to see... Right on Roy on Boo... My spoon has melted, so I will end this attempt at writing for now.

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May your cup runneth over with jokes made in Poland

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Santa shssh - Rose Buckley's asleep  
Blow a kiss to her and J.C. and one for Little Bo Peep

A Joyous Noel to the Best of the Sexes  
That's Ron and Modesto, God bless them, my exes

Buon Natale June and fat George Banda keep smiling,

Keep happy the rest of the year  
Bless you and keep you, dear friend Michael Greer

On Christmas morning let's all hit the deck

for Jorge and Carlos and Ms. MaMa Peck  
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A cornucopia full with the spirit of Christmas

So on Comet and Boo and sweet Bobby Koenig

A bagful of wishes the great holiday mornin'

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Keep the wassail cups flowing, but don't catch the flu

Bring a slice of the happiest Yuletide pie  
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Now I know dear Santa your list could confuse

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To cheer Bill Plath, Eric Neisi and naturally Ed Spece

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That's Bobby Cramer and Frau and Missy Michelle

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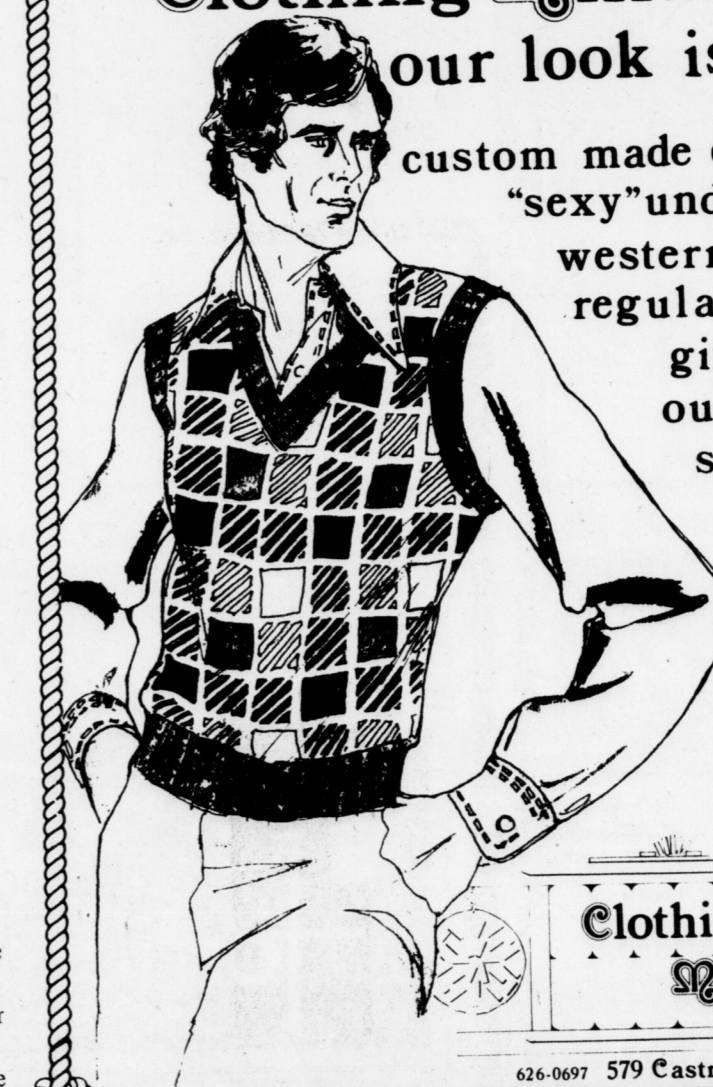
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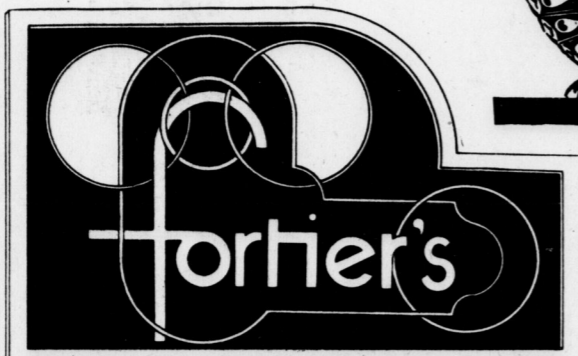
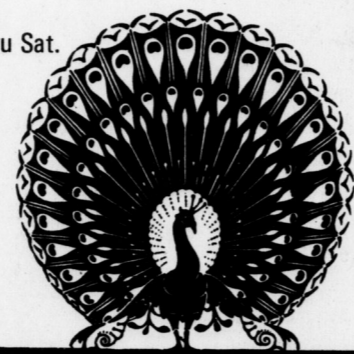
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Reba: Woolen underpants with a hole in it.

