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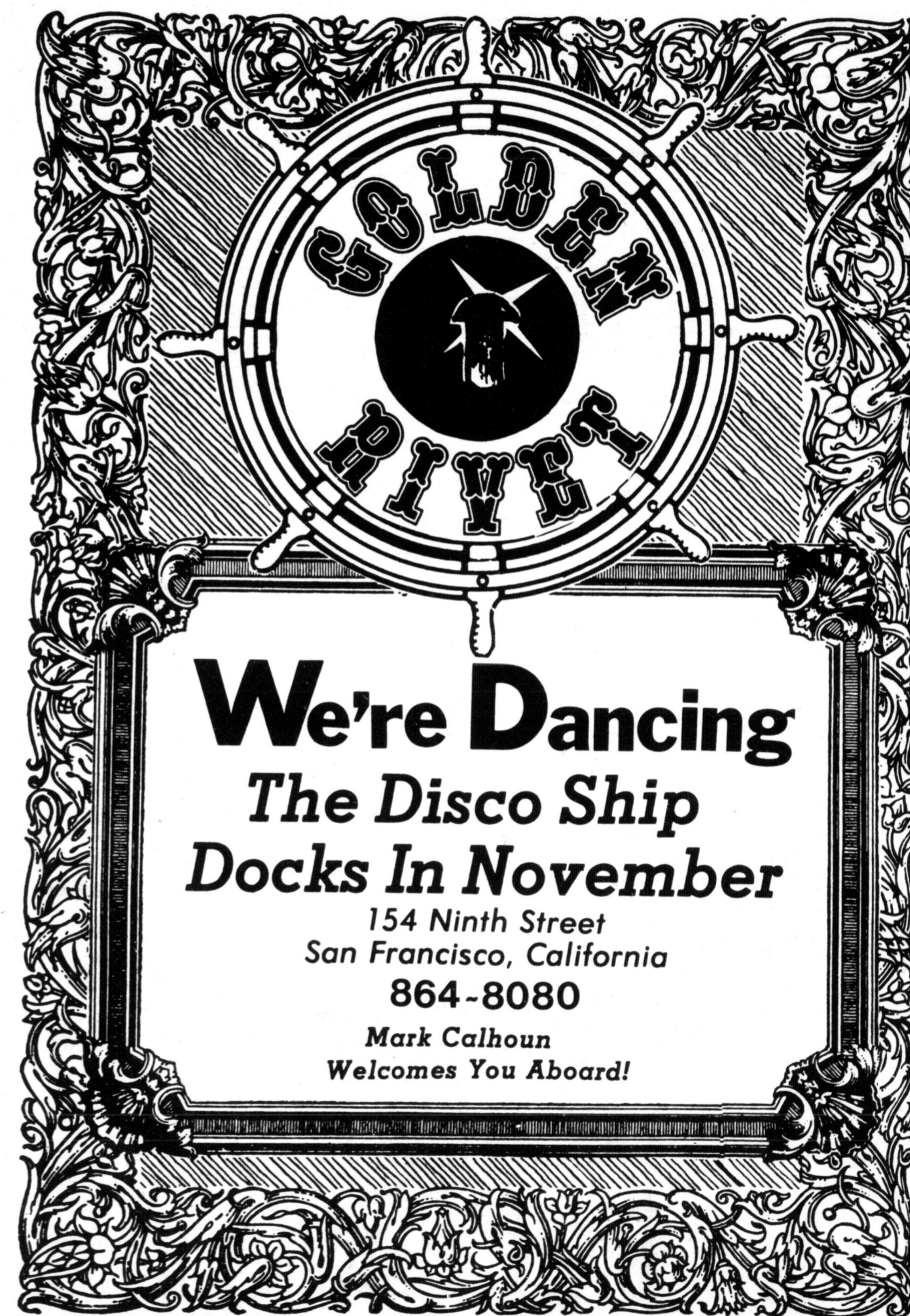
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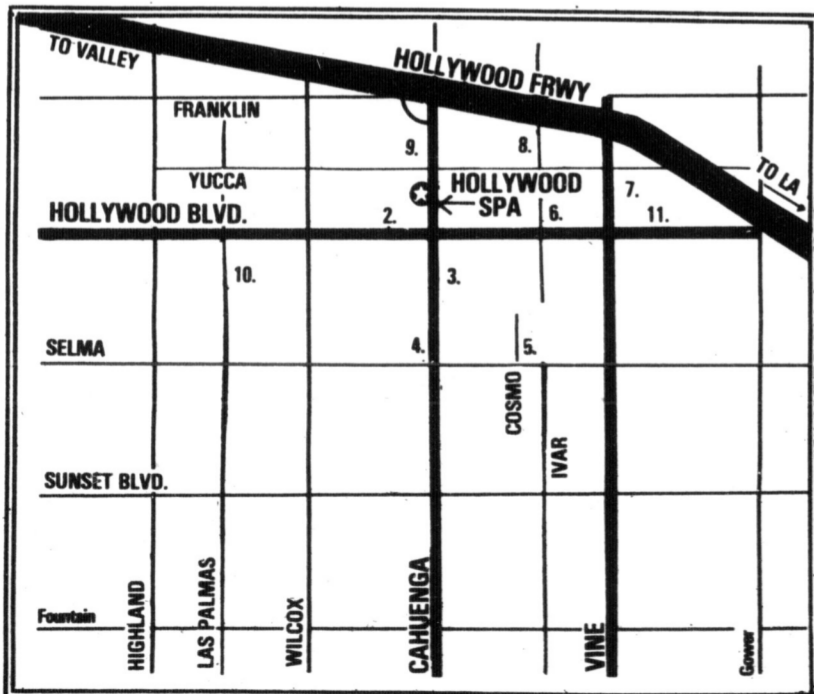
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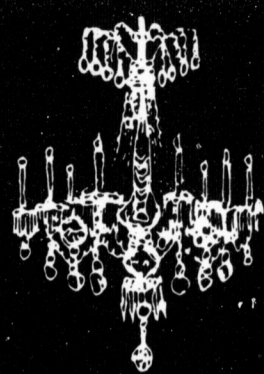
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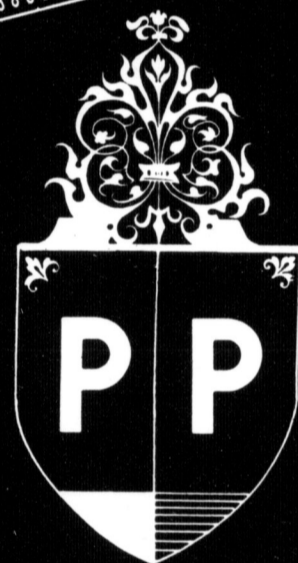
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Emperor's Xmas Party

The Diamond Fox Court will present "The Emperor's Christmas Party" - a benefit for "Toys for Tots & the Children's Hospital. There will be open auditions for singers, dancers, artists, tech(nicians), people male and female at SIR Center, 83rd 6th St., on Oct. 27 and 28th, 8 - 10:30 pm. Singers please bring their own music. The production will be directed by: Joe Vigil, Carl Berry and Chuck Largent. A cast of 100 will be needed for this production which is to be held at California Hall, Dec. 12, 13, & 14. For further information, please call the office of the Emperor at 282-2235 or Chuck Largent at 552-1484, evenings.

"Advocate" Buys Texas Paper

The Houston, Texas gay-journal "Contact," the second largest nationally

distributed gay periodical has been bought by the "Advocate." The sale, "which does not include non-editorial assets of the company, was announced by Advocate publisher David B. Goodstein. "Contact" will cease publication, but subscriptions will be honored by the "Advocate."

"Henry Parker, former editor and publisher of the former Houston paper, has joined the staff of the "Advocate" and will be sales rep. for the Southwest. "Monetary details of the sale will be kept confidential."

Does this mean the Rev. Mother Flying Nun is no longer sales rep. in this area of the "fastest growing gay periodical in the nation?" Oh well, even nuns get defrocked, not to mention deflowered. Hi there Heloise, talked to Abelard lately?

G.G.G.L.H. has moved.

After nearly twoyears at 934 Page St., the Golden Gate Gay Liberation House (G.G.G.L.H.) has moved its location. They have signed a lease-purchase agreement for a classic SF Victorian, up-to-code facility and have started taking occupancy. The now-occupied residence is at 758 Haight St. and will officially open on October 18th.

There will be an open house party on Oct. 18th, for information, call 431-0535.

MCC-LA

The 7th Anniversary of the Mother Church in Los Angeles and the founding of the Metropolitan Community Churches was held Sunday, October 5th at the MCC in downtown Los Angeles.

Many clergy, communicants and politicians attended the service, amidst varied musical opening. Excerpts from the various daughter churches throughout the world were read, in addition to letters from such varied luminaries as Mae West and Phyllis Diller.

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Citizens For Justice Endorses:

At the September monthly meeting of Citizens for Justice, a community-based group working for changes in the administration of justice in San Francisco, five candidates for District Attorney, Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors were endorsed. The group did not endorse a candidate for Mayor, but will vote on mayoralty candidates before the expected December run-off, after the leading contenders have more thoroughly expressed their positions on criminal and health justice issues.

For DA, the group endorsed Carol Ruth Silver, former Legal Counsel to the Sheriff and prominent human rights activist. She was endorsed on the basis of her long public record in support of decriminalization of non-victim crimes and her support for progressive and revised law enforcement priorities.

Sheriff Richard Hongisto was endorsed for re-election. His longtime support for decriminalization measures and the development of alternatives to incarceration for offenders who have not violated the rights of others were cited by the group. Hongisto was praised for his efforts to introduce some element of humanity into the San Francisco County Jails in the face of budgetary and political obstacles.

Supervisor John Molinari was the only incumbent of the Board of Supervisors to win endorsement, which was based on his role in winning Board and law enforcement support for a citation approach to non victim crime in San Francisco.

Arnold Townsend and Harvey Milk

were also endorsed for the Board of Supervisors on the basis of their community action and strong support for revised law enforcement practices and policies. The two have both called for the decriminalization of non-victim crimes, and reform measures in the criminal justice system. Both are extremely active and involved in their respective communities.

Citizens for Justice is comprised of more than seventy activists in the areas of non-victim crime reform, police practices and procedures and psychiatric justice. The group was instrumental in winning adoption of a citation enforcement policy for certain non-victim crimes and in opening up to public participation the important Police Commission hearings on revised Policies, Rules and Procedures for the San Francisco Police Department last April.

Citizens For Justice

Who We Are:

We, the Citizens for Justice, are a group of involved community people interested in equal treatment for all San Franciscans in regard to our legal system and its implementation. We believe that not only are our laws and law enforcement inconsistently applied to various San Francisco neighborhoods and racial and income groups, but that certain laws dealing with personal morals, non-victim "crimes" and forced psychiatric "treatments" should either be stricken from the codes or differently administered. The power of the State should never be used to incarcerate

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From the Office Of John Foran:

Assemblyman John F. Foran, Chairman Ways and Means committee announced the signing into law of his Assembly Bill 1287.

Under present law, the employer or insurance carrier has the absolute right to control the injured employees' medical program. The employee has no choice but to accept treatment from the designated doctor or forfeit benefits.

Assembly Bill 1287, in addition, will require an employer to provide chiropractic treatment, and will provide that the employee may be treated by a physician of his own choice or at a facility of his own choice within a reasonable geographical area after thirty

days from the date the injury is reported.

Foran stated that the signing of this bill allows "a worker who is injured on the job the right to select his own physician...The worker compensation system was the only insurance program which permitted the insurer (employer) to dictate who will provide medical services. The long felt need of injured workers for legislation to correct this injustice of longstanding has now come to an end." AB 1287 becomes effective January 1, 1976.

