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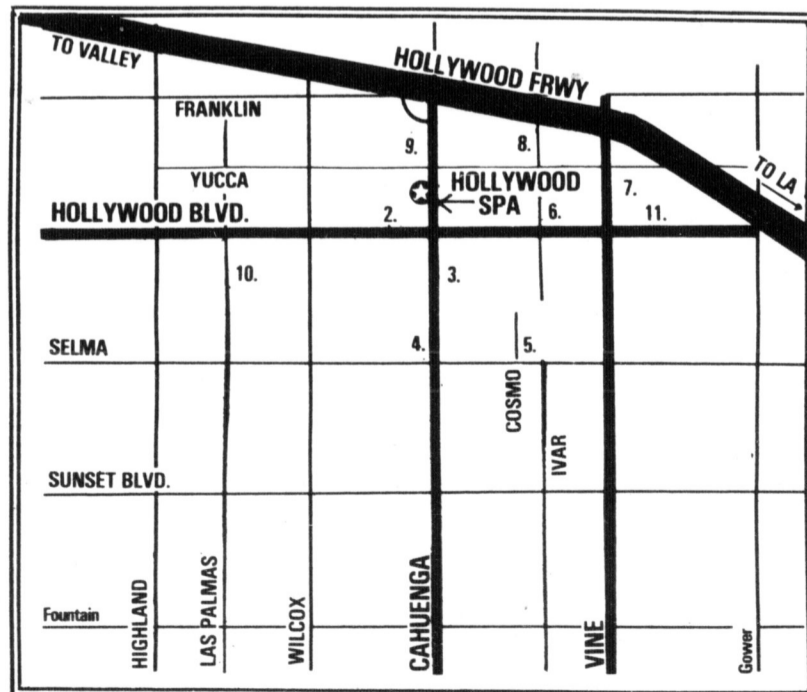
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ELIZABETH LANE

On September 27, 1975, the City lost one of its brightest lights, Elizabeth Lane also known as "Pukalani." Puki had been quite ill with a form of cancer and it finally took control after two years of pain and agony.

We shall surely miss this energetic little woman who also had a kind word and deed for whoever came in contact with her.

Betty was 44 years old when she passed away and was a former native of Massachusetts.

Memorial Services for her myriad friends will be at 2 P.M. on Saturday, October 4th at Caporgno & Co. Chapels, 1727 Grove Street in Oakland. Their phone is 444-0240.

The Eulogy will be delivered by Michelle. Donations to Out-Patient Clinic, Presbyterian Hospital, San Francisco preferred.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN OAKLAND

By Bus

Take the "A" bus from the East Bay Terminal at 1:20 P.M. and it will arrive at 14th and Grove at 1:39 (Four blocks from the Chapel). The Memorial Service is at 2:00 P.M.

By Car

After crossing the Bay Bridge, take Rte. 580 (MacArthur Fwy.) to the Oakland Downtown Exit, and stay on that Fwy. to 18th St. (Fwy. ends at 18th). Go to 17th, and make a left. Two blocks to Grove and make a left on Grove to the mortuary.

Gay Teachers' Coalition

Gay Teachers' Coalition will meet Monday, October 6, 7:30 pm at 1010 Gough St., San Francisco, where a videotape of the recent "school board victory" in San Francisco will be shown.

The Coalition welcomes Bay Area women and men schoolworkers (teachers, teacher aides, student teachers, counselors, school nurses, administrators, bus drivers, etc.) at all levels in education (pre-school through college). For further information, call: 285-2780 or 861-6661.

M.C.C. Ordination

Judica me Domine, quoniam ego innocentia mea ingressus sum: et in Domino sperans non infirmabor. Ps. 25

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco announced the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. John M. Barbone, at the Church on

October 12, at the 1 p.m. service.

The ordination will be conducted by Elders: Rev. Troy D. Perry, Founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Moderator and Ordaining Elder; Rev. James Sandmire of Los Angeles, former pastor of the San Francisco Church; Rev. Freda Smith, Pastor, Sacramento; and Rev. Richard Vincent, Los Angeles, Clerk of the Board of Elders.

Rev. Barbone was called to the pastorate of the San Francisco church after three years as pastor of the Washington, D.C. congregation. He brings with him eight years of experience as a teacher and high school administrator in the Washington school system. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco is a fast growing ecumenical Christian outreach, with a spiritually alive congregation of 250 members, and invites all those seeking a God of Love, without discrimination, to their regular services on Sundays at 1 p.m. and Sundays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Services are held at the Mission United Presbyterian Church, 23rd and Capp Streets.

All Women Party At the Sutro Baths

Lesbian Mothers' and Friends are holding a benefit, Thursday, October 16, 8pm - 2am, at an all women's party at the Sutro Baths, 312 Valencia St., San Francisco.

Beer, wine, dancing, rapping and

of course, the sauna, are all part of the evening's happening.

Tickets are \$3.00 per person, and are available in SF at: The Full Moon Coffeehouse, Kelly's Saloon, Maud's, Scott's and The Little More. In the East Bay, they are available at: A Womans-place and the Jubilee...or send \$3.00 (check or money order) to LMF, % Women's Center, 63 Brady St., San Francisco. Off-premise childcare is available. For further information, please contact Kate at 861-2171.

Bishops' Coffeehouse

The Bishops' Coffeehouse is entering a new phase. They now have 11 night managers and several more people interested in joining the collective. Besides Women's Night, Gay Night, and General Entertainment Nights, there is now a gay cultural interest evening on the last Thursday of each month.

The Coffeehouse collective is committed to providing musicians and artists with a warm and friendly place in which to entertain and a pleasant environment for patrons to come and hear music and visit friends.

There have been several requests to make Bishops' a "no smoking" place. In an effort to be fair to all, a compromise has been reached on the issue. On Saturday and Sunday evenings, there will be no smoking in the main dining room with the collective and women's collective setting their own respective policies.

Bishops' Coffeehouse is located at 1437 Harrison St., Oakland.

H.S. Truman Club Endorsements

The Harry S. Truman Democratic Club has made their endorsements for the city elections on November 4th. The Club held its candidates night in cooperation with the Gay Voters League, but made their endorsements several days later, as only paid-in-full members can vote according to the bylaws.

With one abstention, and one vote for a minor candidate, Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was overwhelmingly nominated for the Office of Mayor of San Francisco. Civil Rights Attorney Joe Freitas was nominated for the post of District Attorney, by a narrow margin over another civil rights attorney. The nomination went to Gene Pratt for Sheriff with only two dissenting votes. And the Truman Democratic Club refused to endorse any incumbents for the position of Supervisor. The Club membership felt that the Board members seeking re-election were only responsive at election time to the needs of the citizens of San Francisco. Thus the Club recommended the following four persons for the Board of Supervisors: Harvey Milk, Arnold Townsend, Espanola Jackson and Enola Maxwell. Thus the Truman Democratic Club becomes the first CDC member Club to not endorse any White-Anglo-Saxon for the Board of Supervisors.

Enola Maxwell is the director of the Potrero Neighborhood House and has been working for change at the neighborhood level of San Francisco. She is not a young woman, but she is

a stronger candidate than any incumbent, and she, like Espanola Jackson, has very strong record of working for equality for all people, including gay people at every opportunity.

Arnold Townsend, a hardworking young black person from the Filmore district, is the director of WAYPAC, and throughout the campaign has not changed his speech from one section of the city to another. He is sincere, firm and his integrity can never be questioned. He has always stood up for gay people in every organization or community project he has been associated with.

Harvey Milk, noted gay activist, is the only challenger to the incumbents who stands a chance of winning. He needs your support, your financial support, as well as working for him in the campaign. This could be "our year" if gay people would unite behind Harvey Milk. It takes money to win elections. And the Harry S. Truman Democratic Club notes that several thousand dollars were spent to elect an "emperor."

If you all are really concerned about gay rights, the Truman Club says "Dig into the pockets (and purses) and come up with a lot of money for Harvey Milk for Supervisor." Get out the vote campaign for Harvey Milk. This is the first real opportunity for gay people to elect a gay person to the Board of Supervisors. Will you spend as much for Harvey Milk, a gay person for supervisor as you have for all your "emperors and empresses?" Prove you are real gay people and not just homosexuals, hiding in the huge closet-world of baths and bars.

VOTE for Harvey Milk - Supervisor; Arnold Townsend - Supervisor; Espanola Jackson - Supervisor; Enola

Maxwell - Supervisor. Vote for Joe Freitas for District Attorney. Vote for Gene Pratt for Sheriff, and vote for the person who will make a difference in our city government, vote for Diane Feinstein for Mayor, on Nov. 4th. These are the Harry S. Truman Democratic Club recommendations.

Free Flu Immunization

Helping Hands Services at 474 Eddy St., is providing its annual flu immunization program on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 2 PM at the Helping Hands facility.

If you miss this one, please keep in touch and the Helping Hands Services will try to have another immunization time soon. Call 771-3366 for information.

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The event will be on Monday, Oct. 6th, at Polk Gulch Saloon, and will begin at 8:30 PM. Many others will participate in the event, which is under the sponsorship of the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God, a federally tax-exempt group, as required by the new charitable solicitations ordinance enacted last July. If you wish to help, contact Helping Hands Services at 771-3366.

More From The Office of John Foran

Assemblyman John F. Foran, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, announced the signing into law of his Assembly Bill 1166.

Assembly Bill 1166 requires that counties where 5% or more of the population speak a primary language other than English shall have operators who speak the other language or languages on duty at all times for "911" emergency telephone services.

"While many people whose mother tongue is Spanish, Chinese, or Tagalog do speak English well, it has been determined that in times of stress people revert to their mother tongue." Foran added, "the 911 telephone systems are designed for emergency use, and it would be unfair to penalize those who do not speak English or whose English is poor. This law will not only help the obvious need for non-English speaking people to obtain aid, but also force more affirmative action hiring policies to be implemented throughout the State."

AB-1166 becomes effective January 1, 1976.

