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GAY MIAMI SQUEEZES ANITA

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MIAMI, FLA. - Million-aires Anita Bryant says she will fight a Gay rights ordinance even if my livelihood is stripped away from me.

Bryant said in an interview on Tuesday. "I'd rather have the love of God and be making this a better place to live for my children and other children."

She has helped organize a group called "Save Our Children Inc." because she believes the local Gay community is "trying to recruit our children to homosexuality."

Gay rights leaders call her efforts "bigoted" and "fanatical." They have tried, unsuccessfully, to pressure the Florida Citrus Commission, for which she has advertised orange juice since 1968, into taking her ads off the air.

Bryant, 37 and mother of four, was Miss Oklahoma in 1959 and was second runner-up in that year's Miss America contest.

She later was a singer on numerous network television programs and served as a speaker for a soft drink before signing up to represent the Florida citrus industry.

Bryant, who in the past has avoided involvement in local issues, appeared at a Dade County Commission hearing last month to testify against an ordinance to ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing and employment.

"As an entertainer, I have worked with homosexuals all my life, and my attitude has been live and let live," she said at the meeting, her voice choking with emotion. "Now I believe it's time to realize the rights of the overwhelming number of Dade County constituents."

The ordinance passed,



Homophobe Anita Bryant

but Bryant and other opponents promptly announced formation of the protest group. Petitions to either force the commission to overturn its decision or put the question up for a referendum were distributed in churches and synagogues last weekend.

She said yesterday she does not believe that many school children would be subject to physical abuses, but she said she objects strongly to the "role models" that homosexual teachers would present.

Gay bars around the country have discontinued serving orange juice from Florida. The impact of the boycott is not yet known, but as one wag put it, "By destroying 20% of Florida's orange crop with a big freeze, the Lord had demonstrated to Bryant and company that He supports Gay Rights legislation."

Gay Version of Struggle in Miami

MIAMI GAYS GEAR UP FOR REFERENDUM BATTLE

MIAMI, FLA. - Miami's Gay community, exhilarated by the recent enactment of the Gay rights ordinance here and the impact of the citrus boycott, is presently gearing up for a fight against the expected June 7 recall referendum. Christian fundamentalist churches, many of whom led opposition to the Miami Metro Commission decision, ran into an unexpected legal roadblock last week in their bid to force a county-wide vote on Gay civil rights protection. The Dade County attorney ruled illegal the petition forms which the anti-Gay forces planned to use to garner the necessary 10,000 signatures to put their "Save Our Children (From Homosexuality)" referendum on the ballot.

The Dade County attorney said that the petitions were "not valid documents" because they contained improper statements on the reverse side of the petitions. The statements asserted that the Metro Commission's ordinance was "not a civil rights ordinance," that it put forward Gay people as "role models," and that "it was dangerous to the health and welfare" of Miamians. Coral Gables Commissioner and anti-Gay lobbyist Robert Brake (who once tried to ban the film "Woodstock" in Coral Gables) went into Circuit Court last week to try to

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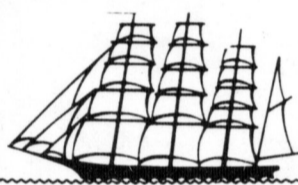
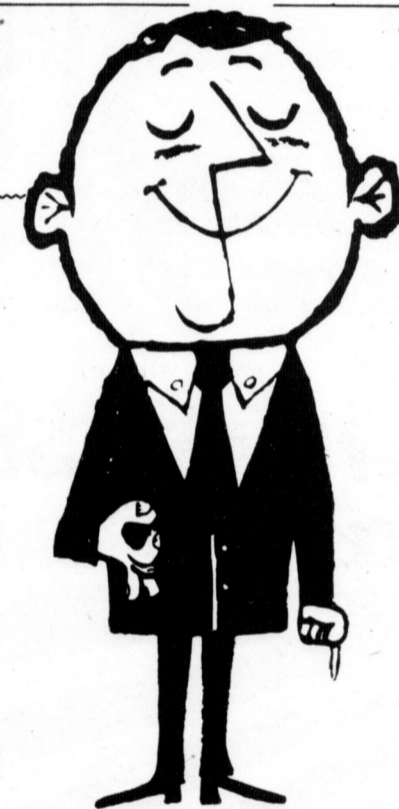
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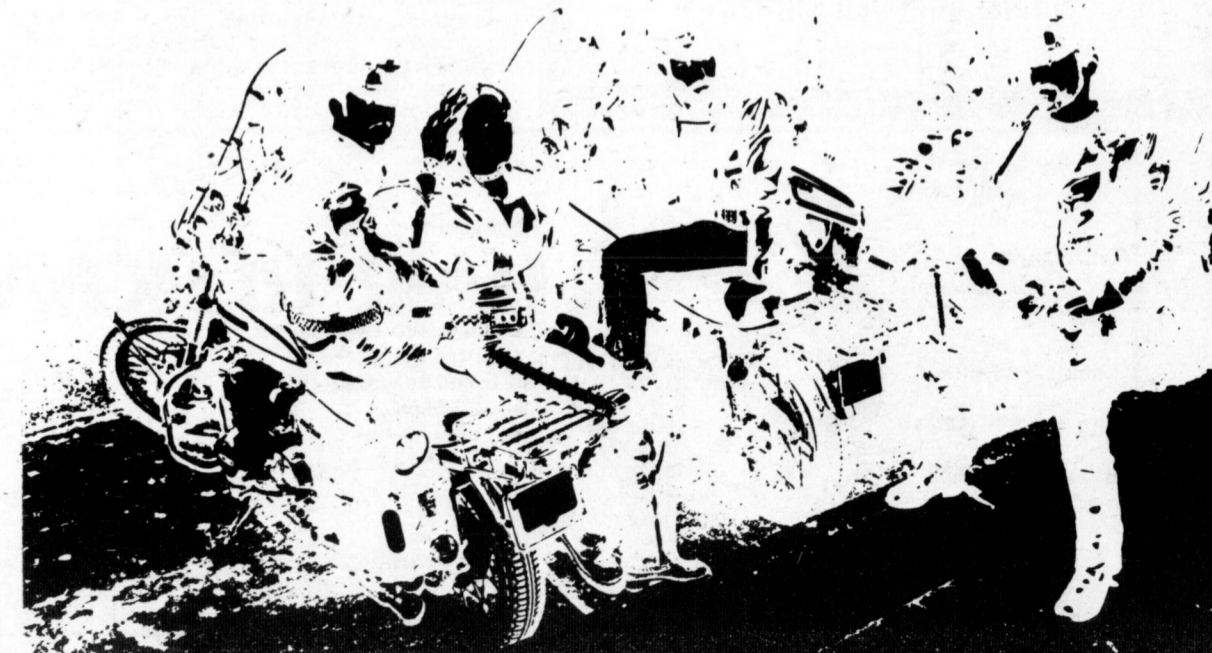
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overturn the county attorney's decision.

Despite the unexpected delay, most Miami Gay activists concede that a referendum on the issue is probably "inevitable." Opponents of the ordinance - which was approved on Jan. 18 by a 5-3 vote of the Metro Commission - have up to 30 days to gather 10,000 signatures in order for the referendum to be put on the ballot. The anti-discrimination safeguards - which cover housing, employment, and public accommodations - are now in effect throughout Dade County, including Miami, Miami Beach, and

Cocoanut Grove, and Coral Gables.

BISHOP WOULD DISOBEY LAW

In a related development, Roman Catholic Archbishop Coleman Carroll, head of the Diocese of South Florida, announced that he would disobey the law and refuse to permit homosexuals to teach in the parochial schools. The civil rights ordinance covers parochial but not public schools in Dade County, Gay Catholics immediately began distributing copies of the supportive statements on Gay rights

made by the Roman Catholic Church's recent Call to Action Conference. The conference, held on Oct. 21 of last year, was attended by 110 bishops and over 1200 church laypeople.

BOYCOTTING ANITA

The one area in which Miami Gays continued to take the offensive was the boycott of Florida citrus products, designed to focus attention on the role of Florida Citrus Commission publicist Anita Bryant in the anti-Gay campaign. Singer Bryant testified at the Miami Metro Commission hearings against the rights ordinance and has been a leader in the referendum moves.

Allen Rockway, spokesperson for the Dade County Coalition for the Humanistic Rights of Gays, called the boycott "extremely helpful." Bob Kunst, another Coalition member, said "There are fancy restaurants here that have refused to serve orange juice. Texas seems to be going crazy over the boycott. We've had support from all over. Even the only Gay bar in Idaho is pushing hard for the boycott."

By week's end, however, the Coalition for Humanistic Rights began to back off a bit, fearing a "backlash." "We decided not to officially support the boycott," Rockway said. "The citrus industry is the mainstay of Florida's economy and we began to get a lot of criticism. The MIAMI NEWS called the boycott 'un-American.' So when the freeze destroyed 20% of the citrus crop we decided that 'God had spoken.' We issued a statement saying that we were trying to prevent a boycott and that the best way to do that was for the Commission to fire Bryant. One television station here led into our statement by saying, 'Miami's Gay group didn't want to put migrant workers out of work so...'"

BRYANT IN HIDING?

Anita Bryant herself has not made a public appearance since the boycott began. The First Federal Savings Bank, for whom Bryant and her children did a "non-sexist" television commercial, is reportedly dropping the Bryant advertisements starting this week. The bank took the action after

House on March 26.

In a letter to Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, co-executive directors of the Task Force which met with her last week, Costanza listed as first on the agenda for March 26 "oppression, discrimination and the need for national leadership and national legislation."

GEARING UP FOR THE VOTE

Ms. Costanza also agreed to discuss Task Force contentions that the United States bars homosexuals from visiting the country or becoming citizens, that the military discharges them, that the I.R.S. prevents Gay organizations from claiming tax-deductible status, that homosexuals in prison are victims of discrimination and that the Civil Rights Commission should assume jurisdiction over cases in which homosexuals claim their rights have been violated.

Ms. Costanza, former vice-mayor of Rochester, N.Y., has been a strong supporter of Gay rights.

New Gay Rights Bill In Congress

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Ed Koch has introduced the national Gay civil rights bill. The New York City Democrat introduced the bill, identical to the one Rep. Bella Abzug had introduced in the last Congress, on the first day of the 95th Congress, Jan. 4, 1977.

