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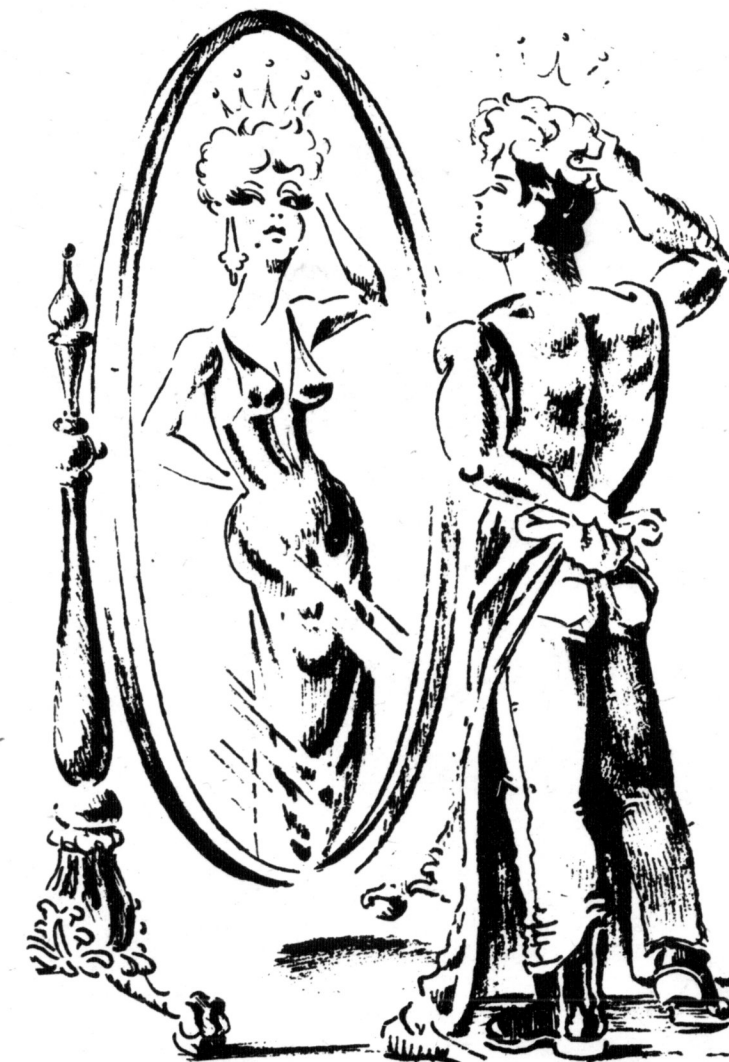
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Gay Clerics Meet In S.F.

San Francisco. Integrity, Inc., which is the gay Episcopal Church forum, held its second annual convention in San Francisco from Thursday, August 5, 1976, through Sunday, August 8, 1976, at the Trinity Church located at Bush and Gough Streets here.

The program schedule started with registration and a

reception party held at 1001 Pine Street on Thursday. The main business began on Friday, including panels and workshops.

One of the highlights of the Friday sessions was the panel headed by Dr. Louis Crompton, Professor of English at the University of Nebraska. He spoke on "Gay Genocide From Leviticus to Hitler."

Genocide, meaning as it does "the systematic and deliberate use of measures toward the extermination of a

racial, political or cultural group," was the correct word to describe what has been going on since the introduction of the "Holiness Code" as it was introduced into the Bible in Leviticus and which demanded death by stoning from sex offenders.

Crompton pointed out that homosexuals have been subject to persecution for nearly 1,400 years. Homosexual men and women have stood under formal sentence of death in western society since Leviticus. Gay people have been systematically killed or mutilated.

Gays have suffered under an unparalleled and relentless use of sanctified legal tradition which has persisted century after century, Crompton noted.

One of the reasons that there is no History of Gays is the fact that gay people were too fearful to record the misdeeds done to them, he went on. "Straight" historians have felt restrained from writing on the subject as a taboo which made the subject "unspeakable," "unmentionable" and "not fit to be named among Christian men."

Crompton revealed that his research has proven that many homosexuals were actually killed under the numerous oppressive laws over the centuries, despite the belief to the contrary.

He noted that the actual records of such executions are hard to find, but that is not because they did not take place, but rather because the information was suppressed.

Mass executions occurred under the Nazi's control of Germany. Estimates run to about a quarter of a million, said Crompton; but even these figures may not be accurate. What is known is that the Nazi Party did commit genocide on homosexuals, and the survivors of the Nazi terror are not

eligible for reparation.

Since being homosexual was a crime in Germany at the time of the Nazis, no protection was offered to complainants who survived. Homosexuals were told that they were ineligible for compensation since they were technically "criminals."

According to Crompton, the Nazi laws were not actually repealed until the Social Democratic Party came into power in 1968!

Homosexuality was the perfect crime to prosecute, Crompton noted; death warrants were, so to speak, issued by God. Torture could be, and was, freely administered to obtain confessions; after all, the victims were "unspeakable" and "unmentionable." Christianity taught this, and Hitler followed the principle.

He put into practice what the religious were preaching for over a thousand years. That fact alone, Crompton suggests, dramatizes more poignantly than anything else the dilemma of the homosexual.

Professor Laud Humphries had been scheduled to speak also, but illness prevented him from attending.

Many attended to hear from the Integrity founder, Dr. Louis Crew, who spoke out against the "religion of respectability" which excluded homosexuals from the church.

Ms. Barbara Gittings spoke on the "task force on gay liberation" at the banquet on Friday night. A popular speaker, Ms. Gittings is a member of the American Library Association.

The keynote address was given by the Rev. Malcolm Boyd. He is the author of many books, including *Are You Running With Me, Jesus?*

He is an Episcopal priest who became concerned with Judaeo-Christian relations after the holocaust of six million



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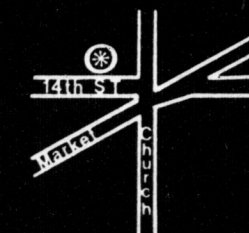
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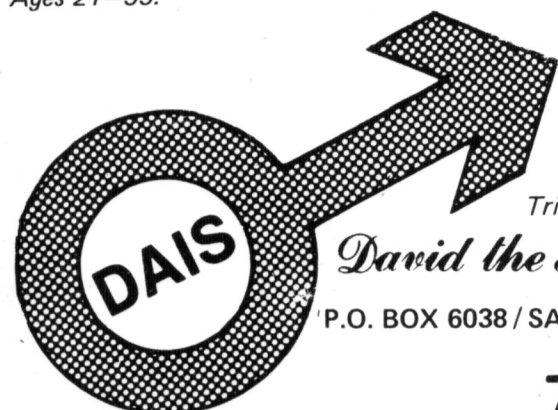
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Jews in Nazi Germany. He was awarded the Herzl Award of the American Zionist Federation in 1975 and will be chairperson of the First Jerusalem Conference of Christians and Jews when it meets in Jerusalem this November.

An advocate of gay rights and gay pride, he speaks around three central themes: 1. Acceptance of gays by God as persons; 2. exodus out of the bondage of guilt and self hate; and 3. covenant into responsible relationships.

Using the biblical statement, "If I have not love, I am nothing," Father Boyd equated God with love, including homosexual love.

He condemned the religion of respectability which "refuses to acknowledge" gay Christians and condemns gay persons, denying their humanity.

The religion of respectability equates the beauty of sexual love with obscenity and promiscuity.

"God," he insisted, "has no sexual preference between heterosexuality and homosexuality."

"We suffer from the moldy morality of the Middle Ages," he went on.

"Mary had a vagina, and Jesus had a penis," he proclaimed boldly. After which he

went on to relate a story about making that same suggestion over the radio in Canada near the U.S. border.

The reaction, he said, was strange; some fundamentalists were offended; one bishop telephoned him and insisted that Jesus did not have a penis!!! Penis was equated with "dirty word."

Boyd noted in jest that there was a religious festival which concerned itself with the removal of Jesus' foreskin, implying that the foreskin must have been cut from something!

A good deal of printed material was made available at the convention, both for sale and free. One of the published articles distributed was a reprint of Fr. John McNeill's opinions as they appeared in the National Catholic Reporter under the title "The Homosexual and the Church."

Fr. McNeill is a Jesuit in the Roman Catholic Church who has taken the Pope to task for his attitude on homosexuality. Fr. McNeill is the founder of Dignity, which is the Catholic counterpart to Integrity.

The conference was well attended and attracted a number of representatives from the gay media. Using one of Fr. McNeill's themes that religion started the persecution of

homosexuals and the religions will have to bring it to an end, the conference became history.

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G.G.B.A.

The Golden Gate Business Association announced that it will be holding its Summer General Membership Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, August 25, at the 527 Club, 527 Bryant Street.

Featured as guest speaker will be Mr. Rick Farana of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Farana will discuss Federal and State legislation affecting small businesses and tax prospectives for the small business owner. The NFIB is the nation's largest

organization of small businesses.

Owners of businesses, commercial property owners, and professionals are invited to join with members for this informative and social evening. No host cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:00. The membership meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Members and their guests will be seated for dinner at approximately 8 p.m.

Vice President Winston Lindsley will be handling sales for tickets to the dinner. In advance they are \$9.50 and at the door \$11.00. For further information, contact Lindsley at 864-5228.

Guest at a recent GGBA board meeting was Mr. Jack Bakal of GGBC, the newly-formed Greater Gotham

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Tom Romain, president of GGBA, reminded members that the year would soon be up and that a new membership directory would be published soon. One of the benefits of belonging to GGBA is being listed in the directory, and he reminded all members to urge others who own business, commercial property or are professionals to join so they would not miss being listed in the new directory.

The GGBA Summer

Dinner Meeting will be the third major meeting of the organization this year. The following meeting will probably be the meeting for accepting nominations for new officers and board members for 1977.

Alice B. Rejects Mendelsohn

San Francisco. On Monday, August 9, the Alice B. Toklas Club met and considered four Democratic nominees for the general election in November. The meeting was held at the 527 Club on Bryant Street.

The nominees being considered were Jimmy Carter for President, John Tunney for the United States Senate; Bob Mendelsohn for the State Senate, and Arthur Agnos for the Assembly from the 16th District.

As a Democratic club, members could either endorse Democrats or withhold endorsement. Not surprisingly, they endorsed Carter for President; Tunney for the U.S. Senate and Agnos for the Assembly. What was a surprise was the rejection of Mendelsohn. He received a non-endorsement by a vote of 27 to 20.

Since 60% support amounts to endorsement of a Democrat, the non-endorsement almost made it as an endorsement of Milton Marks, the current Republican State Senator.

Jim Forster had not been present the meeting before, at which time the club voted to permit Marks to address the group, in support of non-endorsement; and he was understandably upset when Marks was present, ready to address the club. His efforts to prevent Marks from speaking were lost on a group which had made up its mind.

Mendelsohn spoke first and tried to explain why he had supported the death penalty and whether or not he had been a supporter of gay rights in the late 60's and early 70's.

The questions put to him were sharp and often unsympathetic.

Milton Marks defended his record and pointed out to the group that he was co-author of

the Senate version of the consensual sex bill known as AB 489, the Willie Brown bill. He reminded the members that it was he and the then-Senator George Moscone who got the bill through the Senate.

The meeting was well attended. Carol Ruth Silver addressed the members in support of Mendelsohn as did Sheriff Richard Hongisto and Ann Daley, but the membership voted the other way in a secret ballot.


Forster gave a lively and interesting report of his activities and those of Jo Daley as delegates to the recent Democratic convention in New York. For a bit of enlightening human interest, he related some stories of the aftermath at Fire Island.

Forster gave a good deal of credit to Fred Furth, who was the original choice of the Alice B. Toklas Club for the State Senate. Furth, it was noted, moved mountains to aid the gay caucus gain recognition at the convention.

Many other items were on the club agenda that night, including a report on the activities of George Raya. However, time did not permit a number of the other items to be discussed.

It should be noted, however, that the questions concerning Raya may have become

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moot; since official records in the office of the Secretary of State's office indicate that he has brought his records up to date.

In the meantime, however, Raya reportedly has gone to work as an "eligibility worker" for the local welfare system on a full-time basis, which may interfere with his activities as a lobbyist. The City Charter would prohibit an employee from acting as a lobbyist on the local level.

Raya is slated to clarify his status at the next scheduled meeting of Toklas.

Although the voting did not reveal it, there was a good deal of open criticism of the way the National Democratic Convention handled gay rights. The removal of the gay plank came under harsh criticism.

Forster took a reasonable and rational approach, given the circumstances; he pointed out the realities of the political situation, but was very optimistic that things would be well taken care of on behalf of gay interests.

Walter Mondale, the V.P. designate of the party, he insists, will look after the gay interests for Carter.

In the aftermath of the Toklas rejection of Mendelsohn,

spokespersons, who would rather not be quoted, at the C.D.C. Headquarters here were not too happy with the action taken; but, as one put it, it did not come as a surprise.

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"Integrity" Finds All Not Graceful . . . GAY ANGLICANS FIND THE UNWELCOME MAT AT THE CATHEDRAL . . .?

San Francisco. Martin F. Stow, who is a member of the Executive Committee of Integrity, Inc., San Francisco, took marked exception to the attitude displayed toward Integrity by the clergy connected with Grace Cathedral.

Delegates and guests attending the Second National Conference of Integrity, Inc., at Trinity Church in San Francisco from August 5-8, 1976, were notified by Stow of resistance to the conference found at Grace Cathedral.

The Mass to which those attending the conference had been invited was held at Grace Cathedral. It was to be a central unifying act. However, the Bishop, according to Stow, while indicating his willingness

to attend the Mass has stated that homosexuals were "sad" in his opinion. A constant state of "sadness" the theory goes, indicated chronic depression, which, according to the Bishop, was the same as saying that homosexuals are "sick."

The Dean of the Cathedral, according to Stow, actually opposed the use of "his edifice" for the service and for the conference because it will attract an undesirable element.

Stow went on to point out that the very Celebrant for the Mass, Fr. Hunt, had rejected Integrity's request to use the Diocesan meeting facilities because he did not want to defend the use of the facilities by gay persons.

The Choirmaster, said Stow, had refused to permit the choir to sing unless special funds were provided.

Trinity Church offered its facilities after Grace Cathedral had refused to participate with Integrity.

"Tolerance is what I expect from society; acceptance is what I demand from the Church," declared Stow in a note of bitterness.

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BAGL Flea Mkt. & Bake Sale

Bay Area Gay Liberation (BAGL) will hold a combination flea market and bake sale on Saturday, August 21, at the Gay Community Center at 32 Page Street. It will run from noon to 5 p.m. Donations of items for the flea market can be left in the BAGL office at 32 Page. To donate baked goods, call Willo at 552-1842 or Michael at 552-2276.

The BAGL Cultural Committee is organizing a pot luck picnic in Marx Meadows in Golden Gate Park starting at 1:00 on Sunday, August 22. Bring food to share. Everyone is welcome.

The next BAGL meetings are Thursday, August 19, and Thursday, September 2, at 32 Page Street. Pot luck at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30.

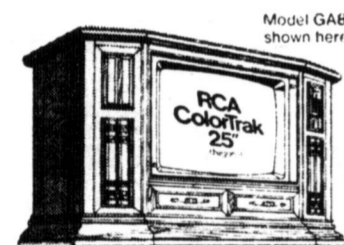
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**A Bill Blass/
Givenchy Look At
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After hassles with leases, permits, codes and arrangements, the newest addition to San Francisco chic eating and drinking establishments opened on Wednesday, August 11, in the

alley appropriately named Trinity Place from which it takes its name.

TRINITY PLACE, formerly known as the DOMINO Restaurant, was formerly the home of daring oil paintings of nude ladies in every conceivable pose which covered the walls. The art work delighted the appetites of busy businessmen from the financial district who came not only to enjoy an expense account luncheon, but to appease their macho appetites for the artistic brushwork and fine flesh tones of the resident artist who you could see at work complete with live, posing model.