AB 664 - TRANSIT BILL
The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments to AB 664 which sends this transit development bill to the Governor for his signature.

AB 664, authored by Assemblyman John Foran (D-San Francisco), allows surplus toll revenues on the six

Bay Area bridges to be used for transit purposes. The Golden Gate Bridge is not included in the bill since revenues from it are currently being used for transit purposes. The Dumbarton, San Mateo/Hayward, San Francisco/Oakland, Richmond/San Rafael, Carquinez and Benicia bridges are included and surplus toll revenues from these bridges will be available for transit, primarily that which provides alternatives to the automobile in bridge corridors.

Foran, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, stated that "transportation in the Bay Area is limited to relatively narrow corridors and the only way to meet increased transportation demand on these corridors, as well as decrease congestion is to provide more efficient forms of transportation, particularly during peak travel hours. Foran went on to comment that, "The automobile, carrying one passenger, is an inherently inefficient mode of travel. You simply cannot continue to expand freeway systems to meet the demand in the Bay Area since there are natural barriers to such expansion, public costs would be enormous, particularly if new bridges were sought, and almost everywhere a new freeway proposed, homes and businesses would be wiped out, displacing people and jobs and further diminishing the local tax base."

AB 664, which passed both houses by a wide majority, would pass bridge toll revenues, which are in excess of operations and maintenance costs of the bridges, to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which in turn would allocate these monies to transit districts such as AC Transit, Muni

or BART for transit service or feeder service in bridge corridors. These funds, currently about \$18 million per year, could then be used by such operators for capital improvement purposes. These revenues have just recently been made available by the payoff of Bay Bridge bonds.

Foran concluded that "AB 664 is a vehicle which will help to provide the Bay Area a transportation system which reflects the personal mobility needs of individuals in the area, provide for the efficient movement of people as well as goods, diminish the need for massive public investment in new roadway facilities, and help to alleviate critical congestion and pollution situations."

SB 283 - MORE MONEY FOR SF? BART RUNNING AT NIGHT?

Some deft legislative footwork by Assemblyman John Foran could bring additional money to San Francisco and extend BART operating hours.

After passing both House of the State Legislature by a wide margin, SB 283 is on the Governor's desk for signature. He is expected to sign all, or major portions of the bill, which allocates some \$18 million in state money for transit, railroad and bicycle purposes.

Two last minute amendments introduced by Foran and Mills (D-San Diego) are included in SB 283. The first Foran amendment provides some \$1 million in funding for San Francisco's Muni Metro system. This \$1 million will expand to about \$4 million when matched with Federal Urban Mass Transit Administration funds and is to be used for Muni Metro light rail (streetcar) turnaround and storage facilities.

The second amendment would allow BART to extend hours of operation until midnight.

Foran pointed out that "these funds, derived from the state's share of the sales tax on gasoline, are generating at a rate greater than had been anticipated for this year. About \$9 million was appropriated in the budget for state purposes and the remainder is available for general transit usage." Foran went on to point out that "extending BART hours and increased efficiency on Muni are somewhat related since Muni and BART share the adjacent facilities on Market St. and what happens to one . . . affects the other."

"If the Governor signs this bill, including my specific amendments, it should provide for better transit service for the people of the Bay Area."

Consumer Alert

BBB HAS EMPLOYMENT "HOTLINE"

Job hunters now have the use of a public service "Hotline" - 391-8585 to give them information on the reliability of a specific private employment agency, what to expect in dealing with an agency, and to make a complaint against an agency. Helpful material for the job search will be mailed to the caller on request.

Employment "Hotline" 391-8585 is a new program serviced in the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco, Ltd., at 414 Mason St. It is co-sponsored by BBB and the Golden Gate Chapter of the California Employment Association, whose members are private employment agencies in San Francisco.

If a complaint is made at the BBB

against a member of the CEA, it is forwarded to the CEA for mediation. The complaint is returned to the BBB for further investigation if the member agency has made no response within three weeks.

The employment "Hotline" is advertised in the Help Wanted columns of your San Francisco newspapers.

BBB GIVES WARNED ON McCHESNEY REAGAN

To complaints alleging unsatisfactory workmanship, uncompleted jobs and unfulfilled guarantees, McChesney-Reagan Construction Co., 3376 18th St., San Francisco, has repeatedly failed to communicate adequately with the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco or its unhappy customers.

This history of unanswered complaints, together with complaints now accumulated at the Contractors' State License Board, prompts the Better Business Bureau to warn all prospective customers in need of house repairs, painting or construction jobs to use

extreme caution in dealing with McChesney-Reagan.

In the cases of those homes suffering damage which is covered by insurance, the Bureau also warns the homeowner to question an insurance company that recommends McChesney-Reagan to do the work, since referral by an insurance company constitutes a major part of the company's operation.

In the latest complaint on file at the BBB, the complainant states that McChesney-Reagan "have \$2,500 of my money and refuse to return it or start the job." Another complainant alleges excessive time taken by the company to complete work on a water damaged bathroom, no payment or refund from the insurance check, and no response to calls made to the company. This case remains unsettled after more than three months.

In still another complaint, involving repair of roof damage from a storm, McChesney-Reagan allegedly brought a

check made out to the complainant from the insurance company, insisted the check be signed over to them, as well as payment of the \$100 deductible, before they would start work. The check was signed over, the payment made - and the work was not done. The BBB referred the case to the California Department of Insurance, which made an investigation and the work was finally performed.

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Diabetes Meeting

"B-12, PREGNANT URINE AND OTHER MIRACLES"

The San Francisco Diabetes Association is presenting a lecture entitled: "B-12, Pregnant Urine, and Other Fads." This lecture will be presented by Harvey C. Edelman, M.D. and will examine fallacies, foibles and frauds perpetrated on the American Public.

This free lecture will be held at the Fireman's Fund Auditorium, 3333 California St., on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 pm. The General Public is cordially invited.

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Gay USO Show At VA Hospital

For the fourth "straight" year, the Gay USO Show presented by Helping Hands Services will entertain the Veterans at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Miley.

The show this year is being coordinated by Lee Raymond, and produced by the Bay Area Reporter and Helping Hands Services.

If you wish to participate in this year's show, and have talent of some kind, please contact Lee Raymond at 771-2670 or Helping Hands Services at 771-3366.

We want to make this year's show the biggest and best yet. Funds will be needed to provide the gifts for the Veterans at the Hospital, and B.A.R. will coordinate the gifts-fundraising. Send any donations to B.A.R. at 1550 Howard St. and earmark the check for the Veterans Show, Gay USO.

Senior Citizens' Luncheon

There will be a free Senior Citizens' luncheon sponsored by the S.I.R. Center and M.C.C. The luncheon will be held at the Center on Oct. 8th, Wednesday from noon until 4:00 pm and will also include entertainment. All senior citizens are welcome to attend.

Meet The Authors

Frank Robinson and Tom Scortia, authors of "The Glass Inferno" will autograph copies of their new book "The Prometheus Crisis" Saturday, Oct. 18th from 1 - 3 pm at the Chankly Bore Book Store, 463 Castro St.

The novel, which has received glowing reviews and comments, is about a disaster in tomorrow's nuclear plants in California.

Hero Sues Press

Oliver Sipple, the ex-Marine credited with saving President Ford's life during the recent assassination attempt has filed suit against seven newspapers, including the San Francisco Chronicle, claiming invasion of privacy.

The suit, totaling \$15 million, was filed in Superior Court here on October 1st. Sipple said that because of "publication of personal and private facts" about his life, his family learned, for the first time, of "his homosexual sexual orientation."

The suit names the Chronicle, columnist Herb Caen, the Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Sun-Times, the Denver Post, the Des Moines Register, the San Antonio Express, and the Indianapolis Star.

As a result of the publicity, Sipple's parents, brothers and sisters have stopped speaking to him.

Human Rights Fund

FINANCIAL REPORT
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A Letter From John Foran

Dear Friends:

Those of us in Sacramento who worked so hard for the passage of AB-633 were very disappointed to see it fail on the Floor of the Assembly. AB-633 was extremely controversial because it brought the gay rights issue clearly into the open. It also brought together the opponents of gay rights with the traditional opposition to any bill which changes private hiring practices. These factors, combined with a backlash in the wake of the signing into law of AB-489, made our job extremely

difficult.

I am again preparing legislation in this area for next year's session. We must not be discouraged, as there are a number of encouraging signs.

First, we can not forget that we were successful in getting AB-633 through two committees. We were also successful, after a long fight, in obtaining 54 votes for a rule waiver so that the bill could be heard. At the same time, gay teachers in San Francisco were included in the employment policy of the San Francisco Unified School District. In addition, the growing support from throughout the State points to greater chances of passage of our bill.

Thank you all for joining with me in this effort. We must and will continue to work together for the elimination of social inequalities.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Francis Foran

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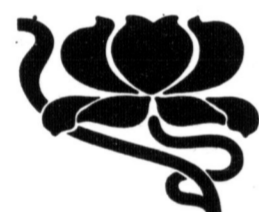
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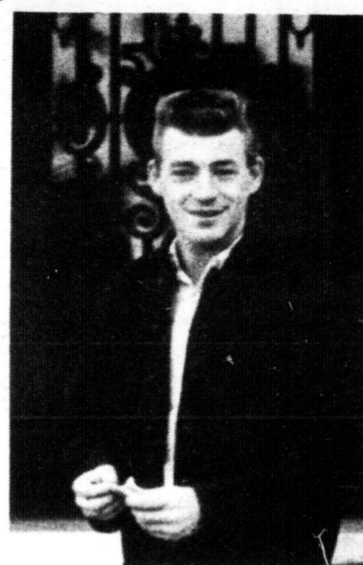
More than ten years ago, I was introduced to Bill — he looked like a college quarterback. He was intact, an outstanding swimmer. He was full of life — ready to laugh and always ready to make you laugh. From somewhere, he burst upon the city of New York and cut a path that others have tried to cut, but few knew how. The opera - supperclubs - discotheques - the out-of-the-way bars — Bill was there and his presence was felt. A year later, he was living in the orange groves around Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. I had to go to Ft. Lauderdale on business, and one night we were in a "sing-a-long piano" bar and Bill outsang the entire bar — off key, but with volume. He won accolades from the astonished patrons who thought that they were in the presence of some great singer. Just Bill Sipple enjoying life.

