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Baths Owners Face Jail, Fines

City Sends Private Eyes to Baths; Claims Violation of Court Order

by Allen White and Ray O'Loughlin

Owners of the 21st Street Baths, the last remaining gay bathhouse open in San Francisco, have been ordered to appear before Superior Court Judge Roy Wonder on May 4 to answer charges that they have violated a 1984 court order prohibiting certain sexual acts in their bathhouse. John Acmoody, William Estep and David Anderson face a possible 70 days in jail and \$14,000 in fines if they are found in contempt of court.

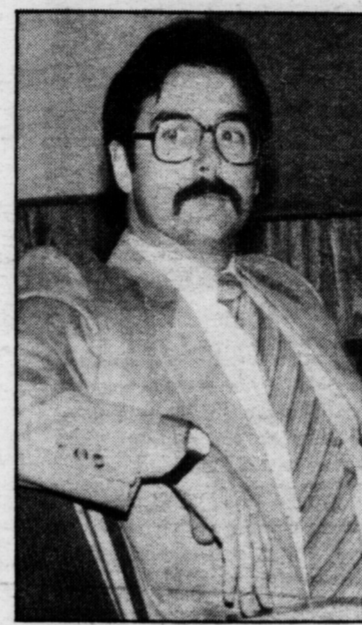
The charges stem from Judge Wonder's 1984 court order specifying the rules under which bathhouses must operate to curtail certain sexual acts contributing to the spread of AIDS. The 21st Street Baths has been accused of not monitoring the behavior of patrons, allowing some to commit high risk sex acts on the premises.

According to court records, the city of San Francisco once again relied on private investigators — the same firm used in the original case — to find evidence of unsafe sex going on in the bathhouse.

Tom Steel, attorney for the bathhouse owners, branded the allegations as "outrageous," "a distortion of the facts," and "gross exaggerations."

The two investigators, Kevin Aiken and Pierre Merkl, came from the Lipset Agency. They visited 21st Street Baths a number of times over a six-month period. Their reports on activities they claim to have witnessed taking place in the bathhouse are filled with lurid detail, extraneous descriptions, and dicey innuendo. They state that at no time did they see any employee of

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'We need to discuss if there should be changes and what kind of changes should be made. Possibly, more monitors are needed. Possibly, a better job should be done of informing people.'

—Attorney Tom Steel
(Photo: Rink)



Peace, Jobs and Justice was the theme of a massive march against U.S. policy in Central America last Saturday. Many gay men and lesbians were among 50,000 marchers. For more details, turn to p. 14.

(Photo: Steve Savage)



Only in The Castro. Ken Russell's "uncut boyfriend" solicited chuckles from Herb Caen to Castro clones.
(Photo: Scott Martin)

Pope Report: FBI Questions Cromey; Protest Ban Feared

by Charles Lineberger

A minister involved in the preparations for the papal visit protests in September has been questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Rev. Robert Warren Cromey, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, told Bay Area Reporter that the FBI recently quizzed him about potential protests which may come up when Pope John Paul II visits San Francisco this fall.

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Bobby Reynolds He Humanized the Politics of AIDS

by Allen White

Bobby Reynolds, a symbol of courage, hope and survival in the AIDS crisis, died Monday morning, April 27, in his San Francisco home. Diagnosed with AIDS in March 1982, he was one of a group of people who chose to publicly fight to bring attention to the disease. He demanded respect with the often repeated phrase "people with AIDS are not victims."

Reynolds' first involvement as an AIDS activist came in June 1982 when he spoke to a group of volunteers at a then relatively unknown group called Shanti. At the time the group met at St. Luke's Hospital and was headquartered in Berkeley.

Shanti executive director Jim Geary remembers, "He was dazed, scattered but oh, so vulnerable. He

wanted so much to serve, teach and help. He sat seemingly naked in a room full of strangers and bared his heart for all to see. He made himself and AIDS real for each of us to learn from and he didn't know what a gift he was giving and how beautifully he shone."

Andrew Lewallen, a Shanti volunteer and a person with AIDS, remembers how Reynolds joined with about 20 other people with AIDS for the first AIDS candlelight march in May 1983. With Gary Walsh and Bobbi Campbell, Reynolds began the very personal crusade exemplified by the banner leading the march which stated "Fighting For Our Lives."

When they began, Lewallen remembers, "We
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Bobby Reynolds
(Photo: Rink)

Today

Fantasy: What if a million people show up next September to give their respect for papal bull? Jerry Althoff imagines, page 13.

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New Police Captain Pledges To Work With Community

Lennon Promoted to Division Commander;
Brush Takes Helm at Mission Station

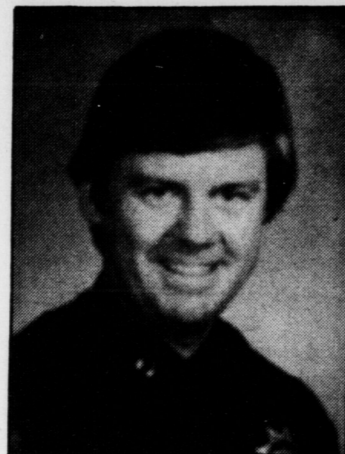
by Ray O'Loughlin

A series of promotions and reassignments in the San Francisco Police Department have brought a new administration to Mission Station which patrols the Castro area. Capt. Michael Lennon, well-respected in the gay community during his 15-month tenure as head of Mission, is now the commander in charge of the Metropolitan Division overseeing four stations. To replace Lennon, Capt. Michael Brush has moved from Park Station to Mission.

In other reassignments, Lieut. George Kowalski has left the homicide division to become second in command at Mission. Sgt. Paul Seidler will leave community relations to join the staff at Ingleside Station. And Off. Ray Benson will move from Mission Station to the community relations unit downtown.

While Lennon's promotion was hailed as a positive move for the gay community, questions were raised about what effect Brush's appointment would have at Mission.