Trollop: A motorized dildo.

The Fat Lady: A thin husband to keep him warm.

Bella: Something she never had - local credit.

Willis: A bag of rice.

Roxann: A live turkey symbolic of her royal bird since she gobbled so many votes at the COVERED WAGON.

Laura: One gross of surgical tape and a roller.

Cristal: One gallon of Tequila, a little black book, and glasses.

Rome: A dictionary of two letter words.

Barbara Balls: You guessed it?

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Tony Lasagne: Five pounds of Italian salame and a bottle of olive oil.

Charlotte: A new name for her all girl review newspaper.

Hans: A dozen pair of see through G strings and a commuter ticket to Oakland.

Gene Peck: A recording of all the no's that he gave into.

Lorelei: A full length gown for the Coronation made from wall to wall carpeting.

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Hector: A Vacuum cleaner to give to S.I.R. since a broom doesn't seem to do much.

Sally: A pair of tweezers to pluck the hairs from his mixed drinks.

Princess Pamela: Reba for one night.

Jim Foster: A Republican ticket.

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George: A date with Lorelei.

Don and Henry: A leaky water bed.

Don and John: A leaky water bed.

Jonni: Something stiff.

Danny of the \*P.S.: A gift certificate from Bob Mandel's Costume Shop.

Big Jimmy: Fare back to San Francisco.

Busty O'Shea: A tent from Omar Kaiyam.

Lori Shannon: Her own turkey ranch for her feather boas.

Don Banks: A tube of toothpaste.

Vera Cruise: Bob Ross for a roommate.

David Kelsey: Gary Schneider to tune his organs.

Gary Schneider: David Kelsey to tune his drums.

Karl Kay: A skin scraper.

Jimmy Quinn: The lead in Hello, Dolly.

Rex Ann: A year's supply of helium filled balloons to strap to her wrists.

Michelle: The make-up secrets of Sweetlips.

Perry: A new wig with Shirley Temple curls, an old dress from Shirley, a borrowed trick and a royal title written in blue fading ink.

Fanny: Absolutely nothing.

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The Dog Lady: A new leash.

Mother Voo Doo: An island all her own.

Father Henry Lay-Lou: A new pair of sneakers.

Ray Broshears: A new pair of sequenced wings to replace those that were clipped.

Maxine: A hundred lays flown in from the Islands.

Bill Plath: A fire extinguisher.

Horse Lady: A bag of oats and a new diet for his pouch.

Jack Anuchi: Dimes for extra towels.

Roberta Ba Ba: A pair of holsters to carry her water pistols.

Kerry and Bobby: Lots of potted plants.

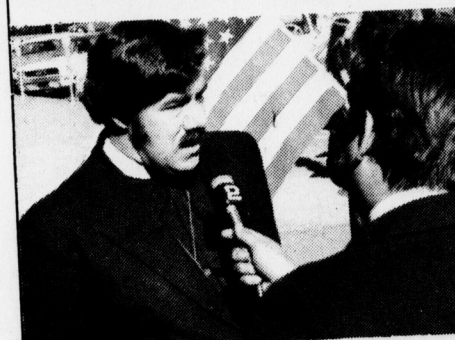
Kissy-Kissy-Dicky: A year's supply of flavored chap stick.