Months later, I was getting ready to go to a New Year's Eve showing of the latest James Bond movie with a friend. It was being shown in the Paramount Theater in Times Square. My friend had never been to that showplace. It had been closed and was to be torn down. But it was reopened for this one last showing. Just before we left, Bill walked into my apartment. He joined us. We rode to Times Square. Bill insisted on getting the tickets. He got only two, and gave them to us, saying: "Happy New Year" and slid into the multitudes in Times Square. That was the way Bill Sipple lived. Making people happy. Doing his bit to bring joy to others and moving on.

It was days, or months or years later that I got a call from him: "Hi, I'm getting ready to ship out tonight. I'm in the merchant marine and my ship is leaving. Thought I'd say, 'see you around.'" We crossed trails later when I was working in Dallas, Texas. (He was everywhere.) We met one evening. He had just come from Alaska. "Everyone was talking about the place so I had to see it." And he moved on. There was more to see, more to do.

I moved to San Francisco. Riding on a bus one night, I saw Bill climb aboard. He had been in the Marines. In Viet-Nam. Wounded. The ability to laugh had not been scratched. The ability to make you laugh had not been touched by the war. We enjoyed dinner one night. Bill moved on.

Two years ago, when I ran for the Board of Supervisors, Bill walked into my shop and told me he would help me in my campaign, soon. But he had to do a few things first. Well, soon he helped — two years later! He had just moved around in that time. He wanted to see more of what made this nation tick. He could not get enough of it. He enjoyed learning about this country. So, finally about six months or so ago, (who keeps track of time with Bill?) he came in to help. He did. Bill and I have both aged in these ten-plus years. But when we sat down to talk, the laughter poured out. The warmth was still there.



Now things have changed. Bill - Oliver Sipple's life has changed. He saved a President's life. Things can never be the same — his life is no longer just his. The nation is interested in him and proud of him. We talked over the phone many times since it happened. We finally got time to get together. I walked up the stairs to his apartment. I wondered what it would be like when I looked upon this hero. I was a little uneasy going up those steps. He opened the door and I was looking at our nation's hero. We looked at each other and the laughter poured out.

AB CDEFGHIJKLMNOP...
**OR, DO YOU REALLY KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR THIS TIME
AROUND?**

Charter Amendments:
Proposition "I". The short title of this is: "Veterans Preference in Examinations." Sounds great. But is it? This will give veterans a 5% additional credit on their tests in Civil Service positions. Maybe vets should get some extra credit for their service — maybe not. If the voters feel that they should, let them have it, but *not* at the expense of women (there are women veterans but relatively few), and *not* at the expense of the physically handicapped who could not serve, and *not* at the expense of gay people who were not allowed to serve.

In no way will I vote to penalize people who also have to support themselves and their families, just because they were not allowed to serve or chose not to serve. Civil Service advancement should be on merit and merit alone. There is enough discrimination in the work force already and there is no need to add to it with this amendment. Those supervisors who voted to put this on the ballot should be made to answer for their lack of sensitivity about the job market. I urge a NO vote on Prop. "I."

And then there are **The Street Artists**. Last year, more than 80,000 people voted in favor of the street artists. The supervisors, who were elected by the voters, were given a mandate to implement the street artists initiative. Instead, they disregarded the will of the voters and allowed chaos to take place — in fact, they encouraged it to take place. Then they used the chaos to "cry" for a change. It was a simple case of giving in to the will of the Chamber of Commerce, rather than

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following the will of the voters. (This is not the first time that the Supervisors disregarded the will of the voters. The classic case was the 1972 vote against the death penalty here in the city, followed by the Supervisors' resolution in favor of the death penalty a few months later.)

I am, at this time, not going into the pros and cons of the street artists. What makes me angry is the blatant disrespect for the will of the voters by the Supervisors who, for some reason, feel that they can do whatever they wish. The costs to the taxpayer in dollars and time is wasted. This is just one more case where the Supervisors show that they do not represent the voters and do represent the downtown monied interests — many of whom do

not care enough about the city to even live here. No matter what you feel on the issue of the street artists themselves, I feel that the Supervisors must be told that they cannot throw aside a mandate of the voters just because they are pressured by the Chamber of Commerce. We cannot have a Nixonian atmosphere set in here. Supervisor John Barbagelata, recently speaking on KGO radio, stated: "The treatment of the street artists is about as shabby as I've seen any group treated since I've been a supervisor."

In order to reaffirm the principle that a voter's mandate must be carried out and that the Supervisors are not above the voters of the city, I urge a YES vote on PROP "M" and a ringing NO vote on PROP "L."

Letters To The Editor

Editor:
Re: Richard Hongisto & Sheriff's Department

Often, when a public official runs for office, during his campaign, we ask him what can he do for us, and what has he done for us in the past.

In my way of thinking, his or her focus must be a concern for the whole community. Even the people that are not readily acceptable by a whole community.

Nevertheless, the whole of the community must still receive the services of his or her office. Such has been the case with Sheriff Hongisto and his office.

I have never met, on a one-to-one basis to discuss with the sheriff the on-going programs of the Survival House or its clients, nonetheless, the assistance and co-operation we have received from his department for the last three years has been positive.

Judging from his past record, I expect the same concern and co-operation from his office and his administration in the future.

I heartily send my personal support for Sheriff Hongisto in his quest for re-election. In my opinion it is for the good of the whole community.

/s/ F.E. Mitchell, Founder
Golden Gate Gay Liberation House

Editor:
The members of Atlantis House and the United States Mission would like to thank all who participated in our successful joint auction at La Cucaracha, Sept. 23. The gross receipts were \$749.25. This amount includes a \$20 credit item which we feel sure will be redeemed and a substantial check which we hope will eventually clear the bank.

It was extra delightful to realize that our community was able to properly support two auctions at the same time, even though it was unfortunate that both events had gotten so far along in their preparation that there was no possibility of re-scheduling either one.

Although there are a few people in San Francisco who go out of their way to make difficulties for others, most of the Gay community exhibits a tremendous spirit of support for all sorts of worthwhile projects. It is a pleasure to live and work in San Francisco.

Sincerely,
/s/ Robert Humphries
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The Men In My Life

By Paul-Francis Hartmann

A Gay's March On TIME

In its Letter from the Publisher, **Time** courageously noted who dished up their recent cover story, "The Gay Drive for Acceptance" though not whether the supposedly in-depth exposure brought any of their staff out of the closet. The big game hunt was led by their Behavior Editor, John Leo. A product of an elitist Jesuit high school and four additional years of Thomistic/Augustinian/Pauline rigor mortis. What Roman Catholic of his generation can't recite the penalties of sexual transgression? How many gay faces did he have to sit on before he felt the viper's sting? Who and how many stool pigeons did his female staff actually flush out of their coops and urinals?

Time often proudly trumpets its researchers and stringers long association with their assignments. Apparently intimacy with this feature was not necessary or at least not worth mentioning. Why couldn't they have begun the snoop in their own copy rooms or among their executive sweets? Or included communiques from their desk on Fire Island? Surely we more needed to know that Merle Miller's mother disowned him and later relented. Whether she had a pot to pee in seems to make the difference — or does it? Had she been Princess

Margaret or Dinah Shore or even Mrs. Agnew, at least we'd have something to suck on.

Surely we needed to know that brown leather told a story of its own — albeit a neutral one. For newcomers and posturers . . . Really! But there's no neutrality about our Promiscuity; that treasure we'll never be forgiven. In total, the trivial shit and flim-flam are shoveled around one more time, as per usual, wide off the mark.

Let me thank John Leo and crew for reminding me and all America I am entitled to my legal rights. Dare I ask for more? Let me thank these bold writers for telling the world I don't automatically belong in a prison or an insane asylum.

I toast them for their insights: that I am entitled to dance for America, sing to it, cut its hair or dress its bodies and houses but not keep it secrets nor minister to its offspring. Even if those very children, **Time**, happen to be my own?

Glory be to **Time** to hear that I might now be found anywhere — under a priest's cassock, beneath Marcus Welby's lily-white smock, behind some judges robes. And not necessarily, anymore, under the serpentine wig and understretched panty hose of some transvestite mincing down Hollywood Blvd. But the real news, O great God **Time**, is that I am under those flounces and so are you . . . to some degree.

The sins of Gay people will never match the sins that have been

committed against them. We have no mountains of eye glasses or shaving brushes as testimony to a society's vengeance. No monuments from the skeletons of an Auschwitz or a Dachau. No textbook tally of back-woods lynchings to rinse your guilt. No mushroom shaped cloud. For the horrors perpetrated on Gays are more subtle and more clandestine. Tolerated, if not approved.

The real story is not whether we're more dangerous in or out of the closet, but that behind us lies a corpse-strewn trail of mental breakdowns, destroyed careers, plundered reputations, suicides, brutal murders. And for what? So that some twisted brute might reassure himself that his cock is screwed on right. Or that some twitching cunt dare not be denied its rightful plunging.

When the day comes when you pillory your vice squads, your bishops, your behaviorist psychiatrists, those heinous ferrets so dear to the military and government agencies . . . Only then.

When you launch a campaign to save an endangered species. And attempt to weed out those you have permitted to weed us out. And broadcast that there's no longer an open season on Gays . . . Only then . . .

When you cease to single out our idiosyncrasies and desist from exposing our privacies. And clever enough to differentiate between the living organism and the caricature . . . Then and only then . . .