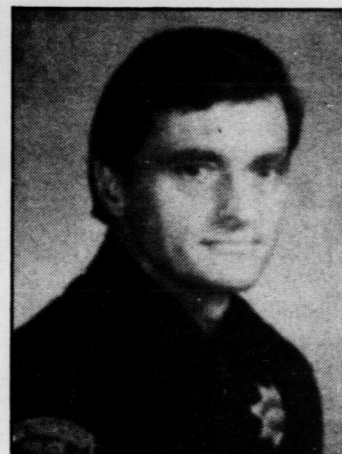
Brush, 46, has served in the SFPD for 25 years. He has been captain at Park Station since August 1986. Prior to that, Brush served in the department's personnel office, in communications, and in the crime lab. He served briefly as a patrol officer in the 1960s before being assigned to the narcotics squad.



Capt. Michael Brush

Brush said he expected to continue the strong community relations between the gay community and the police begun by his two predecessors, Vic Macia, now a deputy chief, and Lennon.

"It's a challenging assign-



Lieut. George Kowalski

ment," said Brush. "Mission Station is a far more active area than Park." Mission is one of the three largest stations in San Francisco.

On the job only two weeks, Brush said he was still learning

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Commander Mike Lennon

'Any Help I Can Give'

The promotion of Capt. Mike Lennon to commander of the SFPD's Metropolitan Division can be seen only as a plus for police-gay community relations. In his new job, the likeable former head of Mission Station will oversee operations in the Central, Northern, Southern and Park police districts.

All four districts serve a significant number of gay people, especially Northern Station that includes Polk Street. Park Station includes Haight Street and the Buena Vista Park area in its territory. Central Station includes part of the Tenderloin and Southern patrols the South of Market area.

"Any help I can give in those areas," said Lennon, "I'd be glad to be an intermediary and do what I can to bring people together."

Asked about Northern Station which has the reputation for be-

ing difficult for gay and lesbian groups to work with, Lennon replied, "If there's a problem there, we'd like to be working partners with groups like CUAV, as we did in the Mission."

As for the problem on Polk Street of runaway and throwaway teens hanging out, Lennon said it wasn't merely a police problem. "The solution to that is beyond the police," he told B.A.R. "A lot depends on what the city wants to do about the whole problem."

Lennon also said he would like to see gay and lesbian officers working throughout the city's



Capt. Mike Lennon
(Photo: Rink)

nine police districts instead of mostly at Mission Station. "If we're ever to integrate the department, you don't do that by packing one station," he said.

—R. O'Loughlin

Seidler to Protest Reassignment

Sgt. Paul Seidler, long-time liaison between the SFPD and the gay community, was not happy about his new assignment to Ingleside Station where he will be patrol sergeant. Seidler had held the position for over six years.

"I don't care how they dress it up, it's punishment," he said bitterly.

"I was never notified that my work was lacking in any way. Without warning, I was called in and told of the transfer. It did not go through the chain of command," he said.

Seidler told B.A.R. that he had been told he was being transferred because his work was "non-responsive to community affairs." Seidler defended his work, however, saying that he had kept his superiors informed on issues and moved as quickly as events allowed.

"It's a punitive move," said Seidler. "Everybody sees it as

that." He plans to file a grievance with the help of the Police Officers Association.

Chief Frank Jordan told B.A.R. that Seidler's transfer was not in any way punitive. Jordan said that he had made that decision himself out of concern for Seidler. "I give him a lot of credit for the job he's done," said Jordan, "and he's done an excellent job. But in the last few months, I've seen the impact on him of the stress of the job coming from the tense issues he's had to deal with. I think it's important to give him an opportunity to do something else, a new direction."

Officer Ray Benson, who will move to the community relations



Sgt. Paul Seidler
(Photo: Rink)

unit next week, said he had not yet discussed his duties with his new supervisor. Benson said he was "looking forward to the new assignment and to building bridges between the community and the department."

—R. O'Loughlin



Art Agnos is the choice of the Harvey Milk Club. Ron Huberman said, "Our credibility is up for grabs." (Photo: Rink)

Milk Club Endorses Despite Objections

Members Ruled Out of Order
For Criticizing Club Action

by Allen White

Not surprisingly, the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club endorsed Art Agnos for mayor at their meeting last Tuesday night. The endorsement was announced after a barrage of attacks on the endorsement process which eliminated any participation by a candidate other than Agnos.

The news of the decision by the club to officially back Agnos came in the current issue of the Milk Club newsletter, GayVote, which members received last Friday.

Ron Huberman, a former vice-president of the club, was asked by GayVote editor Karl Tierney to write his views supporting Sup. John Molinari and opposing Agnos. The invitation, according to Tierney, was requested in the interest of fairness.

Tierney told B.A.R. that the story was then pulled because "we didn't want GayVote scapegoated if Agnos lost." He said the decision to pull the story was made by several members of the political action committee of the club. He would not name those who made the decision but did acknowledge that Mike Housch, an aide to Assemblyman Art Agnos, was one of the people.

Maurice Belote, president of the Milk Club, was more blunt, saying, "We are not obligated to be fair, we're a political club."

The arrogance of the position raised questions by club members as to the credibility of the organization. Hank Wilson charged that the club had invited no candidates to speak. He noted that in addition to Molinari, Roger Boas is also a candidate. Wilson criticized the club for not giving members the opportunity to ask all candidates "the hard questions."

Wilson was joined by club members Paul Wotman and Mark Senick who both said "the process stinks." Senick also noted that no candidates other than Agnos were at the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting Senick had tried to introduce a motion postponing the endorsement for a month. It was his position that the club had erred in pulling the Huberman article from GayVote. Huberman asked if, in fact, the club had actually put a motion on the floor to endorse anyone.

Other Clubs to Endorse Later

by Charles Lineberger

Although the Harvey Milk Club already has endorsed Art Agnos for mayor at its April 28 meeting, the Alice B. Toklas and Stonewall Clubs say they will wait to make their endorsements later in the campaign.

The president of the Stonewall Club, Wayne Moore, said what was in the minds of many when he said of the move by the Milk Club leadership, "It's an open secret that the Milk Club is in the Agnos camp just as Alice is in the Molinari camp. I just hope this election doesn't sink into becoming a mud-slinging match between different groups of gay people."

Moore said that Stonewall probably wouldn't be making its endorsement until this summer. He said that Stonewall members were probably evenly divided between Molinari supporters and Agnos supporters.