The bill, HR 451, would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the words "affectional or sexual preference" to each list of human conditions for which people cannot be discriminated against. The bill goes to the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Koch had gotten nine other Members of Congress to sign with him as prime sponsors of this bill when it was introduced, and four others have asked to be on the bill already. They are Reps. Jonathan Bingham, New York; John Burton, California; Ron Dellums, Calif.; Don Fraser, Minn.; Michael Harrington, Mass.; Elizabeth Holtzman, N.Y.; Paul N. (Pete) McCloskie, Calif.; Gerry Studds, Mass.; Ted Weiss, N.Y.; Parren Mitchell, Maryland; Frederick Richmond, N.Y.; Charles Rangel, N.Y.; and Stephen J. Solarz, N.Y.

Koch has sent letters to all Members of Congress explaining what the bill does and inviting additional co-sponsors. He plans to introduce the bill again with more co-sponsors in mid-February.

It is absolutely imperative that people write to their Congresspeople urging them to co-sponsor HR 451. Please send copies of any letters you write to Members of Congress to the Congressional File, UFMCC, Washington Office, Suite 210, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

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Carter Aides Meeting With Gays on Bias

WASHINGTON, DC - President Carter's aides have opened a series of meetings to explore contentions by representatives of homosexuals that they are objects of official discrimination.

An assistant to Margaret Costanza, Carter's assistant for public liaison, confirmed Tuesday that Costanza has met with two officials of the National Gay Task Force and that a second meeting with ten representatives of the group will be held at the White

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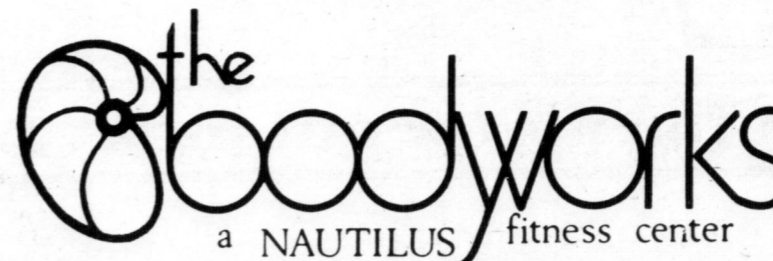
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Milk Forum

Crime at City Hall

by Harvey Milk

A few weeks ago there was a hearing before a Board of Supervisors committee on crime. What took place (and what did not take place) was a crime. If there were doubts about the need for Prop. I, that hearing brought forth the greatest arguments in favor of District Elections.

BACKGROUND

The media and the Supervisors have been making headlines about the crime wave in this city. (All seem to be blaming it on someone else.) The hearing was well publicized. The chambers were packed - outraged citizens, concerned citizens, City Hall regulars, the media.

NO-SHOWS

Supervisor Bob Gonzales who sits on that committee did not show. Five other supervisors, who claim that under the present system they represent all the people of the city, were not concerned enough about crime to sit in, either to listen or contribute.

SAN FRANCISCO BEAUTIFUL

The mayor started things off with a 15-minute speech on how beautiful our city is. That the crime wave here was not so. That any increase in crime was just part of a national trend. The mayor explained crime by passing the chicken or the egg riddle. He went on to explain some of the new things being done to cut crime. (Everything that he mentioned were things that the citizens have been asking for for years; i.e. foot patrol.) He said we must search for new ideas. He finished and walked out, too busy to stay to hear any new concepts or plans. On to make more PR speeches. A play to the tourists - except that the media found other things more interesting and none of the mayor's PR went out to the tourists. The mayor would have gained much more had he remained. Maybe he would have gotten some of the input he wanted - maybe not. As it was, he got none and he impressed

no one.

THE SUPERVISORS

John Barbagelata shouted, "Don't tell me that crime is related to social-economic issues. I don't want to hear that anymore. I won't listen to that." The rest of the supervisors either agreed or did not have the stomach to challenge his statement. Kopp seemed to be coming in from left field. He seemed more concerned about some members of the criminal justice system who haven't paid their traffic tickets than with other types of crime. Feinstein! First, let's quote part of a letter from last Saturday's EXAMINER. From Dianne Feinstein to the then Senator Moscone:

"As you well know, the increase in violent crime in S.F. has been so alarming that it has become one of the major issues in the minds of most citizens." That was written in 1969! And so, seven years later, Dianne is finally hot on the trail and getting after violent crime. She wants to close down the adult bookstores. The money and manpower spent on this drive will have to be taken away from other police duties. Go after them, Dianne. Close down all the adult bookstores. Stop all sex and watch violent crime disappear. Supervisor Nelder, after years of experience as a police officer and chief, had nothing to say. Francois was his usual self - apparently he missed the point of the hearing altogether.

THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Sheriff, the D.A. and the Chief of Police were all there. Chief Gain seemed to be the only one who tried to bring the hearing up to a meaningful level. Freitas was of no help. His recent defense of the anti-Gay statements of his assistant, Douglas Munson, shows his lack of concern. It may be indicative of his general approach towards government. Walk away from the tough ones. (A differ-

ence in attitudes was shown by the reaction of many delegates at last week's state GOP convention. L.A. Police Chief Davis' anti-Gay jokes were greeted with shock and shouts of disapproval. Apparently many GOP delegates are more sensitive to Gay people than "liberal" Joe Freitas. And remember that Douglas Munson was not joking!

Hongisto got into a shouting match with Barbagelata and into a bitch fight with Kopp.

THE CITIZENS

After listening for four hours, the people finally got their chance to have their say. When their time came, Barbagelata - who earlier kept saying, "I want to learn something here today," - walked out. Kopp walked out. Dianne walked out. Francois wanted to let the Sheriff, the D.A. and the Chief leave. The citizens raised objections and Francois finally asked the department heads to remain. But no one was there to hear what the people had to offer.

Remember, some four to five hours earlier the mayor said we should listen for new ideas. Remember, Barbagelata wanted to learn. And so the people of San Francisco got up one by one and talked about the root causes of crime and what could be done to lower the rate.

THE LOSERS

While our city's leaders were talking for the TV cameras, someone's home was being robbed. While our Supervisors were talking about parking tickets, someone was being mugged. While our mayor was telling how beautiful our city is, someone was being assaulted. And none of them objected to the fact that we spend more money on our vice squad than on homicide, burglary or assault. But remember, Dianne Feinstein, who once campaigned in an adult bookstore for votes, now regards them as the root cause behind our crime wave.

CONCLUSION

If it wasn't so serious, it would make for a situation comedy. As it was, it did make for another argument to retain Prop. T. Our Supervisors learned nothing about crime - proposed nothing to stop it - and we witnessed once again their lack of concern for the citizens and problems of this city.

Gay Vigil at Counselors' Convention

On Friday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 pm, a candlelight vigil will be held in front of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, convention center for the California Personnel and Guidance Ass'n.

The peaceful vigil is calling for guidance counselors to go on record in support of Gay lifestyles for Gay young people. CPGA, at its annual meeting, will be considering two resolutions dealing with Gay issues.

The vigil, organized by a group of people from diverse Bay Area Gay groups, is a memorial to a 16 year old high school student, Kenneth Myers, who took his own life after being continually harassed by fellow students for his homosexuality. No positive counseling was available to assist him in understanding himself, nor to deal with the homophobia he encountered.

The responsibility for his death and the deaths of scores of other young Gay people lies squarely with members of the counseling profession according to organizers of the protest.

Those interested should meet at the Vaillancourt Fountain, foot of Market in Embarcadero Plaza, Friday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 pm.

Behind the Headlines

Recognizing Our Enemies

by George Mendenhall

Ten years ago we were beating our brains out, attempting to organize Gay groups such as S.I.R. and the Tavern Guild. Today we have 50 local Gay groups which provide a large variety of services, entertainment and political strength. Ten years ago we had a small political committee at S.I.R. Today we have Gay Action, BAGL and five Gay Democratic clubs. It is not surprising that the S.F. EXAMINER recently made this observation:

"The complete overthrow of The City's traditional voting trend may be just around the corner... The old voter affection for labor has certainly cooled... The conservative politicians, property owners and commercial interests maintain an uneasy edge in the struggle with new elements... Big labor and big business now share political clout with the vote-rich racial minorities, Gays, organized senior citizens and city employees."

It was only a few years ago that elected officials would not answer our requests for appointments. Today, Art Agnos - Democratic Whip of the State Assembly - is consulting with sixty Gay activists to determine how he might best move in Sacramento with Gay rights legislation. State Senator Milton Marks continues his appearances at Gay functions. Mayor George Moscone, District Attorney Joe Freitas, Police Chief Charles Gain and Sheriff Richard Hongisto continue to take actions and to support policies that are beneficial to Gay people. Certainly, Assemblyman Willie Brown has consistently been there when we needed him.

Our friends in the political arena realize that Gay people have yet to achieve full legal equality. We are still denied the use of the state Fair Employment Practices Commission to process job discrimination complaints. Business and professional people can be denied licenses because of "bad moral terptitude." Anyone who has ever been convicted of a sex offense must register and re-register for a lifetime with the local police as a "sex offender." Gay prisoners have yet to receive equality in state institutions. You may still be arrested for asking someone to have sex with you. We still need our political friends to right these wrongs.

When Mayor Moscone spoke to the Golden Gate Business Ass'n recently, he stressed that the same people who are out to "get" him and other liberal officials are also the enemies of the Gay com-

munity. I agree 100% with the mayor and urge our readers to be constantly alert to those who blatantly lie in attributing all of the city's ills to liberal politicians. The breeding of this discontent is a deliberate attempt to deliver this city to those who would have, in another era, supported Attila the Hun. The enemies include Supervisor Quentin Kopp, the Police Officers Association's Jerry Crowley, KGO-TV's Russ Coughlan and many of those in the Downtown Ass'n and the Chamber of Commerce.

We may not have to look too far to find those within our own community who play into the hands of the Right Wing political extremists. Probably

"enemy" is too strong to describe these persons - "misguided" might be more accurate. Some conservative Gay activists do not realize that attacking and attempting to destroy our political friends is a means of opening the gap for the Right to take over.

This brings us to the strange (bizarre?) politics of a local Gay newspaper, The Sentinel. This newspaper has embraced Supervisor Quentin Kopp who is the enemy of most of our political friends. It has attacked Assemblyman Willie Brown. Recently, it called for the resignation of our liberal police chief, Charles Gain. Now it appears to be attempting to discredit Mayor Moscone.

One of the constant journalistic tricks of The Sentinel is to run "news" stories on the front page that are actually editorials. A recent example is Charles Lee's reporting of Moscone's speech before the Golden Gate Business Ass'n.

Moscone received a nearly hysterical ovation

from a cheering and enthusiastic crowd. His joking comments received considerable laughter and frequently the crowd approvingly applauded his commentary. Evidently, Lee was attending some other event down the hall because he reported that the speech "received a mixed reaction from the assembled crowd. Some stood and applauded. A few simply applauded. Many did neither." THAT, my friends, is editorial commentary. Do not be deceived by it.