Moment of Truth

Which Mayoral Candidate Really represents Feminist Positions? Determine for yourself, Wednesday, October 22, at Glide Memorial Church, at 8:15 PM. Feminists supporting the three major candidates: Marks, Feinstein and Moscone will give their reasons, and explain their candidate's performance. The price is FREE, and is a part of the Golden Gate NOW program series.

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Seminar on Gay Health Problems

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is presenting a seminar on gay health problems. This seminar, co-sponsored by the Gay Health Project and Operation Concern, will be hosting a news conference in the cafeteria of Presbyterian Hospital, Pacific Medical Center, 2333 Buchanan St., SF, at 8:45 am, Sat., October 18th.

Opening the seminar will be the following participants in the news conference:

FJ Curry, SF Public Health Director; Phyllis Lyon, Director, National Sex Forum; Frank Myers, Seminar Coordinator, GHP; Jim Stoll, Director, Operation Concern and Jo Daly, Human Rights Commission.

Legal and social environments are evolving to a point where an increasing number of gay individuals are being "open" about their gayness in dealings with health professionals.

The purpose of this seminar is to better equip the professional for his dealings with gays.

An Open Letter To The Gay Community

Serious questions have arisen regarding the validity of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club's endorsement for Mayor.

A Brief History:

The Club's May 1975 meeting was called to meet Assemblyman John Foran. No mention either verbally or in writing was made that the mayoralty endorsement was to be on the agenda. In fact, some members specifically asked our club's President if such an endorsement was to be considered. They were informed "no". On the same evening, Dianne Feinstein was meeting with fifty members of the gay community, many of them members of Alice B. Under these circumstances... with less than ten members in attendance...George Moscone was

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handed our endorsement.

In marked contrast to these obviously political maneuverings, the Club's next endorsement meeting (for Members of the Board of Supervisors) was well publicized in advance as an endorsement meeting.

Because of the highly irregular procedures of that May meeting, the club's officers agreed to place on the agenda of the September 24th meeting a motion to rescind their original endorsement of George Moscone. Ballots were mailed to all members; twenty ballots were returned, and over sixty members attended the meeting. In the middle of heated debate, the Club's President, Gary Miller, resigned, immediately "unresigned," and stalked out of the meeting with our ballots.

We, the undersigned members of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, strongly protest this parody of the democratic process. We call for an open forum and a return to the ethical ideals upon which our Club was founded. We insist that our ballots be returned in their original unopened envelopes. Further, we demand at another publicized meeting a count of these ballots.

Jo Daly, George Croft, Doug Shook, Richard Russell, Roberto Esteves, Dennis Collins, Steve Martin, Frank Torres, Dell Martin, Phyllis Lyon, Duke Smith, Poe Asher, Bill Martin, Bill Gassaway, Bret Lewis, D. Campbell, R. Neill, Irene Britton, Marcia Smolens, Sonny Olds, Bert Miller, Marshall Beaty, Jay Lambert, Fred Munni-

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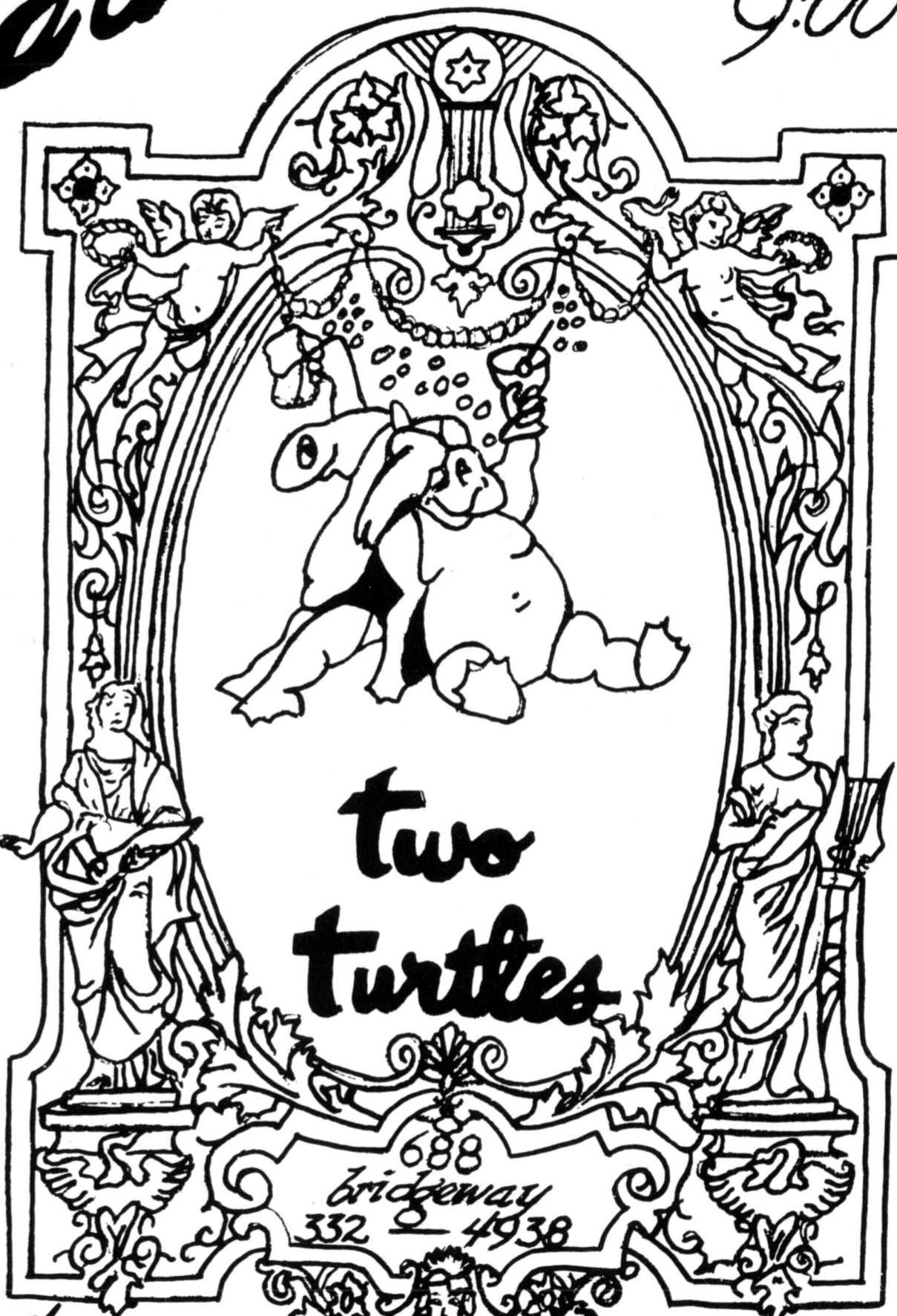
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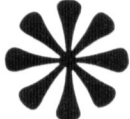
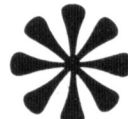
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You could vote for Feinstein. She is the woman candidate on this slate and she ran for mayor once before. In that prior campaign, Feinstein made an issue of appealing for the gay vote, and has been riding on the residue of that appeal ever since. She was unable to garner much support because of her stand on pornography (you haven't forgotten that already, have you?). Her stand against pornography cost her a lot of gay support that might have otherwise gotten, because by now most of us realize that the first to suffer in the crunch on almost any crackdown, is the gays. On almost any moral issue, like the law 'n order campaigns, we get hit first, while little attention is paid to what straights may be doing in the same area. We are, we always have been, and unless we do something to stop it, always will be, the capegoats of "morality".

Realizing at some point since the beginning of that campaign that her stance on pornography cost her dearly in the gay sector, Feinstein has since softened her stand (so she says) on pornography, in hopes of regaining some of the lost support. And it is perhaps that change of mind that points more to the character of this candidate than her stance on an issue.

Feinstein lost the 1971 election by a large margin, and, in retaliation has since worked in underhanded ways against the gays. Undoubtedly in the belief that her appeal to the gay voters of this city cost her support from others sectors, Feinstein has, since losing that election four years ago, prattled on out of both sides of her mouth. She has consistently voted for nice little resolutions that mean little or nothing, such as voting in our favor on the anti-discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation issue — a position designed to make her look sympathetic to the gay cause, yet a position that did little or nothing to change any conditions in employment, even in San Francisco...the telephone company, one of the City's largest employers, still has a policy of not hiring admitted homosexuals. So her position on that issue, attempting to make herself look good on the gay issue, while at the same time not offending downtown businesses since there was no requirement to enforce that anti-discrimination stance, and no way for the City to enforce its position, lost her nothing in votes from one sector, while attempting to gain votes from the gay sector. And that's the way we have been treated by La Feinstein since her loss four years ago.

We have become for Feinstein a political tool, to be played off against

whomever it is expedient to play off against at the moment. While voting for the nice little resolutions that mean little or nothing, that carry little or no weight, that have little or no impact on our conditions in this City, Feinstein has, at the same time, been going along with the police department in garnering more and more ways to curtail our lives. Thus, Feinstein voted for the acquisition of police helicopters, helicopters that could only be used to patrol beaches and outlying areas; areas where the only victims to get caught in the trap would likely be gays. (You really didn't think that they were going to use those helicopters in the Sunset and Richmond, did you? And certainly not downtown, flying in and out and around the skyscrapers.)

While voting for those nice little resolutions that mean little or nothing, that carry little or no weight, Feinstein, in another move that has typified her position in the past four years, also voted to give the police department control over gay after hours bars, capitulating to the unpersuasive arguments or the police that it was necessary to control such establishments because they were the only ones where patrons arrived intoxicated, yet never explaining what that had to do with it. The police department's rationale, and Feinstein's acquiescence to it, was the only gay after hours establishments (dance halls) attracted that particular clientele, though no one ever said what was wrong with that particular clientele. So her vote, again, in an underhanded move calculated to "control" homosexuals in San Francisco, was cast with the police department with little or no questioning on the need for such control, and certainly no logical explanation for the desirability and need for the control. It seems to be enough that the police department wanted it, Feinstein went along with it.

Bets are on all around the City that should Feinstein win this election, she would re-appoint Al Nelder as police chief, a police chief that gays lobbied to remove several years ago. Too, Nelder ran for the Board of Supervisors, and wone, on a law 'n order campaign, and you can refer back to the first paragraph for the implications carried in that issue.

You could vote for Feinstein, a candidate who has decided that support of the gay cause would hurt her political career, and in that vein has shunned the gay vote this time around. She has not campaigned very hard for your vote; she has attended very few gay functions, and of the ones that she has attended, at least two were functions that involved the police department and straights — covering herself for any possible attack or charge that she has gone to the "queers" for votes. Feinstein did attend the Elliott Blackstone Testimonial Dinner (Blackstone was a policeman and a straight), and she did attend the Community Softball League v. Police All Stars softball game (a safe bet, since no one could know whether she was rooting for the gays or the police, and all historical indications are that she was rooting for the police). Aside from those two functions, La Feinstein has confined any appeal for the gay vote to small dinner and cocktail parties that would not likely generate much attention from the straight press, and that would carry little or no "gay" overtones should the press find out about them. And, Feinstein is on record as believing that your vote isn't going to make any difference to her anyway, so she isn't

going to bother appealing for it.

There have been some 13 brutal, senseless murders of gays in San Francisco over the past year. Rumor and tradition have it that the police department is doing little or nothing to track down and apprehend the perpetrators of those psychotic killings — one less queer in the world doesn't bother them any. And Feinstein, more than any other candidate in this race, is in the unique position in this city's government to do something to bring pressure to bear on the police department to catch the goons responsible for those slayings. As yet, we have had no work from her calling for and intensified effort in solving those slayings. Feinstein, more than any other candidate in this race, has the unique opportunity to be of real help to the gay sector of this City, and as yet, there is no indication that it matters to her one way or another. A few less faggots won't hurt her any, since she doesn't need our vote anyway. Feinstein will go along with the police department to bring pressure to bear on us, but she will not bring pressure to bear on the police department for us. Feinstein will vote with the police department to harass us, but she will not vote to protect us. Not one word on these senseless killings has issued from her in this election year. She, more than any other candidate, could at least pretend to be concerned, and is in the position to be of assistance to us, but she has not bothered to even mention it is passing.