Greg Day of the Alice B. Toklas Club is one of 50 co-chairs for the Molinari campaign. Day said of the endorsement process by Alice, "Our plans are to interview all the candidates and hopefully have a debate between them before we begin the endorsement process."

Talking about the first meeting of the Molinari campaign co-chairs, back in March, Day said that he felt they represented a diverse group of people.

"Jack's got a broad base of support," said Day, "a very diverse group of political and community groups, Republicans, elected members of the Demo-

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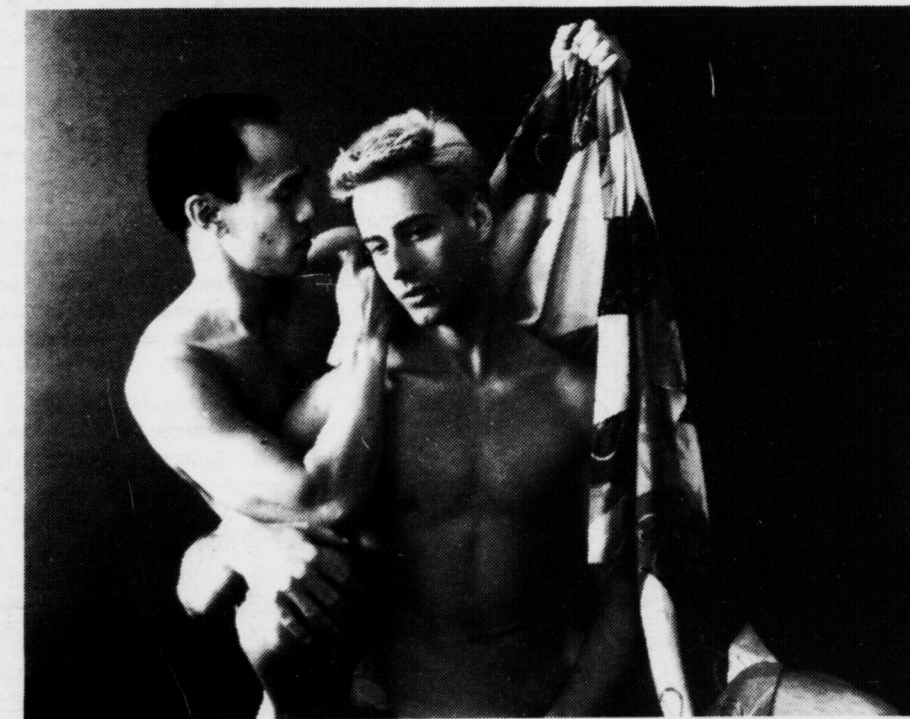


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Wayne Friday
Dems Running Now For Governor's Race in 1990

In Sacramento Gov. George Deukmejian had hardly gotten settled into a second term before a couple of Democrats — namely Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Gray Davis, the new state controller — started planning to replace the governor in 1990. For some reason, Democrats see a chance to recapture the governor's mansion next time around and those thought to be contenders for their party's nomination are wasting little time in getting the 1990 campaign underway.

Both Van de Kamp, who is serving his second term as attorney general, and Davis, a two-term Los Angeles assemblyman who served as chief-of-staff during the Jerry Brown years, have hired extra political staff members, sometimes competing for the same people. As one knowledgeable observer told the L.A. Times last week, "They (Van de Kamp and Davis) are going to be circling each other from now on."

Not since the days of Gov. Ronald Reagan has there been so much political activity and anticipation among so many Democrats planning to recapture the governor's office. With the nomination going to L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley the last two elections, one wonders why it is necessary for contenders to begin the battle of 1990 so early, particularly since the rivals are so much alike — white, experienced and moderately liberal.

The reason that the 1990 campaign is already underway is that the cost of running a successful statewide campaign is so high. Gubernatorial campaigns have become costly, sometimes running into the tens of millions between both major parties. According to Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, who took himself out of the race for governor this week, the cost "requires that they start a race this far in advance."

Van de Kamp has already hired one of the Democratic Party's most respected pollsters, Paul Maslin, and has also hired a professional fundraiser. In addition, the attorney general recently set up a fundraising arm, the Finance Council, an elite group of backers who have pledged to raise Van de Kamp \$20,000 each for the next three years "with no limit set for the election year."

Davis, left with a campaign deficit of \$600,000 from his successful controller race last year, says he will wipe out that deficit by the end of this year. He is expected to start raising funds for the 1990 governor's race as well. Hoping to make his name better known and compete with the visibility of Van de Kamp, Davis has put together the biggest and most experienced media-relations operation of anyone in state government.

Working for the Davis cause are campaign consultant Kam Kuwata, a former press secretary for Sen. Alan Cranston, and recently Bobbie Metzger, who served as press secretary to both former Gov. Jerry Brown and Speaker Willie Brown. In addition, Davis has hired as his government press secretary, Karin Caves, who was a campaign press aide in Gary Hart's 1984 presidential campaign. In addition to Van de Kamp and Davis, other prospec-



John Van de Kamp (Photo: Rink)



Gray Davis (Photo: Robert Pruzan)

tive Democratic candidates include outgoing San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and the state superintendent of schools, Bill Honig, an independent who is said to be thinking of joining the Democratic pack for governor.

Meanwhile, while all this is going on among the Democrats, Republican George Deukmejian, who won re-election last year by a resounding 1.7 million vote plurality, is said to be seriously thinking of seeking a third term, something that should give all the Democrats reason for pause.

Overheard at Tuesday night's Milk Club meeting: "Harvey would not stand for this charade for a moment. He would be kicking ass all over the place if he could see what has happened here tonight." It is certainly ironic that the club that carries his name could ram through an endorsement of the one politician Harvey despised the most. Just what the hell were those club "leaders" (most of whom never met Harvey Milk) afraid of anyway? Why didn't they want to hear from all of the candidates before they made their "democratic" endorsement?

Incidentally, Ron Huberman, a former Milk Club vice-president who has been a member longer than any of the current Yuppie pretty-boy "leaders" now running the club, was invited by the editor of the GayVote newsletter to write an "opposing view" (Huberman supports Molinari for mayor). But when he did so, the "democratic" bosses of the club didn't like what he wrote, so, naturally, it wasn't printed. When did Huberman learn of his short career as a journalist? The day the newsletter began arriving in the mails, Karl Tierney, the editor, decided to finally give Ron a call and inform him that they had dumped his column.