Elsewhere in the Lee article he pretends to be reporting the news when he is making a blunt editorial comment. He writes that "a well-known liberal attorney" or a "knowledgeable political observer" made certain observations. In this day of Gay liberation, when thousands of people do not care if their names are used, Lee allegedly chooses two closeted people to state what Lee obviously wishes to say editorially. He has these two mysterious people saying that Moscone's

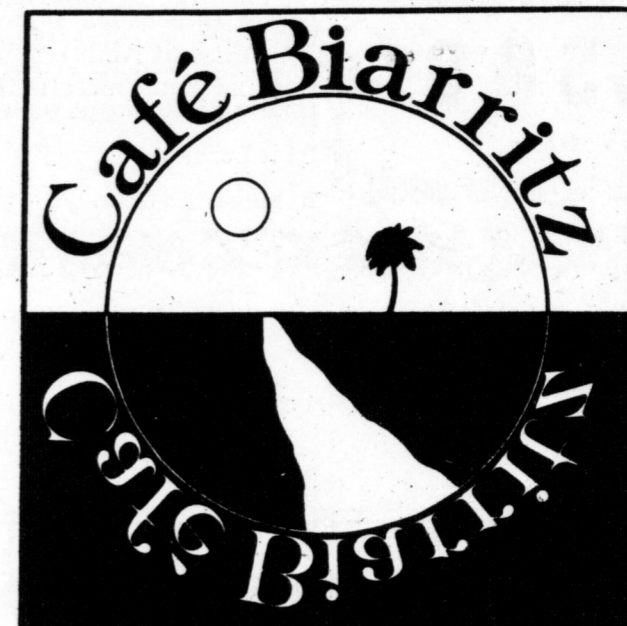
speech was "pure bullshit" and that it was the mayor's attempt to "wrap himself in the cloak of the Democratic Party." (The latter is a strange observation, in that the mayor is well known as a Democrat.)

Attempting to convince Gay voters that our friends are actually our enemies, that good is actually bad, and that the sky is actually the earth is acceptable in editorial journalism. However, I believe that mixing news and editorial commentary is unacceptable "news."

Mayor Moscone is correct. We must not only recognize and encourage our friends, but we must recognize and spell out those who would destroy our friends. Sometimes we do not have to look outside of our own community.

(In the next issue, George Mendenhall will be "behind the headlines" at Mardi Gras in New Orleans.)

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Editorial

The local Gay press currently numbers seven publications. The major ones appear every two weeks; the rest make the rounds once a month. All share one thing: they cost the reader nothing but his time (in some cases, worth more than what he is invited to spend). Also available in the eye-sore street corner boxes are the national publications, the ADVOCATE and L.A.'s NEWSWEST. For a small city, this bounty is nothing short of remarkable.

With Gay people estimated at one-fifth of S.F.'s population, the significance and impact of the Gay press has not been lost on the major media. On the whole, Gays are literate, affluent, and "au courant." The last untapped minority market. Generally speaking, Gays spend what they have or earn on the NOW. Life insurance, annuities, trust funds, legacies don't siphon off their dollars as they do the average family man. I've never met a Gay who purchased a cemetery plot, and know of few setting aside funds for their sunset years. Our "rainy days" are usually today.

Increasingly, Gay dollars are the target of anybody with anything to huckster.

In conjunction with the ready cash of the Gay market is the loyalty of the Gay consumer to the Gay businessman. This is not to say the Gay operation offers a better product, delivers a better service or is more reliable. Yet, when was the last time any of us had anyone but a Gay person work on our hair. Or what one of us would do business with an obnoxious homophobe.

The affinity is real - and the more alert corporations in S.F. are courting (albeit stealthily) the Gay consumer. A case in point is the major S.F.

newspaper, the CHRONICLE. Not a day passes without several articles catering to a Gay audience. Our news is now finally fit to print.

"Gaiety" is one of Charles McCabe's bag of tricks; Caen never misses a chance to tweak a giddy rump or two; Wasserman reviews a porno flick house. The Question Man asks about us. Ann Landers has discovered us. "Tales of the City" starts up again with a 30-item Gay Valentine's Day resolution. We have even begun to turn up in the comics. . . At this rate, can the bridge column be far behind?

CHRONICLE reporters are ever more scrupulous in their "Gay" phrasing. We get calls in the office for background information - questions such as, "What is the history of the word 'Gay'?"

Like them or detest them, there is no doubt in our minds that the establishment editors and journalists receive and study the Gay publications. And not only here - from the N.Y. TIMES to the BERKELEY BARB, management is figuring ways to woo this sizable public and claim them as their own. Most discretely, of course.

One of the axioms of social philosopher Herbert Marcuse is that sooner or later the mainstream, the establishment, co-ops the revolutionary, the radical programs and projects. It absorbs them into an ample bosom, smothering them, defusing them, defanging them. If this theorem holds true, the Gay press will eventually be swallowed by the middle-brow giants.

In recent months the S.F. EXAMINER has undergone a major overhaul: a new flashy format, new columnists, new features, a new nationally-known editor. The EXAMINER, to curtail dropping circulation, is giving the S.F. CHRONICLE a run for its money. The EXAMINER, while firmly planted in conservative turf, is seeking to make inroads on the CHRONICLE's "hipper" audience. In turn, the CHRONICLE is trying to demonstrate that it is even more "with it." Gays, if nothing else, are "with it." And someone within the CHRONICLE's inner sanctum has decided to solicit a Gay public. To date it has been a "behind the bushes" courtship (something hardly alien to active Gays).

We like to think that the renegade Gay press is partly responsible in forcing the dailies to include Gay news and Gay features. We predict that some day there will be a Gay Peoples Page. . . At which time we can report that the CHRONICLE itself has finally come out of the closet.

Paul Lorch

to be continued. . .

New C.C.C.

S.F. State Senator John F. Foran announced today that the California Conservation Corps is accepting job applications.

Foran said, "This state program is very different because it is not a government dole. Corps members will be expected to work a minimum of one year. They will be provided room and board and paid from \$260 to \$355 per month."

The program is open to young men and women between the ages of 18 - 20. There are no education or job experience requirements.

This is the first C.C.C. program since the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. The goal of the program is to give young men and women the chance to learn skills while at the same time working to build a better environment.

Corps members will be assigned to one of several base centers where they will live and work on jobs such as developing public parks, clearing debris from streams, installing and distributing water saving devices and assisting in emergency or disaster relief work.

Applications and information are available throughout the state at all of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Parks and Recreation, Dept. of Employment Development, or by writing to California Conservation Corps.

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The Men in My Life

A Winter's Silhouette,

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

A Winter's Silhouette, Part II

(Thoughts for a Drier Season)

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

As Mr. Gay ages in San Francisco, he continues to seek his mirror image (only THEIR age changes). At 20 he tolerates older men; at 24 he seeks out his contemporaries; at 30 he begins to pander to the latest crop. Minority Gays seem to prefer the Anglos (that ever-elusive, brawny wrangler) but in San Francisco the reciprocity is much slimmer. Blacks and Latinos have had to learn to be more aggressive, more attentive. The fate of the Gay Oriental?

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THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

... another one of those inscrutable mysteries. By 35 the Gay minstrel has gone through three or four lovers - the time span shortening with each new homesteading. So, too, he has begun to specialize sexually - perhaps a fetish or two ... role-playing with drag or bikers' basic black. By mid-passage some have already graduated from AA; others can look back on a string of encounter groups. Well into his thirties, he is willing to give more away; but the askers seem to be fewer ... depending on how he's held up. He'll change bars, avoiding now

campier. They give the appearance of going somewhere - a freak fashion parade. Polk grows harder each season. At night the bars are a mixed bag, catering to homeless waifs and tired hunters with dyed hair and grim faces. A street of finis and fatigue. Folsom Street comes alive with the midnight cowboys and bikers. Where masquerade relates to masquerade, and the human beneath the costume neither touches nor gets touched. Bared chests and cock rings - the sex is situational - it can be had furtively on the premises. Sunday mornings the barkeeps sweep up shriveled condoms along with the broken glass. The string of bars and baths lure professional men down from the city's hills - to stalk other part-time black swans. Folsom is a street without kindness, without trees.

The Tenderloin is anything but tender. From hustlers and transvestites to masters and slaves, it knows its own. Hardcore, transient, entrenched. It would like to be outrageous, but it has no audience, only its own isolated players. The bars change hands, change names. Slim capitalists avoiding bill collectors. The rooms are redone; the help is reshuffled. Grant Avenue dies; the Lion roars briefly again and then meows. The restaurants recycle themselves. The food gets better, and then for longer periods gets worse. The discos rise and fall faster. Only the baths seem to persist and multiply.

THE PILGRIM'S PLAYPENS On Castro Street to be vapid is to be "hot." The movement on the street is minimal; young men lingering in doorways, at any hour. In twos and threes posing outside Toad Hall. Meandering from grimy cafe to donut shop. Stopping at the Midnight Sun for a noon beer while the clothes dry in the adjacent laundromat. Between errands, a 25¢ pit stop in the Jaguar Book Store. The many bars ever ready to service: the morning drinkers, the cocktail crowd, the long-distance runners from midnight to 2:00 am. More coffee as the cars circle, down Eighteenth, up Castro ... around and around the playground with few of the drivers living up to advance billing. Their elders emerge for Sunday brunch in dark rooms that still reek of stale Saturday night booze and smoke.

THE MORNING AFTER Past 40 the pilgrim's eyes take on a haunted look; and he drinks now more than ever. He's shopworn, and it shows. He tries not to spend too much energy on younger males because he knows he is wasting his time. Without a Pacific Heights casual, decorative number, he hasn't much to offer. Besides, if he can admit it, he finds the young Gays are flashier, post-adolescent unfor-

gibly boring. Between 45 and fadeout, weathering all the slurs of being a dirty old man, he might employ Dial-a-Trick or hire a drop-in male "nurse." Cruise Market Street to entice a teen-aged drifter. If he's let into a Bath, it's enough just to watch ... or scurry from door to door. Yet perhaps a better way to spend his memories and pension than to swirl away his murky sunset.

There are still the wrinkle bars (let them remain nameless) where old songs are sung around a piano. The widow walk in clubs in the Marina, where the gals and gays (not much difference anymore) lace their Geritol breakfast with vodka. Where if one is missing for a few days, the "gang" knows he's either on another binge or broken a wrist, or worse, a hip. Last stop: the lobby of a Tenderloin hotel. If he's lucky, he'll die in his sleep, and some family member will forward power of attorney to a downstairs neighbor. "Keep the furniture (he never had much anyway). Yes, we know we're the beneficiaries on his policy. Funeral? No, don't bother..."