Or, you could vote for Moscone, a California State Senator who has conducted a very hush-hush campaign within the gay community for your vote. Moscone has attended but very few more functions than has Feinstein, and has attended carefully selected functions that were not likely to attract any straight press, television coverage, or in any way get out to the rest of the City. He wants your vote, but he doesn't want the rest of the world to know that he is after that vote.

And, if you want another "star" in politics, Moscone is a good candidate for just that. Moscone started this campaign for the gay vote, such as it has been, from the stage and has continued through the preceding eleven months to campaign just that way. His attendance at gay functions has been considerably less than overwhelming, and he, like Feinstein, has confined his attendance to those events at which there would be a mixed crowd of straights and gays so that he could justify to the rest of the City his appearance as appealing for the straight vote, or the gay vote, or any vote, but certainly not pinpointed to the solicitation of our vote. Moscone, too, attended the Blackstone Testimonial Dinner and the Community Softball League v. Police All Stars softball game, making one wonder if perhaps the same person handles both schedules and to make things easier just includes both of them on the same list. Moscone, in a radical departure from his usual avoidance of gay functions, did go Feinstein on better in attending the 1975 Emperor's Coronation [neither he nor Feinstein was at the 1974 Coronation, nor the 1975 Empress Coronation, nor the Installation of Officers at S.I.R., nor the Acme Beer Contest, nor The Levi Ball, nor Christopher Street West Parade—too much straight press coverage on that one]. Moscone has not yet openly and aboveboard appealed for your vote, and this late in the game is not likely to do so. The first ad that Moscone has run

in any gay publication was that appearing in the October, 1975 issue of Vector, and even that ad carried a disclaimer at the bottom of it stating that the ad was not in any way connected to the Moscone for Mayor Campaign Committee (he doesn't want any "fruits" on his campaign committee?). (It's on the inside back cover in the small print at the bottom of the page, and will cost you only \$1 to verify.)

You could vote for either one of these two candidates who have so indifferently appealed for your vote; these two candidates who have managed to attend, respectively two and three gay affairs out of a list of at least a dozen that I have been at; these two candidates who have decided that you are a political tool to be used as necessary to appease the straight community; these two candidates who have shunned like the plague any intimation in the straight press that they are after your vote, or that your vote matters; these two candidates who have campaigned only for a distance ("faggots" are all right they just wouldn't want their bother to marry one); these two candidates who have conducted their campaigns safely removed from any close contact with the 'disease' of homosexuality as if it were contagious.

Or, you could vote for the one candidate who has openly and definitely recognized us, supported us and appealed for our vote — Senator Milton Marks.

On that list of a dozen gay events, Senator Marks found no affair to small, or too unimportant, or too well publicized to attend, and can check off the yes column in attendance for every one of those events. Only Senator Marks found what we are doing important enough to attend the Emperor's Coronation last year, and the year before, and the year before. Only Senator Marks found the Acme Beer Man Contest, a contest generated by the straight community, extended through the gay community, and back again into the straight community, an important enough step forward for us to warrant attendance. ONLY Senator Marks dared the publicity surrounding the Christopher Street West Parade to openly attend that event in support of us and our rights. And only Senator Marks found the Installation of Officers for S.I.R. important enough to attend.

Senator Marks has been openly supportive of us for a number of years, not months, and has over those years gone his way regardless of what the rest of the world might think about such support. Unlike Moscone, or Feinstein, Senator Marks has stood squarely and upfront with us and for us, and he has let the rest of the world know where he stands. Starting his involvement with us at a time when it was not only not politically expedient to play to the gay vote, it was potential political dynamite to even acknowledge that we existed, Senator Marks has, unlike La Feinstein, not wavered in his support, has not played us off against the more conservative members of the state and City, and has not backed down in the face of opposition, or political risk. He stated his belief in our humanity, and he has stood behind that belief all the way.

Much has been made in this campaign of the role Moscone played in the passage of AB489. Little has been said of the role that Senator Marks played in the passage of the same bill. While credit must be given where due, how much credit can a man deserve when he need but stand with 16 fellow,

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supportive, bolstering Democrats on an issue, while facing little opposition from the other side from his own party; how much credit does a man deserve when he must stand with but 2 fellow Republications and the courage of his conviction on the 'aye' side of that roster. While Moscone had no small coterie of cohorts with him in his position on AB489, Senator Marks has no small coterie of opposition to his stand. While Moscone had little to lose in siding with a traditionally liberal Democratic party, Senator Marks laid his belief in our rights on the line, breaking with his party, and standing in the face of that conservative opposition, siding with those liberal Democrats to our benefit. There is comfort in siding with numbers. Senator Marks stood all bu alone for us.

You could vote for Senator Marks, a man who has conducted this campaign from the floor, amongst the crowd. Unlike Feinstein who has made so little appeal to your vote, Senator Marks has made a very definite appeal for your vote. Unlike Moscone, who attended such functions as he did and conducted his campaign from the safety of the distant stage, Senator Marks has sat at the tables, stood at the bars, walked through the crowds. Unlike Feinstein or Moscone, who attended functions only with the virtual assurance of a spotlight and a microphone, Senator Marks has attended functions where he was not to speak, but only to attend. Senator Marks believes neither that we are contagious or dangerous, nor that we are something to be viewed from the distorted distance of a stage.

You are going to have the choice of electing a mayor who has shunned you, avoided you, and kept you at a safe distance, or a mayor who has stood

with you, beside you. Attitudes filter from the top, and whomever is that more apparent than in Senator Marks' attendance at gay affairs with his family. Senator Marks' 17 year old daughter has sat on more than one occasion in a room full of gay men and acts as if she doesn't know the difference between straight and gay. Senator Marks' 14 year old son sat in a room full of gay men at the S.I.R. Installation of Officers and acted as if he had never heard the word "queer," "fruit," "faggot." And Senator Marks himself often made me wonder whether it really registered on him that he was dealing with a group of h-o-m-o-s-e-x-u-a-l-s, so utterly indifferent is he to our sexual labelling. SENATOR Marks deals with us as people, not as homosexuals. Senator Marks deals with us at close range, not at a safely held distance. Senator Marks has sat next to us on a bar stool and drank and discussed issues. SENATOR Marks has sat next to you at dinner. Senator Marks and his family has sat next to you at gay events, and never given you any indication that he even knew that you are gay, for the fact that you are gay simply is not important to him.

Attitudes filter down. You will have a choice of candidates whose attitudes range from the "your vote won't make any difference to me" to "elect me and I'll put on a good show." The farther distant the mayor is from the voters who elect him to office, the more likely he is to be callous in dealing with abstract issues of government, aware of little more than the theory behind his actions, rather than knowing who the people really are and who may be benefiting or hurting from those actions. You can vote for a woman who has campaigned for your vote in a limited fashion, and from a distance, and who

will likely respond to our needs from a distance; or a man who has campaigned from the stage, and will likely respond to our needs through the blinding glare of the footlights.

Or, you can vote for a man who has mingled amongst us; who has campaigned amongst us as if he were campaigning in a straight crowd; a man who has openly and overtly supported us for the past several years; a man who has stood his ground in the face of opposition to his stance for our freedom and rights; a man who will respond to our needs by dealing with the people, not the abstract theory of government.

For all that, you can VOTE FOR MAYOR MILTON MARKS.

Senator Marks is behind in the polls and needs your help to win this election. He is behind in the polls, and may be there just because of his open advocacy of our right to the freedoms and liberties that straights have. And he needs our help. It is important, not only that you vote, but that you get your friends, relatives and neighbors to vote. Every vote will make a difference in this election, and if the gay vote splits too much, Feinstein just may be right in stating that it doesn't make any difference to her, for Senator Marks could lose this election on that split.

Senator Marks is behind in the polls, and needs your help. If nothing else, remember to vote on November 4. But if you have some time, an hour or two a week, Senator Marks could use you help now. If you have the time, and if you can help in any way, it is needed now, and you can call the Marks for Mayor Campaign Headquarters at 543-8422 to offer what time and help you can.

But whatever else you do, be sure to vote on November 4!

Milk Forum By Harvey Milk

The Line Up

Sometimes you can decide where you stand on an issue by seeing who is for or against that issue, especially if those who have taken their stands have established a solid voting record themselves on many issues. You cannot always go by the "line-up," but it does give some kind of overview - especially when the "line-up" consists of people who don't give out the use of their names without considerable thought to the issue in question.

Proposition B: This is Supervisor John Barbagelata's baby.

For B: The Downtown Chamber of Commerce The Downtown Association

Against B: Congressman Phil Burton Congressman John Burton Assemblyman Willie Brown Assemblyman John Foran Speaker Leo McCarthy Senator George Moscone

With that kind of "line-up" the picture becomes clear. The same people who gave us Yerba Buena and Candlestick, the same people who gave us the high-rises and the high taxes to go along with them, now are offering us Prop. B to "solve" our problems.

The record of the Burtons, Browns, etc., have been in favor of the citizens and individual rights. These are the legislators who passed the laws that have changed attitudes towards sexual freedom and marijuana. These are the legislators who are fighting for the needs of the elderly. The list goes on. I don't recall the Chamber of Commerce or Supervisor Barbagelata fighting for our rights or the rights of individuals.

Based upon the records of the elected officials and the records of our Chamber of Commerce, I feel very comfortable being on the **No on B** side. I find myself in excellent company. (Even Willie Brown and Leo McCarthy are together on this issue.) Can these six elected leaders all be wrong? Maybe, but I tend to doubt it. Are they against B because of any "deals?" Or have they found it to be just plain bad?

Oh, yes. The **entire** Board of Supervisors (which votes all too often on a Downtown Interest party line) are also strongly for B. These are the very same people who are telling us that "this" time Prop B will solve most of the problems facing us. These same people told us last year how good Prop M - pensions for the police and firemen - was. Now they seem to feel that last year's advice was not too good. In fact, under these people we have had a series of city strikes. Under these people we have had too much fiscal irresponsibility. They were wrong on last year's advice. Was it due to their poor fiscal planning on their voting strictly for "political" reasons? In either case, it makes me question their ability to understand the problems facing the city, let alone how to solve them.

The current Board, the same people who have created the current fiscal mess, are now telling us that they now know how to solve the mess that they gave us! That's something like what is happening in Washington. The same economists who have fouled up

the nation's economy are now telling us how to solve their mess! If a doctor lets ten patients in a row, die, will he be able to save the eleventh? Well, I feel that if a Board of Supervisors have proven themselves inept at fiscal planning and have had more city strikes under their leadership than ever before, we shouldnt take their word that they "finally" have found the answer. Especially when they are backed by the Downtown Interests and **every** elected Democratic legislator we have says that they are wrong.

It comes down to: the Conservatives, led by Barbagelata and the Downtown Interests vs. the Democrats, led by **every** elected Democrat. Conservative Republicans, under Nixon, have shown how little they really understand finance on a governmental level. The present Board of Supervisors have a record of not knowing what to do with fiscal planning. The Downtown Interests have given us Yerba Buena, BART, Candlestick. I add my name to the list of those who are against Prop. B.

The facts: Those who are for B cannot even stay with the facts. If their case is so great, why do they have to lie? I make the following offer to **each** and **everyone** who is supporting Prop. B: you show me **one** street sweeper who makes - or this year will make - \$17,000 and I'll join your side! If you cannot produce such a person, you may join my side! A simple offer, but I'm willing to state that not **one** person who is for Prop. B will go along with that offer because their facts on this are just wrong. And if their facts that they quote are wrong, then their entire argument is wrong. The Downtown Interests have been wrong all too often in this city.