Tom Brougham, the former president of the East Bay Lesbian & Gay Club who won a seat last week on the Peralta College Board, already being mentioned for higher office.

Roger Boas' troubled mayoral campaign took another setback

last week when senior campaign consultant David Townsend left the campaign. Jack Davis, Quentin Kopp's top political advisor, left the Boas cause earlier.

Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy making it official this week — he'll seek Sen. Pete Wilson's seat next year, and I know a couple of pretty savvy politicians who will take bets Leo gets his ass kicked.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein with the Board of Directors of the AIDS Emergency Fund invite you to a Gourmet Buffet & Fine Wine party in the Green Room of the War Memorial Building next Tuesday, May 5, from 7-9 p.m. (Peter Mintun entertains; tickets are \$50 for one of the best of organizations, and you can call 441-6407 for info). Hope to see you there.

The White House announced this week that President Reagan will form a blue-ribbon committee to study the AIDS epidemic, ranging from economic cost to national defense. The panel would make recommendations on policy changes and funding to cope with the epidemic, and even conservative supporters have finally influenced the administration to step up the fight against AIDS.

Giving California Sen. Pete Wilson some overdue credit, one White House insider commented that "the fact that guys like Wilson are behind this certainly has caused folks over here (the White House) to pay a lot more attention."

Incidentally, the sale of the late Duchess of Windsor's jewels at a recent Sotheby's auction will reportedly bring in a net of over \$45 million, which will go to the Pasteur Institute in France, a leading center for AIDS research. The sum has tentatively been assigned for the construction of a new facility for the study of AIDS, cancer and the retroviruses.

In Oregon, the state GOP chairman, T.J. Bailey, lashed out at Democratic Gov. Goldschmidt and Secretary of State Barbara Robers, calling them "bozos" for supporting a gay rights bill. The GOP boss said those supporting the proposed legislation are doing nothing more than "supporting fairies."

While the Reagan Administration is getting some support from gay rights groups for agreeing to appoint the aforementioned commission to fight AIDS, there is some concern that the Reagan bunch doesn't want any gays to serve on said commission, which brings me to the guest editorial of the week (from the San Jose Mercury News):

"Indications are that White House conservatives want to keep homosexual leaders off the panel. 'We would like to appoint a relatively small group of distinguished Americans who don't have an ax to grind,' said an administration official this week. The largest single group of AIDS patients is made up of homosexuals. Any approach to AIDS that excludes the viewpoint of the majority of victims, on the excuse that they have 'an ax to grind,' can't possibly be effective. If the Reagan Administration wants to develop a workable policy, it will have to name a commission that includes representatives of those most affected by AIDS."

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

'Kiss-In' Planned For Memorial Day

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—If at first you don't succeed, kiss, kiss again.

That's the philosophy of Andrew C. Alocco and Matthew J. Fleig. The two men are planning on a Memorial Day "Kiss-In" in Durand Eastman Park in Rochester to protest being thrown off the beach last year. Their crime? They had the audacity to hug and kiss each other.

Alocco said the protest is not intended to anger anyone. "I'm not doing it to offend anybody or hurt anybody. I'm doing it to make a point. We're here to assert our rights to be there and our right to show affection for each other if we want to."

Fleig and Alocco said they are encouraging sympathetic heterosexuals to join them in the one-hour-long kiss-in.

As they say, the more, the merrier.

This year, Rochester authorities are taking a live-and-let-live attitude toward the proposed smooch-in. "If they want to hold hands and kiss," said Sheriff Andrew J. Meloni, "that is their business. I don't think it's going to cause any confrontation (with straights on the beach)."

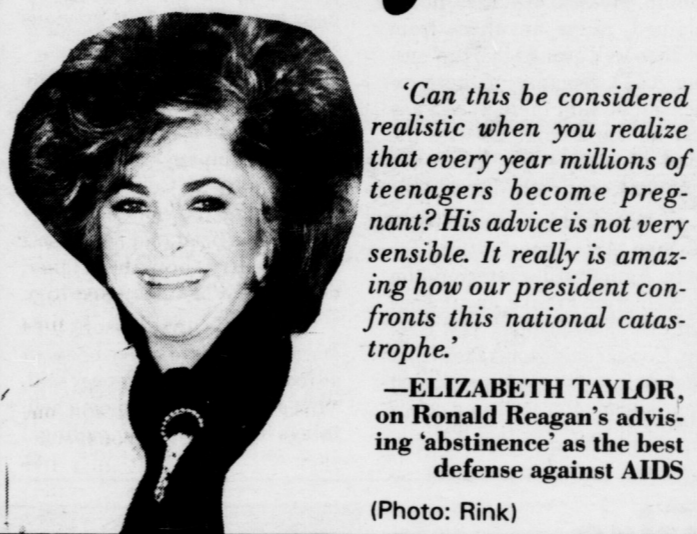
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—The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

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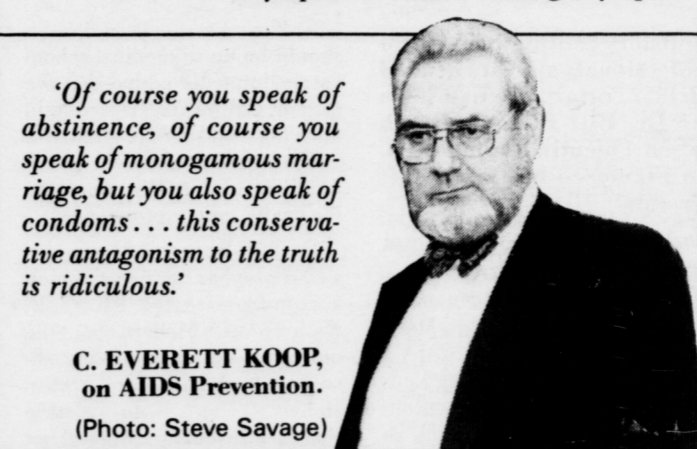
"Can this be considered realistic when you realize that every year millions of teenagers become pregnant? His advice is not very sensible. It really is amazing how our president confronts this national catastrophe."