If one fits the profile and can bear the prognosis, San Francisco is THE place to nest. If one is beautiful enough to cause pain and desire, one can harden, the streets are paved with glitter. No market here for fats, femmes, freaks, or fools past forty. For the epicene, the smooth-skinned boy, there's a future. It's not the city for falling in love, nor the territory to develop a mate.

All too many betroth themselves to the city, fill out its ghettos, feed its myth. For fucking and getting "fucked silly," San Francisco can be a rhapsody of "amazing grace." Star-crossed pilgrims remember to leave your heart and flowers home. Local chorus lines have a way of trampling them to death.

Women's Space

Gay Women to Run For Cambridge Council

Cambridge, Mass. - Laura Rood, an openly Gay woman, has announced her candidacy for one of the nine seats on the Cambridge City Council in the election.

"The reason I'm running is to help bring about changes in the political system here. I feel that the middle and lower echelons have to get a fair shake," said Rood, a nurse who has lived in Cambridge since 1974. The nine seats on the council are chosen on a non-partisan, at-large basis and not according to district.

Rood has promised to make the Gay issue "a number one priority." "I would like to see an executive order on discrimination against Gay people issued in Cambridge," she said. Rood, who presently teaches nursing at Salem State College, was a counselor and supervisor at Boston's Homophile Community Health Service from 1973-76. She also helped found the Gay Nurses Alliance in 1974 and took part in the presentation of a Gay



Laura Rood

workshop at the '75 Massachusetts Nurses Ass'n convention. In 1974 Rood founded Janus Counseling Associates, a counseling group for women which also has male patients. Rood asserts that she has "a good chance" of being elected. She hopes to get the endorsement of the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus. Rood, while open about her Gayness, hopes that the "Lesbian issue won't be the making or breaking point for me. That was Elaine Noble's problem

when she first ran. But I do feel that people find a Lesbian less threatening than a Gay man."

- Gay Community News

Vermont Lesbian Custody Case

I am a Lesbian mother being sued for custody of

my 5 year old daughter. She has lived with me ever since we left her father four years ago, and she wants to continue living with me.

Her father is a university professor with tenure. He recently inherited a large sum of money, bought a new house and remarried.

I am one of eight Lesbians and three children who, one year ago, formed a living/working collective. We share our children, money, possessions, fears, growing, joys. We're working to break down our socialization and to build new feminist ways of being. Right now, women in the collective are working on (1) organizing and renovating a refuge house for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, (2) Women Against Rape (hotline and speakers' bureau), (3) alternative healing center (a place for treatment and education of people who choose alternatives to Western medicine), (4) Lesbian Defense Fund, and (5) live in the working class section of town, daily sharing our house, food, cars, etc., and working together on neighborhood problems. In short, in all

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This custody case is both a personal and a political issue. I've seen my daughter grow stronger, more forthright and less passive and intimidated in the past year.

This case involves the right of Gay people to live with their children. It also involves a child's rights - the state should not be allowed to so totally disrupt a child's life against his/her will.

Because of my Lesbianism and political activity, all aspects of my life have come under scrutiny. I must defend in court my past and present living and working situations, the sanity of myself, my child and of her friends. To fight this case I must hire psychiatrists and lawyers - both expensive. I'm working with a radical woman lawyer from Vermont, and with another feminist lawyer from Detroit who has fought for women's rights in court before.

We are appealing to Gay people across the country for support: money, skills, or useful contacts. Please help us win this struggle for our human rights. Make donations to: Lesbian Defense Fund, P.O. Box 4, Essex

Junction, Vermont 05452, (802) 862-9046. L.D.F. is non-profit and tax exempt.

Women's Dance & Dance Band

After a sold out, standing-room-only performance in February, "Wallflower Order", a women's dance collective from Eugene, Oregon, will be making a return appearance at the People's Cultural Center.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 8:30pm, the dancers will present "Collections from HerStory," a visualization and recreation of women's history, at 721 Valencia (near 18th).

ROSIE & THE RIVETERS

"ROSIE & THE RIVETERS," a hot San Francisco women's band that plays a wide variety of dance music, will be playing a benefit dance for the People's Cultural Center on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 9:00pm.

For information, phone 431-9329.

Gay Activist to Speak at Libertarian Convention

Gay activists will be attending the Libertarian Party's California convention in Los Angeles, Feb. 18 to 21.

Gay rights activist John Vernon will speak at the state convention being held at the Airport-Marina Hotel. Vernon is the national president of Libertarians for Gay Rights. He is also a restaurant owner and author.

Professor Ralph Raico who wrote "The Libertarian Approach to Gay Rights" will also speak at a Gay rights seminar. Raico has written numerous articles on civil liberties.

Rev. Robert Sirico, past Executive Director of the Gay Community Services Center in L.A., will conduct a seminar on "Libertarian Activism in the Gay Community." Convention registration is \$15 and the fee for the seminar is \$1. Registration is not required and all Gay activists are invited to attend.

More information can be obtained by calling Lloyd Taylor at (415) 788-1140 or John Vernon at (805) 687-1121.

The Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in 1976 was endorsed by three major Gay publications: S.F.'s BAY AREA REPORTER, San Jose's LESBIAN VOICES, and L.A.'s PACKAGE MAGAZINE.

The Libertarian Party's national convention will be held in the Gay capital of the world July 14 to 17 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

San Francisco attorney Lloyd Taylor has described the Libertarian Party conventions as wild and friendly. Annual dues are \$15.

Sweet Lips Sez

by Dick Walters

Thank you, Darcelle and Roxie of Portland, for the gorgeous new "Sweet Lips" diamond ring ... just beautiful. Nice to see all of the great people from Portland, Donnie La May and Jerry also ... a fun, fun weekend.

Well, Flame really did it for her outgoing ... it was Flame's evening all night long. A special thanks to Dick Nelson and Lee Dow and the great crew that did the sets. FANTASTIC! It will take some imagination to surpass, BUT ... I am sure that Empress Jane Doe will have her shit together and do it ... a great campaign and entrances by all contestants. Congratulations Empress Jane Doe!

Bella, you out-did yourself with the decor for my Valentine's Party. Polk Street Sally, you never looked lovelier than you did that same evening. RED is your color! Thanks for all the help ... you, too, Black Beauty for the canapes.

Michelle, Pussy and all the "Boys" of "My Friends and Me" a special thanks and a big kiss for one of

your finest performances on Sunday after the Coronation ... even Daddy Joe of the Gangway loved it ... and even sent Michelle flowers from Bella's World as a "Thank You".

Thank you, also, 'Pussy' Paulson for the great luncheon at Sutter's Mill on the following Monday ... love you, Craig Daley. The 7th Hanging of Sweet Lips ... April 4-6. This promises to be bigger and more fun than any other Hanging, and if Luscious Lorelei has her way at the N'Touch, it WILL take.

Have you been to the Andromeda lately? Harry, Mr. Circus Circus, is behind the bar during the day ... hi, Stark honey.

Kenny Allison wishes to thank Big Boy Jack and Les of the Cinch for the lovely 'second hand' flowers ... hi, Tommy.

Daddy Joe, your Lithuanian Party was a smash ... loved seeing you, Pussy. After all, Emperor Pussy, the 'Pins' of the party are the best I, and most people, have ever seen.

to what direction they wish the organization to take.

The Society has had financial difficulties the past couple of years and has not fully recovered from the embezzlement of funds early in 1976. Any help or suggestions for S.I.R. would be greatly appreciated.

Elected for the next year were Larry Eppinette, President; Frank Ferguson, Vice President; Gary Durham, Treasurer; and two Directors, Jim Graham and Larry Tuft.

New S.I.R. Officers

S.I.R. ELECTIONS

On Feb. 9, the Society for Individual Rights held its annual election for officers. It was one of the lowest turnouts in many years. The Society is trying to restructure itself; it would like all members to drop a line and voice their opinions as

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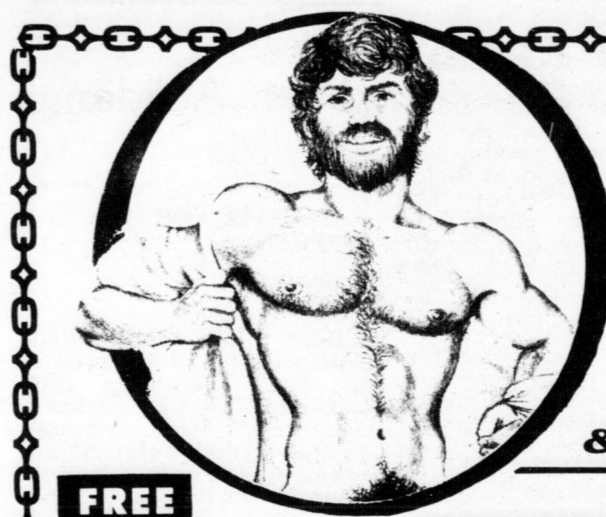
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THE DAZE OF WINE AND ROSES... You'll just HAVE to trot over to the Cafe Biarritz immediately and sample the inimitable cuisine of Skippy, featuring those tantalizing Alaskan King Crab Legs

and glad to see that item back on the menu ... Campaigning for an empress candidate can be fun; and if you don't believe me, ask Mark Adcock, Our Lady of the Orange Juice, not to be confused with Rick, or rack, and Whoever Heard of an Emperor Named Pussy, or Mother for that matter? ... Hope you caught the fabulous Sylvester and his HOT HOT Band at the Stud on Folsom last Sunday night - the rafters were rocking, knocking Rorshachs, Sensual and Erotic Men, Beasts, Innervisions on Fabric and leather both tied, dyed, drawn and painted and hung for mid-winter. CRIME, the new punk rock group with the sounds that are sweeping the world ... Tim McCarthy, formerly known as the DOG that should all check out - Hi Saved Castro Street is now known as the Thief of Baghdad by the Bay, but let him tell you HIS side of the story, harrumph! Great to see Scott Blair back in town after a trendy trip back East and you reading this apartment? You should call Ralph Joy (928-0114) who will clean your mousetrap or your wardrobe, haul your ashes, recycle glass (unbroken of San Diego, or are you newspapers, taking one of your fabled appliances and junked naps again - zzzzzz? ...