Immediately close to Sutter's Mill, TRINITY PLACE currently plans to serve lunch and after work pick-me-ups until about nine p.m. Its menu is moderately priced, while the decor of the two-floor establishment is modest but elegantly chic, sporting two large bars and a live concert pianist playing on a muted concert grand.

At least one thousand plus of San Francisco's "old line" guard packed both floors of the flower-decked rooms from 5 p.m. till well past the planned time for closing. Many of the popular guests bore names of San Francisco's streets named after their grandfathers' families, while other guests enjoyed the same names as famous downtown buildings which have become local legends in the financial world.

Noted was a popular young architect in a Wilkes-Bashford three-piece exchanging addresses with a noted young anaesthesiologist while a regional vice-president of a saving and loan association, smart in his Ariston sportswear, was recalling the last time he had been in that very same room with the late Lucius Beebe.

Insurance executives fraternized with bank tellers, while stock market tycoons chatted with promising young lawyers. A familiar figure from City Hall chided the political complexion of a feminist leader, good naturedly. Everyone was dressed for the occasion, suggesting that this is just what San Francisco has needed for too long a time. A place where one might go wearing a suit and tie and not look conspicuous. While "everyone" was there, it was noted that the self-annointed local "royalty" seemed not to have been on the guest list. Of course, there was the usual sprinkling of ribbon clerks, shoe salesmen and "you's" and "me's" lending a youthful sparkle of charm and attractiveness to an already attractive potpourri of San

Francisco's very special community.

A wise management has raided the world for their selection of MANDATE/BLUEBOY bar personnel whose constant cool and patience lent dignity, courtesy and "right on" to the happy crowd.

It is a shame that TRINITY PLACE does not plan to remain open for dinners; but, perhaps with genuine acceptance and some prodding by its clientele, it might just change its policy by the time the Christmas holidays approach.

The owners of TRINITY PLACE deserve a round of applause for reviving what has been lost to San Francisco for too long. As a famous novelist whose most recent book on is on gossip said as he started to leave the place, "This is a San Francisco revival - thank Gawd."

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Gonzales was accused of shooting her brother in August 1973 when she was 17 years old. He was 20 at the time.

According to Patti Roberts of the Women's Litigation Unit of the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, Gonzales pled not guilty by reason of insanity when she was brought to trial.

According to Roberts, Gonzales did not murder her brother; and she is not insane. The shooting occurred after a quarrel involving Gonzales, her brother and her lover, a woman who allegedly shot the brother when the brother attempted to

break into a room where the two women had retreated.

Explaining that Gonzales believed she was a stronger person who could handle the murder charges better than her lover, she took the blame and did not deny the charges.

The contention now is that Gonzales is not insane and has never committed murder and has actually never been convicted of any crime.

She has been in the insane asylum for two and a half years and had spent five months in isolation in a Colorado jail before that.

Reportedly, she has attempted without success to get her case reopened; but all attempts have failed. There is no procedure for automatic review of cases like this, according to Roberts.

"Oppression of women by the mental health system is well-known and well-documented," according to Roberts.

"Incarcerated women are expected to conform to rigid, stereotyped role models of 'femininity' and passivity in order to be deemed 'healthy' by

the staff," Roberts noted.

Women like Cecelia Gonzales, it was pointed out, are often singled out for more oppressive treatment because they are strong and assertive. She is an open lesbian, Roberts said, and was often put in seclusion, strapped down and heavily drugged.

Gonzales escaped and came to San Francisco, found an apartment, got a job and began to establish herself in the local community, Roberts noted.

The hospital reportedly was contacted and attempts were made to get acceptance for Gonzales to be free and on her own. Staff personnel responded favorably at first and then, according to Roberts, 'someone' wanted Gonzales back in custody.

Gonzales was arrested in San Francisco on the 15th of July. Bail was arranged for her, and after a few days she was out; but she will have to be returned to Colorado if the extradition cannot be stopped.

There will be a hearing in Sacramento before Alice Lytle,

who is the Extradition Secretary for the Governor.

Gonzales' lawyers are Jonathan Chasan of the Network Against Psychiatric Assault (NAPA) and Patti Roberts of the Women's Litigation Unit of SFNLA, who will argue her case and urge that she be allowed to remain free in San Francisco.

The community is being asked to consider the plight of this woman, not to judge whether she is guilty or innocent, but to urge she get a fair hearing.

Her attorneys note that she is a member of a racial minority, a lesbian, and the victim of many unusual circumstances.

Those interested in helping are asked to address letters to: Alice Lytle, Extradition Secretary, Governor's Office, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814. These letters should be sent to the Women's Litigation Unit so that they be attached to the rest of the papers which will be filed in the case. The address of that organization is 1095 Market

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Feminist Elected To Women's Commission



Del Martin, noted feminist and author, was elected chairperson of San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women at its July 27 Regular Meeting. Martin is co-author of *Lesbian Women* and author of *The Battered Wives of America* as well as co-coordinator of the National Organization for Women's newly formed National Task Force on Battered Women/Household Violence. She was appointed to serve on the Commission by Mayor Moscone in February of this year.

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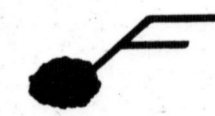
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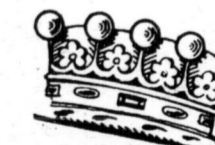
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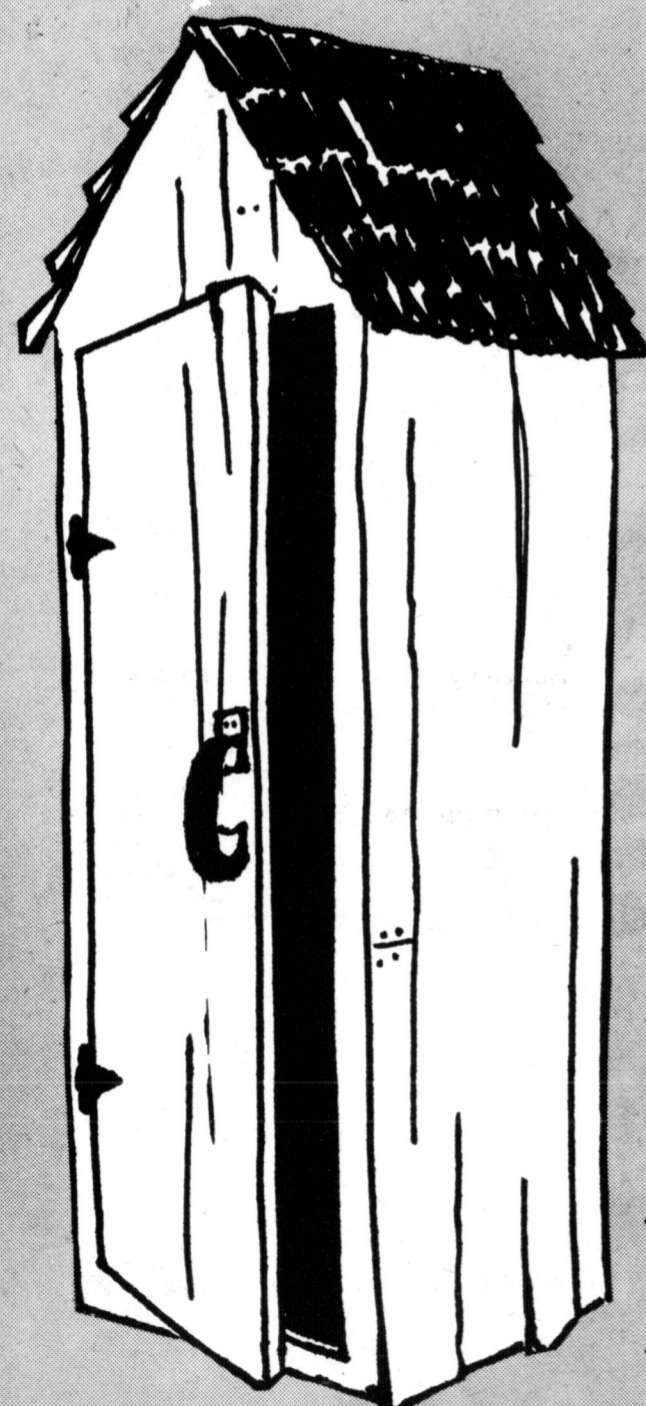
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BAGL General Meeting
Potluck 6:30
Meeting 7:30

Friday, August 20
Acting Workshop 10-2

Saturday, August 21
Community Center Benefit
Dance Sponsored by Pearl
9:00 PM - \$2.00
Tai Chi 9-12
BAGL Rummage Sale 12-5
Flea Market & Bake Sale 12-5

Sunday, August 22
BAGL Potluck Picnic
1:00 PM - Marx Meadows
Black Gay Caucus 5 PM

Acting Workshop 10-2

Monday, August 23
Tai Chi 6 PM
Karate 8 PM

Tuesday, August 24
Acting Workshop 10-2

Wednesday, August 25
Lavender U Dance Class 2-5

Thursday, August 26
Dance Class 4-6
BAGL Office Comm. 7:00
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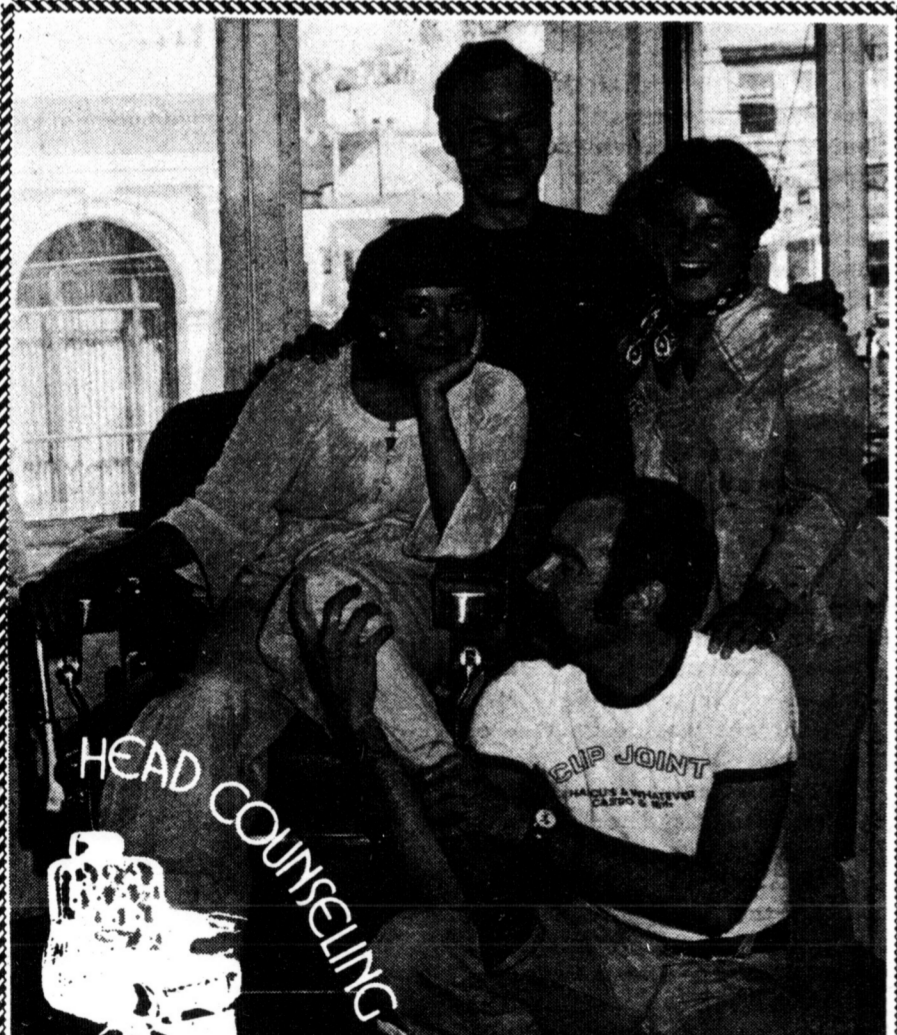
Friday, August 27
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Sunday, August 29
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Hiking And Backpacking

Hiking and backpacking trips are increasingly popular activities for Americans. These may be a one-day outing, a weekend trip in the wilderness or climbing a high mountain. However, this exodus from the city to "commune with nature" brings with it some hazards to one's health and well-being. The best way to handle a health emergency or hazard, in the mountains or anywhere else, is

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The first caution is to those who have any kind of medical condition that could cause trouble, especially heart disease or chronic lung or kidney disease. These persons should not be away from medical care for long and should certainly consult with their physician before going on a hiking trip. Altitude adaptation can pose sore problems. Living at or near sea level, our bodies are set to function most efficiently at low altitude. As we move up in altitude, we have to exchange a larger volume of thinner air to get enough oxygen. Take time to adjust to high altitude and don't over-exert yourself.

Observe the following pointers for a safe and enjoyable hiking trip:

1. Wear well-fitting boots which have been broken in - ankle length boots protect against sprain and abrasion. To prevent friction, the principal cause of blisters, wear two pair of socks - stop and apply moleskin at first sign of discomfort.
2. Choose the right clothing for whatever out-of-doors you're going to be in; weather can change rapidly; take along adequate clothing and shelter for winds, rain and even snow.
3. Protect your eyes from the sun; it's brighter than in hazy cities. Protect the skin from sunburn by keeping the body covered. Take along insect repellent.
4. The difficulties of personal sanitation in the mountains require care about washing hands before preparing food and burying feces and toilet paper; camp at least 100 feet from lakes and streams to avoid polluting the water. If you have the slightest doubt about water purity, boil it for 20 minutes or treat it with iodine pills.
5. Take along a first aid kit, matches, compass, flashlight and emergency food rations. It's best to travel with someone when you're in the mountains. Tell someone else where you're going and when you plan to be back.



**HIBISCUS and ANGEL JACK
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"FEMME FATALE"
The Shocking Pink Life Of Jane Champagne**

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On the Town

If You Think That Was Weird

John L. Wasserman

WELL, THE TUBES are in town, at Bimbo's 365 Club through August 21, and their show is, if anything, more outrageous, delirious and hysterical than ever. But those words weren't written about the Tubes, they were written five years ago about another legend-in-its-own-time San Francisco group, the Cockettes. And the Cockettes, while long since defunct, live on in spirit in another show currently in our midst - "Femme Fatale" - the Shocking Pink Life of Jayne Champagne, a musical satire inspired by the life of the late Jayne Mansfield, now playing Wednesdays through Sundays at the Montgomery Playhouse, 622 Broadway.

To see both shows in one evening, as I did on Wednesday, is an experience that will either make you a better human being or put you in the loony bin.

I wonder if I can get sick leave...

"Femme Fatale," it should be pointed out, is not the Cockettes, nor is it dominated by former Cockettes, nor is it typical of Cockette shows. But it was co-written and directed by, and stars Hibiscus, one of the original Cockettes, features at least one other former Cockette (Eboni St. Gerard), and, on several different levels, is in the same mondo bizarro tradition.

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THE SHOW, I regret to say, is not the sort of thing which prompts me to exclaim "Far out!" and "Groovy," but it does what it does with sufficient elan to delight those who are entranced by gentlemen camping about in ladies' garb. The story of "Femme Fatale," such as it is, follows the career of Jayne Champagne from childhood through stardom and her marriage to Hercules (presumably representing Mickey Hargitay).

It is full of original songs (with music by Ann Harris - strange name, that - who is Hibiscus mother), features very snappy costumes and elaborate head-gear, a considerable amount of dancing (primarily by Cicci and Eloise, who are both 17, both cuties and, in the case of Eloise, sister of Hibiscus) and a great deal of campy, vamped mous. Java Jet, who also did the choreography, is outstanding. John Caston accompanies the show on piano. George Cory, who wrote "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," assisted the show financially.

Like I said, a bunch of boys playing dress-up is not my stroke, but it should also be said that "Femme Fatale," unlike most of the Cockettes' shows, is not amateur night, either.





CASTRO FAIR

After a downpour and a dismal looking morning, the sun broke through and over 25,000 people attended this year's street fair. The mood was mellow; the vibes good, and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day.