—ELIZABETH TAYLOR, on Ronald Reagan's advising 'abstinence' as the best defense against AIDS
 (Photo: Rink)

"Look before you dive into pleasure."
 —A NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPER AD, showing an erect penis with his arms raised as if ready to dive into a pool.

The law bars any use of the word 'tending to cause confusion.'

—SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA, a Reagan appointee, using the wisdom of the ages to show how people could confuse 'Olympics' and 'Gay Olympics' but not 'Olympics' and 'Armenian Olympics' or 'Crab-Cooking Olympics'



"Of course you speak of abstinence, of course you speak of monogamous marriage, but you also speak of condoms... this conservative antagonism to the truth is ridiculous."

C. EVERETT KOOP, on AIDS Prevention.
 (Photo: Steve Savage)

Activist Nelson Loses In Dallas

DALLAS—Dallas gay activist Bill Nelson lost a bid for an at-large seat on the Dallas City Council. Nelson tallied 23 percent of the vote, losing by a hefty margin to incumbent councilman Jerry Rucker, who garnered 67 percent. A third candidate received 10 percent.

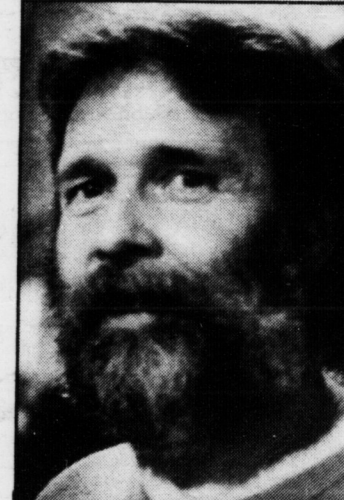
Nelson's defeat was a disappointment to many prominent groups which supported him. Among Nelson's backers were the AFL-CIO and the Dallas Home Owners League. —The Washington Blade

Rainbow Alliance To Go To Miami

MIAMI—About 300 participants from the United States, Canada and Europe are expected to attend the 10th annual convention of the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (RAD), July 1-5 in Miami.

Interested participants should contact Michael Brown, 7845 NE Bayshore Court, Apt. 12, Miami, FL 33138, (305) 444-2266 and ask for Michael (751-8771). —The Weekly News of Miami

Lesbian And Gay Convention in '88!!!



HOUSTON—Veteran gay activist Ray Hill has announced plans to organize a national gay and lesbian political convention to coincide with the Democratic and Republican conventions in 1988.

According to Hill, the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Convention would be composed of two delegates from each congressional district in the United States. The gathering would focus on social issues that affect gays and lesbians and would develop political strategies.

—The Seattle Gay News

Ray Hill (right) wants a different kind of convention.

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50,000 Send Message To Reagan

by Allen White

Over 50,000 people marched up Market Street from the Ferry Building to the Civic Center last Saturday, April 25, for the third annual March for Peace, Jobs and Justice. Throughout the march and at the City Hall stage, gay men and lesbians were part of the huge progressive coalition.

"People know we are here," said Pat Norman, a co-chair of the day long demonstration. "I am very pleased, very happy with the turnout," she said. Norman's pleasure with the turnout was coupled with her satisfaction at the acceptance and participation by the gay community.

Throughout the march there were gay men and lesbians. Political clubs were in the march though individuals seemed to be drawn to specific areas of social concern. Many gays marched with contingents expressing outrage of the intervention of the United States in Central America.

Others marched and expressed their concern that there be a freeze and reversal of the nuclear arms race. Sup. Harry Britt spoke from the stage on the subject of supporting a nuclear freeze.

Howard Wallace, one of the organizers of the march, said, "The spirit of the '60s is returning. We are a very broad coalition."

He was delighted about the inclusion of gay men and lesbians in the day's activities. He said he thought much of the activism had been expressed earlier this month with the many people who worked on the Britt for Congress campaign. "We are moving in the streets as well as at the ballot box," he said.

The march had a party atmosphere. It began to form at the foot of Market Street about 11 last Saturday morning. With the temperature in the sun approaching the 80 degree mark, the people were festive as they unfurled their banners and signs.

At noon, the march began. It was led by a group of march organizers and speakers. The participants ranged from Albert Lannon, president of the Longshoremen's Union to Mario Obledo the past president of the League of United Latin Citizens.

As the march entered United Nations Plaza the marchers were greeted by the sounds of Indian drums and a presentation from the International Indian Treaty Council.



Gay people were there, marching against injustice.

(Photo: Scott Martin)

Pat Norman spoke to the group of the problems of lesbians and gay men. She said, "People are deliberately pitted against each other and are simultaneously identified as the cause of their difficulties. The person with AIDS is labelled the problem, when it is the government who has taken five years to respond to the catastrophe of the disease which is the culprit. The mother



They marched in April and they'll march in June and October, too.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

who must work and needs child care is identified as the problem instead of the low-paying often non-union jobs that exploit the worker."

"This mobilization," she continued, "sends a message to our

government that morality is caring, compassion, strength, justice, tolerance, and understanding. These are the precepts that we, the people, support. It is our duty as caring human beings that we support life, freedom, jobs, peace and justice."

Adult Adoption Legal, Easy in California

Don't Trust Meddling Relatives? Secure Your Rights By Legal Means

by Evander C. Smith, Esq.

Numerous references are found in our gay writings lamenting the dearth of religious approval of our family relationships. If one goes back into Greek and Roman history, there is no formal division of civil and religious laws; they were naturally interwoven. That naturally evolved unity resulted in the right of adoption of adults by other adults.

With the spread of Greek and Roman cultures throughout Europe, adult adoptions have, since ancient times, been accorded legal status in European civil law. However, there has never been any right of adult adoption under English common law. And it is from England that we Americans get the majority of our laws.

Since 1951, California law authorizes the right of adults to create the relationship of parent and child between persons who are not biologically related. Each American state has its own applicable family laws. Approximately half of the states and the District of Columbia authorize an adult to adopt another adult.

The California law states: "Any adult person may adopt any other adult person younger than himself or herself, except the spouse of the adopting person, by an agreement of adoption approved by a decree of adoption of the Superior Court of the county in which either the person adopting or the person adopted resides, as provided in this section."