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By Mark Owens

News Item: Oswald Simple, who made national headlines by saving President Edsel from a maniac hurling a razor-edged Frisbee, announced a \$25 million dollar lawsuit involving the Queensville *Bigtime Rag*, columnist Herb Complain and four other major nationwide publications.

Simple, in the lawsuit filed by his attorney, Will Makesutcha Haul, charged the newspapers had constituted an "invasion of (Simple's) privacy" by revealing that Simple was black.

Due to the disclosure of his "racial and pigment orientation," according to the suit, Simple had suffered "great mental anguish," and had been "scorned and abandoned" by members of his immediate family.

"It's absolutely true," said Haul. "We called Mrs. Wilma Simple — Oswald's mother — and all she said was, 'Oswald who?'"

A close friend of Simple's family, who wished to remain nameless, told reporters that Oswald's father, Reginald Simple, "dropped a brick" when he heard the news, while Oswald's brothers and sisters were very "ticked off" about the revelation.

As a result of the newspaper disclosure and subsequent events, said Haul, the 35-year old ex-National Guard reservist and full-time bar owner was recently admitted to Looneyhaha Medical Facility, where he had undergone psychiatric treatment several

times in the past, during his time of military service.

New Item: Attorney Will Makesutcha Haul, representing national hero Oswald Simple, announced at a press conference today that the highly controversial \$25 million dollars against the *Bigtime Rag* and four other newspapers filed last week, was being expanded, and now includes an additional three newspapers, a weekly news-magazine, and at least ten as yet undisclosed "John Does" in addition to Queensville newspaper columnist Herb Complain.

Popular conjecture is that two of those unnamed "Does" are the Rev. Fassius Hunter and City Council candidate Henry Milquetoast, both of whom were mentioned as "compadres" of Simple in an article by Complain.

Other possibilities are members of the predominately black neighborhood in which Simple lives, his black-room-mate, all black staff members who work for any of the defendant papers, and Dear Abby.

Simple, when approached for comment, refused to confirm any of the possibilities, saying that the names would be revealed at "a later time," and then left with Mr. Haul.

As they were leaving, Simple was heard to say to his attorney, "Hey, what about Walter Klondyke? I've always wanted to sue Walter Klondyke..."

News Item: At a press conference held today at Queensville City Hall, attorney

Lee Gahlity of Weenken, Blinkinne & Knodd, one of the law firms representing the many newspapers and private individuals named in a \$25 million dollar lawsuit filed by Oswald Simple last month, publicly challenged Simple nad his attorney, Will Makesutcha Haul, to prove their claims that the many defendants involved did indeed reveal Simple's "racial and pigment orientation" by disclosing that the 35-year old national hero was black.

"Personally and professionally," Mr. Gahlity stated to the 200-plus newsmen assembled in the City Council Press chamber, "we feel that this whole affair is nothing more than a grand attempt to pull the wool over our eyes. Myself and attorneys from several other corporate law firms have carefully read all of the newspaper articles on Mr. Simple, and nowhere do they state that he is black. They have said that he has been seen with black community organizers, and lives in a black community with a black room-mate, but nowhere does it state that he himself is black."

When Oswald Simple, who had recently been re-admitted to the Looneyhaha Medical Facility, was reached for comment, he replied, "What the hell is he talking about? It does too say that I'm black. I oughta know, dammit, I told 'em so myself, and... oh, oh."

News Item: The \$25 million dollar lawsuit by Oswald Simple against eight major newspapers and twenty-three "John Does", was thrown out of court today. Counter-suites are pending.

Letter From Mole End

Dear Michael:

Getting settled in the country is not easy, especially when you have to cope with unfamiliar and un-thought of things like water quality. But I'm getting there. We have a lot of iron in our water. I talked with a man at the County Fair about it, a fellow who does water purification work, and he said the iron in the water was "bacterial" — have you ever heard of germ-y iron? — and that the only way to get rid of the mineral content was to install an eighty gallon holding and filtering tank and chlorinate like mad, which we don't want to do. Meanwhile, the laundry is getting yellow and the sinks and bathtub and toilet are getting stained like crazy. To hell with this, I thought. Chloroxing seems to set the iron deeper unless there is something used along with the belach to hold the iron off. The old-fashioned trip was to boil the laundry in a wash tub with some turpentine, which is great if you want the entire family to smell like a freshly painted wall. I remember my grandmother working out with a huge pair of wooden tongs and a tin wash boiler, and that's not where it's at, either. My solution is borax, which is a great soap booster and rinse agent, and seems to be getting the iron yellows out of everything, without boiling or fussing. The borax box says the stuff can be

used to clean sinks and tubs, etc. Not here. It's okay for washing refrigerators and Formica sink enclosures, and that kind of thing, but real scrubbing still requires a cleanser, like Bon Ami or Ajax. I'm trying a bar of Fel's Naptha in each toilet tank, now that the rust is gone, to see if the soap will keep it away, but I'm not too optimistic.

We had people to dinner the other day, a friend of Robb's from school and her husband, and I had to do something about soup. I think you remembr my soups — they take days to make because I never want to concentrate on them, and they always end up tasting just like left-overs. I asked a friend in town what she does at her restaurant about old-tasting soup, and the solution worked. She adds about a handful of chopped fresh lettuce (iceburg or butter lettuce, so there's no actual lettuce taste) about five minutes before the end of the simmering. By the time the soup comes off the stove, the lettuce has disappeared and all that's left is a freshness which must have something to do with the high water content of the leaves. This method doesn't even require good-looking lettuce. I used the bruised leaves from the outside of the heads, since our lettuce patch is fading fast into Indian summer, and cut them into pieces no bigger than an inch, very thoroughly; it took about a minute, and was well worth the (minimal) effort.

The winet garden is completely in, now. We pit in some salsify, just to see what it does. Our soil is not too good for root vegetables, but I've never tasted this root. They also call it 'vegetable oyster' or oyster plant, and it's supposed to be good fried. More on that later. Meanwhile, we've already our first rain, which means the first frost is soon to

come, and I'm heading for the tomatoes to pick them clean. Robb makes a superb green tomato pickle, and I like green tomato pie, so between the two of us there shouldn't be any problem saving the crop. I'm going to make squash-blossom fritters tomorrow for dinner, as a way of grabbing the last benefit from the zucchini and pumpkins. That makes two saved summer vegetables. The carrots and potatoes will stay in the ground, along with the turnips, beets, parsnips and so on. Turnips and parsnips are actually better if they've frozen, so what doesn't freeze before I want to use it will go into the refrigerator for a couple of days prior to cooking, to develop the flavors better. Have you ever had squash-blossom fritters? All you do is whip up a batter, either fritter or tempura batter, dip the flowers in it and fry them. They come out exquisitely light and delicate, and very tasty. I use a pinch of sugar instead of salt in the batter: not enough to taste the sweetness, but enough to bring up the flavor of the flowers. And the wok works fine.

Someone is going to have to teach me how to make pancakes on an electric stove. Robb is not an accomplished pancake maker, so he shies away from them. But I like pancakes a lot, and the last batch were disasters, start to finish. They cooked up somewhere in the middle between crepes and pancakes, not light but not moist. I think my Heavenly reward is going to be a six-burner gas stove!

All of Mendocino County (coastal) seems to have a fly problem after the mosquito menace abates. I went to our local general store and bought some fly paper tapes, the kind that hang from the ceiling. The ingredient listing doesn't

say anything about perfume or sweeteners: no molasses, no rose oil, nothing. But the flies go to the paper in droves. I understand that fly paper is ready to take down when you can't stand to look at it anymore, but I couldn't stand to look at it as soon as I had it up, so I'm going to wait until it doesn't feel sticky, and then burn the buggers. I tried the organic fly-catching method, which is a jar of water and honey with a funnel, sitting in the sun, and it doesn't work. I may put molasses on some paper towelling and see what that does, but the paper strips are doing so well that I just may not bother with any more elaborate traps.

The cats have finally adjusted, more or less, to living here. They no longer think the carpeting is warm lawn, and I actually saw Pascal go adventuring in the woods the other day. They seem to have fewer fleas here than in the city; which is a mercy, considering how bad they are about flea powder. But the dogs have fleas galore. We used to use carbolic acid soap on flea-ed animals, and I'm going to leave that chore to Robb, since She-baa weighs about fifty pounds and hates bathing.

I have been working over the strawberry beds for the last week or so, pulling out the wild sorrel, cultivating, and spreading goat manure around. I haven't quite figured out which is harder: transplanting strawberry plants or shovelling shit. But I sure am getting a good tan, in spite of the rain. I was very careful not to get the manure too close to the well — we've had problems enough with the water without deliberately giving it a manure taste.

My latest line is "shoe me an all-over tan and I'll show you a

gardener." At least I've got my health, no thanks to One-A-Day.

Hugs from the Mole Pieter

Gay Solidarity With The Chilean Resistance

An enthusiastic crowd of nearly 350 lesbians and gay men filled San Francisco's Neighborhood Arts Theatre, Sept. 19 for a political and cultural event sponsored by Gay Solidarity with the Chilean Resistance. Large numbers of gay people in the Bay Area took part in demonstrations and other events in solidarity with the Chilean people, and their struggle, throughout the month of September. The Chilean people are resisting the repressive policies of a fascist military government, and fighting for the right to control their own lives and their own country. The military overthrew a popularly elected socialist government in Chile in September 1973 in a bloody coup aided by the CIA.

Along with other sectors of working people, gays, native people and organized leftists and unionists were singled out for special repression.

The program was a blend of gay people's culture and the culture of Latin American struggle against imperialism. It included revolutionary songs of Latin America and lesbian music, various lesbian and gay authors read their poetry, and a film *Campamento*, (made in Chile before the coup) which described the efforts of displaced people in a shantytown to build a permanent Socialist community through collective work.

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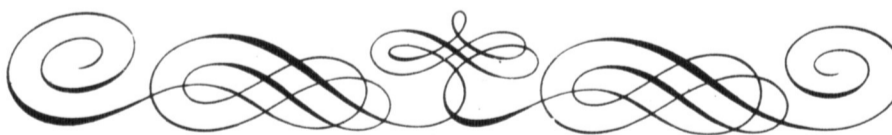
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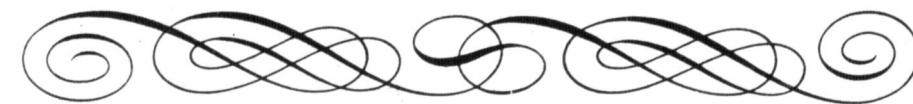
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Thoughts and Opinions

By Rev. Raymond Broshears

Ex Cathedra . . . (Almost)

The Time Is Now — The time is now if we are going to take direct action to try and change the structure of City government. In 1973, there were two ballot propositions which called for a change in how our Board of Supervisors were to be elected. One was defeated, and the other passed, but was ignored by the Board of Supervisors. The one that was passed, did not legally bind the Board to enact District elections of Supervisors, and only called for six of the eleven members to be elected by district and the other five, at-large (city-wide). The measure that was defeated, called for all eleven members of the Board to be

elected by district. This measure, if it had been enacted, would have changed, forever, the power structure of San Francisco. But, even the limited measure that was passed, if the Board had followed the "will of the electorate" and brought it into being this year, things would be changing drastically, in a positive way.

People like Francois, Gonzales, and Pelosi, the really "do-nothing" members of the Board, would be having to run in a particular district. Wow, and there is not a ghost of a chance that any of the three of them could win when faced by specific candidates to a specified electorate.