There were so many booths, it would be hard to describe them all; but it was interesting to note the many openly gay booths and stands in view.

This event started three years ago, mainly as a voter registration day; and the city wouldn't reroute the busses. Also at that time the police did nothing more than harass people. Happy to note the attitude at City Hall has changed, bus traffic rerouted, amiable police doing a fine job and the politicians out in force soliciting votes for November's election. It must also be pointed out that the original concept has not been lost; and over 1000 citizens were registered to vote that day. The Castro Village Association is to be commended for doing a fine job this year.

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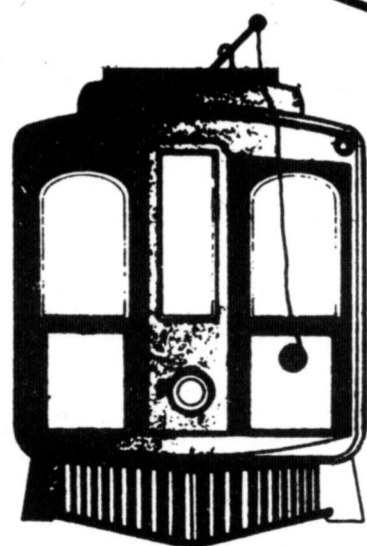
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If the gay community is ever to get the laws and general attitudes changed, it will come only through the power at the voting booth. The black community learned this a long time ago; and witness the Democratic National Convention in New York to see the clout that the black vote has gained. There is no reason why the gay community should not have equal clout. All we have to do is register the community and then get out and vote. In a close election, the gay vote will

count. Then clout gets laws changed. Then clout gets our fair share of the pie.

The Democratic National Party is about ready to start a national voting registration drive. The gay community in every state should take part of this drive and let the powers that be know about it. We have already done so here in San Francisco. The Castro Street Fair is a kick-off for our local drive. There will be some of our so-called "gay leaders" who may differ about that point.

Let me set that record straight. Three years ago, my partner, Scott Smith, and I decided to put on a fair on Castro Street. I wanted to do this to help promote the area and to show the city the potential power that the gay community has. In order to do so, I knew that we needed two things: 1. a great crowd (We got that - some 25,000 this year!); and, 2. to register as many people as we could on that one day.

The first year we registered only about 200-300 people. Last year about 750 were registered on that day. This year the result was just over the thousand mark. I know

that the gay community has a general low registration percentage. I know that that must change. That is why we devote much time and energy towards the drive. During the recent primary election period, we registered some 2,350 people out of our store. We hope to do better - much better this year. The more that we register, the more clout the gay community has. The more clout that we get, the easier the laws are changed. The faster the laws change, the fairer share of the pie we get. Small example: we never have received any funds from the city for the Gay Day parade, even though it is the largest in the city. That must change and change this coming year. It can happen when the powers that be know that we are ready to vote for our fair share. And that is only a very, very small example.

If you believe in the gay movement, then you must do more than just talk about it. You must make sure that all your friends are also registered and that they do vote. Without that, as the bottom line, gay rights will forever be something sought after.

Thus, I urge as many people as possible to join the drive for voter registration. There is still somewhat over a month left. You can register at City Hall, or drop into our shop

- Castro Camera - at 575 Castro Street. All three of us who work there are registrars, and it only takes about 2 1/2 minutes to fill out the form. If you cannot get to either place, then call City Hall and ask for a postcard form and make sure you get it.

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B. If you are 18 years old or over or will be by election day, November 3, you can register now.

C. If you have moved since you last voted or were registered, you must re-register.

D. And finally, if you did not vote in the general election for governor two years ago, you must re-register.

Why should you register and vote? It's your tax money that the government is spending. It is your life that they are regulating. If you like the way

things are, then register and vote to keep them in office. If you don't like the way things are, then register and throw them out of office. A few minutes of your time can help greatly put the gay movement that much forward. Thanks.

Harvey Milk

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FINDING THE ANSWERS

WHAT IS "PRIDE" DOING?

Few gay people know what gay organizations are doing. We read bits and pieces about them all, but we obviously need a professionally run 24-hour gay switchboard to keep tab on everything. The days of the very expansive gay group that attempted to do everything for everyone is diminishing. Today, the trend is toward specialization, so we have Plus-40, alcoholic rehabilitation, counseling, rap groups, social and show-biz groups, religious organizations and political clubs - to only name a few categories - gay-run and providing a variety of needs and services. In this issue, let us take a look at a somewhat obscure gay group - The Pride Foundation.

One of the reasons that few people know anything about Pride is that it is like no other gay group. Its officials are so busy that they haven't taken time to tell us what they are doing.

Pride was founded three years ago by Larry Littlejohn, former S.I.R. president. The current and effective president is Paul Hardman. It functions much like the American Civil Liberties Union - taking cases and causes (involving gay liberation) that it believes can directly make change. The Pride "membership" contributes money to help keep the organization going, but it does not receive magazines in the mail or socialize at picnics or parties. Pride spends all of its income on such things as paying legal fees, having legal briefs printed and clerical expenses. It has a downtown office that is

rent-free but operates with a telephone exchange number, having no paid staff.

Pride has a few members who contribute money and a Board of Directors which meets every two months. In an informal and continuing manner, those involved "at the top" do amazing things with few resources.

With a few dedicated people, the group has made amazing progress in its short existence. It filed the original charge of hiring discrimination against the Pacific Telephone Company which has resulted, after a 3-year fight, in the city's Human Rights Commission director determining that PTT does discriminate against gay people. Pride also initiated the hearing before the State Fair Employment Practices Commission which called for the FEPC to include sexual discrimination against gay people in its complaint procedure. The group also has been in constant contact with newspapers and television stations - protesting slanted news or program content that treats gay people in a negative manner. This included an extensive two year study of S.F. Chronicle columnist Herb Caen's consistent anti-homosexual commentaries and a protest to that newspaper's publisher.

The small but effective Pride Foundation has protested the secret nature of the human relations "guidelines" of the Police Department - resulting in those "guidelines" being made public. It also moved an action with the BART Rapid Transit which resulted in its adoption of a non-discrimination policy in

regard to hiring openly gay people. It testified before the California State Insurance Commissioner - resulting in a new state policy of requiring non-discrimination against gay people in issuing insurance. Pride authorized a \$1,000 sum to assist a legal action to overthrow California's vague "lewd conduct" and "sexual solicitation" statutes, and protested the awarding of the Brotherhood Award to the President of Pacific Telephone by a religious group.

The organization is fully non-political and holds a federal tax-exemption, which it won after a legal hassle in Washington. Although Pride was unable to take a stand on the fundamentalist churches lobbying against consensual sex legislation, it did file legal briefs with the Fair Political Practices Commission. This resulted in the commission's new policy - that churches who lobby for proposed sexual legislation must register as lobbyists. If the churches register as lobbyists, it could bring into question their federal tax-exempt status. This is a serious blow to the future of such fundamentalist groups as The Coalition of Christian Citizens and The Family Lobby.

There are a number of individual actions that Pride performs, incidental to its major actions - such as its recent financial and legal assistance in a case involving a male who was refused an apartment rental on the basis that he was "queer" . . . Pride officials testified before the State judicial panel which considered the appointment of John Vukasin to become an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals. Vukasin had let it be known that he thought homosexuals were "undesirables." He was not appointed . . . Pride's on-going Coalition to Defend Gays in the Military has assisted those up-front gay people who wish to stay in the armed forces.

Pride has no auditorium, no dances, no monthly membership meetings, no monthly publications and no rent to pay. It directs all of its income to such matters as paying a telephone exchange fee, paying legal filing fees for its court actions, and necessary clerical expenses. Like all groups, it would like to help more people and financially aid the legal actions of others. This would take more money. Hopefully, Pride officials will also take time out from their busy schedules to do the thing they like to do least - take time to raise money. The Pride address is Box 1983, San Francisco, Ca. 94101.

Brother Bizarre's Gaze

Playful
Evisceration

by Mark Joplin

Okay, my last few columns have been sorta kinda downbeat, and if I started to comment on what has been going down during the last two weeks—things such as the guilty verdicts in the Harris's trial and three of the San Quentin Six, which proves to my satisfaction that "justice" in this here State of California is a farce at best—I just know I'm going to get morbid.

So, since one of the many joys in writing this column lies in being able to change the subject when the mood suits me, I'd like to avert my eyes from the ghastly sight of Gay Liberation being crucified on a gigantic bottle of Acme Beer, while H. L. Perry cheerfully

conducts the coronation of "Mr. & Ms. Hangman" (a benefit for the "People's" Fund) just this once, and indulge instead in what science fiction author Issac Asimov likes to call "playful evisceration."

Besides, Donald "Cameron Scot" dragged me into it.

But, I digress.

Let's start at the top. There's this paper called a different beat, see, and it's sort of a bland little mess of journalistic porridge, sprinkled liberally with these inane little "horoscopes" which have been recycled in every paper from here to Healdsburg, and are on a par with Red Skelton's seagull jokes for their singular lack of humor, see (by the way, does anybody know where the Gay bar in Healdsburg is?), and

they've got a bunch of uninteresting writers and they work in an unprofessional format, and altogether the "beat" of this paper is about as behind the times as a Victorian Two-Step performed in a disco bar. See?

But according to Sturgeon's Law, if 96% of everything is shit, that also means that 4% of everything is tolerable. In a different beat, that 4% manifests itself in the person and commentary of its founder/editor, Donald "Cameron Scot." (Ah-HAH!)

You may remember Donald from his many articles here in B.A.R. under the title of "More Lavender, More Politics." He distinguished himself as a gentleman who could turn out well thought-out, non-jingoistic conservative commentary (a shame his paper didn't live up to my expectations. One thing I've always wanted to see in this city is a good conservative Gay paper. Oops—digressing again!). He's the kind of guy who could

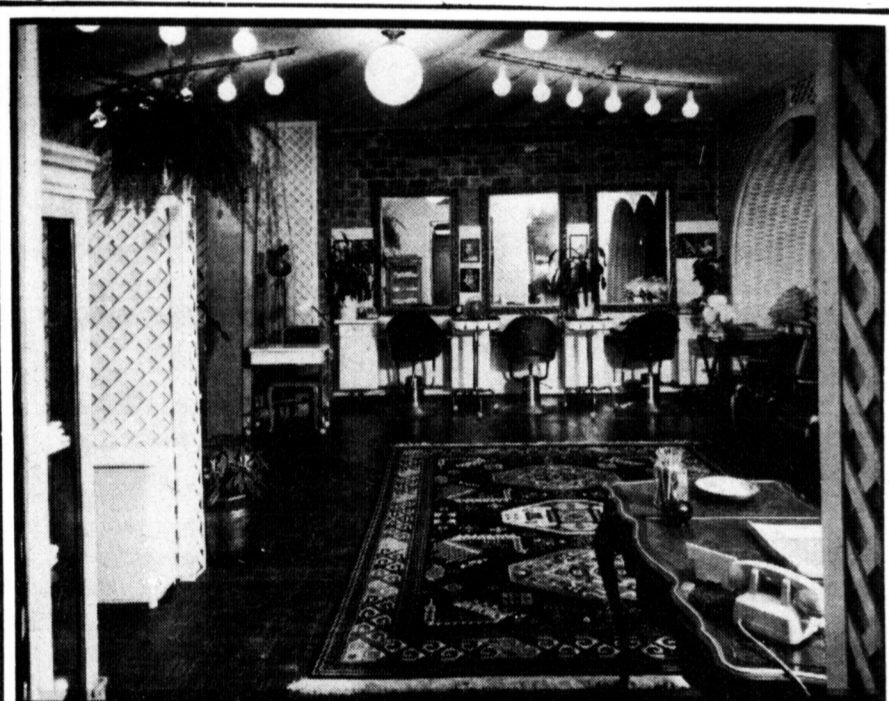


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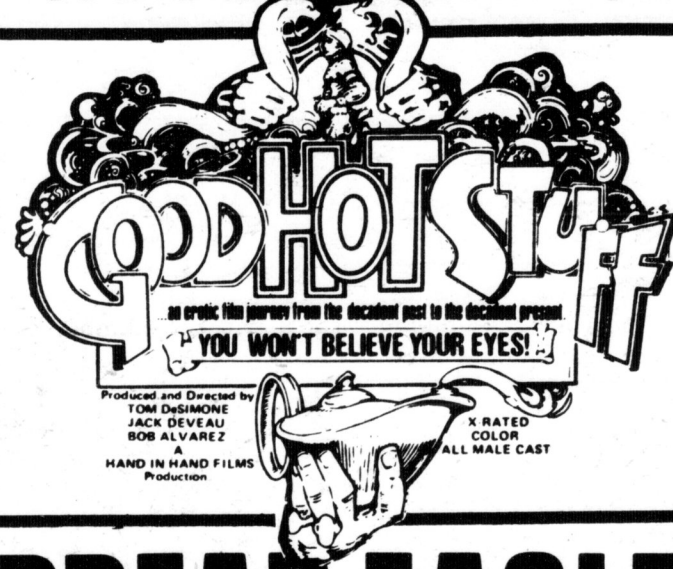
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put his foot in his mouth right up to the thigh and yet still have you believing he's right.

Take a.d.b. #4 for example, in which he defends Oliver Sipple to the hilt. Now if you were to read that article not knowing anything at all about Sipple, I'm sure you would be convinced that he was a Joe Average sort of guy, never clamored for the spotlight in the bar-chic; he was thrown into a spotlight he didn't want when he sorta kinda saved Jerry Ford's life, that he had every right to sue who he's suing right now, and that Mark Joplin is a despicable little bastard for daring to poke fun at a National Hero.

Which, by the way, is how I got dragged into this, gang.

Now, those faithful out there who have been regular readers of this column already know that I personally place Oliver Sipple on a level with mosquitos, poison oak and Spiro Agnew—in short, things we'd be better off without. I have maintained that closet cases are the most powerful threat to the future of Gay Liberation, and that "revolving door" cases such as Sipple are the worst of the lot. Because there's more money in it for him—about \$15 million to be precise—he's willing to see his Gay friends and the entire community get flushed down the public opinion toilet. Oliver Sipple is an opportunist of the crassest order.

Here's why (and since you couldn't get your facts straight in your article, Mr. "Scot"—particularly when you made reference to my column, but I'll get to that later—you'd better pay attention):

Oliver Sipple (also known as Bill Sipple) was a well-known figure in the Tenderloin, behind the bar. Even though he collects 100% disability from his prior service in the Marines, he has worked in at least four bars in the Tenderloin. Tenderloin Tessie wrote about him constantly in the pages of the now defunct *Male Express*. During the last campaign for "emperor," Sipple worked extremely hard for Mike Caringi and eventually sponsored a campaign party at the 527 Club on the 21st of August, 1975. A full-page ad in *Data-Boy* announced the event, and the phrase "BILL SIPPLE PRESENTS" held a prominent place on it. (H. L. Perry later remarked in his column of 8/27/75, "He never let you forget it.") Harvey Milk showed up for the event, and presented Sipple with some photo blow-ups from ten years ago.

After Caringi became "emperor," Sipple was appointed a member of the Diamond Fox

"court." This fact came to the public light via a front-page story that appeared in the *Sentinel* the week after the Ford incident.

Hardly what you'd call "running from the glare of attention that he never wanted in the first place," is it, Mr. "Scot.?"

And there are no "rumors abound(ing) as to just who leaked the information to the straight press." It is common knowledge that the salient fact came to light via a conversation between Harvey Milk and Herb Caen, in which Harvey made a casual remark about his long friendship with Sipple. Herb printed it, other papers read it, the rest is etc.

But...nowhere in that blurb by Caen did he say that Sipple was homosexual—I've got the column on file; you can have a copy of it if you don't believe me—and nowhere in any of the "offending" papers I've read (I'll cop to the fact that I haven't read them all, but I have read more than half of them) does anyone say, flat-out, that Sipple was homosexual.