The stated requirements are:

1) **Agreement of Adoption.** There must be a written agreement stating that "parties agree to assume toward each other the legal relationship of parent and child, and to have all the rights and be subject to all of the duties and responsibilities of that relationship."

2) **Consent.** The only consent required is that of the spouses of the adopting and adopted persons, if applicable.

3) **Procedure.** Procedural matters are determined by the required legalities and can include Joint Petition, Notice and Investigation, Hearing, Determination and Decree.

An important case on the California law is that of Stanford University. The California Supreme Court vouchsafed the statute on adult adoptions to accord an adopted adult the same status as a natural child, including the right to inherit the estate of the adoptive parent. The University Trustees thereby lost many millions of dollars.

California law does not differentiate between an infant being adopted by a married couple and an adult adoption. The filing fee is \$16. The proceeding is not published nor made known to the public. No one needs to be served papers or notified unless the adopting parties are married.

The question of the Court's jurisdiction is of utmost concern in any legal situation. Both the California and county residence requirements are met if either of the parties presently resides in California.

Most people are aware that one may change legal residence from state to state at will. That is called one's "domicile" and is controlled by your intention. For example, you could be living in London but planning to live in the U.S. That happened to one man and his case created legal bedrock for American adoption law.

The brief history of adults adopting other adults is quite new in America. The earliest cases occurred less than 90 years ago. This infant law came into existence because of the need for one spouse to adopt the adult children of the other. The engineering need has always been, and is, estate planning.

In many cases an adult adopted other adults to thwart a deceased spouse's relatives. One old geezer of 90 adopted his red-headed secretary obviously to prevent his greedy relatives from getting a red penny. They huffed and puffed all the way to the Massachusetts Supreme Court and lost.

One 72-year old Lothario liked a lady of the night who said she was 21 years old. She was a smart woman who refused to give her place of birth or true name. Therefore, the relatives of the

decendent sugar-daddy could not prove she was a minor by looking up her birth record.

Had they been able to do so then the infant adoption law should have been used and the court would have been without jurisdiction in having granted the adult adoption. If she had been a minor, the Child Welfare Department's approval along with her parents' consent would have been mandatory.

One 70-year young daddy adopted three other men, ages 25, 39 and 43. After his death, his biological relatives filed suit to set aside the adoption. Their grounds: "It is not competent, under adoption law, for a person in the senile age of life to adopt persons in the prime and vigor of life."

They also argued that it was not the intention of the statute that an adoption take the place of

a will. The Massachusetts court said the decedent's motive was proper, and that even if it was bad, it would not affect the validity of the adoptions.

A Kentucky court once permitted a husband to adopt his wife. The need was for him to have a child who could receive the remainder of a trust estate upon the husband-father's death. Otherwise, it would go to relatives whom he wished to frustrate.

There are also two interesting New York cases. In one, an uptight New York judge dismissed the adoption petition of two men, ages 32 and 43. Their petition stated that they had lived together for three years and they considered their lifestyle as creating a family unit. The trial judge denied the adoption basing his ruling on his prejudiced

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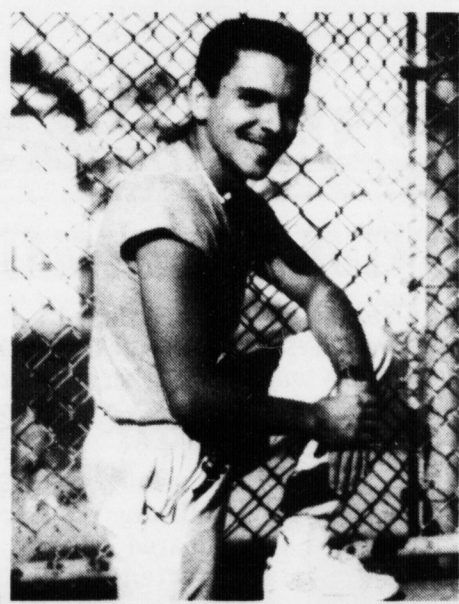


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Madrid Lesbians Protest Arrests

MADRID—A huge crowd of lesbians demonstrated here recently to protest the harassment of lesbians and gays in the Spanish state.

Only a few days earlier, two young women were arrested by a Madrid policeman after kissing in public. When the cop asked for ID, they argued with him. They were arrested for contempt, resisting arrest and public outrage.

In return for this action, several hundred lesbians showed their outrage to the government. While police looked on, the demonstrators chanted slogans against Spanish government policies against lesbians and gays. They invited passers-by to kiss them, and repeatedly kissed each other to show that "it is a completely normal thing to do."

—New York Native

BAY AREA REPORTER ENTERTAINMENT

As It Is In Texas With Jo Harvey Allen

by Wendell Ricketts

One day when Jo Harvey Allen was feeling a bit low about herself—she had just chickened out on the opportunity to interview Waylon Jennings for a country-western radio show in Fresno—she and her husband, Terry, stopped in to a local cafe to have a cup of coffee. As she was mulling things over, Jo Harvey gestured to their waitress and grumbled, "I'll bet her life's more interesting than Waylon Jennings' anyhow!" And that is how a seed was sown.

Hundreds of miles later, Allen had collected interviews with scores of waitresses from truck stops, diners, and cafes all over the Southwest. She settled on waitresses, she says, because she figured waitressing was work more women had done than any other kind of job. She interviewed career-waitresses, waitresses who were prostitutes, and waitresses whose earnings supported a household of children whose daddy was long gone. Sometimes they were the same woman.

She talked to women who lived and worked under some of the roughest, meanest conditions imaginable. And when she wrote a book about those women, based on the hours they'd spent telling her about their lives, she gave it a title that reflected her respect for them. She called it *The Beautiful Waitress*.

Allen's book was never published, however, because she refused to submit to political fashion. One potential publisher asked her to write a preface that described the women in her book as oppressed, fallen, victimized by sexism and economic injustice. "That wasn't how I saw those women," said Allen. "And it wasn't how they saw themselves. They were survivors." Ms. magazine rejected an excerpt about a cocktail waitress who considered herself liberated when she put on a fancy push-up bra, bought herself a \$40 perm, and transformed herself from a "smart duck" into a "foxy chick." In an era when women were burning their bras, it wasn't what Ms. wanted to print.