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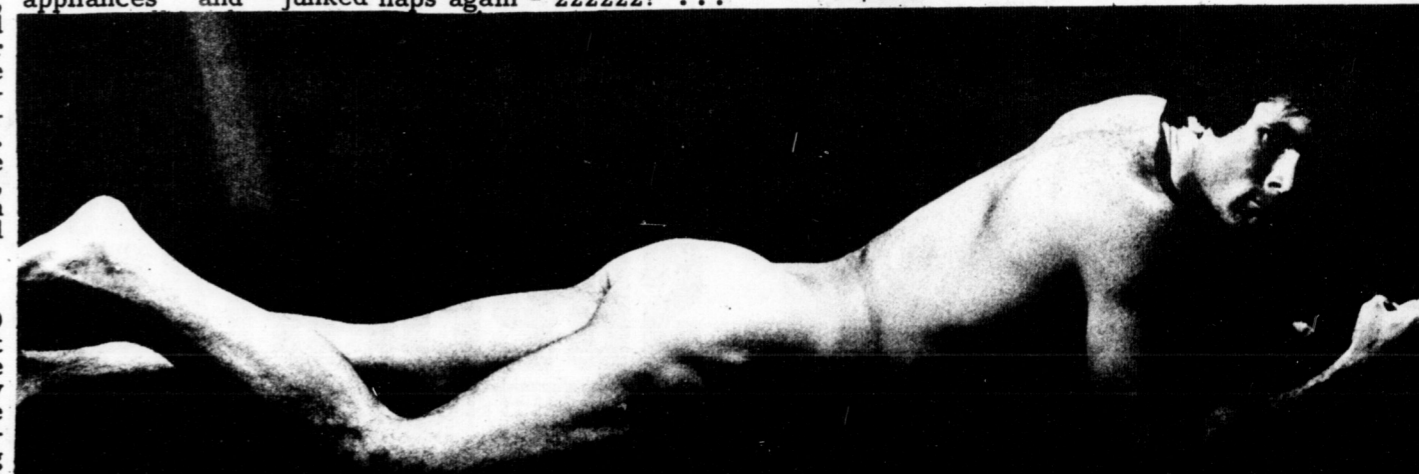
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SECTION X PULLOUT

THE IMPERTINENCE OF BEING TACKY... It was early in the morning at Mr. B's Ballroom (owned by Ray Rule, of course) when Larry Foley, a former member of the Recon M/C, was reflecting on his lot in life. After a near-fatal bike accident, he let it be known that he wouldn't mind being a member of the Recon again, but his bid for membership has never been answered. Said M. Foley, "I can remember when Chuck Rozema couldn't get in the club because Art Copetas thought his helmet was too dirty, and now he can't even be courteous enough to let me know whether my membership is accepted or rejected." ... All this was taking place while Cinnamon Stick was all ga-ga over this bartender from the

Peninsula by the name of Steve Century, and hope his allegiance to Ms. Stick lasts that long, don't you? Well, Queen Elizabeth II of England will be celebrating her silver jubilee this year, and what decent queen would dare to celebrate without some representatives of a San Francisco bike club? The CMC will take off on May 26 via PanAm 747 for Run to London, returning June 9, hosted by the 69 Club of London, MSC London, Cycle M/C of New York and the European Council of Motor Clubs. The tab for this one is a mere \$999.50 but you better hurry. Contact Don Rotan of the CMC for further information.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RAUNCH... Look for Dale Evans and

Herman to make another bid for the empress title next year - with Tony Gonzalez, Tammy Lynn and Mylen Ann also planning strategy for XIII already... Memo to "A Different Beat": Wanna see a HOT man? See Jane Doe at the N'Touch, days, a'course... Didja notice how classy Empress X Doris looked at the Coronation, from the man who swore he would NEVER go in drag again... The strangest things happen when you flip a coin, and thusly, Gary McDonald will run for Emperor VI instead of Bobbie Pace, but his supporters are definitely NOT pleased about it; others who are MORE than thinking about it include Peter Decker, David Manduca, Jim Ostlund, Richard Nelson, and a host of other would-be's... If you want one of those famous Febe's statues, they give one away on the last Thursday every month, so hurry on down... Patrons of Mommy Fortunus on Haight got a pleasant surprise last Sunday which was billed as Clown Sunday and all the employees dressed to the tees and looking quite authentic including June whose costume definitely smacked of camp drag, crown and all causing some people to wonder if another empress is in the making, indeed... Have you received your brochure from BART Studios yet? - advertising some very exotic movies; and if you don't believe me, ask Chuck Arnett, he has the films already and is having a very "heavy" time with them... Mother F's on Castro is going to diversify from T-Shirts to Jockey Shorts, and Jim definitely has some shifty things in mind with them... And right next door to Mother F's, a few changes are taking place at Hand Jobs. Herman is now joining Jaime and Tony to provide a full line of clothes and costumes for every occasion...

Mr./Miss Gay S.F., Denny and Ronny, had a flawless Valentine's Day bash at the Phoenix last Saturday and their band, Buena Vista, a definitely upcoming great group, who also entertained at Bones on Haight Street last Monday for their 1st Anniversary and congratulations to Jack & Jerry and staff.

Winding it up, look forward to a great year with Jane Doe, starting Monday, Feb. 21, when Jane Doe Presents - Jane Olivior at The City - a special presentation. We love you Flame.

Bike Academy Awards

... SLATED FOR THIS WEEKEND

by Marcus

Bike clubs throughout California will converge on San Francisco this weekend for the Barbary Coasters M/C annual awards for outstanding achievement in biker-related activities. The event will take place at Seaman's Hall, 350 Fremont St., at 8:30 pm, Saturday, Feb. 19. Nominees from bike clubs in Northern and Southern California have been voted upon already and the results will be made known that evening. The awards, interspersed with entertainment and special events, begin with the presentation of "colors" of each club with special presenters from both areas. The categories for awards in the S.F. Bay Area are:

- Best Open Social Function
- Best One Day Run
- Best Non-Bike Competitive Event
- Best Food on a Run
- Best Show on a Run
- Best Performance in a Run Show
- Best Buddy Event
- Best Bike Event
- Best Run Theme
- Best Weekend Run Club with Best Overall Field Events
- Buddy Rider of the Year
- Rider of the Year
- Man of the Year

Tickets are on sale from most South of Market bars and bike members. A full bar will be provided at popular club prices. A full weekend of bike-related events is slated. The details can be found in Mr. Marcus' column, "Southern Scandals."

Porn Corner

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This latest Gordon Grant film is a sexual tour de force. It features Grant, along with a handsome young stud. The scene opens with the young man practicing basketball; along comes Gordon who stands and admires the boy. Gordon's mind pictures what it might be like to go with the fellow.

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by George Robert

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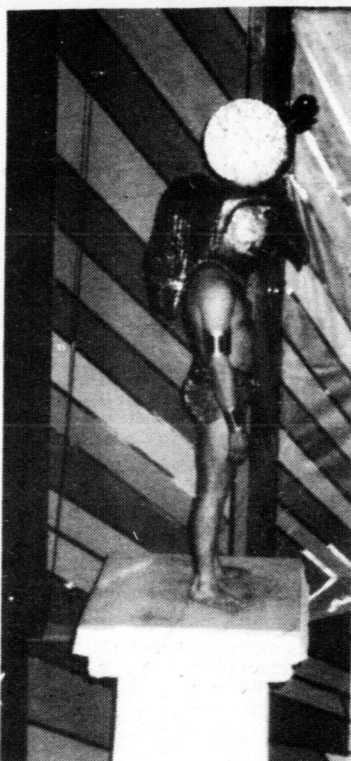
For the first time in the annals of Gay camp royalty, a truly South of Market personality was crowned Empress XII de San Francisco. In addition, the new monarch is also the youngest man ever to be so honored. Mike Nameth AKA Jane Doe was crowned in the traditional camp ceremony at the Galleria two Saturdays ago in one of the most elaborate and breathtakingly beautiful coronations this town has seen. Well over a thousand spectators witnessed the outgoing of Empress XI Flame with epitome of professional-

persons from virtually every state of the Union enchantingly bedazzled by the splendor, the pomp and circumstance of an Egyptian theme with activities centered on the absolutely perfect and resplendent set created by Empress VI Cristal and Grand Duke Lee Dow. The costumes of the outgoing Imperial Cardinal Court were masterpieces of elegance and authenticity as royal courts from West Coast and as far east as Denver paraded their feathery, crowns, robes and masterpieces of glitter, presentations before The Flame. The music, lighting and sound were the epitome of professional-



JANE DOE, Empress XII

voters had made their choice earlier in the day as the campaign workers beat the bushes, streets, alleyways and byways for votes. The Flame called for the tally which was brought forth by Czarina Voodoo; there was no trace of emotion on The Flame's face as she ordered the Czarina of



One of the Egyptian Gods

ism and the Tavern Guild week. The three candidates for the title - Jane Doe, Dale Evans and Herman act. Visitors from New York, London, Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City, Boston, Miami, Honolulu, Houston and other provincial towns were awestruck with the affair which was captured in breathtaking technicolor by Hal Call of Cinemattachine and can be seen daily at the Adonis Bookstore throughout this

Polk Street to notify the winner. All doors were shut as the audience hushed to a speculative murmur. Then, the trumpets blasted forth

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"No, madame, not now. I'm not up to it yet!" says Donald Sutherland as "Casanova." Theater, must rank as the land screw and be screwed disappointment of the by an assortment of month ... and possibly women, all of whom the bore of the year. Two remain completely hours and 40 minutes of clothed in all the vital watching Donald Suther- areas throughout, which

makes a viewer wonder what is causing the never-ending closeups of Sutherland having strenuous facial orgasms. To Sutherland's great credit, he never yawns once as we watch him age and fornicate; he even manages to struggle through dialogue that can most kindly be described as hackneyed, but the film reveals little of Sutherland's abilities ... or Fellini's.

It would seem in recent years that the director who gave us "La Strada," "La Dolce Vita" and "8½" has nothing more to say; so he says nothing but concentrates upon creating wonderful paintings of little substance. The photography by Giuseppe Rotunno is exceptional, the opening scene inspired; but once Fellini gets on to the business at hand, it's downhill all the way. He slights all of Casanova's other achievements to concentrate on his love of women, often to appear nothing more than a blithering fool spouting gibber. Fellini certainly creates the atmosphere of the arid, lonely life of the great lover, but Casanova is depicted as such a pathetic caricature of the great stud that we are never interested in him; we never learn anything about him; a few midgets, amazons and grotesque faces fail to arouse any emotion; and all the opulent sets, lavish costumes and smoky, diffused lighting fail to make Fellini look anything more than a good cameraman on a self-indulgent ego trip.