Enjoy.

P.S. of course there is one thing that I can afford to give and that is a heart warming joyful Christmas wish to each and every one of my faithful readers who often wonder as to what trip I'm on.



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## "THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN" UNFUNNY FILM FUROR!

I have not, and probably never will see "The Laughing Policeman," a new detective drama put on film by 20th Century Fox. BUT, the flap this picture is raising is a plus for the Gay community. The resulting contemporary exercise in homosexual sociometrics is providing enough laughs for those in the know that it is a story worth passing on.

Considering that the last 37 movies filmed in San Francisco have been duds, it is still amazing to see movie "businessmen?" considering the San Francisco location as a sure-fire setting to draw audiences. What with "Dirty Harry," "Ironside," "Streets of San Francisco" etc. ad naseum, TV and movie viewers must have a wierd distorted image of Bahgdad by the the Bay.

Now get a load of the background of the story. It is a Swedish mystery novel transferred from that location to San Francisco. The murderer has been changed to a homosexual who commits mass murder via mass transit. To make everything "authentic" we have throughout the film police slur after police slur against queers, fruiterers, and faggots as well as blacks and Chinese.

As portrayed in this flick, the merits of the boys in blue who beat us at softball, are well documented and quite authentic for San Francisco cops according to the 20th Century Fox press release. We quote:

"Still smarting from the brutal image of the San Francisco Policeman portrayed in some recent films, the San Francisco Police Department, and the Homicide Bureau in particular, were quick to lend their cooperation to producer-director Stuart Rosenberg when he made it known that his film would be a 'realistic portrayal' of a police investigation."

The overlong press release also

contains some gems of understanding about us mass murdering fruiterers. We quote again:

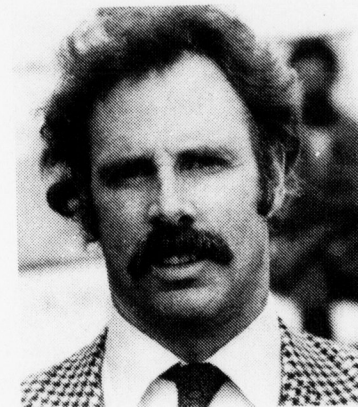
"As Stuart explained the plot of his script," (Homocide Inspector Gus) Coreris said with his customary preciseness, "and detailed the murder of the bus driver and his passengers which opens the film, and then described the previous murder, we found the killer followed the pattern of what we call a 'fruit murder.'"

"Coreris was quick to emphasize that there was no disrespect to the Gay community, but that it is the experience of homicide departments in big cities, that murders committed by homosexuals tend to be more vicious than those committed by heterosexuals.

"There is more dismemberment, more cutting and slashing, and I guess," Coreris summarized, "more blood."

So now we have the Flying Nun organizing pickets to protest this celluloid blasphemy against us defenseless homophiles who are NOT ALL MASS MURDERING FRUITERS.

Deep down, you, dear reader, really don't think this is a plus for the Gay community, now do you? But, consider it from a financial point of view. At least three Gay businesses were paid for the use of their premises to make the picture. The advertising in the picture of one establishment is very valuable. And think of all the Gay persons who were paid \$50.00 a day for extra work. A job is a job, as a famous drag entertainer is always pointing out. AND NOW, it is being rumored and vehemently being denied, that 20th Century Fox is paying for the organization of the Gay demonstrators outside their theaters. Well, if the pickets are NOT being paid then they certainly are being taken, for they deserve the



MEET BRUCE DERN - After 15 years as an actor, he finally has a big commercial success, "The Laughing Policeman", filmed here in San Francisco and stirring up much controversy. He tells exactly how he feels about the film, our local police department, and the frustrations of being "Hollywood's resident psycho," plus much more in a revealing, candid interview.

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