Should you ever come to distinguish our rather tame transgressions from those emanating from hatred, from fear without foundation, from ignorance and hypocrisy. (Mary Magdalene from the

Parisees) When you blanket your cover page with the single phrase: *Mea Culpa*. At that point you will have come of age, big enough to acknowledge our common humanity. Something we Gays have always known — and for bearing that knowledge you have made lepers of our kind.

Why then fear us, **Time** and your solid and secure public, for a tiny piece of wisdom we Gays were forced to learn early in our deviance: That all of us, you and I . . . like Ruth, labor in a field of alien corn.

September 15, 1975
Paul-Francis Hartmann

Dateline: New York By Rick Nielsen

"One Big Step Backwards"

September, 1975 is the month that New York City took another step backwards, but not a small step! This time it was a big step backwards. For the sixth time in several years the gay rights bill, giving homosexuals equal rights in housing, jobs, etc. was defeated by the City Council. Again, like before, the Catholic Church, Jewish Groups (except Reform Jews), and nutty house-

wives, made known their opposition: to the bill and like before, they won. A disgrace!

When are New Yorkers (and others for that matter) ever going to open their minds and see that God created all mankind equal. None of His Children were meant to be oppressed. The church leaders oppose homosexuality as being against the very foundation of the Bible, but they forget that one of the greatest stories in the Bible is that of King David, from whose house the Mother of God came from to give birth to Jesus Christ. I believe in God 100% and it is because I believe, that He loves all His children, that I believe that church leaders who oppose freedom for homosexuals, are sinners.

The big thing that housewives oppose, it seems, is homosexuals being teachers. They say that if gays are teachers, the children of the future would go the homosexual way. What makes these heterosexual women think that America already doesn't have hundreds of gay teachers? These teachers are doing a damn good job and homosexuality has nothing, whatsoever to do with being a teacher. A child doesn't become gay because of a single person. Besides, it is my opinion that children are probably really bisexual and have little, if any hangups. The sexual shame they feel is from their parents most of the time.

The gay rights bill doesn't have that much to do with being gay, in my opinion, but with being a human being. To be able to stand up as a man or woman and be proud, free and not be ashamed of loving. Black, white, yellow, bisexual, heterosexual or homosexual, none of us can be truly free unless all of us are free. It is my hope that the next time the bill is introduced that our government, in New York City, will take a step forward towards human rights and open the door to freedom for all the people in New York.

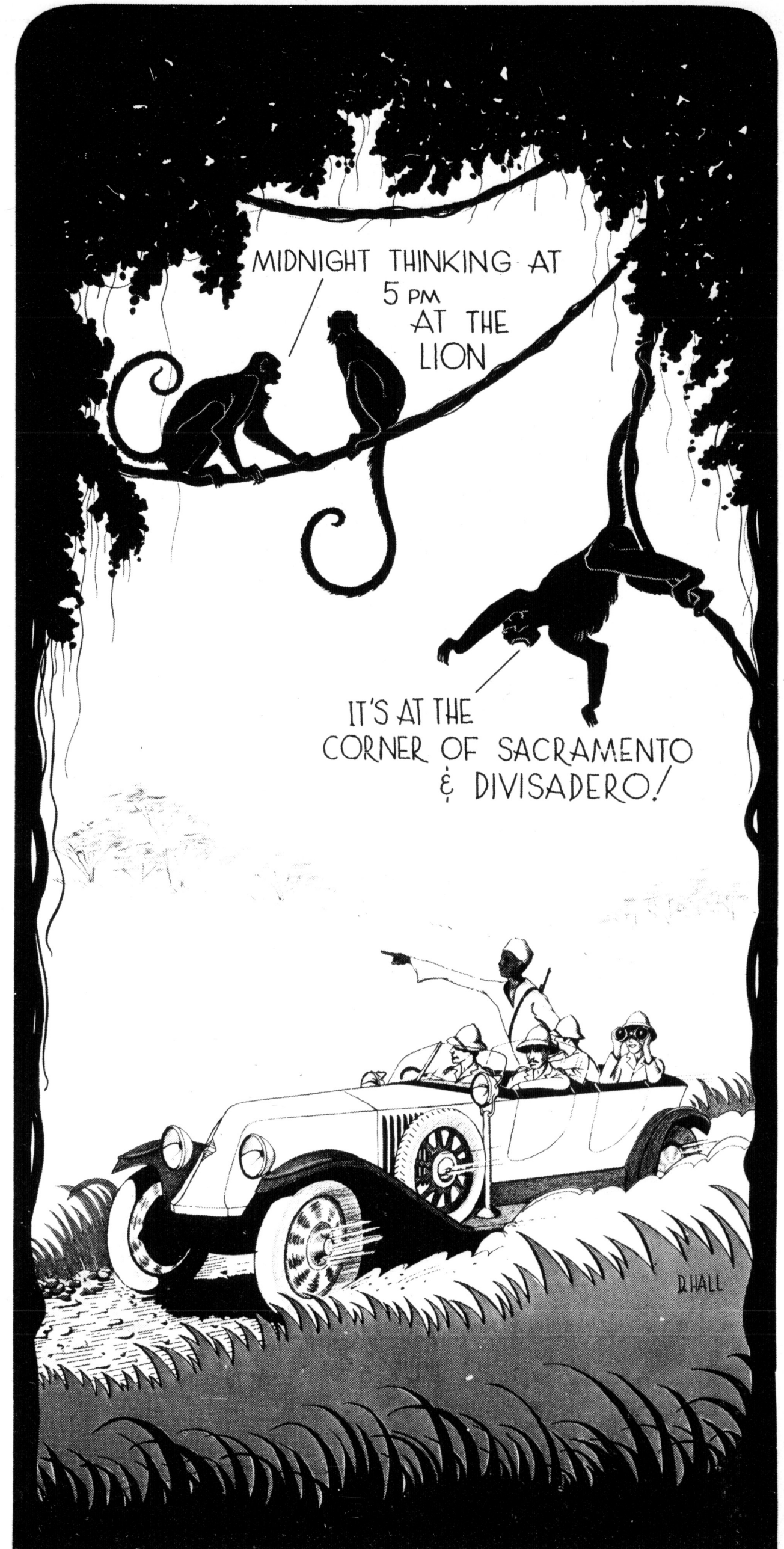
ODSS & ENDS: "Drummer" the magazine of the leather fraternity is the best of its kind in America, and I recommend that you buy a copy of it (if you dig leather) . . . The Eagle Leather Shop, Greenwich Ave., NYC, had a pretty good season on the opening of their Fire Island store this past summer. "Bug" now running in New York, is perhaps, not the "King of Horror" movies, but it is one of the best horror movies dealing with animals (so far we had movies dealing with birds, rats, frogs, rabbits and now bugs — makes you want to go outdoors!). Tech Sergeant Leonard Matlovich lost the first round of the battle to oust him from the U.S. Air Force because he is a homosexual. I hope he fights all the way to the High Court in Washington and wins. I believe all people should support his efforts against the bigots in the Air Force, who seek to end his career because of his homosexuality.

Until the next time, keep right on cruising!

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Thoughts and Opinions

By Rev. Raymond Broshears

An Opinion:

"WAS IT REALLY AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT UPON GERALD FORD'S LIFE?"

Monday, September 22, a person named Sara Jane Moore, also called, "Sally" Moore, shot towards President Gerald Ford. But, due to the situation, the time elements, and the fact, quite well documented, that Sara Jane Moore was working for the FBI, and the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Fire-arms and Tobacco Bureau, there is some question as to whether or not it was a "set-up" attempt to gain sympathy for Gerald Ford, and for United States Senate Bill 1. The latter would take away a great many of our individual freedoms in the name of

freedom thru security.

Sara Jane Moore purchased a gun the day before the attempt, at the home of Mark Fernwood, a radical right-wing gun collector in all-white and conservative Danville, Calif., just across the bay, and, with her when she did, was an agent of the Treasury Department (documented in the EXAMINER 9-26, page 6).

The Treasury Department runs the Secret Service which protects the President's life and as well the body which investigates gun sales. Sara was working for this body, and they helped her to purchase the very gun that she used to shoot towards Gerald Ford. This can be no mere coincidence!

Sara Jane Moore is not "unstable" as the government and the news media are trying to make her out to be.



"WITH RIMLESS GLASSES"

THOUGH YOU FIND ME USUALLY QUIET AND ALOOF, I DO "OBSERVE AND LISTEN" AND REALIZE PEOPLE LAUGH AT ME BECAUSE MY CARD READS PLEASE AND I USE WORDS SUCH AS THANK YOU AND I'M SORRY.

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Remember, this woman is an accountant, a book-keeper, a very highly intelligent person. And she has been working with the FBI and the Treasury Department as an undercover agent, spying on the radical left. How is it that this woman is suddenly "insane" or "unstable" as the government is trying to make her out to be now. The answer is obvious, that there is a definite conspiracy . . . a conspiracy to enhance Gerald Ford as president and to further discredit the radical left, and to help the passage of U.S. Senate Bill 1.

Also, what about the person who stood by her for two hours without speaking to her, who allegedly grabbed her arm to deflect the bullet? This person has never been know (sic) to keep very quiet for more than a couple of minutes. He is a real talker, and high-strung person. How is it that he stood next to Sara Jane Moore, who is a really chatty-cathy, without talking to each other for two hours? Something is not right somewhere, or someone is not telling the truth!

Sara Jane Moore was first known to activists in the gay community through the now infamous PIN (People In Need) Program, who many felt to be a police informer. In fact, Sara Jane Moore in an interview with the Berkeley BARB said she felt guilt about her statements calling Jackson a "police informer" stating that they may have led to his death. That is really cute . . . a documented and confessed police informer (FBI) saying she is sorry about discrediting another informer. But, while Popeye Jackson was known to have done many good things towards

and for gaypeople, Sara Jane Moore was vehemently anti-gay, having chided Jackson for his association with a known gay militant activist who worked out of the Tenderloin area.