So where is this poor, persecuted, tormented man you write about, Mr. "Scot?" Whoever he is, he clearly isn't Oliver Sipple, a public figure in the Gay community who wants to go back into his closet because it's more profitable for him to do so, and a blight upon Gay Liberation who deserved far worse than the ribbing I gave him ("Sue the Bastards!" B.A.R. 10/16/75) and being designated as "Zero of the Year" (*Bizarro Awards*, B.A.R. 1/2/76). He deserves the outright contempt of every thinking Gay Liberationist in the nation for the cheapjack stunt he and JohnWahl are trying to flummox the courts with.

No *mea culpa* necessary, Donald. Welcome to our side.

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WORLD OF WAYNE

Carter

A "BORN AGAIN" CHRISTIAN ...

by Wayne Friday

Many thought the religious issue in American politics was pretty well laid to rest back in 1960 with the election of John Kennedy, a Catholic, to the highest office in the land. Not so; due mostly to his own making, the religious beliefs of Jimmy Carter threaten to become an issue, though maybe not a major one, in the coming Presidential election. Carter seems obsessed by religion, which doesn't make him a bad guy; however, the national interest in the Southern Baptist religion has come about chiefly because the candidate himself can't shut up about the fact that he has become, by his own description, a "born again" Christian.

What do Southern Baptists believe in? Could Carter's membership possibly influence his performance as President if he is elected? The real name of Carter's religion is the Southern Baptist Convention; and, although it is thought of as mainly a Southern religion, they now have over 12 million members - some in parts of the country other than the South. Like Carter, most Southern Baptists describe themselves as "born again" Christians who experienced an emotional turning point into a "new life" when they committed themselves to Christ. They consider themselves as very strict bible-believers (and Carter says homosexuality is contrary to the teachings of the Bible) with an urgent duty to "spread the faith," as in the world-wide crusades of Southern Baptist evangelist Billy Graham, whose conversion began at a "fire and brimstone" revival at the age of 17.

Compared with "mainline" groups such as Methodists and Presbyterians, Southern Baptists put less emphasis on complex theologies and more on the personal relationship between the individual and God,

a concept that is known as the "priesthood of the believer." Basically, it means that God is revealed directly to believers through the Holy Spirit and Scripture. No priests are needed to intercede with God or to hand down definitive interpretations of the Bible. Statements of faith are issued by Southern Baptist groups from time to time. There also have been frequent condemnations of gambling, smoking, alcohol, extramarital sex, dancing and sometimes such sinful pleasures as attending the neighborhood movie. But Church leaders note that none of these are considered to be binding interpretations of God's will and can be changed when the church feels it wants to do so by a majority of the votes of members of a church "convention." All that is required for salvation, according to a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in 1963, is sincerely to "accept Jesus

Christ as Lord and Savior." With that, the Southern Baptists believe the follower is "reborn" into a state of grace that unerringly leads to a redemption despite periods of sin and backsliding. Out of some 12 million members, there is some concern that the Southern Baptists have only about 55,000 black members and 20 women ministers, none of them pastors. But any national moves to increase those totals would have little effect because local congregations have sole authority to vote on ordaining ministers and accepting members. Southern Baptist leaders deny the charge of some liberals that their denomination is a stronghold of bigotry. Some members, in fact many, believe in faith healing and prophesying in "unknown tongues." In some cases, though, the Southern Baptist religion discourages such tactics as faith healing - for instance, Carter's sister, Ruth Carter Stapleton, was quietly replaced as a Sunday School teacher in Fayetteville, N. C., a few years ago after she joined a

"charismatic" group and started teaching its beliefs to her class. Mrs. Stapleton remains a member of the church and travels widely practicing a kind of psychological faith-therapy she calls "inner healing."

Presidential nominee Carter was born and raised in the Southern Baptist faith, but the religious awakening that he says changed his life took place 10 years ago, following an unsuccessful campaign for the Governorship of Georgia. Struck by a home-town sermon on Christian obligations, Carter tallied up the number of people he had "witnessed" to about his faith and the number of voters he had contacted in the 1966 campaign. Result: "the comparison struck me - 300,000 visits for myself in three months, and 140 visits for God in 14 years... I realized that during the more than 30 years of my church membership, there had probably not been one hour of commitment to God with no strings attached." After discussing these realizations with his sister, the "inner healer" Ruth Stapleton, Carter

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says he experienced a "presence of the Holy Spirit in my life in a more profound and personal way," adding "since then I've had an inner peace and inner conviction and assurance that transformed my life for the better." It was at this time that Carter feels he was, in fact, "born again" - hence his self-description of being a "born again" Christian. As a result, Carter says he began to expand his personal service in the Church. Today, Carter serves on the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, which co-ordinates evangelizing and fellowship programs for a half-million male members in local churches across the nation. In addition to regular church attendance, he goes to Sunday School whenever he is in Plains and teaches a class occasionally. Carter claims he reads at least one Bible chapter a day. Even while campaigning, he says, he prays often during the day; during his single term as Governor of Georgia, he had a private room set aside next to his office to pray over decisions. While Governor of Georgia, Carter and his wife ruled out the use of liquor in the Governor's Mansion; however, while Governor, he once

attacked Baptist supported liquor laws as "hypocritical" and ended the daily religious services held by his predecessor, Lester Maddox. It is difficult to determine just how strict a Southern Baptist Jimmy Carter is - there is no doubt that he and his sister Ruth are the most strict followers - and some of Carter's practices might seem unusual, to say the least, to those unfamiliar with his religion. Carter himself described a footwashing ceremony (a practice of washing the feet of other believers) that he once participated in at a primitive Baptist sect church as "one of the most moving experiences" he has had in the church. Not my idea of a thrill; but, hell, I'm not Jimmy Carter either.

Carter seems to have the need to be believed - almost obsessed with that need, he constantly tells his audiences that he "will never lie to them" (show me a politician who says he will never tell a lie, and I will show you a liar) - he constantly asks his listeners to "believe me and trust me" (but then Nixon asked us the same thing) - his is an interesting case - he obviously needs his religion and is obviously sincere in his belief of it - his problem seems to be that he cannot shut up about his religion. Maybe this is the time for a deeply religious man in the White House - maybe not. Carter contends that his faith gives him an "inner assurance," honesty and compassion that are badly needed in the White House. His critics worry, however, if his outspokenness on religion can be tempered in the Presidency by the Baptist commitment to separation of church and state. No matter how the voters finally resolve the religious issues, Carter has

told reporters "I've never asked God to make me President of the United States, I pray only that he will help me to do the right thing."

POLITICS & POKER

The Alice B. Toklas Club endorsed Carter for President, Tunney for Senator, Agnos for Assemblyman, but sharply rebuked Supervisor Mendelsohn in his bid for a State Senate Seat by refusing their endorsement . . . Senator Milton Marks addressed the Tavern Guild's Tuesday night meeting at the 527 Club on the controversial AB3910 bill now before the Senate . . . Supervisor Terry Francois has decided not to seek re-election to the Board next year . . . Former Mayor Christopher went to the Republican Convention as a Reagan delegate . . . several gay candidates are getting ready to run for the Board of Supervisors next year, especially if District Elections wins in November

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Penal Code Reform HEARINGS HELD

Sacramento. On August 4, 1976, the Criminal Justice Committee of the State Assembly took public testimony on Senate Bill 565.

The Act, if passed, would consolidate and revise the law relating to crimes and establish a new Criminal Code. It would amend sections of the Penal Code and add various sections to Business and Professions Code, Civil Code and other codes.

The bill would enact a new Criminal Code based on the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Committee for Revision of the Penal Code. That project is under the direction of Maurice H. Oppenheim.

The California Committee for Equal Rights located at 1782 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, was the only organization at the hearing to protect the interest of gay citizens in California.

The opposition consisted of representatives from Chief Ed Davis of the Los Angeles Police Department, representatives from the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and attorney Richard Irwin, head of the California District Attorney's Association. The L.A. Police representative was Commander Daniel Sanchez. Their contention was that the old laws were good enough and did not need reform or revision.

To lay the groundwork for my remarks before Assemblyman Alan Sieroty and his committee, a brief historical review seemed appropriate. Professor Lou Crompton of Nebraska was the primary source for the material.

The theory of the present law can be traced back to the Jewish "Holiness Code" found in Leviticus in the Old Testament and written about 550 B.C. That code recommended death by stoning for sex offenders.

As the Roman emperors became Christians, their edicts against homosexuals became especially cruel. Emperor Constans condemned homosexuals to "exquisite punishment" in his code.

Jumping ahead through the year 1270, the so-called Saint Louis, King of France, legislated against "bouguerie" and related it to heresy.

In 14th Century England a homosexual could be either buried alive or burned at the stake, all in the name of religious law.

The civil law took over the execution of homosexuals

after the enactment of the Statutes of Henry VIII, using hanging to achieve its objective.

The law on homosexuality had not yet been settled at the time the American Colonies were being established. To solve the problem, many of the colonies merely adopted the words of Leviticus into their criminal codes.

Getting closer to our own time, California, like so many other states in the union, came under the influence of Anthony Comstock who was busy advocating his National Smut Laws in the early 1870's. It is just that type of code which California now has and hopes to "bring out of the Victorian age."

In response to time restrictions on lobbying statements, efforts were confined to specific topics. Although the statements urged modifications and changes in the proposed new code, the main thrust of the testimony was to support reform and revision of the penal code.

Entrapment. Section 3306 deals with entrapment, it was noted. This must indicate that the legislature is aware that police may, in fact, entrap persons to engage in prohibited conduct.

Granting that fact, the legislature must pay more attention to the problem of entrapment and safeguard the public from the abuse of police power.

This is of special importance when the induced conduct is sexual. The presumed social harm which might result from

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adult sexual conduct is rather limited when it is consensual in nature, compared to the horrendous personal tragedy inflicted on the accused by mere innuendo.

Take, for example, the cases of United States Supreme Court Justice designate Carswell and that of General Walker; the list could go on.

Surely there ought to be some restraint put upon public servants as complainants.

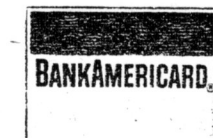
Section 3306 should be modified to state that it shall be a defense if the offense was "induced by the conduct of a public servant or a person acting in cooperation with a public servant which would likely evoke the commission of

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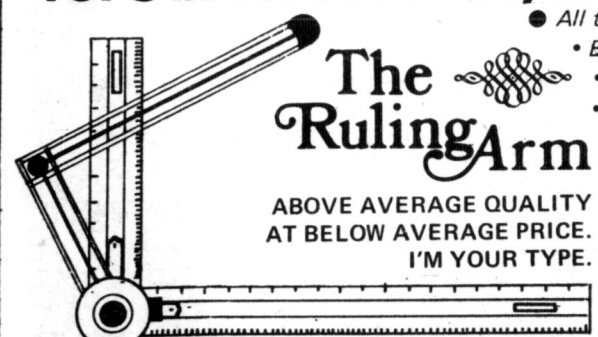
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the offense."

Sexual Assault or Attacks. Section 9302 of the proposed code deals with evidence used in the prosecution of cases involving sexual assault or sexual attack. As now written, the word "female" is used rather than the word "person." This creates a form of reverse sexism and presumes that only females are sexually attacked or assaulted.

That section also prohibits a jury from being instructed that it may be inferred that a "female" who has previously consented to sexual intercourse with a person other than the defendant would more likely consent to sexual intercourse again. It is suggested that the word "female" here also be changed to read "person" to protect men also.

Younger men are often attacked sexually by dominant heterosexual males while being detained in jail, especially during the short holding period right after a person is arrested and not yet charged or convicted.

The law ought to protect those persons.

Although the evidence is not yet sufficient to draw a firm conclusion; nevertheless, information recently reviewed by a special study group working on a violence prevention program established by Sheriff Richard Hongisto of San Francisco suggests that there may be a correlation between jailhouse sexual assault and subsequent sex crimes by the victim of the attack. The young male who is sexually attacked while in jail by an aggressive heterosexual male may well become the perpetrator of violent sex murders later in life, where the victim is a homosexual!

Solicitation. Section 9307 deals with solicitation. It was suggested to the committee that they look back to the origin of laws dealing with solicitation and remember that they go back to the old common law concept of avoiding a "breach of the peace."

Realizing this, it may be important to remember that common law has as its major premise the concept of reasonableness and fair play. There was more to creating a "breach of the peace" than a mere asking, by word or gesture. To solicit, there had to be the element of persistence.

It would seem reasonable indeed to require the element of "persistent importuning" to perfect the offense of soliciting, especially where adults are concerned. Anyone can say no!

Furthermore, police, public servants or others cooperating with a public

servant ought not to be among those persons entitled to be shocked or offended by sexual conduct not involving force or violence. Complainants must be other than public servants or their agents; and there must be at least two complainants who have a right to be offended or shocked, and then only when the offender knowingly shocked or offended.

Special attention was recommended to consider the conduct of public servants, like

the police and their agents, who loiter about public places "detecting" offensive behavior. Surely, the police may be expected to be sufficiently skilled in human behavior to such a degree that they could be expected to anticipate offensive behavior before there is a breach of the peace in time to deter and prevent an offense rather than act as the inspiration for its enactment.

Sex With A Minor. Section 9403 establishes age 18 as the age of consent. Here the legislators were cautioned not to confuse legal fiction with reality. A person does not suddenly become sexually active at 18 merely because that is the age set by law.

During World War II many of the soldiers and sailors, etc., were barely 17 years of age when they went off to fight and died for this country. Surely no one is so naive as to believe that they were not sexually active before they joined the military, and they were not celibate after joining either.

Consider, also, the plight of the 18 year old who has a 16 year old beloved; would you make their love a crime?

Age 18 as the age of consent is just too unrealistic and not consistent with life or reality, or the legal trends in other jurisdictions. The function of legislation is to engender social good and not to invent new categories of criminality.

Registration of Sex Offenders. Section 510 would continue the registration laws. Under this law, released "felons" would have to register whenever they moved from county to county.

Registration would be required even if the law under which the person was originally charged is no longer on the books and no longer an offense.

Whatever social good may be derived from the registration of persons who have committed crimes of violence, there can be no social good served to brand a person for life by requiring registration.

Such registration is no better than the "scarlet letter" law found in Salem during the days of the witch hunts. It is

wrong; it is cruel; it is unjust. It also burdens the law enforcement system by imposing a costly record keeping system and by diluting available resources under a mountain of needless information.

Money Damages for Criminal Activity. Section 122.5 provides an interesting concept to deter crimes of greed. It provides triple damages for being the receiver of stolen goods. The suggestion was made that the same principle ought to be applied wherever crimes of greed are involved - like forgery, theft, embezzlement and other while collar commercial crimes. Indeed, it might be better for all if the legislature directed public servants to direct their attention more to crimes of greed and violence and simply get out of the morality business.

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Phil Spector, Wall Of Sound, Vol. 3
THE CRYSTALS

Beginning on January 31, 1962, with the release of the Crystals' "There's No Other (Like My Baby)" on his Phillies label, Phil Spector spent three hit-packed years as a mainstay in the development of pop culture. Now a dozen years after the last Crystals/Spector 45, "He Hit Me (And It Felt Like A Kiss)" was recorded, Polydor is marketing an imported LP of 16 original Crystals tunes, highlighting all their hits like "He's A Rebel," "Uptown," "There's No Other (Like My Baby)," "Then He Kissed Me," "Da Doo Ron Ron," "Mashed Potato Time" and some of their best obscure pieces including the heretofore unreleased last song, "He Hit Me."

Needless to say, the album is a collector's item. Far outweighing its not inconsiderable nostalgic value is the album's testament to the evolution of rock 'n' roll. Without Spector's pioneering production work, rock may well have developed in entirely different

directions. Without the Crystals, there would be no Patti Smith, no Ramones, no Alice Cooper. Where did the Rolling Stones get "Under My Thumb?" Where did the Cult get "Dominance and Submission?" Where does the Who's "Cousin Kevin" come from? The whole genre of heavy rock dealing with the sadism in Western civilization comes as a direct reaction to the Crystals' anti-liberated, masochistic musical bent.