But the work that went into *The Beautiful Waitress* wasn't wasted. Allen adapted the manuscript and created a one-woman show called *Counter Angel* that appeared in open-gallery and museum spaces in New York. That was how Allen began to be known as a "performance artist," an attribution that still puzzles her. Allen's character, Ruby Kay, was a composite of the women who had contributed to *The Beautiful Waitress*. Ruby Kay was gritty, vulgar, and full of contradictions. Allen called her a "coper of life."

To make sure her empathy was as sharp as her ear, Allen worked as a waitress herself—at Carrow's Coffee Shop and the Sheraton Hotel cocktail lounge in Fresno, and at the Texaco Cafe in the San Joaquin Valley. The Texaco was her favorite.

"It was an outrageous truck stop," Allen said, "and there was one waitress who was so colorful and great. She worked this horseshoe bar and she just shouted out at everybody who came in. She was a fabulous entertainer. And I thought, 'I'm studying her to try to go and act like her in this piece, but she's doing it for real. She's acting right there for all these customers.'"

Allen took that process of art-imitating-life-imitating-art one step further, and began performing *Counter Angel* behind the counters of actual diners and truck stops. In San Francisco, she brought *Counter Angel* to the Chat 'n Chew Cafe at 25th and Mission.

"I thought the real waitress was going to go crazy when I walked behind her counter," Allen said. "She'd been there for 30 years or something. And of course she hated me at



Jo Harvey Allen raises the spirits in *As It Is In Texas*

first. What was I doing moving her sugar and her creamer and doing all this stuff back there, and just taking over? But when I did the play and she heard the words, she loved it! Because it was a real waitress' words that I was doing and she recognized that."

But waitresses aren't the only characters in Allen's repertory. She's also played a snake-handling evangelist, a Jimmy Dean sausage saleswoman with delusions of grandeur, an alcoholic divorcee dying of cancer, a fifth runner-up in the Miss Texas contest who dreams of going to Hollywood, and many others. Allen tells their stories with great affection and a delicious irony, but she never judges them.

"I don't think I've done a character—even the drunks who've given away their kids and all—that I didn't have some sympathy for. People usually feel that way about them, too."

Allen's characters are women whose men are meant to them; whose lives are full of petty tragedies, failed dreams, and broken relationships; whose self-image is at once both thwarted and pathetically exaggerated. What makes her characters that way? "Well, honey," she grins, "isn't that just life?" Allen's broad Texas accent slides over the words like butter on hot corn-on-the-cob. "Life" comes out sounding like "laugh." She's got the kind of voice that makes you want to hear her read Eudora Welty stories out loud. "You know," she explains, "Flannery O'Connor said that if you have an ounce of faith, you have to present characters as you really find them."

In Allen's characterizations there is a quality of the Southwest that is immediately tangible, but almost impos-

sible to define. If the deep South conjures up languid evenings moist with the faint vapor of citrus blossoms, the American Southwest is a rusty Coca-Cola sign swinging in a hot breeze outside an abandoned Sonoco. Call it faded promise, dissolution, a starkness; call it, if you want, none of those things. It is, in any case, utterly compelling, even while being slightly menacing. The perspective is precisely what Richard Avedon was able to capture in his exhibit, *In the American West*, his bigger-than-life-size portraits of the austere, bizarre, sometimes gruesome individuals he photographed at fairs and along roadsides. The real genius of Avedon's work was that it allowed us to stand face-to-face with people we would never have the opportunity, or the nerve, to examine with such care and curiosity. Jo Harvey Allen, in her way, does the same.

Allen grew up in Lubbock, in the heart of the Texas plains. Her childhood was full of what she calls "the mysteries," but she kept much of that a secret from her friends and family. They didn't know, for example, that she went off by herself and performed rituals with the poplars and the roses, or that she believed in magic. They didn't know that her obsession with church-going wasn't religious fervor, but a fascination with the theater that went on there.

"When people came up to get dunked," she said, "it was just the ultimate! You'd see everybody in their bathing suits and wet hair. There in church! And I loved it whenever they'd sing about 'being washed in the blood of the Lamb,' or whatever. Those Baptist songs, geez, they really get into it!" She went to revivals in order to watch the rattlesnake-handlers and the speakers-in-tongues.

Allen's memories of that Texas childhood also include the warm evenings when folks gathered around her grandmother's porch.

"You'd spread a pallet—that's what people in the South call a blanket—and everybody would lay out under the stars and they'd just be telling stories. And it was always, even through the evening meal, who could be the wittiest, who could out-tell the last story. We were big on murders. I never had a Texas dinner in my life that the subject of murder wasn't discussed, and the gorier the better!"

Those private explorations and communal tall tales served Allen well, for she carried into adulthood an unfettered imagination and an ear for the rhythm and song of a finely turned story. Her new one-woman show, *As It Is In Texas*, playing now at Fort Mason's Life on the Water Theatre, includes appearances by Ruby Kay, Hally Lou (the evangelist preacher), and a band of other characters both old and new.

With the recent proliferation of solo performers, it's easy to presume Allen belongs with the rest of the pack. But that would be a mistake. Given that there are any number of ways to classify solo performers, one essential difference must be whether the artist's material is intended to convey something about the performer (Spalding Gray, e.g.), about an historical figure (Pat Bond as Gertrude Stein, Vincent Balestri's Jack Kerouac), or about a third category, which is perhaps where Allen fits best. She's not playing herself and she's not playing anyone else in particular. The words she uses are not necessarily her own—in addition to the interviews that went into the creation of *Counter Angel*, Allen relied for Hally Lou on tape recordings she had made of tent preaching. In that respect, then, Allen's work is essentially documentary, which gives her a great deal in common with a figure like Ruth Draper.