Sara Jane Moore, by her act, has brought about a greater "Big Brother" trip on the Bay Area radical groups and persons. This of course is what the government wanted their "agent" Ms. Moore to do. For the general public will now say, "Pass Senate Bill 1, after all, look at the type of people (the left) who are against increased intelligence!" Small wonder that the government provocateurs who killed Popeye Jackson for allegedly being an informer, let Sara Jane Moore, a self-confessed informer . . . live. Her mission had not yet been completed. You may say, "well they sent her to a terrible mental hospital for examination!" Don't kid yourself, for the police in San Diego they sent her is new, it is quite modern, and quite limited in the amount of patients they have. It is a Federal brainwashing center on the West Coast to compliment the ones they have at Springfield, Missouri, and the one in Butner, North Carolina. Sara Jane Moore will be treated very nicely . . . as nicely as any paid informer for the FBI would expect to be treated by her employers.

Was it an assassination attempt? Well . . . start thinking about it!

By Ray Broshears

Polk St. Sally

By Dixon

SUMMER BLONDES - WINTER ROOTS:

Nothing personal intended, of course. However, it is that time of year, gang. If we had seasons in San Francisco, excluding mating - which is always in, the leaves would be turning gold and red, there would be the smell of these same leaves burning in neat piles along the streets, a sharp bite in the morning and evening air and an obvious increase of wearing underwear under levis and blue jeans . . . There is a noticeable brisk attitude of the Polk-strasse commandos, along with the traditional cocktail hour heavier in the bars "on the way home." Recently, I've been aware that the age-old game of kneezies in force around 5 to 7 is often a way of keeping warm. Hot comes later. Anyway, much of the conversation now centers around the hedy Empress race due to be released momentarily . . . and what a race it's going to be . . . with some of the most brilliant personalities in our community vying for this important social and fund-raising office of the SFTG. Another item is the SFTG annual Beaux Arts coming up Saturday, October 25th . . . to be held at the Hyatt Regency at the Embarcadero. This Beaux Arts Ball is going to be the most opulent and lavish ever . . . with the likes of Empress Doris, Chairman, other past Empresses involved and the fabulous Crystal riding shotgun!!!!!! Whooooooooooooo!!!!!! The theme this year is "Saturday Night at the Movies." Then comes Halloween, which is a heavy SF Holiday. Many of the bars & Restaurants are already working on this mad night. Watch for posted notices in your favorite bar, listing Halloween buses, groups, etc. If all that isn't enough, the Third Annual Closet Ball is due in November. This is my favorite night. My King, Marcus, already has some plenty (I've been watching Westerns again) contestants lined up, and, wait till you get a load of their sponsors. It's going to be a blast! Are you listening, Ralph? If you need applications, see me or Marcus. Hello, David. (Whatever do you see in Marcus?) And, you can't have my title back!

LA TRIVATA:
One of my favorite people, Laura of Bob's Coffee Shop. Laura, along with charming man, Merrill, drops in now and then to have an after-work drink to calm her nerves. So, who counts? One afternoon, while waiting for her taxi, which is always late when you have to be gone now, a nice, quiet, shyly poked his head into the P.S. - with a guidebook

& map in hand, he stands looking over the bar - visibly relieved that he has found a gay bar. At that moment, busy Laura spots him standing there, gets to her feet, grabbing her purse, calling: "Yoo hoo, dear. Here I am. I'm already." The startled tourist blanched, reeled against the wall and fled. I told you, so who counts? - Welcome back, my own Barbara Ann Ball to Polk Street. DB (Don Berry) has some hot Street. Bob is now walking the plank at gorgeous Buzzby's. What a pro. What a treat. DB (Don Berry) has some hot folks working. With the likes of lovely Christine (what a remarkable young woman . . . wish we had a hundred of her), Chuck, Ron, Tom and Billy, who can miss? DB has always had impeccable taste. I have a feeling Barbara has changed since he's been at Buzzby's. Caught him buying a tanktop and sneaking it home between the pages of the SF Progress. Okay, you. You want another treat, instead of treatment? Drop in and say hello to Al Heil and staff at the new "Sukkers Likkers" at Pine and Polk Sts. Marvelous buys in spirits, wines and foods . . . all done in an attractive atmosphere. I apologise to Al for thinking his large Bird of Paradise plant was a healthy banana tree. No Freudian comments, please. Sukkers Likkers has already captured the fancy of the passersby with their clever name and great marquee . . . listing special buys, gay community functions or just fun quips. Like they have now: "Eat, drink and be Mary!" Al or Gunther, please hold one bottle of Grand Marnier for me. I lost a bet with Bob Ross, of everywhere, and, he's driving me nuts demanding my end of the bet. Thank you. I'll get you. I'll get you Connie-cook-out.

The one and only Mike Sullivan (Tacky Ruth) is back at the N'Touch. His foot is much better. Of course, Mike has always had problems with this foot in mouth, but I love him! Madcap Mavis and Honey-Pot Harry are soooooo relieved. You see, Ruthie has a funny following. Don't start.

A BIT OF LIGHT HAS DIMMED FOR ALL OF US.
I'm sad to report the death of Elizabeth Lane, known to a multitude of friends as "Pukie." I've had the pleasure of working with this fine woman who always lifted everyone's spirits with her endearing wit and energy. Goodbye, Pukie, you've earned your rest. God Bless You.

Dixon

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Southern Scandals

By Mr. Marcus

The fourth edition of Inter-Club Fund's *Casualty Capers* will unfold before what is expected to be the biggest audience yet on Saturday, Oct. 11, at California Hall. San Francisco's most dazzling entrepreneur, John Blythe, will again direct South of Market's answer to the "glitter" set as he coordinates the most successful numbers from all the Bay Area bike club run shows to produce one of the year's campiest productions. Tickets are only \$3.00 and on sale everywhere south of Market and in other bars throughout the city. As you all know, proceeds from this effort are earmarked for Inter-Club which dispenses, as grants, funds to disabled and needy persons throughout the community. A full bar service at pre-inflation prices will be available. The tickets are on sale now, but if you are able to give a pint of blood at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, you merely present your pink slip verifying your donation and admittance is free. The

doors open at 7:30 PM for first-come, first-seating basis and the show begins at 8:00 PM. Don't miss this one!

What looks like the last big run of the year will take place the following weekend as the 49'er Chapter of the Knights of Malta present their Knight Mare Fun on October 17, 18 and 19. As of this writing, the cost of the run is now \$35.00 and includes bike events, prizes for the most horrible campsite and Broomhilda's Knight Mare Show.

Last weekend, the 14-year olds, the Warlocks M/C, surely must know somebody "up there" because the weather at Lake San Antonio was indescribably divine for the Warlocks' Olympics Run. Contingents from bike clubs all up and down the West Coast were in attendance for this one and from all reports, a great time was had by

all. Congrats to ALL the Warlocks for a fun weekend.

A Blow the Whistle campaign is in effect in most parts of the bar areas of San Francisco as part of the Safe Streets Committee; be sure to get a whistle and HOLD IT IN YOUR HANDS when walking the streets at night — it's a bit difficult to blow a whistle that's on a chain around your neck or on a belt loop when you're being mugged, attacked or otherwise harrassed. It's indeed a welcome relief to those of you who may have second thoughts about being in certain areas of the city at night. Blow your way to safety — get a whistle — it could save your life.

Two weekends ago at Fe-Be's on a Sunday afternoon (remember when?), the Cheaters M/C staged a "happening" when three members of that club decided to christen their bikes in a bombastic fun-filled ceremony complete with floral designing and champagne. Bill Taylor of the San Franciscans M/C, who won the Honda 550 Four at the Warlocks 14th Anniversary party last month, was on hand to christen his prize, naming it the 'Roo Witch after that beaming Australian, who helped hi, get accustomed to the new machine. While Graham Appleton is safely back in his beloved Sydney, we did enjoy having him visit us again and look forward to the 50-plus Aussies who will be visiting San Francisco next summer. Congratulations to the Cheaters and Bill Taylor for a fun afternoon.

POTPOURRI, PLETHORA & PUNS... In case you haven't noticed, the Round Up is doing a fantastic mural design on the outside of their building. With Dick, Terry, Ralph and Michael behind the plank, hot movies all the time and other fringes, the round Up is recapturing a lot of those hunkies that strayed and hats off to Al Hanken for his perseverance — and don't forget, JOSE, Our Imperial Queen Mother is still doing the Dating Game on Sunday evenings... The Roasting of La Kish at the 527 Club a couple of Wednesdays ago was one of those evenings you can say you were glad you DIDN'T miss. A mirthful crowd was in attendance and recalled long-forgotten anecdotes about our own 'Rita' much to the delight of all present. La Kish, you are indeed a diamond in a coal bin that oftentimes gets very dusty. Following La Kish's roasting, next is Joe Rolland, then Empress I Jose, Emperor III Bob Cramer. Watch for details. What South of Market printing shop one recent afternoon was taken aback when one of their upstairs tenants was mixing a batch of "fresh air." The poor souls downstairs haven't yet figured out why they had such a "heady" afternoon.