After "Satyricon" and "Casanova," I'm inclined to think whatever Fellini had ... he HAD!

Club:
Louis St. Louis

Now appearing through Feb. 27 at The Mocambo, Polk & Sutter, is singer-pianist-composer Louis St. Louis. St. Louis is a dynamic new talent upon the nightclub/recording scene who writes sensitive lyrics, as in "It Would Take A Miracle," and good solid musical harmonies. His first album is due out soon, and that may establish him with the general public. He performs



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nothing but his own music, for the disco set. That which is generally excellent but makes a demand upon an unfamiliar audience; and his current act swings alternately between driving disco and tender ballads, with little variation. He is backed by five fine musicians and a trio called The Voices of Life, who get short shrift and deserve more. However, St. Louis, with his campy fey patter and superlative musicianship, offers a fast hour of good music, particularly

Film:
Pumping Iron



Arnold Schwarzenegger gives the camera the full aspect for "Pumping Iron."

Well, boys in the gym, it was inevitable that someday you would get a film of your own. Bodybuilding, like many previously slighted subjects, finally has zoomed into the limelight in the past few years. There is now a public that has heard about Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lou Ferrigno and Franco Columbu, who have been educated about bodybuilding to where the old stigmas and stereotypes have finally started to vanish. Now, along comes "Pumping Iron," a documentary about bodybuilders by George Gaines, co-produced with Jerome Gary and co-directed with Robert Fiore ... and it's excellent all the way down the line.



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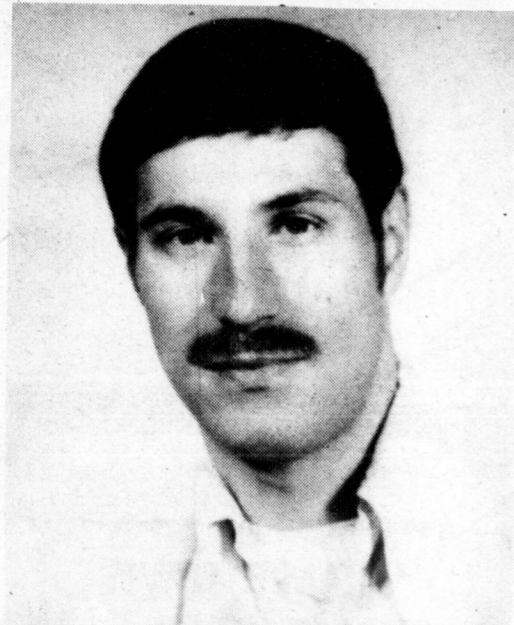
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Focusing upon a half dozen of the top name bodybuilders, the film relates the attitudes, friendships, torturous training, jealousies and competitiveness preparatory to the awarding of the 1975 Mr. Olympia, the highest title that can be won in professional bodybuilding.

We not only gain respect for the seriousness of the men involved, we come to know them personally in interviews and their candid reactions to each other backstage. The film really ought to be entitled "Psyching Out," because that's the name of the game. And the greatest exponent of it is Arnold Schwarzenegger; the complete authority and confidence with which he reigns as the number one bodybuilder in the world today is awe-inspiring. He is a master at psyching out his opponent; in '75, it was Ferrigno, and there is a great scene where he breakfasts the day of competition with the entire Ferrigno clan, and at the end of mutually psyching pleasantries, he smiles and tells Ferrigno, "If only the contest was a month later, you would have been ready!" Besides having an incredible physique, Schwarzenegger has tremendous charisma onscreen and is a super-cool hustler. It is because the film concentrates primarily upon him that it succeeds so well.

We also develop compassion for Mike Katz as we see him lose and come in fourth in his class, and then cheer because it was

won by his nemesis Ken Waller, who was a fellow American. We see Waller's face calculatedly watching Katz in judging, then hiding Katz's shirt just before Katz has to go on to distract his concentration. We see the flash of stark fear on Lou Ferrigno's face when his father comes storming up onstage to whisper last minute advice. There are no real villains or heroes in the film; but Matty Ferrigno, Lou's father, a former cop turned trainer, comes close as he comes across with maniacal determination to make his son a champion. If they ever film Ferrigno's life, Ethel Merman should play his father.

The documentary is beautifully photographed by Fiore, and even if you care nothing whatever about muscles, contests or bodybuilders (contrary to public image, there is nothing more sterile than watching great chunks of muscle all at once; it is hardly an erotic event, despite all the flesh on view), you get caught up in the personalities involved, you respect how much it means to them and the work entailed; and you have to laugh at the Machiavellian intrigues backstage.

"Pumping Iron" is a giant step forward for the sport of bodybuilding and it's also good filmmaking. It will open next Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Clay Theater, with Ed Corney giving posing exhibitions nightly between showings. For a good offbeat film, give it a try!

Interview:
Mr. Clive Barnes

Clive Barnes, the illustrious critic for the NEW YORK TIMES and the most feared theater critic in America, visited S.F. last week to cast his official approval upon the San Francisco Ballet, notably "Romeo and Juliet," and recommend that it should definitely venture to New York for East Coast exposure. With Barnes' approval (he is considered one of the finest dance critics in the world), that will elevate the San Francisco Ballet to a national company of importance. He also saw three of A.C.T.'s productions and even ventured to "BBB Goes Bananas," which he said he thought could also be successful in New York.

I found Mr. Barnes to be a witty, erudite man who

truly loves the theater. When questioned about his reputation as being able to kill off any Broadway show with a wave of his pen, he said, "I don't like that said about me. It's not true. There are several shows that I'd like to close. Look at the musicals now playing in New York; I don't think I liked any of them except 'Chorus Line'. I hated 'The Wiz,' 'Godspell' and 'Jesus Christ Supertrash' but they're all very successful. Tell me a show I closed? The NEW YORK TIMES is important, it's not me. Anyone in my position would have the same reputation."

Mr. Barnes met with several of the local critics in San Francisco to discuss the possibility of forming a Drama Critics

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Circle, as they have in New York, which hand out their own awards to shows and performers each year. They have two meetings a year and do nothing else except give their awards. "I think it's a good idea for critics to get together. It has a professional advantage, but I don't know about awards. I'm very ambiguous about awards. In London, at intermission, everyone talks about the play; in New York, no one talks about the play. I think awards are really for producers. They have some cash value at the box office. We are now trying to get a national critics circle across the country, which I think is an excellent idea."

critic is not a sort of never walk out because it Gallup Poll. He is paid to give his own opinion. I think we really like the theater and we're trying to bridge reality between the audience and the straight artist. I happen to be a theater worker who writes for a newspaper but I'm certainly involved with the theater. My function is not to be a judge but an advocate. We are all so subject to the corruptions of loving what we're doing... We need fringe papers desperately in a time of monolithic pressure... to fall asleep is the ultimate criticism. I've trained myself not to react. Producers even watch you for body language, so I always sit with a straight spine. I just watch Walter Kerr and I do the same wooden Indian he does. And I've had several inquiries lately about show-case rooms for singers who want to try out material. Let me recommend the new Chez Jacques at Hyde and California, which has small revues Wed., Fri. and Sat. nights at 9:30 and 11:30. Singer-pianist Doug Trantham (who may be seen every Monday with Ruth Hastings at Le Domino, 17th & Florida, with their excellent Jacques Brel revue) auditions singers by appointment to perform for guest stints with some pay. Staple of the show is a glib charmer named Dana Balin, who sings Broadway showtunes, throws fast adlibs and keeps the evening moving at a high level. I also recommend Joe Nobriega's Showcase at Franklin and Turk Sts. every Tuesday night

Glitter & The Gay



"Don't move, my earring's caught in your hair!" says Ellen Kerrigan to Robert Wood in "Pirates of Penzance."

where it's drop in and sing a number or two (sign up when you get there, whatever kind of act you do, and be prepared to wait a little while and have a drink). While you're roaming, scouting for talent, try the Fickle Fox at 18th & Valencia on weekends with Denis Moreen at the piano; the *P.S. on Polk at Post, Wed. thru Sat. nights with Bob Sandner; Nobriega's Showcase at Franklin and Turk Sts. every Tuesday night

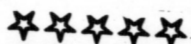
Coming Attractions

Opening Thurs., Feb. 24, at the Montgomery Playhouse on Broadway will be Mark McIntire as "JFK," a one-man show with film and visual aids. Then on March 7 the Alcazar Theater at 650 Geary will re-open (after that disastrous "Alice Who?") with London's longest running play, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." The play is still running in London after 25 years; director Lee D. Sankwich will be happy with just half that run at the Alcazar. On Sunday, Feb. 27, "Out of This World," I humbly admit, will celebrate its 100th performance at 7:30 (397-3700); then on March 3, Ben Vereen, direct from "Roots" as Chicken George, will make his way into the Venetian Room of the Fairmont; then March 5 will see the opening night of The Lamp-lighters with Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" thru April 16 at Turk and Masonic (752-7755). In our local nightclubs - The Mocambo brings in Kaye Ballard on March 1, which should be dynamite, followed by Larry Kert and Pamela Myers of the original cast of "Company," an exciting double bill. The City, Broadway & Montgomery, not to be outdone, has Della Reese scheduled for March 15, followed for three weeks by the inimitable Charles Pierce, followed by the return of Wayland Flowers. Currently

Final Bulletin

Let us all kiss Anita Bryant, who it is rumored has terminal scurvy, a quick goodbye from our lives. Mother Bryant has formally protested a new legislation in Miami, Florida, allowing the hiring of teachers regardless of sexual orientation. She claims she worked with homosexuals in show biz all her life, but doesn't want any teaching her children. She is concerned with "role models" for the young. Her manager husband is protesting that her stand has caused her job jeopardy with the Florida Citrus organization for whom she has shamelessly pandered orange juice since 1968. It seems Mother Bryant wants her cake and drink it too; she doesn't mind causing someone else to lose their right to work, but it's not fair if they do it to her. If she wants to talk about role models, how about a bigoted hypocrite selling orange juice on television... for EVERYONE! So far, the Florida Citrus organization refuses to do anything about Mrs. Bryant's commercials. Anyone for a California orange?