He hit me
And it felt like a kiss.
He hit me
And I knew he loved me.
If he didn't care for me
I could never have made him mad
But he hit me
And I was glad.

Is it any wonder that the great film-maker, Kenneth Anger, chose many of the Crystals' tunes for his celluloid masterpieces celebrating the total glorification of the Male? "Please Hurt Me," also on the album, is another blatantly masochistic orgy. The entire Ramones album is a 15 year

late answer to the Crystals; and it is ironic that just as N.Y. punk rock is coming to the forefront of pop culture, the Crystals - the roots - are being reintroduced into gross pop consciousness.

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Opening with a typical negative teenage fascist anthem "This Ain't The Summer of Love," the Cult surges right

into a heavy metal signature, counterposing exquisite complex musical patterns against a pessimistic, lyrically threatening vocal barrage. The second cut, Alan Lanier's vocal debut, is what the Stones should sound like now. It is followed by the B.O.C.'s first single hit, "(Don't Fear) The Reaper," written and sung by the world's foremost rock guitarist, Buck Dharma. "Reaper," which is the first Cult song to get heavy play in S.F. bars, is as melodic and . . . m.o.r. as anything in Top Ten radio—where it will no doubt soon be—and, yet, is still uncompromisingly masterful rock 'n' roll. The Byrds never quite pulled something like this off, although "Eight Miles High" was an early prelude to "Reaper." The next song, "E.T.I." (Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) takes the Cult

even higher, as improbably as that seems. The ultimate in heavy metal, "E.T.I." soars to the outer limits of the galaxy. The Cult employed Patti Smith to re-stabilize listeners with the closing of the first side 1. Together with Albert Bouchard, Patti wrote and performed "Revenge of Vera Gemini," a rhythmically penetrating celebration of sensual rock music.

Side 2, hard-pressed to keep up the shattering momentum of the first side, retreats into well-practiced Cult excellence with "Sinful Love," a prototypical Doors song, and "Tenderloin," Lanier's second cut, standing out in musical halos of perfection.

The Blue Oyster Cult is Columbia Records contribution to the evolution of (human) civilization. It's a great album.

Lady's Choice BONNIE BRAMLETT

Bonnie Bramlett's new album is unquestionably her finest to date. Her voice is freer than it has ever been before. She belts out the powerful breathtaking soul that's too long been kind of hiding out behind her lovely harmonies. A white R&B singer, she does her mentors, Etta James and Tina Turner, proud on LADY'S CHOICE.

Whether the material on LADY'S CHOICE was indeed the lady's choice, or that of ace producer John Sandlin, it is all deliciously familiar material, magnificently interpreted. With the exception of Dylan's "Forever Young," every cut on the album is a classic rhythm and blues hit, including Sam Cooke's "You Send Me," Jimmy Reed's "Ain't That Lovin' You, Baby," Sam and Dave's "Hold

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On, I'm Comin'," Ashford and Simpson/Ray Charles' "Let's Go Get Stoned" and Gladys Knight's "If I Were Your Woman." Can a blonde girl do this stuff? Bet your ass.

And for insurance Bonnie's got a whole slew of buddies lendin' a hand on the album. She sings amazing duets with Greg Allman, Dobie Gray, Jimmy Hall, Bobby Whitlock and Micky Thomas. (These guys don't hum in the background; they sing their guts out with her.) Capricorn Records has its best musicians playing behind her as well as the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section and the Muscle Shoals Horn Section. (These are the people who have been backing up people like Aretha, Wilson Pickett and Johnnie Taylor; they know the material.)

Chinga Chavin's Country Porn COUNTRY PORN

The first time I saw Country Porn was at a Sunday afternoon concert at the Rainbow Cattle Company. Their filthy, hysterically satirical tunes kept the packed Cattle Company rockin' for hours. This week Country Porn put out their first album. Too obscene for any record company, they had to start their own label to put out the record. The music is country rock, but the magnitude of the material transcends genre and idiom.

Produced by outlaw-producer Michael Brovsky in Nashville's Quadrophonic Studios, the album employs the cream of Tennessee session musicians — Ken Butrey on drums, Norbert Putnam on bass, keyboard player Bobby Emmons, Presley/Kristofferson guitarist Chip Young, Bobby "Mr. Acoustic Guitar" Thompson; and after an outraged, grossed-out Weldon Myrick stormed out of the studio when he saw the material and noticed Gina Fornelli passing out coke in a nun's habit, the concert-master of the pedal steel guitar, Deputy Sheriff Curly Chalker. (The 65 year old Chalker didn't give a hoot about Myrick's objections. "I said everything that can be said; I fucked everything that can be fucked. So nothing you can do can offend me.")

The result of the teaming up of Chavin's demented genius with the most talented, lively musicians in country music and a producer with the flare and brilliance of Brovsky has left us with an album the likes of which has never been heard before. Says Chavin, "I don't know any good singer/songwriter who's also a

comedian at the same time. And that's my bag." Formerly a bartender in a Juarez whorehouse, Chavin sees himself as a singing X-rated Will Rogers.

Musically, this record is absolutely incredible. I mean, you've got a totally absurd song like "Dry Humping in the Back of a '55 Ford" and cushioning the outrageously filthy lyrics are two Chip Young guitar breaks that are two of the best guitar breaks in the history of Nashville. It's the same all through the album. Ole Curley is playin' that pedal steel solo that sounds like a five piece jazz ensemble. (The song could be a Country Porn disco hit, along with "4 AM Jump," which might start a whole new dance craze to supplant the Hustle: "Jump, suck, lick, fuck/hump all night.")

The album starts with an autobiographical mariachi tune called "Talkin' Matamoros First Piece O' Ass Blues" about a gringo goin' down south of the border to get introduced to the charms of the gentle sex ("Psst, hey meester/How'd you like to fuck my seester—/She's a virgin and she looks like a movie star.") The cut is fresh, clear and tight. Chavin follows that song with the song that would be a big hit — if they played dirty records on the radio — "Asshole From El Paso," a hilarious take-off of Merle Haggard's right wing, all-American "Okie From Muskogee." This has got to be one of the best satirical songs in the history of pop music. ("We don't wipe our asses on Old Glory/God and Lone Star Beer is all we trust,/We keep our women virgins till they're married,/So fuckin' sheep is good enough for us./I'm proud to be an asshole from El Paso.") The song is great, conceptually, and the way it's executed — straightforward progressive-Nashville —knocks you out with incongruity. The rest of side one keeps up the momentum. "Cum Stains On The Pillow (Where Your Head Used To Be)," a story that caused visiting Guy Clark — who takes to bein' a romantic cowboy seriously — to pack up his sweet wife and walk out of the studio; "Head Boogie" and "Sit, Sit, Sit (Sit On My Face)," an early Phil Spector-type doo-wop-wop parody, round out the side. Side 2 is just as good, ending in a flourish with "Cum Unto Jesus," Country Porn's gospel tune in the Anal Roberts tradition.

Unfortunately, this album won't be played on many radio stations, nor carried in your local neighborhood record store (nor will it be reviewed much). Actually KTIM is spot-lighting "Dry Humping" already, but Chinga is a local Marin boy. The only way to get the album

(\$7.98) is from C. P. Products, P. O. Box 548, F.D.R. Station, New York City, N. Y. 10022. It's worth it.

H. Klein

Polk St. Sally By Dixon

TODAY, SAN FRANCISCO . . .
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GUESS WHO?

My chubby, gouty buddy isn't satisfied ruling most of San Francisco now without benefit of election, divine right, etc., etc. With all the fol-de-rol that goes with staging an election, and . . . I use that word, staging, correctly . . . the always shit-disturbing, sometimes actually genial . . . hard-working, with a snarl that shakes the general populace, but always fascinating, Richie Walters of the Kokpit, is contemplating running for Empress de San Francisco. Got tired of looking at his navel, I guess. The entire planet Earth knows his famous logo . . . the fat Lips. Ditto, his colors . . . red and white. If he runs, his flower will be the red carnation . . . his bird, the white cockatoo! Or three - or four. His song? What else - "Sweet Lips." Or as I mentioned earlier this year, the theme music from the movie "Jaws" . . . and I repeat, if he runs, wait till you get a load of his campaign photo. If you thought Mavis and I have balls!?!?!? Well, the fabulous Empress Flame is a tough act to follow. And if anyone can follow up and through, this bloke can do it.

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of whom I speak. No, darlings, not Kenny Allison. I suggested to Sweet Lips for his campaign slogan, "You are never alone with your schizophrenia." He eighty-sixed me from his toilet! I'm not through! I have

another chubby (no gout) buddy who is also contemplating going after the Empress action. And like the aforementioned Lips, this man is a famous personality in his own right. He has earned all the comments about him the hard way, by doing them. Presently he's walking the plank for my chum Lenny Mollet at the 527 Club. What do you mean Greta Who? There is only one,



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the Club Rendezvous. Word has it that Big Frank has already contacted the San Francisco Tent & Awning Company for his gowns. But you know rumors. Incidentally, this bloke is the one responsible for making me look "PRETTY" as Little Egypt for the Kimo Circus-Circus show. I'll get even!

ONE TOUCH OF VENUS

Okay, kids. A couple of days after this rag comes out, Flame and the Imperial Cardinal Court will present the marvelous . . . Funnnnnneeeee . . . outrageous Closet Ball. It's a sell-out. Believe me, if you want to have a hysterical, fun evening . . . run, don't walk, to grab tickets from my pal, Roxie of The Record House. You will hate yourselves if you miss it. It is one of the few inside gay events that belongs to us! Besides that, it's fun to make book on the macho guys who become instantaneously and instinctively tomorrow's drag queens, Empress candidates and performers in future shows. It's a gas! The money goes to a good cause. The people! See you there

Bye . . . Cheers,

Sal

P.S. I love you!

Flea Bites

Fleas are small insects which feed on animal or human blood, without which they can neither breed nor survive. Though some species are capable of transmitting disease, the principal cause for complaint in the Bay Area results from the painful itching caused by flea bites, occurring more frequently during the summer and fall months. Most of the complaints are due to the cat and dog flea, and, to a less extent, the human flea.

A concentration of bites on the lower part of the legs usually indicates the presence of fleas from a pet cat or dog in the home, and the infestation can be traced to the area of the house where the animal spends most of its time. Where there is no household pet, a sudden appearance of fleas may be due to a stray animal which had its litter under the house, in the basement or some similar place; and upon departure, its fleas are left behind to bite man. The bites of the human flea are characteristically distributed

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KISS AND TELL

Empress Cristal and big, blonde Lee Dow of the 527 Club seem to have reached a meeting of the minds. Or whatever. This twosome is sort of mind-boggling. By the way, Lee just may wind up being the next Grand Duke of San Francisco . . . if his many chums can talk him into running for this office. Lee certainly looks like a duke. And my little sweetheart, Bill Tolin . . . Mr. Cowboy . . . I hear with the talented help (and I mean talented) of Les and Gregg of the Wild Goose may tackle the chair of the Grand Duke . . . this will happen in November. Billy will have to shed his cowboy hat, finally. It's been so many years. Now that I remember, Bill, do you have any hair?

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The best way to prevent flea infestation in the home is to stop it at its source. Any pet shop can supply an insecticide dust which will be effective in the killing fleas when applied directly to dogs or cats. In addition, the infested rooms and

household areas frequented by pets should be thoroughly cleaned with a vacuum cleaner to remove debris in which flea larvae may hide or on which they might feed. This should include carpets, rugs, upholstered furniture and similar materials. The directions on the insecticide container should be read and precautions carefully followed. Finally, after each use, the container should be tightly sealed and put well out of sight and reach of children.

Sweetlips Sez

The Coronation Ball for Emperor V at the Galleria on Saturday, the 18th of September, will probably be a sell-out if the advance sale of tickets is any indication . . . several surprise and outrageous entrances are promised . . . for info on tickets, call Bob Cramer at the King's Court.

Billy for Emperor V hosted a fabulous party at the Kokpit on Wednesday evening, the 18th . . . fantastic Mexican food was served, including Mexican beer . . . thank you, Billy and Guy, for a fun, fun evening.

Scoop! . . . Scoop! . . . read Polk Street Sally's column for a real exclusive scoop.

The Coronation Ball in Portland in October is to be held at The Paramount Theatre which has been completely remodeled and seats 1500 at tables on the main level and 1000 in the balconies . . . the settings for the Ball are going to be the best they have ever done, and they do know how to do things . . . right Darcelle and Rock and Mame and the Courts of Portland?

The Closet Ball produced by Empress Flame at the Japan Center Theatre on the 21st of this month is going to have surprise after surprise . . . right Cristal . . . Michelle is the M.C. for this spectacular event . . . so don't miss it!

Thank you, Bella, for the flowers last Friday and for bringing in those two great friends of yours from Chicago . . . Broadway Rose and Chuck . . . lots of laughs.

Hope you had a nice vacation Kenny of the King's Court Barber Shop . . . Bob Cramer had to stay and work extra hard while you were having a good, good time.

The C.S.L. bash at the Café Biarritz was a blast . . . great skits with a lot of laughs and fun, especially the Sutter's Mill bit . . .

Duke (Kokpit) and Jim of Vancouver had a great vacation in Santa Cruz, and now Duke can settle down to some serious

all had to stay up all night to do it so early last year . . . but it was a blast.

Happy 5th Anniversary to Barbara Ball (Gordon's Saloon) and Ollie . . . how did you do it for that long, Ollie . . . but after all, it is all down hill now.

Henri Leleu is doing well after his minor heart attack and is busy working at the Frisco Disco on 6th Street (a hot bar for dancing). Henri is also

starting to put together the program for the 7th Hanging of Sweet Lips in April . . . yes, that is coming up again.

Sweet Lips and the Kokpit's Annual Christmas Party will be on Monday, the 6th of December, so keep that date open on your calendar for a fun evening.

Bob Cramer is the M.C. at the Coronation in Alaska, and Empress Flame has almost forty

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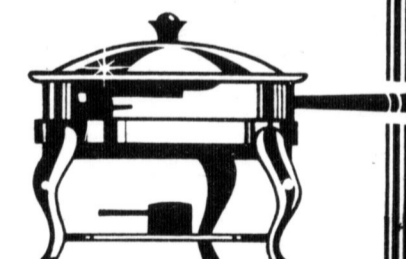
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people going to this one ... I hate to miss it ...

Rex Ann is going to L.A.'s Garden District for a birthday party for Frieda and Miss Martha Raye ... she is taking Rudy of the Red Lantern along for 'support' ... have a good time, Rex Ann, and say hi to Jim Daniels for me.

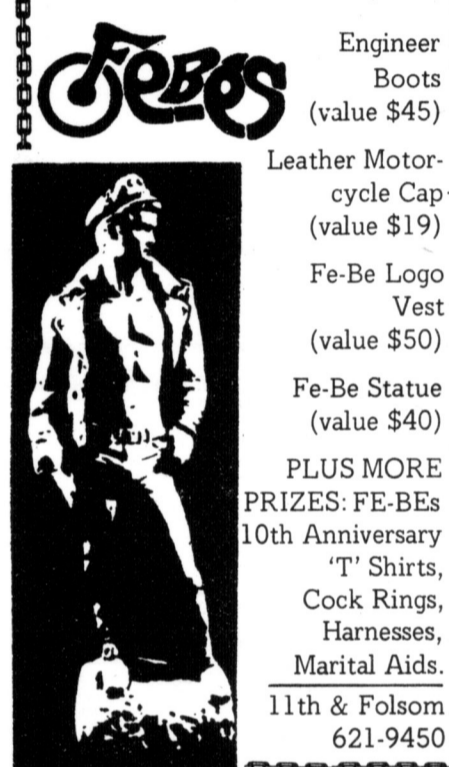
The Phoenix on Post Street is certainly having great crowds of fun people lately, and Rome, you never looked lovelier ... what are you doing that is different lately ...

Thank you again and again Jimmy Quinn.