The Ramrod will be celebrating their 8th Year this month and papa George Wilbern is equally enthusiastic about this year because his book on the life of Clara oow has been selected for a television spectacular soon. Haloween is just around the corner and Bill McWilliams' Boot Camp is offering a \$50 prize for the best bus and staging a Dance Your Ass Off contest that same night and it sounds like fun. Hear our Lucky Wheeler, who left for Los Angeles, is now working at The Stud in Los Angeles. Congratulations to Cal Coburn and Charmaine Lee Anderson, the Sixth Emperor and Empress of Los

Angeles. A healthy band of our citizens attended that coronation last weekend and according to reliable sources, all had a good time. Cissy's Saloon (right next door to Hamburger Mary's) now has a liquor license and the good times are prevailing even more these days. Did'ja catch the big article in City magazine last week about the Rainbow Cattle Company, Eagle Creek and The Cinch? Right on article, if slightly erroneous, but a good blurb. By the time you read this, the Empress candidates for next year will have been selected, so watch out for lots of parties and brouhaha in the coming months. The Beaux Arts Ball is on October 25th, the theme this year being Saturday Night at the Movies and already ten Cleopatras are entered, and what is this, an Egyptian ball? Watch for the "Duel in the Sun" presentation at the ball. Only a few more days before the movie "Rollerball" ends, and if you S&M devotees haven't seen it yet, hurry on down. Some very funny lines emerge in the Nob Hill Cinema's current show, so don't miss that and say hi to Cliff, too. CMC Carnival is coming up on November 9th, booths this year are \$45 so if you want one, see Vinny Grace. Closet Ball III is Nove. 22nd at Hyatt Union Square and several hunks are already entered. With Michelle and Mavis at the Co-MC's, Tillie Tumbleweed and Fifi Castle doing the show, this year's Closet Ball should be a huge success. Before the rumors het any more rampant, Marcella is Not, repeat, Not running for Empress this, next, or any year; I talked to Marcella just yesterday and she says "Absolutely not!" so that ends that. Tom Avila should be almost done in by today — anyone who takes three weeks to celebrate their birthday should be done in by now. Rumor that Toad Hall is buying a bar down Peninsula-way is strictly that, a rumor. Mr. Cowboy Peninsula Contest in San Jose on October 4th, so be sure to catch that one. Lancer's Bar in Oakland Is Hot, Hot, Hot — be sure to catch Rick there behind the planks and say hi to Berry and Ron. Watch for the new grand re-opening of Zelda's in Corte Madera soon too. New Club Baths, The Rivet and the Sneakers opening soon too, so watch for them. Peter King giving cooking lessons? How Chow my Mein. Catch cute little Harry at the Nothing Special where some very special people hang out. His name is Fred and he wandered into the Pendulum one day and consulted with CATHERINE THE GREAT (K. Morgan) and MOTHER IRELAND (La Frawley) and Voila! New string decor at the Pendulum that is a much needed improvement and dynamite. And what everybody thought was going to be a bar turned out to be a very nice plant/gift/schlock shop over on 24th. Pretty Bobby of the Ramrod is involved, so check it out.

That ends it for this issue guys and women — love your brothers and sisters as you love yourselves — see you around the campus — South of Market, of course!

Love you all, Mister Marcus
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Don't forget the S.F.T.G. Beaux Arts Ball is Saturday, Oct. 25th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets will be \$10, and \$8.50 for 'Standing Room' - the theme is Saturday Night at the Movies, and it opens a wide range of different things to do. Lots of prizes for different categories and trophies for runners-up. So, get your tickets early as this is the fun ball of the year. Tickets available at: Kokpit, Gangway, The Mint, Phoenix, and Twin Peaks.

It is too bad that some of the 'so-called' leaders and title holders of this city can not pay outstanding bills they owe for 'Advertising' they took out in the Wizard of Oz program. These people like to be the 'Big Time Spenders' at the expense of other individuals. You all know who you are, so mail the checks to the Oz people today, so that they may close out their books.

Ollie, you should be proud of Barbara Ball as she has been working for an entire month and doing a good job during the day at Buzzy's. Incidentally, Buzzy's has the greatest sounds in the city and some really

hunky people go there.

Thank you Wild Goose Saloon for the nomination in the Golden Order of Suckers Everywhere. Sorry, but I shall be in Portland that Saturday the 18th when you have your First Annual Golden Goose Awards. . . bet they'll be a blast.

Don't forget the Rose Empress Coronation in Portland, Sunday the 19th; on Sat. (the 18th), there will be a Wine and Cheese Tasting and a salute to Bella and Sweet Lips at Darcelle's XV in the afternoon and on Sat. evening, Venessa will be doing a show at Dahl & Penne. Yours truly will be doing a number. That's right, Who Cares???? But this will be a fun-filled weekend. Emperor Bob Cramer and Sweet Lips will be having a cocktail party at the Hilton Hotel where most people will be staying. Hi Mame. Good luck, Kim, on your Emperor Contest.

Herman, how dare you make VooDoo look more glamorous than you did The Lips. You peeeeee VooDoo and that is from the heart. Thank you again, Jimmy Quinn.

An evening with Brandy Lee on Monday, Oct. 6, at S.I.R. Center at

8:30 PM. Donation, \$3.00. . . A benefit for Moscone for Mayor Committee, even though I am for Milton Marks for Mayor, you shouldn't miss this fabulous entertainer. Brandy Lee and our own Michelle will be MC. Tickets are available at the Kokpit.

I wonder when Bruce is coming back from Vancouver. Shorty sure misses him. Keep your spirits up Shorty, and whatever else you need kept up. Don't cry.

Faye Carrolle, a fantastic singer, now appearing at the QT. Don't miss her as you'll be missing a fantastic gal. Yours truly, The Lips, will be MC at the QT on Halloween nite - buses, etc. are invited as there will be trophies and champagne for all in costume that are presented. Thank you Warren for asking me to do this. Hi Bubba.

Have you seen the start of the NEW decor at the Gangway? Roger Hall spends all kinds of money to make his bar more attractive. The worm wood is done. When the overall decor is done, it'll be something else. Thank you Daddy Joe. . . Decor is being done by Bill Lowenthal.

Have you seen the great new glasses at the Twin Peaks and the Kokpit? Thank you Glasses Etcetera for finally delivering.

Hi Rodney of Betty Bonko Inc. Danny Woodland can now be seen selling jeans at The Gap on Market St. Do you do personal fittings Danny?

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Sorry to hear that Fern of Jackson's has a case of hepatitis. Get well soon, David.

Greta Grass, do you think it is right that you now have a roommate? After all, you have signed petitions to get rid of roomates.

Remember, Milton Marks for Mayor, and Joan Hitchcock for Supervisor and Richard Hongisto for Sheriff. From the Lips.

Don't forget to visit the beautiful, wonderful Irene at the Pendulum on Saturday and Sunday a.m.'s - 6 til 10. Of course Irene is usually a little late . . . dear heart.

Congrats to all the wonderful 'ladies' running for Empress XV de S.F. Remember this is a Tavern Guild Title and you represent the Tavern Guild of

S.F. in the forthcoming year.

Lori Shannon, you were great! Ann Dee is the hostess at "The Garden District" in L.A. right now. Thanx for the dirt Rex Ann.

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Imperial Newsletter

HER MAJESTY, THE EMPRESS,
DORIS X

By Ray Gustafson

My reign as Empress de San Francisco is coming to an end at the first of the year. There have been many personal gratifications during the first nine months, but more important to me is the merit of the Daisy Court. My selection of Court Members was entirely based on personal friendships of those who supported and aided me during my campaign. Some of the individuals were well known to the community such as Michelle, Charlotte Coleman, Chuck Zinn and Fern, to name a few. They have worked very hard again this year with even greater successes.

The Daisy Court overlapped with the Cable Car Court which was to be expected because of the dedication of many individuals. While devoting much

of their efforts to Bob's court, they have also contributed to my court. They are: Wally Rutherford, Don Coffinger, Chuck Demmon, Tommy Turner, Chuck Zeigler and Dale Sorenson.

Others on my Court have become known during this past year, not because of being on the Court, but due to their own individual merits. I recognized the fact that these people would establish themselves throughout the community and am very proud of their accomplishments. Irene has earned the respect of the community through the Softball League and his team's fantastic success against the Police All-Star Team. They did not lose, they won in the minds and hearts of many. Ginger has become one of the best MC's in the city. Don Wolfe has

given us pleasure with his piano concerts and Jim Kwiecinski has truly become one of the city's finest chefs at the Purple Pickle. Matt Brown, who has traveled extensively with me on my trips, has become a true friend of many out-of-town courts. Matt and Ginger have made the grinding task of travel a pleasure.

I personally relied heavily on the assistance and unselfish advice from David Van, Hank Cheek, Roger Hall, Cristal, Joe Roland and Sweetlips. People like Puffer, Lot, Peggy and Mary Ellen have been vital to the Court's accomplishments.

Reggie has become a full fledged star of the theater in *Blithe Spirit* as did Tony Nemger, playing the role of Mayor in *The Wizard of Oz*. Mike Lewis, who illuminates any role he performs, glowed as the Cowardly Lion. Rennis, one of my oldest personal friends, handed the difficult task of ticket sales after inheriting the job. He was also Treasurer of the production, which is a

job in itself. Michael Schoch and Gary McDonald have handled many tasks with exceptional talent. Bella, Shirley, Keith, Les Balmain and Stu Holland all met with new challenges in the production and all excelled.

All the others on the Daisy Court whom I have not mentioned, you know who you are and how grateful I am to you. You all have made me very proud and I love you all!

At this time, **Let It Be Known** the following individuals who have worked so hard with us this year are now members of the Daisy Court: **Baroness Sandy Launer; Countess de Clutz Dave Williams; Counts Lou Kief and John Hoffman; and Barons Ed Walsh and Bob Leshem.** Your giving of yourself has been very much appreciated.

Los Angeles Coronation Ball
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Trixie. San Francisco was one of the largest courts presented, including Empress I Jose, Empress III Shirley, Emperor III Bob Cramer, Princess Dolly, Imperial Princess Ginger and of course, newly elected Emperor Michael Caringi with members of his Diamond Fox Court.

I would like to thank Emperor III Alan and Empress V Sepia for the "Key to The Los Angeles Empire." They are

two very nice people.

A Very Special Thank You to two of my good friends, Barry and Joe of Long Beach for their hospitality and delightful time at the Grand Prix time trials and tours of Long Beach and Hollywood. Rennis and I both enjoyed it very much.

It is with deep sorrow to announce that last weekend, we lost a member of the Daisy Court, Imperial Countess de

Fount of Love and Togetherness, Betty Lane. She was known to many of her friends as Pukaloni. Mike Gerry will deliver the eulogy on Saturday, Oct. 4th in the Chapel at Caporgno & Co. Mortuary, 1727 Grove St., Oakland. Donations may be given to "Outpatient Clinic, Presbyterian Hospital, San Francisco. Puki's joy in spreading Love will always be held deep within Our Hearts.