As things stand now, none of the members of the Board are directly responsible to any particular section of the city, and this is really bad, for it does

not give the people any real representation in government. So what you have is a real Mayor, and eleven would-be mayors (the Board of Supervisors). Running city-wide makes the incumbent member of the Board almost invulnerable. This must end now! And it can only end with the voters placing on the ballot, the district election referendum, and enforcing the passage of it (and it will pass this time) with court action if necessary, to force the Board of Stupidvisors to enact the law.

1976 is the year of the "peoples' representation revolution" in San Francisco. So, you will be hearing about the District Election of Supervisors referendum drive soon. Join in, help circulate petitions, help in office work, and help raise money to bring it into being. '76 is your chance to be an electoral system revolutionary, for District Elections of the members of the Board of Supervisors will truly be "revolutionary!"

As I See It . . . Goodstein gobbles again! David Bertham Goodstein, the man who swallowed up the unofficial "voice of the gay nation," the ADVOCATE, has just gobbled up the only other newspaper which made claims to being a national gay newspaper, the CONTACT. Goodstein's money was enough for Henry Parker, the owner, and he really went for it! So, the free voice of gay news in America is slowly being censored or muted or worse yet, watered-down and changed to fit the mind of this man Goodstein. Toll the bells slowly for freedom of the press!

Speaking of Freedom of the Press . . . It is being rumored that the Sentinel, B.A.R. and the Gay Crusader will be going pay soon. Only a rumor of course! Then the three gossip rags will have the free field all to themselves!

On B.A.G.L. . . . Safety of customers of bars, and baths has always been one of my major concerns. But, after being quite enthused about a project presented to me by Doug McDonald of BAGL on Wednesday evening at Helping Hands, and telling him that I thought the bar-project had good merit, I was appaled to read in Dirta-Boy in a column the way the bar-project was presented — in a threatening, intimidating way, hinting of blackmail and extortion. If that is the way BAGL is going to play it, they can shove it!

My Relations . . . My relationship with several people are quite interesting, and the one that is the most interesting to me is the one I have with the editor of this paper, the beloved one, Bob Ross. It is one of much shouting, screaming, storming, and telephone hanging up, but it is one of the better experiences of my life. For Bob Ross, who I wouldn't even speak to a few short years ago, and vice versa, and I have become respectful admirers of one another...from a distance. Bob's style is certainly not mine, but it is effective. My style is one that I don't really care if people like me or not. I have a job to do and I will do it the best way I can, regardless of your feelings sweeties! He gives of his time and money to numerous gay charities. And this is something that only a couple of gay publishers have ever done. Most just see how much they can take out of the gay community and put into their own pocket, but not Bob Ross. He gives and gives, and seldom takes. And that includes . . . bullshit, for my dears, when he gets pissed, watch out! Yes, I admire Bob Ross, for he is real, honest, and not plastic, and not out to line his pockets with money "ripped-off" from the gay community like certain guilty people who will scream like hell when they read this.

It's Voting Time Again . . . Remember to vote for the fantastic four: Dianne Feinstein for Mayor; Gene Pratt for Sheriff; Joe Frietas for District Attorney and Enola Maxwell for Supervisor! Vote for these four honest, sincere, hardworking people who will be working for you when in office, and will be YOUR representatives always! VOTE 4: Feinstein, Pratt, Frietas, and Maxwell on November 4th.

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Show Biz In Review

By Donald McLean

Stage: Tiny Alice

In an interview with William Ball and the two leads, Hope Alexander-Willis and Nicholas Cortland, prior to the opening of the ACT season, director Ball discussed Edward Albee's *Tiny Alice* — "It's a big play and somewhat relentless. Because this is our tenth season, we wanted to revive a play from our first season. It's fascinating to me because of its multi-dimensional quality. You can't say *Alice* is comprehensible any more than you can say *Jam*. Joyce is comprehensible. By the time you get through it, you may feel you've been in a dream. The movement of the central character from one man to another; the play is about . . . Are illumination and death the same thing? It's like a musical score, like Mahler Symphony . . ."

Miss Alexander-Willis is a charming lady whose hyphenated name is the result of two marriages. She begins by going to school and then she and Ross . . .

'A Metaphysical Melodrama' subtitled 'it. I think it's a co-spilling of guts.'

Nicholas Cortland sits on the floor. Lets Ball do most of the talking. deep tan and sun-kissed. Cortland looks to be the most Hollywood male star in the city. speaks, it is with a certain sense of verbalize some. Speaking of . . .

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very theatrical and certainly entertaining, broadly pandering to an audience at its lowest level.

In Act Three, Ball pulls out all the stops. The actors become mere pawns

Ball's choreography, creating beautiful stage pictures continually. You

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gentle approach directorially loses a great deal of rich comedic opportunity, and each scene is given almost metronome pacing, so that there is little build. The famous eating scene in Act 3 is casually underplayed, when it should be the highpoint of the play.

As usual, the actors of ACT make the most of every opportunity. They are uniformly fine within the framework allotted them, except for James R. Winkler, who seems to have a hard time bringing Cornelius down from a high farce *Hello Dolly* level. The list of fine performances is impressive — William Paterson, Deborah May, Barbara Dirickson, Daniel Zippi, Marrian Walters and Sydney Walker all offer memorable portrayals.

It remains for Elizabeth Huddle to grapple with the tricky problem of playing a star vehicle role in a non-star manner. Her Dolly Levi is most delightful, a "wonderful woman" and thoroughly likeable and most sympathetic. But she's not a conniver, nor does she ever feel the relish she has for meddling in other people's lives. Her (or her husband's) Dolly is a pleasant surprise. It's a particularly fun or interesting role, but at least someone should play it. Dolly Gallagher is a Jewish, which is a relief for any acting



Robert Redford hiding from the CIA in "Three Days of the Condor."

part of it on the front pages of our local newspapers.

Redford, whose low-key sturdy charm is beginning to wear thin with me turns in his reliable, tight-lipped portrayal with admirable conviction, and John Houseman and Max Von Sydow flesh out excellent performances in characters little more than sketched by the script. Cliff Robertson is a perfect adversary for Redford; he's flint-eyed, tight-lipped, and dull as batshit, obviously afraid that if he allowed some flicker of emotion to sweep across his granite countenance, he might be accused of over-acting.

It remains for Miss Dunaway, as Redford's unwilling love interest thrown in to add box office to the unromantic plot, to turn in the most human and arresting performance of the film. With a few deft strokes, Dunaway is totally captivating. She's also fortunate to have the best dialogue of the script, and while her role has little to do with the plotline, we find ourselves waiting for her next scene. I have yet to see this lady give anything less than a fine performance; *Condor* maintains her reputation.

Sydney Pollack's direction is sharp and concise, and *Three Days of the Condor* adds up to a good suspense film that should keep viewers intrigued until the very end. The combination of Redford and Dunaway makes it surefire at the boxoffice;

fortunately, they're an excellent combination and their fans will not be disappointed. But beyond its charismatic stars, *Condor* is a first-rate thriller.

Film: Rooster Cogburn

Rooster Cogburn — or *The African Queen with Tumbleweeds*. The best thing that can be said about this film is that it's nice to see two veteran warhorses like John Wayne and Kaye Hepburn team up at long last. Wayne recreates his anti-hero character from *True Grit* and Miss Hepburn recreates her virgin missionary from *Queen*; together they seek the ten men who killed her father, involving shootouts and running the rapids on a raft with nothing but a wagonload of nitroglycerin.

Stuart Miller has directed with what little spirit the often stagnant script allows him. Richard Romancito as their young Indian chaperone and Strother Martin and John McIntire (speaking of old pros) turn in admirable supporting turns, but ultimately, the success of this limpid film depends upon your interest in seeing the unlikely combination of Wayne and Hepburn, who seem to perform in tremendous



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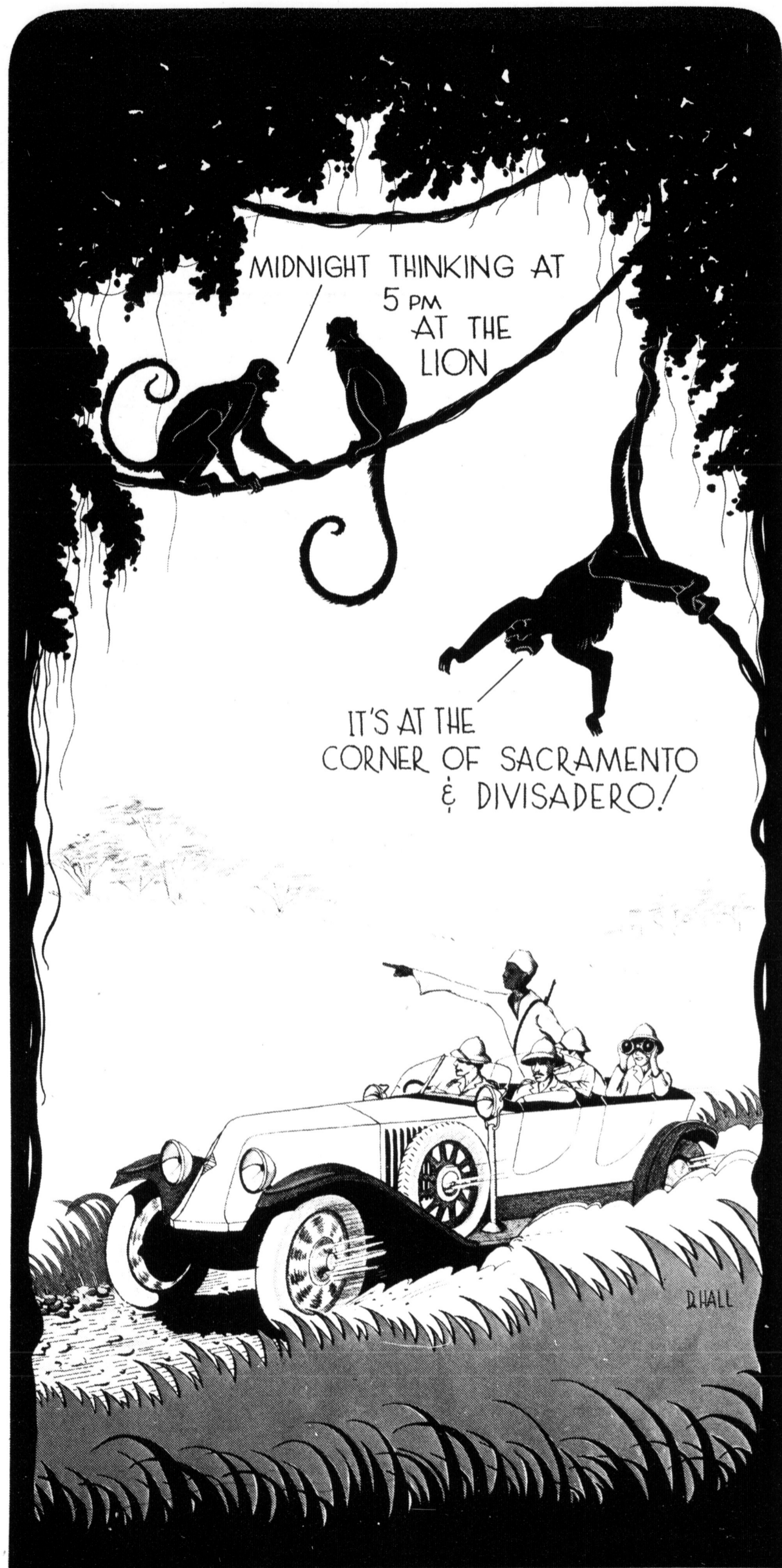
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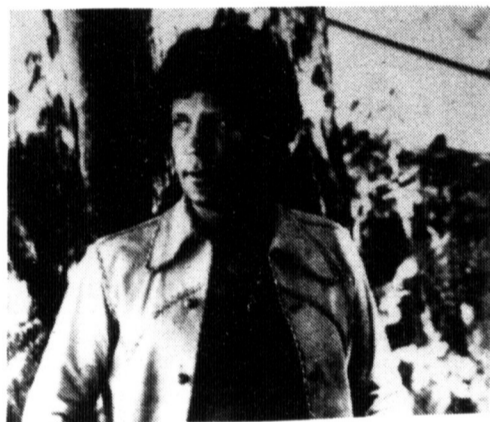


deferential respect of each other. They've both done better . . . but never together.