The Kokpit is having a party for Hector for Emperor on Thursday the 16th of September that promises to be a real blast ... hope to see you all.

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Rose.

Thank you, Chris Granger, for the Dinner invite at the Casa de Cristal ... but with the gout, I hope you don't mind giving me a rain check, honey.

If you are looking for a hunky dude, stop by Fe-Be's as they sure are there ... that bar is as popular as it was ten years ago, and that is saying something.

Keep Senator Marks in the Senate ... Vote ... Vote ... Vote.

Not at 'Liberty' to say where Jimmy Stapleton works during the day on Mondays, but you can find him at night at the *P.S. the rest of the week with the new and slim Tom Morgan ... how were the Olympics, Tommy???

Vote at S.I.R. on Saturday, September 18, for your choice for Emperor V ... you have a voice to make your choice.

Going to Laguna Beach? ... stop and say hi to Marion and Kay at the 'Main Street' ... a great bar with lots of fun and beautiful people ... most available.

Congrats to the B.A.R. on the start of its 6th year of continuous publication ... also sorry I missed the B.A.R. dinner at Gordon's on Jones Street last week as I hear it was great ... an award from Mayor Moscone and one from the California Senate ... that is just great.

Love to all,

Czarina Sweet Lips

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San Francisco As I See It

by Robert

RUMBLINGS & GRUMBLINGS

The bash at Gordon's on Jones Street for the 5th anniversary of the Bay Area Reporter (B.A.R.) turned out to be more than a party ... it was an EVENT. The wife and daughter of Senator Milton Marks were there. Mrs. Marks presented B.A.R. with a citation from the California State Senate and Hector presented one from the City of San Francisco, honoring B.A.R. as the outstanding newspaper of San Francisco's Gay Community. Almost everyone was there with the exception of Sweet Lips, who was home nursing a new attack of the GOUT, and Donald McLean, who was home nursing some wounds which were recently inflicted upon his person by some unruly individual on San Francisco's "Great White Way." He was MUGGED by a THUG. Irene was also absent, but I don't know what he was nursing. MARCUS cut his finger; no, not his 'hole' finger, but the one next to it. CONGRATS to Bob Ross and your excellent staff and friends of the Bay Area Reporter, "Everybody's Favorite Newspaper," on this, the start of your sixth year of publishing.

All this so-called fighting between Sweet Lips and Lenny and the TGSF is a figment of someone's over-zealous imagination after all; Lenny and Sweet Lips do have something in common, they both have the GOUT along with Maxine of the New Bell Saloon. Don't send flowers ... they're not dead yet ... send donations to the People's Fund. Boy does royalty

suffer! Imagine a DUKE, an EMPRESS and a CZARINA all in bed with the same thing, and it's not even a social disease. Have any of you tried TUMS for the TUMMY or ROLAIDS for your big TOE?

By the by, I understand we have a new STAR on the horizon in the person of TANYA? I understand that Sweet Lips has latched on to one hell of a HUNK in the person of RAY, a new bartender who is reported to be French and imported from Canada. Sorry, but RAY doesn't have lace curtains or draw drapes. HECTOR turned one of his recent campaign functions at Castro Station into a surprise birthday party for Tony de Sette, who was quite pleased. Hector's campaign for Emperor is off to a flying start after the recent splash-down in Belmont; and there will be a Buffet Show at the 527 Club on August 28 with the Royal Palace Singers, starring JOSE; and on September 11 there will be a Dinner Show at Gordon's featuring the Chuck Largent Revue with REXANN and JOSE. The Hustle Inn at Church & Market is off to a flying start under the leadership of Tom Avila of D-B fame; but one can't help wonder why they didn't just call the place Flagg Bros. West or the Old Crow of Church Street. Friends tell me that there are now two Davids there. David I is formerly of the Badlands, and David II is their new Disco-Jock. Zelda's has gone bananas in a big way over in Marin-land with the debut of the Electric Banana Disco in the Paradise Cove Shopping Center in Corte Madera. CONGRATS, John and Jeannie, on a job well done. I love your BARE-CHESTED

weekends and Kenny the bartender is quite a man, and Dan Wilson, your Disco Disk-Jock ain't bad either. How to get there? Well, it's off U.S. 101, Exit Paradise Drive, Corte Madera; and while you're in that neck of the woods, don't forget The Woods, another hot disco on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Fairfax. On the way OVER or on the way BACK, there is always the Sausalito Inn or Two Turtles in Sausalito.

That Blonde Bombshell of Polk Street, Luscious Lorelei, is revamping her money maker, the N'Touch. Continued success to you, Paul, and your staff of mellow men, including Wayne Friday, Harry, Mavis, and, of course, Darimus, who oversees everything from his Disco-perch.

Have you been to Trinity Place? It's near Sutter's Mill in San Francisco's Financial District; and both bars are within walking distance of each other.

The Archway is no longer the archway to fabulous Polk Street; as a matter of fact, it is no longer gay -- not that it ever was in the true sense of the word. When will gay people learn not to fool around with straight bar owners? That scene belongs in the past, not the future or the here and now. Oil Can Harry's, as everyone

knows by now, will be opening soon at Ellis & Larkin and will be the 2nd largest Disco in San Francisco, surpassed only by The City at 936 Montgomery Street. They have taken out walls and added mirrors and more mirrors and OH what fabulous lighting and that sound system with the sweetest music this side of Los Angeles.

Hal Call of Cinemattachine has had his share of unwanted guests who have entered his place after regular business hours twice in the last three months. I know your shows, both ON and OFF screen are HOT; but, really, why don't they come when you are OPEN like everyone else?

Art Deco furniture is "IN" and if you plan on buying any of it, expect to pay anywhere from \$700 to \$1200 for the privilege of owning a divan and chair and as much as \$1000 for a blonde bedroom set. And if you don't believe me, go out and price it sometime.

Friends tell me that Danny Hepburn is out of the hospital and home resting after a minor operation in the area where he sits. I think they call it a 'retread.' Anyway, it's all new and should function properly soon. We all miss you, Danny, at the Park Bowl on Haight Street.

FLAME & Company have planned a fantastic 'night of nights' on Saturday, August 21st, in the Japan Center Theatre. What is it? It's the Fourth Annual CLOSET BALL, a benefit for the People's Fund, with a cash prize of \$250 to the winner and lavish entertainment with the one, the only, glamorous MICHELLE as Mistress of Ceremonies. The affair promises to be one of the biggest events of this or any year; so pick up your ducats now at the *P.S., Castro Station, Golden Rivet, New Bell Saloon or the 527 Club. Entering? Applications are available at the *P.S. or the Record House on Polk Street. Our Gay Business World is really growing; and now is the time to cash in on some mighty big savings by shopping within the community. The Leather 'n' Things of Castro Village have been having a really big sale on almost everything in the shop - up to 50% off; and Nick O'Demas has been selling his rubber goods at 50% off. And if that isn't enough, the Town Squire has a big sale going on right this minute on everything in their store. I went to the Castro Street Fair last Sunday, and it was sad to see so many vacant stores in the area. The fish and meat market in the 400 block of Castro has closed, and so has

the Carriage Trade Florists. Andy's Do-nut Shop is still closed due to internal problems, and the Krisco Kid Bar is still closed. I think that newspapers on windows are tacky. What-ever happened to soapy windows with a nice sign in the window announcing what is coming next? In the 500 block of Castro the same situation exists with Jeff's Gym boarded up; likewise the Castro Cabana. High rents may be the cause. Granted, everyone has to make a living; but some people should think twice, lest they kill the goose that laid the golden egg and made Castro Village what it is today. Castro Village does have just about every type of gay shop and service; it isn't all bars and restaurants. For camera supplies, how about Castro Camera. For house plants or outdoor plants, there is, of course, Tommy's Plants & Nursery. You can always travel with Passport To Leisure or get all dolled up at Beyond Funk or Leather 'n' Things. You can get a haircut at Floyd's Barber Shop or Lloyd's Locks Company. You can buy boots and ready-made or custom-made sandals at The Boot Den. You can spruce up your kitchen at The Cook's Nook. Almost every shop in Castro Village is gay or oriented that way; and 24th Street from Diamond to Church Street

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has many interesting places to shop - like The Other Side, a specialty gift shop, and Hopwell's, a candy store and restaurant. There is a terrific cheese shop in the area and many small shops to enhance your browsing or, perhaps, diminish your pocketbook.

I think these two areas, plus the upper Market Street area, are where the bulk of gay people do their shopping. They live in Castro Village, Eureka Valley, Noe Valley, Twin Peaks,

Ashbury Heights and Buena Vista Heights as well as Diamond Heights, and come off the hills and out of the valleys to do their shopping, street-wise and store-wise, in this area.

Gems & Jewels is located in larger quarters near the Hombre, and all up and down Market Street from Church Street to Castro Village gay business persons have set up storekeeping just for you. Have you been to the Bead Garden at

237 Church Street? If not, why not? Jug's Liquors at Church & Market is very community minded. Coffee Don's is great for take-out food and they do have a home delivery service with a menu that includes such items as Pizzas made with the freshest of ingredients and charcoal broiled steaks and hamburgers and imported beers. Their phone number, should you care to jot it down, is 824-4770. You can insure with Schmidt & Schmidt at 130 Bush Street, 961-3915. If you need type-setting, ideas or layout work, The Ruling Arm at 4131 19th Street is the place to go. If you need a security system for your home or business, call Security Systems at 861-0200. Ceiling Systems Supply at 550 Indiana Street has all kinds of acoustical ceiling material along with tile, floor tile, carpeting, etc. Accent On Pets in Castro Village and Serramonte Pets at 99 Serramonte Center in Daly City have all kinds of goodies for your pets,

including the real live goodies. Hand Jobs Custom Clothing offers just that; they are in Castro Village at 438A Castro Street; and Mother F's offers personalized and custom T-shirts and tank tops at that same address. There are many gay oriented box rentals operating in San Francisco; and they are so convenient. We suggest Continental at 537 Jones Street or Liberty Rent-A-Box at 681 Ellis Street for you people who live downtown or even for those who don't.

San Francisco does have everything, so go out and spend with our business world; support our people in business because, in a sense, they are more than supporting you. In the near future it is my hope to explain in detail more of what you can buy and where you can buy it.

See you in two weeks,

Robert

This-a And That-a By Lou Greene

Your roving reporter was on the prowl this trip! In the same night, Saturday the 14th, there were three functions. Had the San Jose area set up a central clearing board for their events, they might do a better job despite the fact that all three bars had packed houses. Steve, Mr. Peninsula Cowboy, hosted a lovely B.B.Q. Party for all the past and present Cowboys and Cowgirls and their friends at the CRYSTAL SALOON in San Jose. The turnout was most impressive. In addition to all the local dignitaries, San Francisco was well-represented at this function. Some of the attendants from San Francisco were Flame; Rick, Mr. Cowboy V; Toni, Miss Gay S.F. I; Michael, Mr. Gay S.F.; Tenderloin Tessie, Miss Cowgirl '76; Mark Calhoun, Mr. Cowboy '76 (representing the People's Fund); Bill Toland, Mr. Cowboy IV; Flo, Floyd, Kable Kar Annie and Mac Buston (all from the Wooden Horse); Cadillac Chuck; Johnny 'O'; Bob Shore and too many others to enumerate. Sorry I don't have space to list all the wonderful guys and gals from the peninsula. Billy de Frank represented the East Bay Association. Richard entertained on the piano and the ever-lovin' waiters Scotty, Bob, Don and Lennie served the booze. This was quite a successful event. Oh yes, I was there too. Mary, the owner, did a commendable job in seeing that everything was running

smoothly. From there, I shot over to the CAMELOT to take in the performance of the Enchanted Faces. They put on a great show to a full-capacity house. Sorry they are breaking up after their next show.

From the CAMELOT I ran over to MAC'S CLUB to attend the election of Empress and Emperor of MAC'S CLUB. John and Lynn hosted an over-packed house. The Emperesses 1, 2, 3 & 4 were introduced. The contenders for Empress were Carlos, Don, Rudee, Julie, Sam and Michael - the winner was Julie. The contenders for Emperor were Joe, John Bates, Don Phillips, Doe and Bert - the winner was Joe. The Imperial Casa de San Jose, Carmelita I, Alex VIII and Arvis V and, of course, Empress de San Francisco Flame came to this lovely affair. A special thanks to Billy de Frank for his participation and to the bartenders who did such a capable job of handling this mob.

On Sunday, August 22, the CRYSTAL SALOON will be the site of one of San Jose's biggest affairs - the wedding of Harlow and Bobby C., plus a candidate reception for Carla La Mar. Empress Alex will perform the wedding ceremony, and the public is invited to this grand function . . . on August 28, CAMELOT will host a show, another Sapphire (oops, I mean Diamond John) production. Deserae will be presented in a madcap show at 9:30 p.m. The \$1.00 cover charge will also

take care of your first well drink . . . DESPERADOS will present Candidates Night on August 24 at 9:00 p.m. This will be a combination event, the Farewell show of the Enchanted Faces Review and Grand Czarina Candidates Night. MC will be Billy de Frank; \$2.00 cover takes care of all the festivities . . . there are two lovely restaurants in the San Jose area. The VICTORIAN HOUSE & GARDEN RESTAURANT is just the spot for that relaxed Italian dinner served in a manner you will want to grow accustomed to; and, of course, if you like B.B.Q. style dinners, THE BITTER END on Driftwood Drive just off Winchester Avenue has delicious B.B.Q. Ribs, especially on Tuesday which is "Rib A Friend" Night - two dinners for the price of one. Try them out; Bob and Glenn will treat you right.

If you want to see a hot contest, Bob Hine of the MANHOLE and Alfonso (who I understand has a few names he isn't telling us about) will be racing in a skating match late this month. That ought to be worth a good chuckle or two . . . Sunday, August 22, Lambda Association and Christopher Street California Democrats will sponsor a booth at the Berryessa Flea Market. If you want to donate saleable items, contact Lucky Guerrero at 293-2320. Some of the monies will be donated to the Lambda Association . . . speaking of Alfonso, glad to see he is holding his own with the San Jose Vice Squad; and don't forget, ALFONSO'S SUNDOWN SALOON features Dan Koralewski in the Disco Booth playing all your favorites. You can even get those home-cooked lunches and dinners, Monday through Saturday, and brunch on Sunday from 11-4, and all kinds of good things all

week long at ALFONSO'S.

The RED BOAR in Cupertino will be sponsoring a Candidates' Reception for Carla La Mar, Candidate for Czarina, Sunday, August 29, with a show and buffet. Also, every Sunday, folksinger Pat will entertain you in the evening and afterwards about 8:30 a lavish buffet will be served. And don't forget, B.J. plays for you Thursday through Saturday.

Whiskey Gulch, Palo Alto, features a multitude of fun spots - the LOCKER ROOM has really been turning them on with their Jockey Shorts Contest and bears checking out . . . the GARDEN is now featuring Disco Nites on Friday and Saturday with DJ Tom. Try their Tostada Nite on Monday the 30th, and check their ad in this issue for all their fun dates . . . if your need is to relax after the bars close, try the B.Q. for relaxation, all the latest sound equipment, closed circuit TV bringing you all the viewing heavies - a good place to spend that Saturday evening or any evening . . . a new sauna in town, EAST OF EDEN, at 1205 Bayshore in beautiful downtown East Palo Alto, is open from 10 AM till 12 Midnight every night with all new decor, new sundeck and TV Room. Stop in and see Bud, the manager, and he'll show you around.

Down Redwood City way, THE ANSWER packs 'em in with their hot Disco Hits; this week's, courtesy of Richard, are:

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Stop in; do some dancin' and have some fun.

Going out of town Labor Day weekend? Stop in at the BRAVE BULL in Modesto. Bobby Callicoaite will be presenting a Labor Day special on September 5th at 10 PM. There will be a \$2.00 cover which is well worth Bobby's great impersonations.