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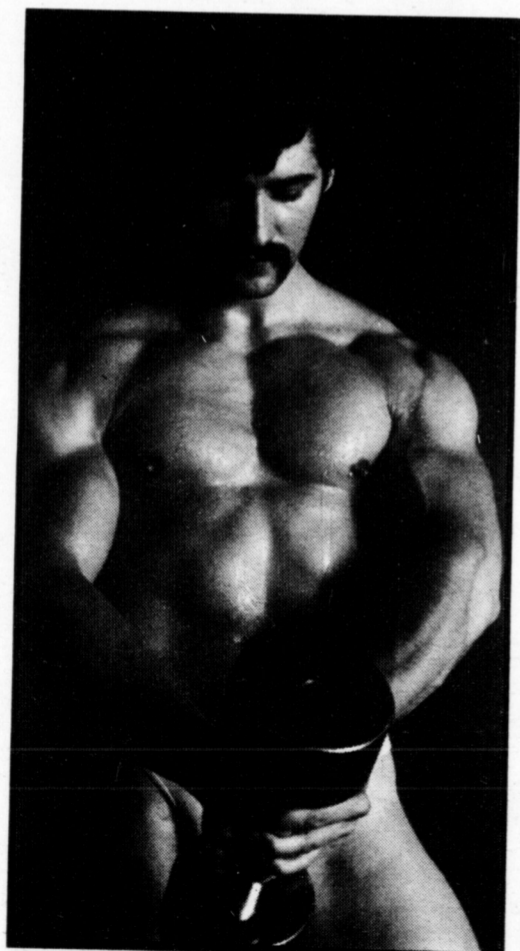
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Jamie Davis at The 'Q.T.'

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appearing at Jackson's, Bay and Powell, on Fisherman's Wharf for the Sunday Brunch from 2-6 pm.

Original Jacksons Features New Singer

Denise Kilbourne opened this past weekend at Original Jackson's Restaurant, 2237 Powell St. in S.F. Most recently she has appeared in the Cole

Porter - Noel Coward reviews with "Absinthe Frappe" and "Kilbourne & Hastings," a cabaret review at Le Domino. Appearing Friday and Saturday nights with three shows starting at 9:00 pm, she has transformed one of the city's oldest dining houses into one of the most lively places in our town. No cover or minimum.

"Bill Bonney Bar" Open at Cinch

Peter Hawkins, manager of the Cinch (1723 Polk), is celebrating Billy the Kid Day on Saturday, Feb. 19. After meeting Billy's direct descendant, Bill Bonney, at the Yacht Club where he tends bar, Hawkins decided to name the Cinch's new bar, which is adjacent to their newly-opened patio, after the illustrious turn-of-the-century outlaw and his local great-great-great-great-grandson.

On Saturday, between 2 and 6 pm, Hawkins invites the community to join him for the grand opening of the Cinch's Bill Bonney Bar. In line with the Cinch's unique country and western musical motif, entertainment at the party will feature Ramrod, one of the Bay Area's most dynamic country-rock bands. Hawkins commented, "The Cinch is a different kind of place than the other bars on Polk. The C&W music sets an atmosphere for the bar - friendly and relaxed - that offers something of a respite from the hectic break-neck pace of the disco beat."

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As a result of her last appearance at The City, week or more.

Dave McElhatton, now the new anchorperson at KPX said: "The last time I heard somebody talk this way about a woman singer from Brooklyn, it was Barbra Streisand." Dave was talking about the rave review from Steve Baffrey on KCBS. Steve liked her just as much second-time around. For information, phone 391-7920.

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Punk Rock and the Gay

by H. Klein

A few days ago I interviewed Danny Fields, Editor of SIXTEEN MAGAZINE and manager of New York's premier punk-rock band, the Ramones. I asked Danny about the reception the Ramones' newly-released second LP, RAMONES LEAVE HOME, was getting in the Gay community. Even though the Ramones' music is the vanguard of the new music that is sweeping the country, and even though they are one of the first rock bands to deal with explicitly Gay subjects, and even though it has been reported in the press that at least one Ramone supplements his income by hustling in N.Y., Gays have not turned on to the band.

"Disco is the music of the organized Gay scene," Danny told B.A.R. "If those people were true to their colors and their leather, you'd think they'd be into the punk-rock music, or at least the Ramones. Musically it represents what they represent themselves as stylistically: brief, tough, efficient, hard, muscular, sexy, sort of brutal in an amylnitratish kind of instant head high way. But you take off the leather and there's a ribbon clerk underneath and he likes Barry White."

Actually Danny and the Ramones may be in for a surprise. True, the New York leather scene is all disco-oriented musically, but here on the West Coast Gay men have a far more liberal attitude toward their music. The Blue Oyster Cult, a Ramones forerunner as far as leather jackets, fascistic posing and biker imagery is concerned, has had tremendous success among Gays in California. In fact, after doing a heavy Gay publicity trip in L.A. and San Francisco on the release of their 5th LP, the Cult not only got their first gold record certification, but had their single, "(Don't Fear) The Reaper," named #1 record of 1976 by the ROLLING STONE and CREEM. Chris Knab of Aquarius Records on Castro St. says that the Cult album was a giant seller. "It didn't really compete with Donna Summer, but we were sellin' 'em by the box-load all year." Toad Hall picked up on it long before KFRC or KYA.

Similarly, it was the Gay community in S.F. and Berkeley that gave punk-rock's high priestess Patti Smith her tremendous support in the Bay Area. And on the local punk-rock scene, most of the musicians wear keys. So, Ramones, don't be too surprised if you take off some leather when you're

out here and find something other than a ribbon clerk. The Ramones will be playing at the Mabuhay Gardens on Broadway on Feb. 22 and 23 and at the Keystone Berkeley on Feb. 28 and 29.

For this issue of B.A.R., I've reviewed - of course - the new Ramones album and the latest LP's by AC/DC, Australia's hottest new rock band, and Emmylou Harris, as well as HIGH VOLTAGE. The new album makes the Ramones debut LP seem primitive, and I think it was one of the five most worthwhile albums of '76. LEAVE HOME follows the same basic formula of short, hard-driving, lyrically-simple rock numbers. The difference, basically, is that this album is produced - and well-produced at that. The boys sound great and their music is a thousand times more accessible, which is real good news for a non-Ramones fan.

The Ramones have been sayin' all along that their music is the kind of good, old-fashioned rock 'n' roll that many rock fans so keenly miss in this day where middle-of-the-road means millions of sales. Well, perhaps LEAVE HOME won't sell millions of records, but it certainly does bring to fruition the Ramones' dream. "I Remember You" sounds like it was written by Lennon and McCartney. "Oh, Oh I Love Her So" goes even further back for its musical roots. That's what the Ramones' songs all do - go back to roots, to a time when rock was greater than it was commercial. "Glad to See You Go" and "Suzy is a Headbanger," however, are not only real rockers, they are also commercial and could easily be AM radio hits.

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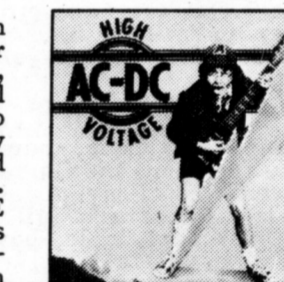


LUXURY LINER
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Emmylou Harris

It took a while, but Emmylou Harris is finally being recognized as the great country singer she is. Her last album, ELITE HOTEL, was the fourth best-selling country album of '76 and, according to BILLBOARD, Emmylou sold more albums than any other female country singer, more than Linda Ronstadt, more than Dolly Parton, more than Tammy, Tanya, Jessi, Crystal or Olivia! The release of her third album, LUXURY LINER, guarantees that 1977 will be an even better year for Emmylou. That's because LUXURY LINER is easily her best album yet, far surpassing, for its subtle beauty and tender power, her first two records.

Emmylou's gorgeously plaintive voice carries the record where some of the material is so mellow that for a lesser performer it could have easily spelled catastrophe. But for her it's a chance to show off the true genius of country music's best song stylist. Where "C'est La Vie," an up-beat Cajun foot-stomper by Chuck Berry, and the rockin' title cut are easy to get right into, it's on the slower, stirring numbers that Emmylou really shines. And, as on the last album and in her live shows, the band supports her without flaw. Again, as on her first two records, Rodney Crowell has contributed the best song, this time a number called "You're Supposed To Be Feeling Good," which gets a run for its money from Susanna Clark's "I'll Be Your San Antonio Rose" (a song which'll have Bob Willis smiling in his grave).

High Voltage (ATCO)



Well, looks like there's a healthy punk-rock scene outside of New York City after all. In fact, AC/DC from Australia (of all places), out-punk the Ramones and even the Dictators. In fact, this is probably the most down and dirty rock 'n' roll band in history. The ROLLING STONE claimed HIGH VOLTAGE, their first U.S. release, "brought rock music to an all-time low." Poor STONE; time's just passin' it right by. HIGH VOLTAGE is what rock 'n' roll is all about. It's music that carries away the imagination in an orgy of sheer madness. Where the East Coast punk-rockers are a bunch of posing pussies, when it really comes right down to it, somehow you get the idea that these English and Australian punkers are the real thing. Their music certainly is.

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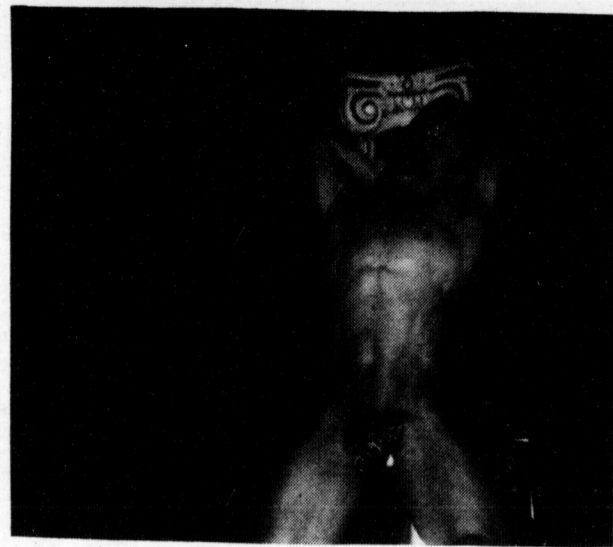
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Points South, East & North

by Gene

The E.A.S.T.B.A.Y. Ass'n will sponsor the Red & White Ball at the Lake Merritt Hotel, Feb. 19. This promises to be a fun-filled event. In S.F. that same night the Barbary Coasters Academy Awards will be held at the 350 Fremont St. with scores from Southern and Northern California and places like Denver, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver. Stop by the Bank Club at 264 14th St. in Oakland and check out the happenings. New owner Clancey and his crew are going all out to make you feel welcome. The Turf Club in Hayward will be the scene of the 20th Anniversary of Jack & Jim, the cordial owners. Twenty years together deserves a tip-of-the-hat in my book; the function starts at 6:30. There will be a pot luck dinner with a few fun surprises thrown in. Stop by and wish Jack & Jim well. The Chandelier in Hayward is throwing a birthday party to end all birthday parties and all are welcome. There will be special treats for Boyd, Chatty Kathy, Don & Gary, Gayle & Tinkerbelle. Whiskey Gulch Saloon is celebrating Mardi Gras on Feb. 19. This will be a bang-up affair. The



A Desperado Birthday dancer.