**Concert:
Tom Jones
At Circle Star**

Let no one tell you otherwise, Tom Jones is one sharp cookie. He knows exactly what he's selling and he sells it well. For one week at Circle Star Theatre, Jones packed the joint with his macho sex appeal, his wry humor and a surprisingly good voice that showed the strain of 42 nights on the road. The Jones boy is a charmer, and backed by that topnotch trio, The Blossoms, he puts on quite a show. Of course, it moves at a snail's pace due to adulation of female fans who swarm the stage and entrench themselves until they receive the chosen nod and hopeful kiss. Jones is a master showman, whether grinding the buttocks or jutting the pelvic region or standing stock still and doing the thing he does best, entertain in song.

Unfortunately, his opening half consisted of six dancers from L.A. named "Somethin' Special," who performed with the personality of Peggy Lee on downers and the ability of your local discotheque dancebar, and an



Seen him in the bushes lately? With that pose, what do you expect, or is this the Real Tom Jones? Back to Castro St.

erstwhile comedian named Vic Amell, who had loads of personality and no material with which to be funny. He must be a real gas at aftershow parties.

(Attention Oaklandites — The Pointer Sisters open with Smokey Robinson on Oct. 24th thru 26th.)

CURRENT AND COMING ATTRACTIONS

Now playing Thurs. thru Sat. at the Open Theatre, 441 Clement St., is *Isadora Duncan: A Unique Recital* with Kres Mersky as Isadora in her one-woman show. Call 751-3089.

On Oct. 21st is opening night on Geary St. — *Desire Unde: the Elms* opens at ACT and *Camelot* opens right next door at the CLO. Don't miss my review of one act of each. And Jan., ACT will present the world premiere of Tennessee Williams new comedy *This is [An Entertainment]*, with the illustrious playwright in residence for its opening.

Ever see a mouse fleder? Gruesome sight at best . . . unless it's *The Lamplighters* current production at Presentation Theatre every weekend thru Oct. 25th of Johann Strauss' *Die Fledermaus*. Call 752-7755 for tickets.

Charles Pierce opens in London at the Fortune Theatre on Oct. 31st for an indefinite run. And ya can't top that so . . .

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SUNFLOWERS, CORN AND LIBERATED CROWS

It was a shrewd farmer who first interplanted sunflowers and corn when he noticed that crows and other scavengers only laughed at his scarecrow if they deigned to notice it at all. You see, crows seldom go to cornfields for the "stuffy" show — more likely than not they're there to mingle and eat and this is where the sunflowers enter the picture.

Because the sunflowers are at least as tall as the silken ears, because the showy flowers attract more attention and because their open center's delectable seeds are more accessible than the tightly wrapped corn kernels — because, in general, the flowers are more noticeable and because they're easier "pickins," the crows bypass the corn in favor of these more tempting targets. So much for our monthly agricultural anecdote. But consider this subtle diversionary tactic as an analogy

to the current and apparently, fashionable harping on the existence of a "golden 400" and their dubious value.

Two of the most frequently maligned phenomena in San Francisco are "celebrities" and their seemingly constant auctions. After attending the sixth auction this month — all of which I originally foreswore — I was collared by a drunken but curious bystander and called to account for my participation and my motives. I gave what I considered an honest answer and later quizzed a number of friends about their feelings. Do you realize that a conservative estimate of money raised at these auctions alone would be close to \$25,000 annually? These usually benefit injured individuals, community organizations, building funds, self-help projects, political candidates, and yes, even replace stolen coats. And you'll find precious little variation in the list of persons who contribute items, money or their time and presence. What possible difference could it make to a particular reform group why they are there or what motivates a person to buy an object often with no real value other than the benefit another will eventually derive from that evening's folly. I would even venture to say that the money amassed at these effective-if overdone celebrity auctions would match one-half the money raised for the community by functions dependent on massive door receipts: CMC, Circus-Circus, Casualty Capers, OZ, Cover-boy contests, the Acme Man Contest, the Levi and countless other Balls. These latter functions have raised approximately \$50,000. Therefore, an estimated total of \$75,000 raised annually is, understandably, nothing to dismiss so lightly, kid, so you'll excuse me if your

next uninformed, insecure and malicious reference to ego-maniacs, drag-queens, nelly neurotics and wrinkled royalty affects me like a well placed finger in my throat. You and your misdirected cohorts remind me of the proverbial malcontent who was said to be two inches shorter than himself. When you've raised yourselves to all that you can be, then maybe you'll have second thoughts about chopping down those sunflowers in our community who serve to detract you, mercifully, from the harvest. Unity at any level, by any means, is all too rare in a gay community, so if you corn has learned to appreciate the sunflowers (to one another's mutual benefit) please confine yourself to those fields that ask for your help.

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Realizing that the City is up for grabs Halloween night and that your list of "must" stops is already too long, I still heartily recommend you plan to drop by the QT at Polk and Clay. Warren has chosen this night to thank his staff, customers and apparently a greater part of the entire city. The QT is *always* one of the most enjoyable bars around, but add the artistry of Snowflake and his spectacular special effects, the generous prizes & trophies, a \$6000 budget to pamper all who attend and, throughout it all, Sweetlips as MC and you have a package only the foolish will by pass. Soon Polk St. will have to be totally blocked for this night of madness — Hear that Lorelei is having a flat-bed truck in front of his N'Touch just down the block. The street traffic between these two bars alone should be a show in itself. When in Castro, be sure to meet Earl at the Midnight Sun — incredible Jewel in the ultimate

showcase. Some of the town's favorite bartenders are over at the Hideaway in the church St. Station — Mrs. Olsen (Archie), Doris, Paul and Gary McDonald are kept busy trying to keep all of the notable regulars in one room and all of the cutest waiters around in another . . . Everything you've ever heard about the Ambush is true — hope this is one bar that doesn't fall victim to too much popularity too soon. Stop by and find out where the men have been hiding . . . Marcus, too. Guaranteed formula for any successful party or auction or just one-hell-of-a-good-time: Dixon and Shirley within earshot of one another.

UNITY THROUGH RAINBOWS

Don't think you've heard the last of the Wizard of Oz. In a spectacular show of court unity, Doris X and Michael, the Fox IV, will stretch our rainbow all the way to Portland for that city's Empress Coronation. With one predictable exception, all title holders and assorted royalty will forego individual entrances to assume various roles in the Oz costumes. Doris as Glenda will be escorted by her beloved Munchkins, Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion. Michael, as the Wizard himself, will be surrounded by more emerald-clad beauties than have ever been seen in a San Francisco out-of-town presentation. Doris is understandably proud of the incredible number of people who rallied to join their tribute. Those rumors about tension between Michael and Doris are just so much crap. Doris is, by now, obviously more seasoned in certain protocol, but Michael is as gracious in his learning as he is gallant. This massive JOINT presentation should prove how many people will contribute their time and talents if unity can be fostered in the course of also having fun. I intend to take full advantage of the rooming arrangements as soon as I can get the Lion costume off, or maybe the Royal Baby would like a life-size teddy bear.

FURTHERMORE . . .

Glad to hear that Marcus is becoming editor of the CTC Quarterly, soon to be renamed the Spectrum. He's already compiled a list of articles he wants various local writers to submit — some are intriguing, all will be re-read several times you can bet. Stir, sire, Stir. Our regional Community Center may be nearer to a reality than you think. Look to the Pride Foundation to unify the diverse funds and foundations to obtain that building on Powell. At the appropriate time, a very special thank-you should be given Paul Hartman for his success in this endeavor. With no slight intended to anyone, it looks like the Empress race has boiled down to two leaders: the very popular Princess Dolli and the very packaged Flame. Think that the close margin of victory in the Emperor campaign has had an unusually sobering effect on the Empress candidates. The campaigns been open a couple of week now and some candidates haven't even been seen in public. Guess the splash won't start until the Beaux Arts Ball or thereabouts. From the way Ed Buttram has been getting around lately, suppose we can assume he's up to playing with alabaster eggs again? Wonder if the Wild Goose will have a special golden one to give Ed and friends during that bar's anniversary week awards? Certain members of the Beaux Arts Ball Committee would have us believe that Cristal is planning a wedding — the ring has been exchanged and Cristal has switched from Taster's Choice to Folgers in

preparation for the day. Tee hee hee hee . . . If a fraction of the men in this city who have declared for the Closet Ball actually go through with it, Marcus will have scored the coup of the year. Come to think of it, most of the "latest friends" he's usually seen with are coups themselves. Beauty, however deeply hidden, will attract beauty — and I don't mean just physical either . . . If you're interested in some fresh ideas for fund-raisers, or just plain good thinking, go by the Accident and talk with Deno, the manager, and also, Miss Cowgirl. Don't stop with the thought, Deno, carry through. Dolli's committee's enthusiasm and imagination is such that we are all in for some outrageous times between now and December 13, the day of elections. To keep your calendar up to date and to get more information about those functions of special interest to yourself, you'll be able to stop in or dail Dolli For Empress Headquarters, 1552 Howard. Check with the Information operator after the 21st of this month . . . If any other section or faction of this city were to pull together the way the bike clubs did the other night at the Casualty Capers, we'd have to start looking for new goals because we'd soon reach all the old ones. I've never seen such spirited, loving support from an audience for a cast. All proceeds were for the Inter-Club Fund whereby the bike clubs take care of their own injured and others in need of financial help or blood. Congratulations guys, the show was hilarious and your dedication and fervor gave me the nicest chills I've ever had in a while . . . Well, it started when I poured coffee in his lap and discovered that it would take a full pot just to cover all of it, then the yellow roses started coming everyday and then a simple black diamond, then he tells me the only thing I can do about my hair is to pray for split ends, then he discovered I was so wrapped up in finally 'coming out' when I moved to San Francisco that I never got too far from what was gay so he turned me on to this amazing place I had the nerve to say I knew. I don't like to be too personal in this column but I do want to share a remarkable man with you: Stop by the Q.T. someday or a Friday night and get to know Ryc, the bartender and my friend. You'll love him too.

Later, Curt

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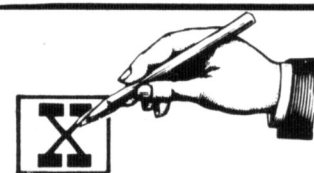
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Southern Scandals

By Mr. Marcus

The San Francisco GDI Club presents its 2nd Annual *A Night At Minsky's* this weekend, Sunday, Oct. 19, at Seaman's Hall, 350 Fremont St. The donation is only \$5.00 and includes a gourmet dinner, a cocktail and the exciting show by the fabulous GDI Strippers. Those of you who were in attendance last year when the GDI's presented *Minsky's* at SIR Center will be doubly surprised by this year's show. In addition to all the aforementioned, there will be dancing, door prizes and lots of plain fun. It is regrettable that so many people will be out of town for the Emperor/Empress Coronation in Portland, however, it is expected that a sell-out crowd will inundate the premises at Seaman's Hall - get your tickets now, they're on sale practically everywhere South of Market and in other places throughout the city and

congratulations to the GDI's for the second production!