And last on this week's travels - for a real treat, stop

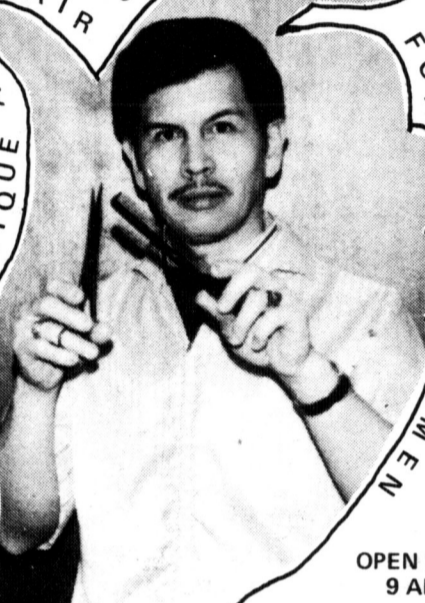
at the RETREAT in Oakland at 4712 E. 14th Street, three blocks south of High Street, for your Sunday brunch. You will actually relax in a most unusual garden retreat and enjoy the varieties of omelettes prepared by Charlie. Charlie, a most jovial chef, is formerly from HANS' in Oakland. He claims that he owes much of his culinary art to Hans of HANS' for teaching him the in's and out's of cooking. For a lovely way to spend a Sunday, drive over to the RETREAT. I

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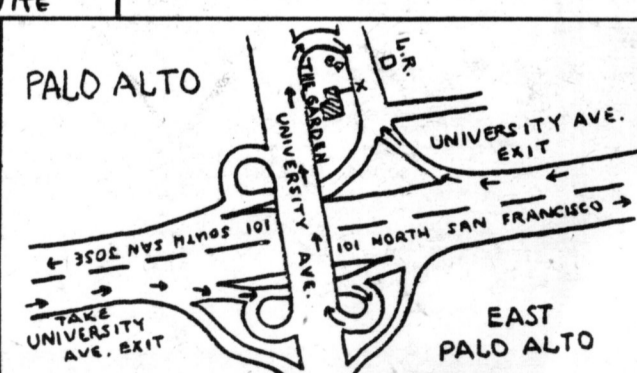
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guarantee you won't regret it. Wow! It's 1:00 AM already and I'm ready to hit the sack; so, until my next column ... my best to you always in all ways; and, remember, it isn't

how you love or who you love, just so you love, that counts. Love, Lou

SPORTS BY IRENE

SILVER SAGE DIVISION "A" CHAMPS

The CSL's fourth season, after a blazing start, stuttered toward a climax with this, the final weekend of play, being partially delayed by unseasonable rains and wet grounds. In all actuality, the unusual weather was indicative of the entire season in that surprise

after surprise has delighted the fans and left many a manager shaking his head in disbelief.

Perhaps the most surprising and certainly the most commendable job has been done by Mark Brown and his Silver Sagers. Beginning last September, well before the other teams were organized and had started to practice, Mark organized his team and had

weekly workouts throughout the fall and early winter, sharpening their talents and creating a unit which, while at times appearing to be in danger of breaking down, never gave up. They bounced back from a double loss to the powerhouses of Sutter's Mill and The Ambush to eke out consecutive one run victories over The Round-Up, The Hut and Toad Hall; finally winning the Division "A" Championship by a gutty, tintillating 8-7 win over the fighting defending champions, The Pendulum Pirates.

Mark has honed himself a fighting machine comprised of perhaps the youngest group of players in the league who just do not know how to give up. While it was my team they beat for the Division "A" Champion-

ship, I was almost as happy for them as I would have been had we won ourselves. Their youth, enthusiasm and good fellowship with which they greeted their victory was a testament to the league, the players and Mark Brown himself.

The game itself was perhaps one of the more exciting games of the year with the lead changing hands six times and neither team ever giving up. Outstanding in the game for The Silver Sage were the Eagleton Brothers and Mark Brown's pitching, especially over the last three innings. On the opposite side of the field, the Pendulum's double play combination of Joe Ritchie and Jim Gefre excelled along with the hitting of Lafayette and Jerry DeFord. As is the case of their earlier losses, The Pendulum's crucial breakdowns on defense weighed heavily in the final outcome of the game.

THE ROUND-UP BACKS IN

Another surprising team, The Round-Up, under the loose guidance of J. Platt -- sort of like the blind leading the blind -- struggled to a Division "C" Championship with a less than impressive record of 6 victories and 6 losses. The Round-Up, throughout the season, at times looked like world beaters while at other times they showed lack of cohesive leadership and direction. They are truly the mystery team of the play-offs. I personally would hesitate to bet against them.

AS ALWAYS-- THE MILL'S A WINNER

The one Divisional Championship that was in no way surprising was the Sutter's Mill record of 10 and 1. Regardless of how they do in their next game with The Pendulum Pirates, they will have won a relatively easy victory in Division "B." Peter Puffer has accomplished one half of his goal -- now he's aiming at the elusive Championship which has evaded the Mill's grasp for two years running.

At no time this year has Sutter's Mill been in trouble other than in their one run loss to The Sacramento Hut Team in Sacramento. Of the three Divisional Championship Teams, Sutter's Mill has to be considered, by far, the strongest. Their only problem in the upcoming play-offs will be how well they will do if they have to go without the services of Wes Jackson, surely one of the two or three best players in the league.

WES--A QUESTION MARK

Wes, unfortunately, has taken ill; and it is not known whether he will be available for the play-off games or not. Whatever the outcome is, Wes has had another super season and along with Skip Anderson is a leading contender for the most valuable player award in the league.

THE AMBUSH--HUT--PENDULUM--TOAD HALL ALL STILL CONTENDERS

The fourth and remaining spot in the play-offs remains open. There are four teams still in the running with all awaiting the results of The Ambush-Gangway game this Saturday and The Pendulum-Sutter's Mill game on Sunday at Noon. If both were to lose, four teams would then have a final record of 8-4. However, the odds are very much against that, as The Ambush should have a relatively easy time in overcoming The Gangway to assure themselves of at least a two-way tie for the fourth play-off spot. Should The Pendulum beat the Mill, they would be the second team in a one game play-off.

Should either The Ambush or The Pendulum lose while the other one wins, the winning team would automatically be the fourth play-off team. It is all rather confusing, and this reporter suggests that all those interested in the CSL get a good seat for the two games involving The Ambush and The Pendulum.

Both the Toad Hall and The Hut have finished their seasons and now must sit back and hope for losses by the other two contenders. Personal comment!! This, of course, would be nothing new to Bill Pielock of Toad Hall, as he spends most of each season hoping that other teams lose rather than concentrating on winning himself.

REPLY TO RENNIS

I was indeed expecting this column to be written incorporating the final results of the regular Community Softball League Season, thus presenting a clear picture to the reader of what could be expected for the upcoming play-offs. Because of the postponement, it becomes a delaying action. Therefore, not wishing to bombard you, the reader, with mundane predictions of what might be, I would like to take this opportunity to answer a singularly one-sided article written in the last issue of this newspaper with regard to the supposed league problems with city umpires.

The author of this particular article entitled "The Hombre vs. City Umpires" was Rennis. His comments were replete with half-truths, deliberate omissions and strange innuendos. First, he makes some inane remark about the gay press being biased. I cannot defend writers appearing in other gay newspapers; and, furthermore, I'm certain that Messrs. Balmain, Brown and Switzer are quite capable of defending themselves; but, I would like to point out to Rennis that this is a sports column and columns are just that -- Expressions of Personal Views. Any columnist who is not biased in expressing his views is merely involving himself in a tremendous waste of time and talent while, at the same time, boring the hell out of his readers.

I challenge Rennis to point out any instances wherein I have made reports on specific game action that are biased. I have gone out of my way not to give undue praise to any of the ballplayers either on my team or on competitor teams whom I consider close friends of mine. I have attempted at all times to make a clear and factual report of what transpired on the field.

On the other hand, personal views and comments on the personalities and activities such as umpire-baiting, unfair statements, queer-baiting tactics of certain of the players and fans have been just that -- personal comments -- and would not be valid if they were otherwise.

Rennis' article defending The Hombre's softball team and attacking the umpiring is deliberately vague in that it fails to clearly make the point to the readers that he, himself, is the starting pitcher for The Hombre team which has been involved in the recent umpire hassles and which he unbiasedly defends.

Rennis, who was an all-star pitcher in the first two CSL seasons leading the Sutter's Mill Team into the play-offs, has since that time vacillated between love and hate of the CSL depending on his team's performance at the time of his most current attitude.

Rennis indicated that he and other players are disappointed in that there is no longer any fun in the CSL. That is simple bull-cock. Anyone who was with the Silver Sage Team and their fans last Sunday after their victory over the Pendulum Pirates can attest to that.

Rennis fails in his article to make two other points clear in the recent umpire disputes. First, the player for The Hombre who was thrown out of

the game did not leave the vicinity of the field as suggested by Rennis. But, rather, he went directly to the backstop and continued for many minutes to lambast the official with obscenities and remarks that would or should not be allowed in any league in this city or state. Rennis' reaction is that they were unaware of this as their entire team was busy changing positions. Just how long does it take to replace one man, Rennis?

The second umpiring decision which Rennis indicates was so unfair to The Hombre team is again not presented in its entirety. The umpire was at the field at 12 o'clock, the scheduled starting time of the game between The Hombre and The Silver Sage, but The Hombre's required number of players did not show up until 12:25. Because of this delay, the city umpire was absolutely right to call the game at 20 minutes until 2 because first,



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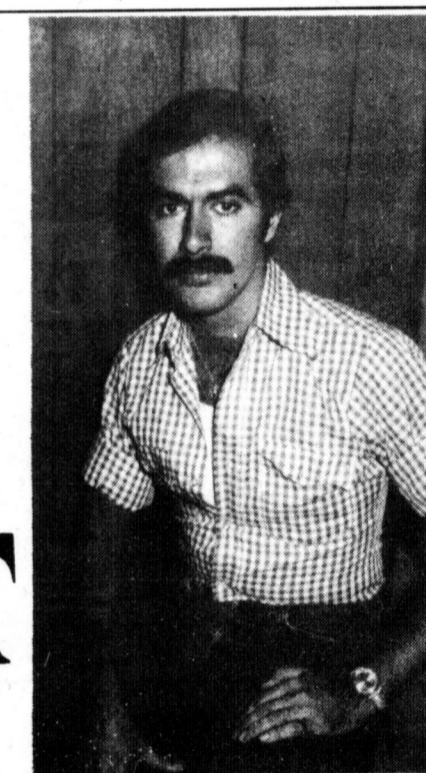
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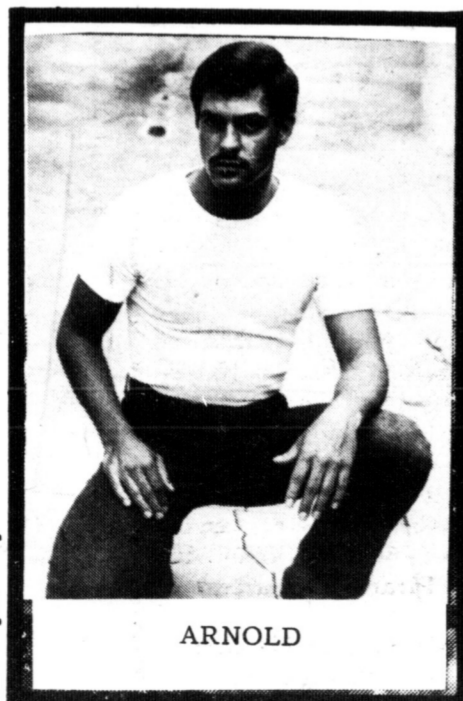
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his contractual agreement to umpire any game goes for either one hour and a half or seven innings, whichever is shorter; and, second, city park rules prohibit city umpires to start any inning within 20 minutes of the next scheduled game. Since there was a 2 o'clock scheduled game in our league, the city umpire had no alternative other than to call the game at that point.

In both instances, the umpires, and whether they were straight or not had no bearing on the propriety of their action, acted completely within their rights and indeed within their duty.

Rennis indicated that he is disillusioned with the CSL because it is no longer any fun. I cannot help but wonder if it was any more fun last year when he continually griped about the performances of his defensive team; at one point even sitting on the mound with his head down in disgust because his second baseman had

made an error. Is that indicative of a player who is only in softball for the fun? Also, how does Rennis explain his constant threat to quit because his team did not play well behind him. It appears to this writer it was only fun to Rennis when he was on a strong Sutter's Mill team which won fairly handily.

One last point to be made in connection with Rennis' diatribe. If, in truth, he felt so strongly about the umpire's decisions, why did he not simply quit rather than continually hold over the heads of other teams in the league. The Hombre's threat to drop out of the league or not. He knew full well that dropping out of the league could very well affect all three divisional races, and rather than act honestly and within his own heart, he seemed to sadiistically enjoy personally threatening other teams who were in no way involved in his team's umpiring problems.

Further remarks made by Rennis commented on the unusual number of changes in officers during this rather turbulent CSL year. What he failed to state was that again he, himself, was the first officer to resign because of his inability to work with the then Commissioner Ken Angram. While undoubtedly both sides had valid points in their disagreement, it would appear that something other than resigning and then taking pot shots at the organization was the thing to do.

In the future, I would suggest to Rennis that if he is going to write an article in the form of a news story, it should be done with veracity and fairness; on the other hand, if he's going to write a letter to the

editor, he should identify it as such, giving the readers the opportunity to consider the source.

Until next time, remember - to enjoy sports, you have to be one.

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Letters To The Editor

Clairification On Broshears

August 6, 1976

Bay Area Reporter (B.A.R.)
1550 Howard Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94103

Gentlemen:

Regarding my "Letter to the Editor" in your issue Number 16 of August 5, 1976; I wish to clarify and qualify that my letter was a statement of allegations I felt compelled to make as an individual-private citizen based on my own opinions, gathered from my own knowledge and personal experiences, on the history of the Gay Community and the Rev. Raymond Broshears. My letter does not reflect necessarily upon the publisher of this publication.

I do hope and, therefore, ask that this be printed in your next publication due to the letter you have received from the attorney, B. J. Beckwith.

Sincerely,

Alan Stanford

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PENDULUM	8 3	AMBUSH	8 3
TOAD HALL	8 4	THE HUT	8 4
NOAH'S ARK	5 6	DINO'S	1 11
RAINBOW C. C.	4 7		

DIVISION "C"

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THE ROUND-UP	6 6
THE HOMBRE	3 8
THE MINT	2 9
THE GANGWAY	1 10

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Ambush-Gangway
Hombre-Mint
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Gay Tourism

August 16, 1976

Honorable George R. Moscone
Mayor, City of San Francisco
Room 200, City Hall
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Mayor Moscone:

As a resident of the City for the past seven years, seeing the gay community grow to its present large and economically important position, I've often asked why no attention has been given to the many gay tourists which have been coming to San Francisco ever more frequently and in larger numbers each year.

Having worked in the service field as a tour director (New York), Maitre d' in a large French restaurant (New Orleans), hotel sales representative (New Orleans), sales representative for a transportation company (S. F.) and, now, part time as doorman at a Castro Street bar, I am often aware of the lack of tourist information available to the gay visitor to our city. Lists of the more than one hundred bars and restaurants catering to a gay clientele are available only through expensive (about \$5.00), usually out of date "guide books" sold in somewhat less than respectable book stores.

Gay activities such as the annual Gay Pride Parade (the largest, most widely attended parade in the City), the Police/-All Stars softball game (it consistently outdraws the Giants), and the Castro Street Fair (again, largest attendance of any of the City's street fairs) are seldom advertised, and in many cases completely ignored, by the regular press and any official publication of the Visitors and Convention Bureau.

It is a shame that probably the most colorful and economically powerful minority in the City is virtually ignored by the city which it has chosen to enrich with its growing

presence.

Is San Francisco and its officials ashamed to admit that this is the gayest city in the United States? Don't Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Topeka already know it (and look forward to seeing some of its action, even if it is Finnochio's)?