WIZARD OF OZ

Our financial statement is in the process of being finalized, but we do have these tentative figures, which I am very proud of:

Ticket Sales	\$19,200
Less: Production Costs	\$13,200
	\$6,000

Additional Profit	
Program & Buttons	\$5,400
Bar Receipts	\$1,100

Profit For Operation Concern: \$12,500

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:

On January 1, 1976, the new consensual sex law takes effect. This event will have great ramifications in the Gay Community. On that date mutually consenting adults will be able to engage in homosexual acts in private, quite legally. The most important question in my mind is quite simply, whether or not Mr. Joe Anygay will be able to use this hard earned new freedom either wisely or well. My own experience seems to give me more than a few doubts on that matter.

Quite simply Mr. Joe Anygay quite simply doesn't yet know how to perform well sexually and his sexual activity all too often seems to be quite simply, "getting his rocks off, as quickly as possible." Whatever its rationale, most Gay sex seems to be no more than mutual masturbation. The whole notion that one should gradually stimulate and work on a partner using conversation, visual stimulation, using one's arms, legs and lips to slowly work him to a 'roaring hard-on' seems to be unknown among Joe Anygays. The use of hands, in particular, seems to be an 'unknown' factor.

Most Gay sex I have seen at the Baths and elsewhere seems to fall into one of several categories of inadequate performance. They are:

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2.) Jack-off Fuck sex. Partners mutually Jack-off then ram their cocks in to come.

3.) Suck and Jack sex. Quick masturbation followed by blow jobs.

4.) Glory hole sex. One cock shoved in a glory hole, the other blows.

5.) Spanking position sex. One partner bends over Jacks and blows the other. Only advantage is that active partner can get S&M treatment or fucked.

6.) Pants down mutual Jack-off sex. Popular in theatres.

7.) Pants down mutual blow job sex. The movie 'quickie.'

The question is now WHY these are inadequate. Certainly, at least some of these produce adequate sexual stimulation which I don't deny. The 'joker' is quite simply that: A.) They are all as impersonal as hell; there is no conversation, mutual sharing or preliminary auto-erotic stimulation. B.) They are done 'in the dark,' whose afraid of the big, bad wolf.' C.) The implicit assumption is since we are 'doing something dirty' let's get it on, and go home. What we have here, in other words, is the basic 'closet mentality' under a different 'face'; we remain afraid of sex, ashamed of sex, afraid of discovery, AFRAID TO INTERACT ON A VERY MEANINGFUL AND VERY PERSONAL LEVEL with another PERSON in a situation in which sex is the EXPRESSION SINCE QUANTON of a real relationship.

What I am saying is that real 'liberation' in a full Christian sense of the word means full freedom to interact on a meaningful personal level before we do on a sexual level. This evolves more than sex; it involves a mutual sharing of ourselves, our bodies, our wills, our intellects, in a word: our whole person. This requires far more real COURAGE than the other kind of personal sex; it also requires flexibility and the acceptance of the limitations, physical, psychological and possibly intellectual of another person. This will quite inevitably 'cost' us something of our own 'amor propre' and in some cases, some ego satisfaction. It is, however, in

MY OPINION the 'price' of a mature personal and sexual relationship.

Let's face the fact that 'law book legality' and full sexual liberation are NOT one and the same. We can, in fact, be liberated on paper and still (be) prisoners of lust in fact. If we are in fact afraid to BE as well as to ACT, we are still UNLIBERATED. Christian sexual liberation is in fact a rather costly commitment in personal terms, one that many people, INCLUDING MYSELF, find difficult and costly. I recognize, however that it is a necessary concomitant of any real growth.

I welcome reader comments on these reflections.

Yours Most Sincerely,
/s/ Gustave Gerald Nathaniel Sobel

LAW IN ACTION

GIFT HORSE

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Sometimes, however, you have to take a look to see if you really do have a "gift."

Three things are necessary for a valid gift: 1) There must be an intent on the part of the donor having capacity to make an unconditional gift; 2) There must be an actual or symbolical delivery - so that the donor gives up control; 3) The receiver must signify his acceptance.

Intent: The intent must be a present intent, i.e., an intent to make a present transfer of property. If the intent is to make a future transfer (i.e., to part with the property at some later date), that is not a gift.

However, the donor might make a valid gift and still keep certain rights in the property, such as dividends in shares of stock for life, or the use of a home for life. When the life interest ends, the transfer takes place.

Delivery: there must be some relinquishment of the donor's title. In one case, the donor gave his friend a sealed envelope with his name on it, telling him to follow the instructions therein on the donor's death. The

envelope was supposed to transfer the donor's business interest. However, the donor kept the envelope in his own safe deposit box. There was no gift. The envelope did not pass out of donor's possession until his death, and the transfer was not effective. If the donee had been given joint control over the safe deposit box, the gift would have been valid.

Delivery might also be accomplished through a third person. For example, stock might be delivered to one son to hold for his grandchildren.

Sometimes a gift is made in contemplation of death. The gift is not to take effect until death. The gift is revocable while the donor lives. Such transfers should be by will or by trust.

You can make a gift of an insurance policy. After you make a gift of an insurance policy, you have a legal right to change the beneficiary. But you can give up that right by giving notice to the insurance company.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

"F.F." - Yes or No?

First of the currently popular "fist fuck" films was shown at Cinemattachine more than three years ago. Because Mattachine Society's film presentations were and have always been educational, we decided at the outset that presentations of this subject material called for a calm and responsible commentary about the dynamics and dangers inherent in this kind of sexual play. The discussion and interview which follows is the major part of a transcribed sound tape which Cinemattachine presents every time a FF movie is presented. To do less, in the view of the Mattachine Society, is an evasion of responsibility because as the Gay Community of San Francisco has learned, numerous serious injuries have been reported when uninformed males indulge in this particular sport. — H.L.C.


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"This is Hal Call, Executive Director of the Mattachine Society and producer of its sex education film series. Among homosexuals there is often a sharp division of opinion about fist

fucking. We do not know what portion of gays do or do not participate in anal sex play and intercourse. Nor do we know how many of those that do accept anal sex also approve or disapprove of interting the hand or fist up the rectum. Nevertheless, this program deals quite heavily with the latter phenomenon which has come to be called the F.F.A. experience, named after that group of devotees to the different and bizarre types of sex known unofficially as the *Fist Fuckers Association*.

Some of our friends, including some medical people, urged us not to show these films at Cinemattachine, others have requested this program time and again. We present it without judgement. We realize that for those who dig it, these films may be especially interesting and at the same time, boring to those who don't.

The use of the rectum as a sex organ is as old as mankind. Certainly the distinction between the French way and the Greek way goes back thousands of years. The similarity between the finger and suitable ointments when used to relieve itching hemorrhoids and the insertion of another penis into the rectum under sexual excitement is probably not a new discovery either. But, serious caution is indicated when the rectum is made into a sex orifice to accompany a genital organ or any other object. Nature developed our asshole for a serious purpose in the chain of processes we call food digestion. Just as the food we eat through the mouth is vital for mammal growth and survival, the need for proper elimination is just as great. When we use, or more particularly, abuse any part of the human body beyond what nature had intended, we can expect disorder to occur. With this in mind Cinemattachine has asked a medical doctor to discuss some of the aspects of disorder or discomfort which can develop when the rectum and related parts of the body are used and abused in connection with sex. We are going to interview this doctor, whose name we will not reveal. At the outset, he told us he would much prefer us to interview a specialist in this aspect of medical treatment. A doctor specializing in the field of Proctology, which he is not. But, anyway, as a professor of

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medicine in one of our state universities, his expertise comes from a background of training, scientific discipline and knowledge of the facts. Here he is.

Doctor: You know there are two ways to look at this whole matter of getting fucked in the ass, by whatever means they use. One way it is an extremely humorous sort of thing; on the other hand in the terms of my own experience and background, it can be a rather tragic kind of thing. I have talked now about the cases that come into the emergency ward, and various autopsies and post mortems that have been performed. Anyway, lets get on with it. What I would like to do is to reveal as clearly as possible some cautions about anal sex, as well as an introduction to the nature of the organs themselves. The anus is a name for the asshole itself. It is well guarded in its location between the cheeks of the buttocks, has an excellent blood supply, much hard fatty tissue around it. Its distinct nature is due to its unique muscles. This is called the anal sphincter. It is one of several such circular muscles in other parts of the digestive system. In the living body, the natural state of this muscle is tight and required the use of other muscles surrounding it to force it to relax and open. When the body dies, this muscle and other sphincters relax and open, causing leakage of bowel waste, urine and such, depending on where the sphincter happens to be located. The particular kind of tissue, muscle tissue, in this and other sphincters is of very hard elastic sort. It becomes immediately apparent that use far above that needed for normal bowel movement will tend to finally produce

stretching. But enough of this for the moment. Lets get on with some of these other topics. Past the anus, as we trace the way internally, comes the rectum. The rectum varies in size from an inch or so around to as much as five or more inches around. And it is different in different people. The length varies from as few as four or five inches to as much as seven to ten inches. The rectum is completely unattached to the interior of the body wall, except occasionally at the upward end, where it takes almost a right angle turn into the next part of the lower intestine. This part is much larger and can be visualized as lying across the body interior, and above the top part of the rectum. It is rather solidly attached internally. Most people, Hal, are not aware of the extreme thinness of the rectum, the transverse part just described. In fact, the thinness of all the intestines, both large and small, of you think of the casing on a hot dog, or the skin on a commercial length of salami or bologna, which ought to be familiar to a lot of people, you get a good idea of the thinness I am trying to convey to you. While this tissue is indeed thin, it is remarkably tough. But, it must be remembered that it, as any tissue, in or on the outside of the body, can, and does tear under adverse stress. There is no way known to state a precise amount of strain that this tissue will take. It will depend on the age, presence or history of disease, and whether or not you are born with fairly strong membrane weak spots here and there, or whether past abuse makes it readily susceptible to tearing. In any case it might be a good idea to bear in mind that just one thickness of this membrane reveals at

once that it is so thin, you could read a page of print through it.