Just a few thousand people jammed into California Hall last Sunday night to witness the Best of the Best, Inter-Club's 4th Edition of Casualty Capers. To individually single out any one act would be unfair to the many who participated, but anyone who was anyone and a lot of others were on hand to witness the spectacle that more than once brought the entire audience to their feet. It was quite amusing to any and all who saw our own radiant Empress Doris in attendance in full drag and augmenting the evening's hilarity by autographing appendages of quite a few of our manlier stalwarts with "DT," and if you don't know what an appendage is, you might say it's a limb or organ that hangs from one's body - right on, Miss freckles - the camp shines through ever fresh and we love

you! Congratulations to Inter-Club for another great evening and many, many thanks to all of you who gave blood, to the bars who participated in the complimentary drink bit and to EVERYONE who helped make this year's 'Capers' the big success it needs to be, in order to help our brothers and sisters who are in need of not only love, understanding and patience, but cash grants as well. John Blythe, you are a beautiful person!

☆☆☆ Have you heard of SOMBA? More properly, it should be S.O.M.B.A. and it means, South of Market Businessmen's Association. SOMBA is a formation of South of Market bars and businesses who have banded together to promote the general welfare of the patrons of their businesses and to insure the bar-going public that the Miracle Mile is indeed one that you can patronize without fear of harassment, muggings, etc. of certainly aims to combat rumors, gossip and malignant jealousy that now exists about South of Market. Almost all the bars, restaurants and businesses that are gay are involved. There are no officers - thus no ego-tripping - and their unification in a common cause appears to be a

positive step in a direction that can only mean success. This association is in competition with NO existing organizations and is formed mainly to help each other in a sub-culture that is indigenous to South of Market. While this sub-culture has expanded to include dance bars and restaurants, the common welfare of the businesses and their patrons is paramount in SOMBA's goals. Good luck to all the participating businesses and to you the general public, I think I'm safe in saying that YOUR'RE SAFE in our neighborhood - The Miracle Mile welcomes you, wants you and loves you - we're friendly and can usually guarantee you a good time - see you around the Campus.

☆☆☆ It's always fun to welcome a new business to our community. Thus, I am happy to announce that the Golden Rivet is here! Owners Roger and Jack have engaged the scintillating Mark Calhoun as Captain in Charge. This Friday, the Disco Dinghy and the sounds will blast forth in this delightful new disco with a huge dash of Macho elements. All you leather dudes that like to dance can now do so in your "own" atmosphere. M. Calhoun has a

tremendous Halloween Night party planned. MC's for the evening will be Emperor VI of Los Angeles Cal Coburn and one of SF's hottest ladies, Ms. Sandy Launer. In addition, guests of honor will include Michelle, Brandy Lee, Senators Milton Marks, George Moscone, Carol Silver, Hector Navarro, Emperor III Bob Cramer, and several other "luminaries" of our world. Prizes for best bus, etc. are being offered. With Richard Novak, Terry Baker and other HOT bartenders behind the planks, it should be hot, hot and hotter! Congratulations to the Golden Rivet and welcome to the Miracle Mile!

Cannot leave you wondering about what to do after hours now, can I? Besides the Church St. Station which is cruisy and open ALL NIGHT, the bath houses, and the SACK on Post St., there's not much of Quality for your approval except the Ball Room. You have probably ALL met Loretta Love (Candidate for SIR Royal Baby) passing out passes during the week for the Ball Room on 6th St. between Folsom and Howard Sts. Last Saturday night, the Ball Room broke all attendance records for paid admissions (at \$1 a throw) when some Four Hundred hot men jammed into that place to play pool, watch movies, kibitz, rap and carry on! The Ball Room is definitely the Hottest after hours place in California. And the help there are friendly and congenial - they're always willing to help strangers out with accommodations, hints for places to go and are just downright friendly and helpful. If you haven't tried the Ball Room, by all means do and special thanks to Jay, Jim, Jackie, George and Bobby. Mr. B., you have a winner on your hands. The Ball Room is where it's at!

☆☆☆ **Miracle Mile Madness** and other stuff . . . Don't forget the Roasting of Joe Roland of the Gangway at Lenny's 527 Club on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Be there to do whatever you will to one of the City's best-loved persons . . . Political activity shaping up with auction for Joe Freitas at the Golden rivet on Tuesday, Oct. 21st.; another auction for Sen. Milton Marks for Mayor at the Godfather Room on Thursday, Oct. 23rd. Glad to see you're all supporting someone for public office. Hurry and get well to Pit Ginsberg of Leather Forever. Pit's hospitalized at French Hospital for an undetermined length of time with an undetermined ailment; do drop him a get-well card soon! The Wild Goose stages their Golden Goose Awards this weekend too. If you win in your nomination category, you will become a member of the Unroyal order of Goose (Golden Order of Suckers Everywhere) with a Wild Goose Chase and lots of fun promised by Greg, Leslie and the Flock Committee . . . Lots of people (really, lots of them) will be heading north to Portland this weekend for the Coronation of the 18th Rose (Empress) on Sunday night. In addition, Portland will crown their First Emperor; a grand time is anticipated by all. Our new Emperor Mike Caringi and the Diamond Fox Court will unite with Doris' Daisy Court to make a tremendous presentation on the occasion of the big event. Sounds like great fun up North. Our other South of Market Sweetheart has abandoned the Miracle Mile and is now pushing booze at The Cinch (formerly the Early Bird). We miss you Joanne, but we also miss our beloved Ginny Lee too - soon due out of her leg cast and will be back on the planks at the Hombre. Michael

Hackett and Jeff Blouse are back in town and back in their pad on Noe St. Welcome back guys; told you you'd be back soon didn't I! (We) (They) (We All) Again, re-confirming, **Marcella will not run for Empress XII** or any other title. Last interview with Marcella elicited this statement: "If nominated I will not run; If elected I will not serve; If served, I will not be eaten; If eaten, I will not cum; If I cum, I will pull out." - that from Marcella, digest it . . . The 3rd Annual Spoon Awards will be held at the New Bell Saloon, on Sunday, Nov. 16th at 5 PM in the afternoon. My good buddy, Randy Johnson and myself, will MC the event. Watch the next issue of ALL the papers when the nominees will be listed. In addition, this year, for those who never stop stirring, a special *Hall of Fame Sppon Awards* will be presented to previous winners who have never stopped stirring. Empress VIII Maxine will host the event. Don't forget, the Closet Ball is coming on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Hyatt Union Square for all you dudes who have never been in drag. This promises to be a fun, fun event. Watch for posters and additional information. The Empress candidates will be formally presented at the Beaux Arts Ball on October 25th and they all promise to do a spectacular entrance - don't miss it. Be sure to try Le Domino for a fabulous dinner and say hi to Gunther and Luc. Check out the shows now being offered at Elephant Walk, they are super hot. CMC Carnical coming up on November 9th. A whole busload coming from Long Beach and Los Angeles, courtesy of that every-busy Mike Broce of Mike's Coral in Long Beach. The Stud in Los Angeles, still the hottest leather bar in

the Southland with our own Lucky Wheeler behind the planks now and doing great. That just about winds it up for this issue folks; watch for the next big issue with all the information you need for Halloween - it's on a Friday night this year and MC's will be everywhere at all the bars - get out and celebrate a great night in Our Town. And especially great South of Market this year. See you all around the campus, South of Market, of course! Special thanks to all your help this past weekend Little David (the Divine One) and to all Southern California bars and businesses who were so kind to me. Remember, love your neighbor as you love yourself and remember, I love you all.

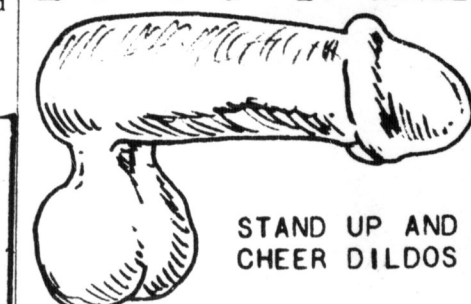
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Sweetlips Sez

This is the weekend to end all weekends. Coronation for Rose Empress de Portland and what a Coronation it shall be. Don't think that too many people are left in SF It should be a fun, fun trip. Emperors Russ, Bob and Mike will be there, also our own Empress Doris.

The Road Runner is presenting a party for Ginger For Empréss on Friday, Oct. 10. Be there to meet a nice person.

Tommy Turner (Trixie), how did you like the "Surprise" Bon Voyage Party that Chuck Demmon had for you at his house? Lots of fun, camp gifts...then Les Balamín's 'roasting' at the Mint. We are all going to miss you while you sojourn in Hawaii for the next couple of years. However, it'll be nice to have someone to stay with when we all come over for visits. Say hello to Jerry at the Blowhole.

The 5th Annual QT Halloween Party, Oct. 31st, from 9 pm on...yours truly will be MC and there will be a special ramp to the stage from the side door for all contestants. \$100 and Trophy to the best group; \$50 and Trophy to the Best Couple and \$50 and Trophy to the Best Camp Contestant. It'll be a real blast, so call Warren now and if you have a bus and want to be scheduled, everyone is welcome.

Thank you Sentinel for printing the picture of the Mae Westian art work of Sweetlips outside the Kokpit. However, we had to take it down as some one cut the bottom in an attempt to confiscate

the painting.

Curt Bryan has a new mouse working at the QT as bartender. What is this thing you have for bartenders Curtis honey? And a fresh beautiful white rose each day. I only got a black rose.

Remember, the one and only Greta Grass appears at the Kokpit on Wednesday and Thursday nites and Saturday and Sunday, days, so drop by and bug the old gal. Duke Joyce, I loved your child's picture on the Sports Page of the Sentinel...even then you looked lost. Thank you Johnny Sant and Brandy Lee for the great evening of fine entertainment at SIR for the fund-raiser for Moscone. You two should get together as you are great together. Understand that you are going to do a weekend in Portland soon Brandy Lee. That should set the town on fire.

Another new bar in town, The Golden Rivet, on 9th St., it is HOT, so drop by and pay them a visit. Mark Calhoun is the biggie there.

Spanish Rose, did you have a nice vacation in Los Angeles with Otto? Hope he makes it up for the Beaux Arts Ball on the 25th of October, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets are going fast, so if you need any tables, call Archie at 861-1266. You can get standing room tickets at most Tavern Guild Bars, including the Kokpit. Welcome back to the Tavern Guild to the Privy Council. It is now official and the previously reigning empress is head of it...this year that is Empree Frieda. Thank you

Empress Shirley for giving the T.G. the Empress Title back.

The next Tavern Guild meeting is at 2 pm at the Red Lantern Saloon on Golden Gate and Leavenworth Sts. If you want to know what it happening, attend these meetings as they are fun and also informative. The next Tavern Guild Picnic will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, in El Verano and a lot of TG bars will be having buses...including the Kokpit. So check with your favorite bar. Tickets for the picnic will be \$5 and will include all the beer and hot dogs you can eat, plus other great surprises. Understand all of the Empress Candidates will be doing a trip. There is a swimming pool and there will be dancing as well as sports. A baseball dimond is available in case anyone wishes to challenge someone. This is the first picnic in a long time, so come on out and enjoy the fun. The Gangway is having a bus also. Talking about the Gangway, the fabulous RexAnn is doing a stint there again from 6am til 10 am daily. So drop by and say hello, and have a drink with the new svelt and beautiful RexAnn.

Monday, Dec. 8th, will the Sweetlips' Annual Christmas party at the Kokpit. This is a wild, wild nite, so keep the date open for fun and surprises. Right Bella? Also, remember the Kokpit is always closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day to give the employees time to be with their loved ones. Hi Ken Gooch.

Have you been to the Club Dori for dinner on Friday nites lately? They usually have a fantastic fresh fish special that is out of this world. Besides, you get a beautiful, bouncing Bette Bonko to wait on you. If you are nice to her,

that is, Hi June.

Gordon's Saloon on Polk St. is now expanding. They now own the Cloud 7 and knowing Gordon, you will be in for some many surprises with the new place. Gordon's has a great crowd of interesting people at most times.