California has made being gay legal. San Francisco gets huge numbers of gay tourists. Gay tourists spend as much as, and probably more than, your average tourist. Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Topeka are NOT offended; they're intrigued! Other sophisticated cities of the world (Amsterdam, Brussels, Berlin) have some information available for their visitors. Why isn't San Francisco doing something about this obvious void in promoting San Francisco's number one industry?

Please think about this. It is important for the City, and its gay minority.

Sincerely,

Archie Core
San Francisco, Ca.

Toklas Nixes Mendelsohn

AFTERSHOCK REGISTERS
7.5 ON THE RICHTER SCALE

San Francisco. A harried Executive Committee of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club met on the evening of the 16th of August to consider the vote of "non-endorsement" for the State Senate race in the 5th District here.

Among those reported present were Frank Fitch, Bob Cramer, Duke Smith, Jim Forster, George Mendenhall, Bruce Pettit, Barbara Estaves, Joe Cook and Ken Maley.

By innuendo, and implication, it was suggested that George Moscone, Mayor of San Francisco, was so put out that he has put pressure on the Toklas Club to effect a reconsideration of the "non-endorsement" of Supervisor Bob Mendelsohn.

To reinforce his interest and the interest of other "important" local and state politicians, it was inferred that Mayor Moscone and Assemblyman Willie Brown would be willing to come and address the Toklas Club and urge the reconsideration of endorsement of Mendelsohn.

The effect of the non-endorsement amounts to a vote of confidence in the incumbent State Senator Milton Marks, a Republican.

Marks, obviously enjoying the situation, points to his record of legislative accomplishments for the gay community and the citizens of

the State generally as the source of his support.

Marks has openly committed himself to attempting to get AB3124 amended to include all persons, which he indicates means gay citizens too, under the protection of the Fair Employment Practices Act.

AB3124 is a piece of legislation introduced by Julian C. Dixon of Los Angeles which would change the name of the FEPC and empower local communities to enforce state law regarding employment discrimination.

That bill has been supported by the NAACP which does not want it expanded to protect gay persons.

Governor Brown and the Democratic leadership have gone along with the NAACP in excluding gay persons.

Surprisingly, George Raya when he was lobbying supported the NAACP position, as did some of the "leadership" of the Toklas Club, according to the California Committee for Equal Rights which has been monitoring AB3124.

The failure of the Democratic leadership to appreciate the needs and aspirations of gay citizens in their fight for employment protection may have been an important factor in Toklas membership's refusal to buckle under when it came time for endorsements.

When Frederick Furth was running for the primary endorsement for the 5th District Senatorial Seat, he got it from the Toklas Club, at a time when he was actively participating in the fight for gay citizens rights to employment protection.

Marks also testified and argued before the FEPC on behalf of gay employment rights during this same period; he did it openly and with conviction and believes that his actions plus his record gained him a deserved advantage among gay voters.

Marks is quick to call attention to the fact that in the State Senate it was the combination of himself and George Moscone, then Senator, who pushed the Willie Brown consensual sex bill, AB 489, through the Senate to get it passed and signed by the Governor.

On September 13, the Executive Committee of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club will ask the membership to reconsider its non-endorsement vote of August 9 and get behind all Democratic candidates, according to a participant at the recent Executive Committee meeting.

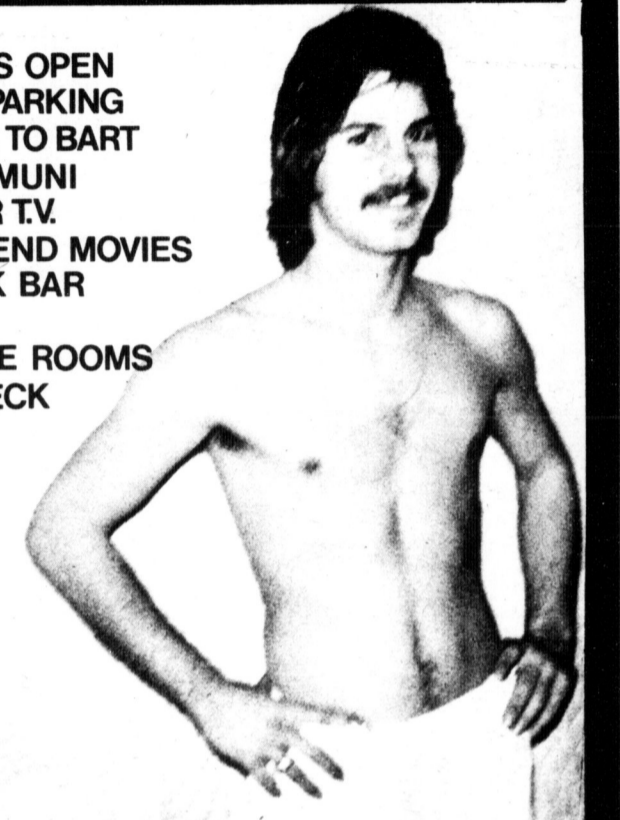
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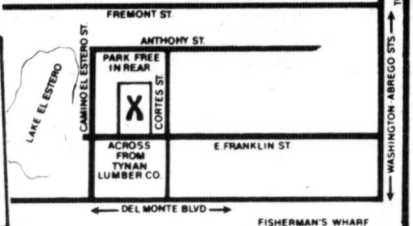
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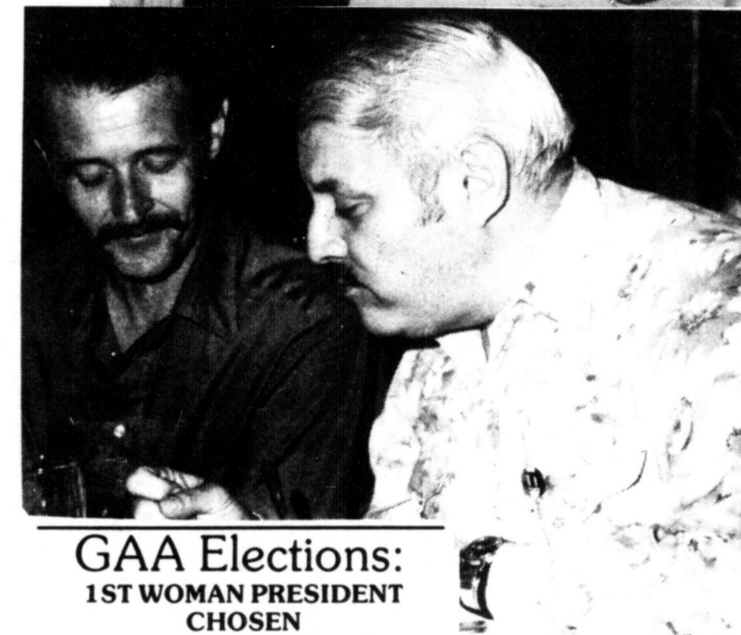
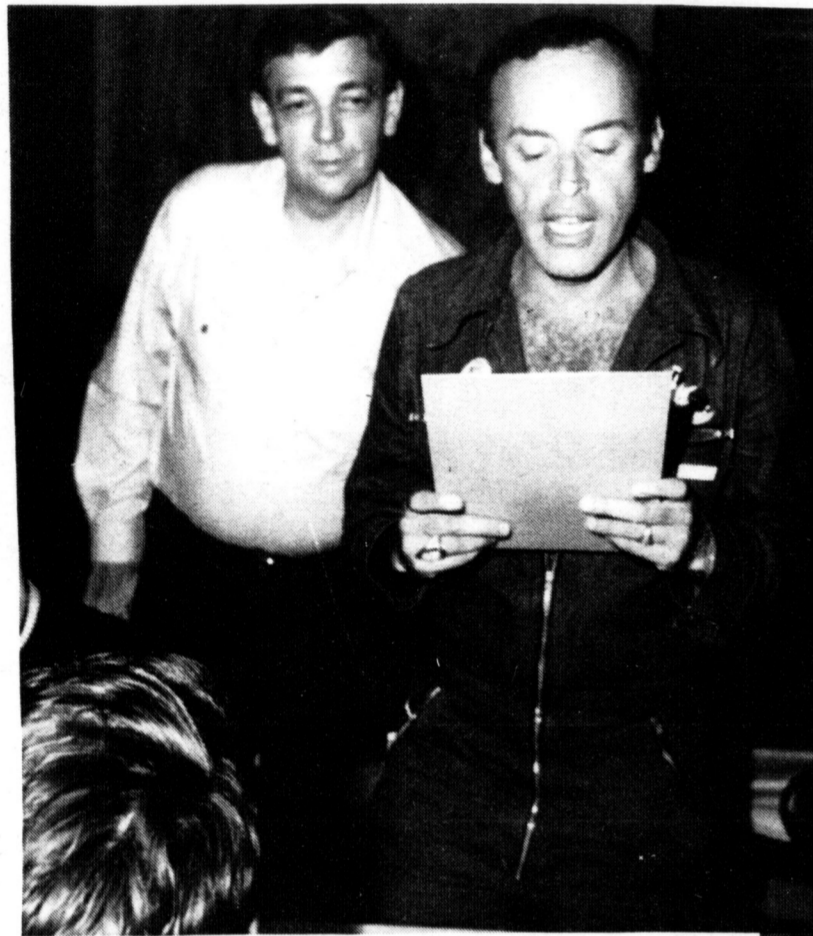
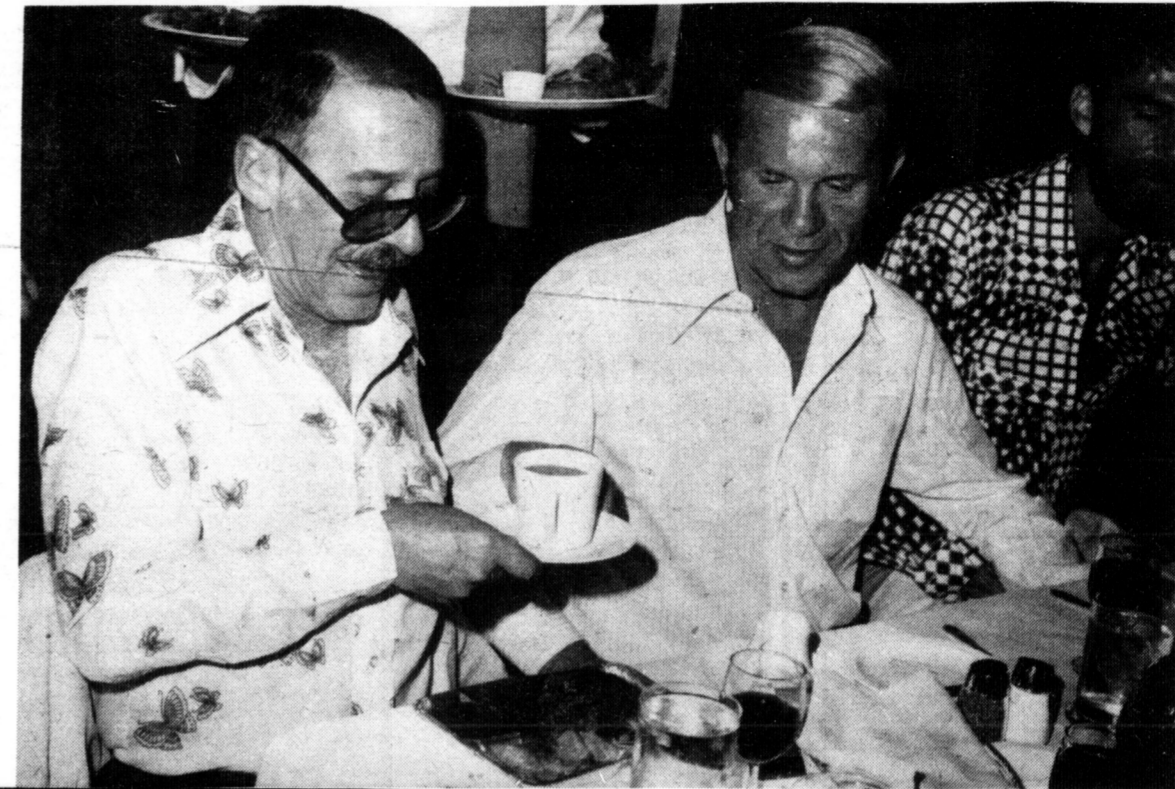
The Bay Area Reporter is five years old this year; and we would like to say thank you to all of the advertisers, writers, graphics people and everyone else who have made this possible.

We celebrated at a banquet at Gordon's Restaurant last Tuesday; and a good time was had by all.

Highlighting the evening was a resolution from the California State Senate commending the Bay Area Reporter on its birthday and its continuous coverage of gay news and events in San Francisco and most of California. The resolution was presented by the wife of Senator Milton Marks, Carolyn Marks.

The newspaper also received a commendation from the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone. This was presented by Hector Navarro on behalf of the Mayor who was on vacation.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank the Senate and the Mayor for the honor they have bestowed upon us and hope we can continue to live up to the expectations of us.



GAA Elections: 1ST WOMAN PRESIDENT CHOSEN

The Gay Activists Alliance held its bi-annual elections for its Executive Board recently. Joanne Passaro, former Delegate-at-Large of the organization, was elected as GAA's first woman president in its almost seven year history. James Zepp, former Media Committee chairperson, was chosen Vice President. Art Gursch and Wally Hoffman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, were re-elected to their posts. Stu Gurtman was elected Delegate-at-Large.

In the weeks following the elections, committee chairpeople were nominated by Passaro and elected by the general membership. Harold Pickett was elected chairperson of the Political Action Committee; Bob Abendroth was elected chairperson of the Media Committee, and Tony Dolce was re-elected as chair of the Movement Committee.

In a joint statement, Passaro and Zepp declare one of their aims to be to expand the Gay Activists Alliance membership. Women and men will be encouraged to join with GAA in the Gay Liberation struggle.



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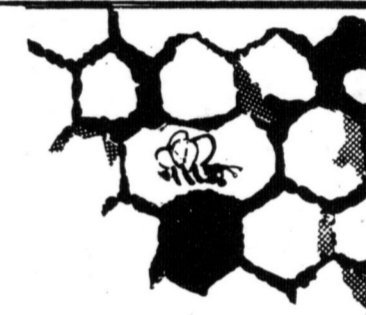
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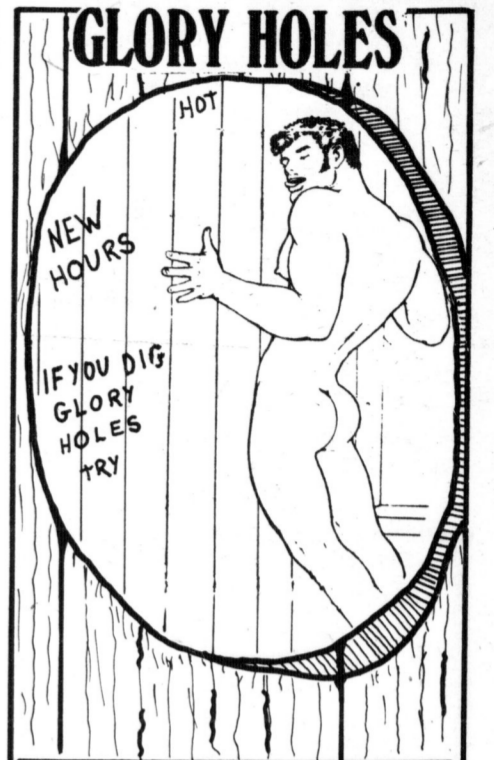


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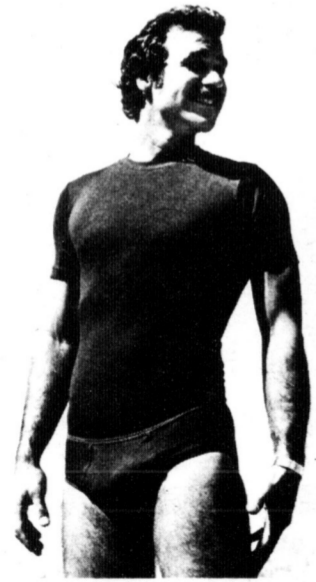
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