Hal: Now doctor, right there, you talked about the tearing and thinness of this membrane. How readily does it heal by itself if it is torn? Or, what dangers go with that?

Doctor: Well, I am going to allude specifically to the danger that can come from this type of tissue tearing. Particularly if it is along in the intestine. As a matter of fact, it does not heal itself readily, even though the blood supply is fairly rich in the small intestine. But if you think about it, the only blood supply in the large intestine is found near the lower end right around the anus and up into the rectum. As a matter of fact, there isn't much need for blood in the rest of the large intestine, because the digestive processes have already taken place. Food has been extracted by the blood. I'll come back to this in just a moment.

Lets talk about lubricants for just a moment. Many people brag about being able to take a cock of tremendous size in the ass without any kind of lubricant, not even a little spit. As far as the damage that can be done, this kind of foolishness is similar to somebody standing repeatedly on a cracked ledge above a 500 foot deep canyon and showing everyone that it doesn't give way with him - either this time or many times in the past. Of course what is going to happen in the future is a matter of guessing. But quite seriously, avoiding the use of a lubricant not only irritates existing hemorrhoids, or piles as some people call them, but it also introduces new ones, especially just inside the anus and also on the walls of the rectum. Leaving, if nothing else, blood and a great chance for the kind of infection that leads directly to fissures and fistulas. But, something even more dangerous happens, Hal. It very quickly weakens and abuses the tissue of the anal sphincter itself. Many who have gone this route are too embarrassed to tell how they have to change their shorts several times a day because the sphincter has gotten so loose.

Now, what about the lubricants themselves? I suppose a good rule to follow, and I really suggest it as a rule, is never use spit, soaps, hair lotions, cold cream, body lotion or any such preparation.

Hal: What about Vaseline?

Doctor: I'm glad you mentioned Vaseline. Vaseline is also not a desirable lubricant because of its heavy viscosity. The best way I know how to explain it is when you choose motor oil for your automobile, you know sometimes you are told to use what they call a 5 weight, 10 weight, 20 or 30 weight. And the 5 weight is a much heavier oil than is the 30 weight. Now when you use a heavy oil (and Vaseline is about as heavy as it can get because it is no longer a liquid) - what you do is set up additional friction. And some people have the idea that because it gets good and greasy and slick, they solve the problem of a lubricant. It's a good thing to steer away from, because what it tends to do is make the walls of the rectum particularly and even the anal sphincter right there at the asshole have to endure great strain. And I'm going to suggest some better lubricants that can be used.

Now there's a very good reason why you shouldn't use all these things that I just mentioned, all these lotions and that type of thing. These are also the perfumes and beauty aid I'm talking about the beauty aids. The good reason

for not using them is that each of them has some type of chemical in it that it put there for the expressed purpose of either shrinking tissue, or drying it out and in many cases it can cause an alkaline burn, it can produce a scar tissue and other kinds of irritation and in the end, can produce what we call, cancer-disposed tissue. And for this reason it makes it extremely dangerous.

Hal: Now, what then is good? That's what we're waiting to hear, what is good if all those are bad.

Doctor: Not surprising to a lot of the people who are listening to us, KY and similar clinical lubricating jellies are the very best thing to use. And incidentally, don't be hesitant to add more if it seems to begin to dry. Use it liberally, there is no such thing as too much. As the lubrication produced is of one quality level, there is no more or no less, by using a little or a lot. The danger is in not using enough. Putting strain on that anal sphincter we have talked about, and roughening up those hemorrhoids or even producing new ones.

Now another good lube that you can use is cooking oil, baby oil, unsalted margarine, and if you please, and even good olive oil if you can afford it and really go for the smell of it. In other words, if dry fucking is your bag, you better think twice about it. And it is my own opinion, if you don't mind my interjecting it at this point, that there is something that is really immoral about someone persuading another to let him dry fuck him and then not knowing whether or not he is aware of the dangers that are involved. That is a personal opinion.

That brings us directly to fist fucking.

It should be fairly clear by now that there's a real danger to over-stretching the anal sphincter, as well as the rectum, because of the varying length and size of this latter part. But, there is another and far graver danger involved. When a hand or a fist, and at this point we might as well add in all those other things like giant dildoes, as well as all the home made ones that come from broom sticks, odd-shaped vegetables, wood, metal and all that kind of thing. When something of this size is put through the sphincter there is first the risk of stretching it or even tearing it. Now when this muscle tears, it produces immediately what is called a fissure, just a split in the tissue. Now being where it is, this type of fissure (or tear) is easily infected - not only by venereal diseases - which the body normally tends to send off when there is no break in the tissue or there is plenty of mucous secretion. But all the virus and bacterial types of infection normally present in this area go right into that tear. And this of course requires going to a Proctologist, and it is very long and very painful treatment and very often has to be taken care of by surgery.

Now Hal, there is still a greater danger. I keep talking about each danger and keep saying it is greater, and here comes one that is still even greater. You see, the intestines can be torn loose not only from themselves where they're in close proximity, but also they can be torn from the body wall. The spleen can be severely ruptured, and either one or both of the kidneys can be bruised, ruptured, or actually torn loose from the body wall, when something of extreme size is introduced into the intestine and then moved around. The really bad aspect about all of this is the fact that while one may even enjoy some pain - you know

some people do - there's no way to know what kind of internal bleeding has been produced. Also, if any part of the intestine is broken, then that means leakage into the peritoneum of the abdominal cavity and when leakage of digested food bacteria or anything like that gets in there, it sets up immediately something that is called peritonitis. And peritonitis being what it is, once it sets in death can occur in a matter of hours.

These are all the things I wanted to talk about specifically. Now just one word before I stop and that is anybody who is ready for this kind of activity, better be safe than sorry.

Hal: Well, thank you very much doctor. I think it is wise for all of us to listen and review again in our own minds the words of a medical expert who has told us very plainly the dangers that can ensue if we abuse this part of our body.

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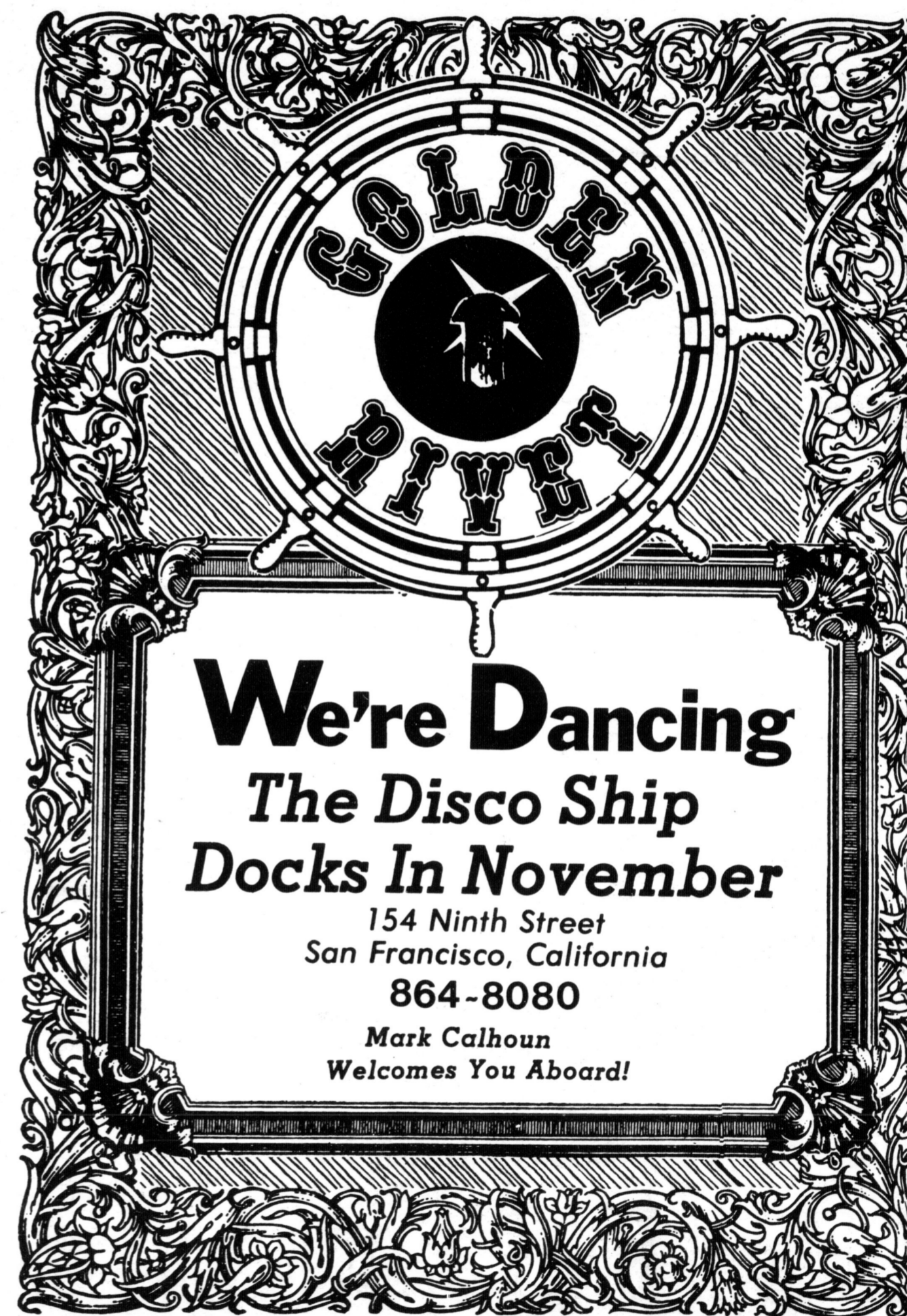
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