Park Street Station has full liquor and, for you workday lunch types, home-made Chili and Draft Beer for \$1.19 - beat that! The Crystal Saloon is now featuring Hot Roast Beef Sandwich with salad and potatoes on Wednesdays for \$1.50 and also their famous Steak Dinner, with all the trimmings, Saturdays for only \$2.75 from 4 till 8 pm.

When down in Monterey, don't forget to stop by the After Dark on Lighthouse Ave. - hot disco and "Moonlight Deck" are in the offering.

The Brave Bull in Modesto will celebrate its 1st Anniversary on Feb. 24, starting about 8-ish and featuring go-go dancers and souvenir buttons. Trot down and visit.



Desperados' owner John & his First Anniversary Cake.

Garden, directly across the street, features a \$1.50 Champagne Brunch with specials each day - a perfect way to top off the day after spending a quiet relaxing day at the B.Q. Sauna, just two doors down.

For those of you who like to travel out of town to play, or if you live in the East Bay, don't forget the B.Q. OAKLAND which opened Valentine's Day (how appropriate!) and features a 60-ft. swimming pool and a colonial style patio. Try 'em.

The Desperados hosted the Coronation of Hal, Emperor-Rey Pro-Tem, and Tonna, Empress-Reina IX. These titles will be in effect until June when new elections will take place. Best wishes to Alex, Empress-Reina VIII, who recently abdicated. The Coronation was well-attended and all were treated to a good show starring, among others, Diamond John.

The Sundown Saloon is open now on Friday and Saturday nights and features soft drinks and food ONLY - no beer & wine - till further notice. Call 655-8886 or write CCCEB, P.O. Box 9326, Berkeley, Ca. 94709. The founders meet every Sunday at 1:00pm at 3217A Adeline.

Gay Ctr. to Form

An East Bay Gay community center is in the making. It will be for all Gay women and Gay men, and will provide space for: classes, meetings, parties, hanging out, a coffee house, legal and employment services, and extra space for other East Bay Gay organizations, such as the Pacific Center, E.A.S.T.B.A.Y. and the Gay Men's Raps. It needs support, both help and money.

The Center will be selling buttons, encouraging donations, and holding parties and events to raise money.

Their books will always be open to anyone's examination, and none of the organizers are paid to help us get the center off the ground; there's lots of work for everyone. Call 655-8886 or write CCCEB, P.O. Box 9326, Berkeley, Ca. 94709. The founders meet every Sunday at 1:00pm at 3217A Adeline.

San Jose's Watergarden Blossoms

"San Jose is finally getting its act together" with its newly-opened, one and only baths at 1010 The Alameda, San Jose. Watergarden held its invitational preview on Jan. 29 and officially opened Feb. 4. The private membership recreational facility met with acclaim for its specially constructed modern atmosphere.

According to the Watergarden staff, "Members approach the 250-locker area via an indoor arboretum. One then enters a 48-room maze with rust-colored carpeted corridors, lighted in complimentary fashion, at the end of which is a dimly-lit theater, scheduled to feature selected films.

The lounge, smartly decorated in modern style, offers conversational areas and gaming tables for relaxation, and adjoins the television room.

A completely equipped food concession room offers every type of vending machine, including hot sandwiches via a microwave oven."

Health facilities include carousels adjacent to a tri-level steam room, and special restroom facilities with access to an outdoor, beautifully landscaped garden area. Future plans call for an outdoor swimming pool.

The 24-hour spa has, at present, an average attendance of 150 members and offers free parking.

Tucson City Council Bans Gay Discrimination

TUCSON - On Monday, Feb. 7, the Tucson City Council passed, by unanimous vote, an amendment banning discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual or affectional preference and/or marital status. The Tucson Gay Coalition has worked long and hard in getting this amendment to discriminatory practices against homosexuals passed. An attorney in the City Attorney's office has already been assigned to prosecute offenders. The penalty for violation

of this ordinance as amended is a \$300 fine and/or six months' jail sentence.

Gay Runs for Ft. Lauderdale Mayor

FT. LAUDERDALE - Fort Lauderdale Gays have announced the candidacy of Roger Lockett, a 45-year-old real estate broker, to run for mayor in this resort city's upcoming elections. The election is a "free-for-all" with 19 candidates running for five seats as city commissioners. The candidate who gets the highest amount of votes becomes the mayor. Because of the fragmented nature of the voting, a high Gay turnout could assure Lockett's election as one of the commissioners. "I'm pretty sure he'll be elected city commissioner, if not mayor," said local activist Allan Rockway.

Lockett's decision to run for public office comes in the wake of an anti-Gay campaign being waged by the city's current mayor, E. Clay Shaw. Shaw had asked for an investigation of Gay hotel interests in Lauderdale and also denounced the rise of male prostitution.

"If a family from the Midwest comes to Fort Lauderdale and sees men making love on the beach, what will they think?" the mayor asked. "They'll never come back. We are a family community, not just a tourist town. I don't intend to allow that image to be tarnished by the expediency of a few dollars."

The mayor's remarks stirred an immediate storm and brought about the speedy politicization of the city's large (and wealthy) Gay community. Although Shaw was backed in his anti-Gay campaign by the Fort Lauderdale Resort and Hotel Ass'n, some members of the CoC and others, he has also been strongly criticized. State Rep. John Adams (D-Hollywood), called Shaw's comments "dirty politics" and a FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS editorial assailed the Mayor's "hip shooting remarks."

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Episcopalians Name Gay Man To Sexuality Commission

BOSTON, MASS. - In the same month in which a



Open Gay runs for mayor of Ft. Lauderdale.

Gays in the Military

The Coalition to Defend Gays in the Military is assembling materials, trial transcripts, legal briefs and discharge testimonials. The information will be used as source material for lawyers handling Gay discharge cases and for publication of articles and pamphlets. Volunteers are needed to aid in collecting, editing, filing, writing articles and conducting correspondence. For

Massachusetts parish quit the Episcopal Church because it was "too liberal," Massachusetts Diocese head Bishop John Coburn named an openly Gay man as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Sexuality.

John Lawrence, a member of Integrity/Boston, will participate in the Commission which was mandated by the 1975 convention of the Massachusetts Diocese to make recommendations on sexual issues. Lawrence is the former Director of Education at the Homophile Community Health Service, co-moderator of WBUR's "Gay Way" radio show, and founder of the Gay Nurses Alliance.

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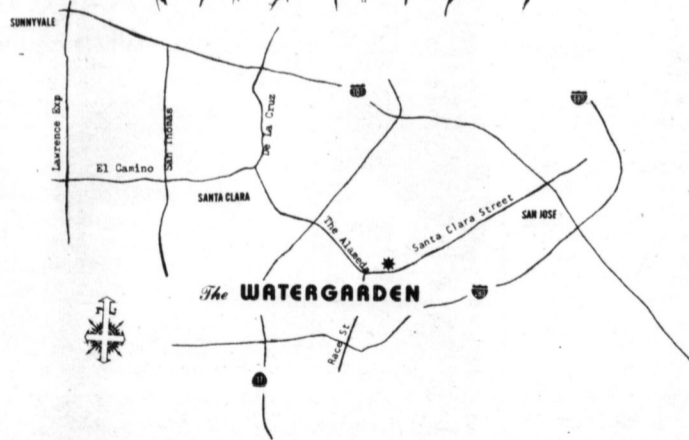


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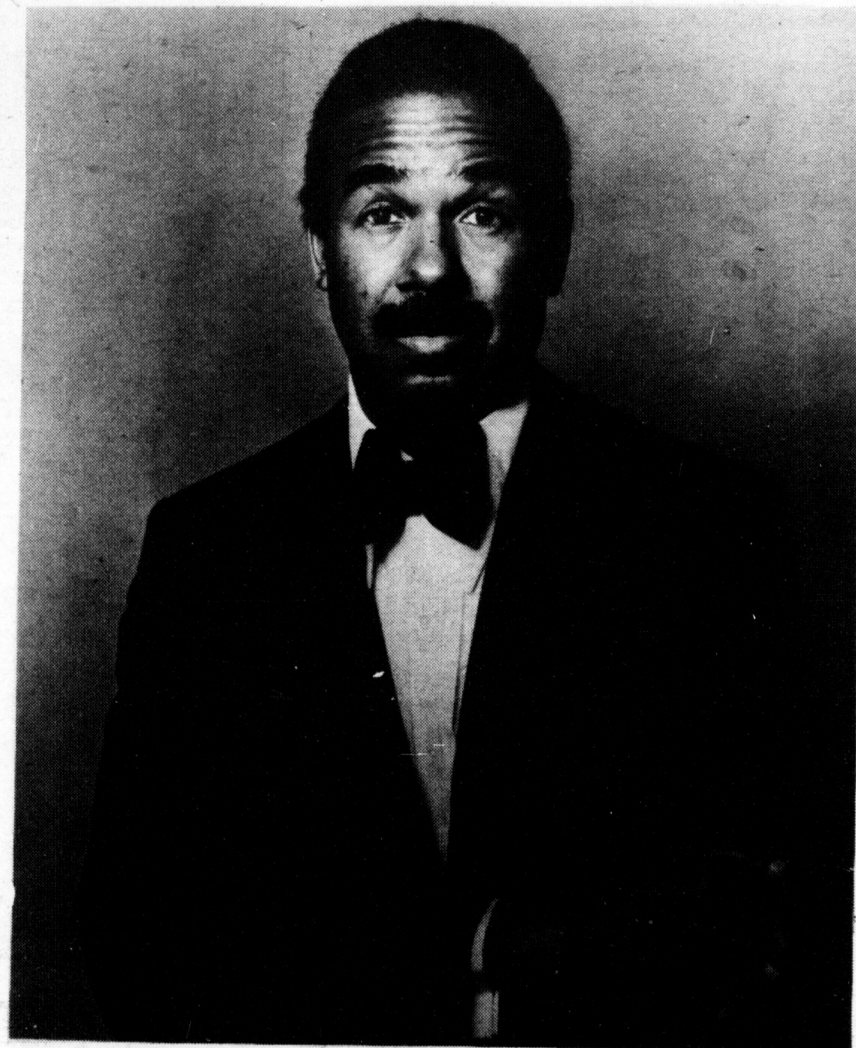
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