Just so you all know, David Weber of Jackson's is feeling better and should be back at work...back at work????? ...soon...miss you David and understand that Jackson's hasn't ordered any Tanqueray Gin in weeks. Craig Daley is still the Brunch waitress on Saturdays at Sutter's Mill. The food is great and the vibes are fine. Open til 6pm only.

Have you seen the new decor at the Sausalito Inn? Mo and Jimmy are doing an entire new look, as they say, "a gay Henry Africa's." See you both at the Beaux Arts Ball. Hi Grandma and thank you for the tickets.

Florida, how come Melvin says you are always wiped out? It isn't true, is it????????????? Marks for Mayor. Isn't that right Wayne Friday of the N' Touch on Polk St? Mavis, you are beautiful behind the bar at night time. Love your act.

Have you tried the dinners at Le Domino? Heaven, especially if you have Dolli serve you. Dolli is a Candidate For Empress and being supported by Luscious Lorelei. Kenny (Mouse) Morgan, the Tenderloin still loves and misses you. And you know who we are.

The Ramrod of Folsom St. is still the bar with the really hunky guys and also great, great movies. The Phoenix has grat Pool Tournaments on Monday nites. Stop in and have a good time. Remember, Ginger's Patio is in the back room of the Phoenix, and she serves fabulous hamburgers. Also, Rome is on the plank Monday evenings to help in the festivities.

Thank you Herman for the beautiful new gown for the Portland Coronation. You really outdid yourself; Francesca, you have to quit borrowing my gowns, as you are toooooo big. Dig Opera????? Try the Corner Grocery Store on 18th St. They have the greatest in Opera and Classical Music in the city. Besides, you can meet and enjoy some wonderful people.

Happy days and beautiful thoughts to you all....Sweet Lips.

LAW IN ACTION

CONDEMNED.

There is the story of the Commander who wrote into the log book, "The Captain was drunk today." And the Captain wrote, "The Commander was sober today."

Such entries and labels are unfair and subject to misinterpretation.

The police during the Christmas shopping season would alert merchants by pointing out potential shoplifters. Flyers were passed out giving names and photos of convicted shoplifters, as well as names and photographs of persons who had been arrested, but not convicted of shoplifting. All were described as "shoplifters."

A civil liberties group sued to stop this. The federal court agreed. Branding of all persons arrested but not convicted is unfair. It is an attack on the good name, reputation and honor of the person involved. It could result in job loss and injury to business and professional reputation. A person arrested is presumed innocent, and to brand him as a "shoplifter" violates due process.

In a Wisconsin case, the law said that certain liquor licensees could forbid the sale of liquors to heavy drinkers. Another chief of police posted a notice at all retail liquor outlets in the community that liquor should not be sold to Sam, because he was known "not to be a sober man." Sam sued and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such a notice, or badge of disgrace violated due process. The fundamental protections of liberty would not permit this.

In another case, California utility regulations permitted the telephone company to cut off phone service to a person who, according to the chief of police, was suspected of bookmaking. This was improper. There should be some kind of hearing or right to refute that charge before the important service was cut off.

On the other hand, it is proper to have a law permitting the exclusion of known bookmakers and persons convicted of illegal wagering from race tracks.

Intoxicated persons may be excluded from nude model studios.

PRESUMPTIONS

Under the rules of evidence, a presumption is an assumption of fact, not evidence itself. But unless the other side produces contrary evidence, a jury's verdict may be based on presumption that a person charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Other presumptions apply to criminal cases. For example, if a prosecutor proves beyond a reasonable doubt that a person's blood has a .10 alcohol content, then the person is presumed "under the influence." The presumption may be rebutted if the defense can raise a reasonable doubt as to the validity of the blood test, say by showing a mix-up in the labeling of the blood sample.

Just as the rules have exceptions, presumptions have exceptions or may not apply in certain situations. In one

case, the State law said that married students would be classified as non-residents, and thus have to pay higher tuition, if their address was outside the state at the time they applied for admission to the university. They would continue to be "presumed" non-residents as long as they were at school. This rule was thrown out by the court because it denied these students due process of law. They could overcome the presumption by presenting evidence that they had become bona fide residents of the state.

The courts have required other presumptions to yield in the face of evidence. The Food Stamp Act originally "presumed" conclusively that

members of any household who were over the age of 18 were "non-nedy" and thus couldn't qualify for food stamps. The court held that eligibility must be decided on an individual basis, with an opportunity to rebut the presumption.

Another case involved a school board that required maternity leaves for teachers who were starting their fifth month of pregnancy. The board conclusively presumed that such a teacher was physically unable to teach.

This is not true for everyone and such a rule denies due process of law unless it allows proof of capability through a later time.

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HER MAJESTY, THE EMPRESS,
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By Ray Gustafson

The Casualty Capers was a fantastic success for an excellent cause, The Inter-Club Fund. They really know how to put on a fun show. Some of the upcoming events that will be at Seaman's Hall and are not to be missed are: "A Date at Minsky's," by the SF GDI on Oct. 19th; the CMC Carnival, Nov. 9th and for after the Beaux Arts Ball, Oct. 25th, starting at 11:59 PM til 6:13 AM, will be the Warlock's Xmas Party.

PRIVY COUNCIL REINSTATED

The Board of Directors of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco re-activated the Privy Council at their last meeting. The Privy Council will accept all applications for future Empress Candidates and will conduct the personal interviews of the applicants. The Council will be in charge of Protocol for Royal Presentations and the Coronation Ceremony. The Chair-

madame of The Privy Council will be the prior year's Empress, i.e., the Reign of Empress X will be under the auspices of Empress IX Frieda. I will Chairman the Committee during 1976. This will allow the proper time allotted to this important role.

THE BEAUX ARTS BALL

The "Saturday Night At The Movies" Ball in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel will open its doors at 7:30 pm, Oct. 25th. The judges will be introduced and will take their place at a special table at 9:00. Some of the judges who have confirmed are Sheriff Richard Hongisto, Board of Supervisor Incumbents Gonzales, Mendelsohn and Molinari and Candidate for Supervisor Enola Maxwell. They will judge costumes for the following prizes:

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CANDIDATES OFFICIAL APPEARANCE DATES SET			
I and the Candidates for Empress		Nov. 25, Tuesday	Red Lantern
invite everyone to attend the following		Dec. 4, Thursday	The Mint
dates where you may meet and ask		(Above all at 9 PM)	
questions of each of the Candidates.		Dec. 7, Sunday	New Bell
This year we have many diversified		(Above only at 4 PM)	
personalities, as it should be, and you,		Voting will take place, Dec. 13th,	
the voters, have these opportunities to		at SIR Center, from Noon to 8 PM.	
get to know them better.		In my last column, I failed to	
Nov. 6, Thursday	The Hombre	mention the addition to the Imperial	
		Court of Lady Spanish Rose. It is our	
		pleasure to have you on the Court.	
		Do not miss Tavern Guild's Picnic	
		'75 to be held at El Verano Inn in	
		Sonoma. There will be many busses	
		leaving from the bars or you may drive	
		your own car. It promises to be bigger	
		and better than our previous picnics. It	
		is a beautiful location and we want to be	
		invited back, so just be careful, but have	
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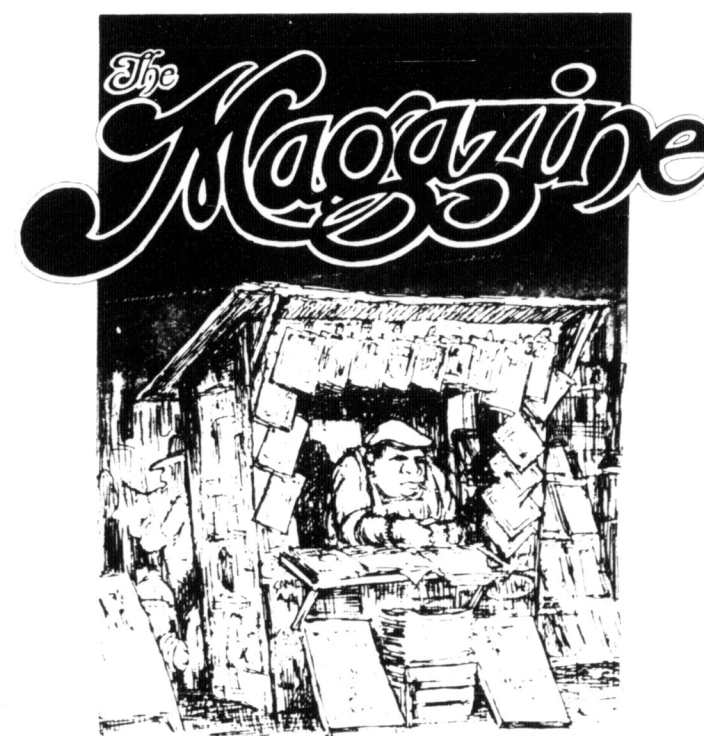
The Peninsula held its first Mr. Cowboy contest at El Patio, one of the latest additions to the bar scene in San Jose. This was one of the finest programmed contests I've been to. It started with an introduction by Mike of the 641 Club in San Jose, followed by entertainment with Billy Diamond and Goldie Montana. Billy wore her/his usual lovely gowns and Goldie was at her/his best in entertaining the crowded bar. There were at least 200 in attendance. The Old Sour Dough and Watchikonoka (Channel 32 fame) put on a show, as well as officiated as two of the judges in the contest. Watchikonoka stated that the straight community really didn't know what it is missing by not participating with the gay community as "the gays know how to have fun and enjoy themselves." Mike Caringi, Emperor of San Francisco and yours truly were also judges. Ken of the Red Boar was 1st runner-up and Steve of the 641 was voted Mr. Cowboy of the Peninsula. For a good, clean contest, you should all take a lesson from the Peninsulites. The El Patio will be having its Grand Opening celebration on Oct. 18th and 19th, offering a show with Desire, Reina VII and company. The 641 Club, now features Bare Chest night on Tuesdays, T-Shirt night on Wednesday and Levi Night on Thursdays. The Red Boar in Cupertino will host an anniversary party with buffet and show on Oct. 22. Goldie Montana and Tanya will be entertaining and there will be a \$1.50 cover this night. Sunday at 9 PM, Laura Ferrell and Jill Lessing will be in concert, \$1 admission.

The Savoy in Cupertino will be offering a Bartender of the Year contest on Nov. 3rd. So join in the fun, attend and vote for your favorite bartender. Don't forget the big remodeling bash on

the 17, 18 and 19th at the Locker Room in Palo Alto. And of course, I must make a note of a Farewell Party for Fred and Willie on the 23rd and 24th at the Bayou in Redwood City. And while you're there, you'll find Shilo back behind the bar.

Across the bay in Hayward, the New Turf Club will be starting their Oktoberfest on the 19th. Hats off to one of the nicest decors in Western motif. All of you Western bars owners and managers ought to take a run over to the Turf and see what a Western bar ought to look like. The new interior here is really terrific. Grandma's House in Oakland will be featuring the Shady Ladies in an Evening of Blues and Ballads plus dancing from 10:30 til 1:30 On October 25th, Billy de Frank and Miss Bobbie Williams with Myrt at the piano will offer an evening of entertainment at 11:30 and 12:30. The Driftwood Lounge in Hayward will be celebrating its 2nd Anniversary Party on Oct. 25th. Sweet Chariot will be entertaining, starting at 8 PM. Get there early so you can get in and have a good time. And for Halloween in San Jose, Reina VII Desire has announced plans for the San Jose Ball at the Paragon. This is an event not to be missed and all proceeds will be donated to charity. Watch for details at your favorite bar. The South Bay Peninsula is certainly growing; visit the following bars while you're down there: The Candy Shop, the Countryman, the Dry Gulch (coming up), the El Patio, Mac's Club, The Mecca, the Paragon, the 641 Club, and the Tinkers Damn. So, don't say there ain't no place to go down south. Until my next writing, my best to you always in all ways.

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