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Brown Bag Day is the brainchild of Jerry Pepper, a former Sutters Mill bartender who moved to San Diego for a couple of years and returned to the Bay Area. When it was held in San Diego, literally thousands of dollars were raised for various charities. The event won four Nicky Awards, an honor similar to our Cable Car Awards; but better than that, it's a benefit everyone can afford. A mere dollar. You pick out the Brown Bag (take five or even 10) and reap the benefits of the largesse of the community. If you can't afford that, you can donate items in your closet or basement that are still serviceable. Items too large for a little brown bag will be given a number; the number goes in the brown bag and you redeem the certificate at a special window set up in each of the abovementioned bars. If you have such things that you want to get rid of, call the following numbers and they'll come and pick it up: 821-5830, 861-4348, 665-5209, and in Oakland, 482-1372. This is your chance to participate in a fundraiser where the bidding or costs don't amount to hundreds of dollars. Everyone can afford a dollar. Donate your items now! And look forward to a fun Sunday, June 14 from noon to 8 p.m. It's your dollar and you could be a big winner. Whatever your gain, you are helping the GSL



Kiss my ass — Physique '87 bodybuilding fundraiser at the Eagle
(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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It was busy last week. The S.F. Eagle pulled out all the stops and the bar was wall-to-wall bodies for five nights in a row. Monday it was Anniversary Pin night; a big crowd was on hand. Tuesday, their commemorative t-shirts were given out (200 of them) and it was a near riot getting one. Wednesday, the staff's buffet was devoured by a huge crowd, and at 2100 hours the big show got underway. Jim Samuels of the Holy City Zoo opened with some daring repartee as only a professional comedian can; he was followed by

Deena Jones and the Dream Girls. Deena is one of the few female impersonators who uses his own voice. And what a voice. True belting out with verve and pizzazz. The Dream Girls are no slouches either. Such gyrations! Danny Williams, Cable Car Awards Entertainer of the Year, was up next. His 40-minute tirade covered the gamut from dirty phone calls to how a queen buys a sweater (credit cards!) and had the crowd in stitches. Leola Jiles closed the show with another 40 minutes of blues, up-tempo songs, and ballads that kept the crowd enraptured and often interrupting with thunderous applause.

The next night, Mr. June 1988 on the Eagle's Bare Chest Calendar was picked out of seven contestants. Evan Lozon, Mr. Washington State Leather, Rick Mills, and Mr. January '88 Daniel Nemer were the judges, and they had their hands full! Finally, one Rob Picasso Genet took the title with Australian Sean Christensen taking the first runner-up spot.

Friday night the Gay Games II Bodybuilders had a beer bust, and in between posing the entertainment was by the delightful Desiree.

Like I said, it was a busy week in town, especially at the Eagle! They celebrated even more on Sunday when the S.F. Eagle softball team defeated the Rawhide II team, 10-7.

Monday night, Hamburger Mary's opened the gates wide for a houseful of loyal customers and friends. It was a festive evening

Rob Picasso Genet (l.), Mr. June on the Bare Chest calendar, with the Aussie first runner-up
(Photo: Marcus)

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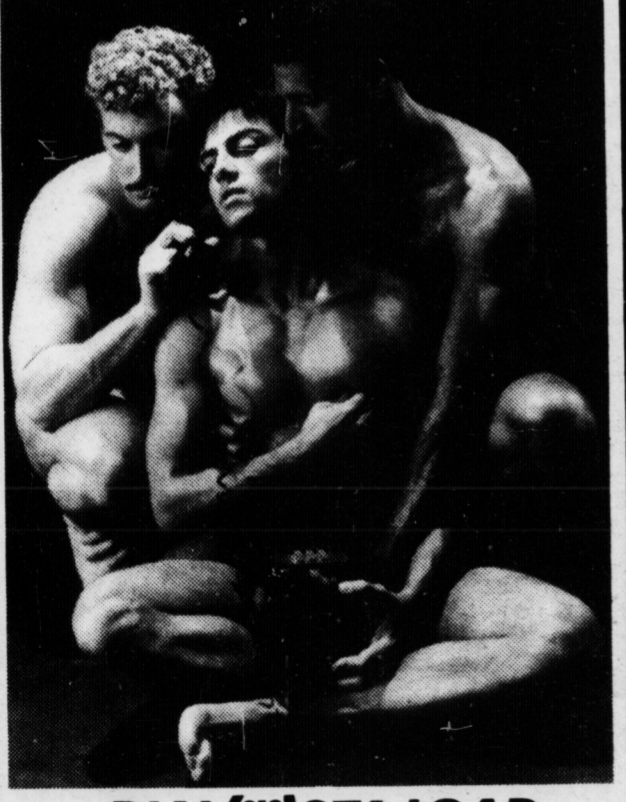
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places as the weekend gets underway. At the Atlantis, Rainbeau and Tattoo Blue will perform; parties too at Fife's and The Woods. Nicholas, Glover & Wray will perform somewhere up there, and it looks like heavy-duty ladies day!

Sunday at the SF Eagle the Cheaters M/C have a beer bust for \$7. A winning \$1 raffle ticket might get you a free ticket to their weekend run coming up Memorial Day weekend.

Jim Leff will hold an open house and an exhibition of his latest works from 1300 to 1800 at 170 Duboce, Suite 8 (top floor). Not owning a work of art by Jim Leff is intolerable!

The Cal Eagles M/C are having a garage sale that same day from 1100 to 1500 at 24th and Noe with lots of goodies (even an electric tripewriter) are you reading this Allan Peters?

Tuesday, May 5, Rick Booth's annual snazzy soiree takes place at the Green Room, a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund from 1900-2100. It's a gourmet buffet and fine wine, and that cute Bob Munk will be there in person, so wear your coat and tie, give \$50, and have a fine time. Rick Booth really knows how to throw a party.

Friday, May 8, the Interclub Fund has their progressive dinner. Cocktail at one bar, salad at another, the soup at yet another, and the main entree at still another. Donate \$8, check in at Chez Mollet between 1800-1900, and have a fun time and perhaps win \$\$\$ in tickets in the forthcoming bike runs. That should keep you busy!

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and will long be remembered as only the Maryettes can make things stick in your memory!

FESTIVE TIMES

Got no plans yet for the weekend? Tomorrow night Rex's stunning visual artistry will be on display at West Graphics by invitation. Those ten hot new t-shirts he designed are on sale everywhere, and his work is being featured all over the place. I hope you got an invitation.

Tonight, April 30, the Golden Gate Guards invite you all to Club Night at the New World from 1900 to 2300 when they'll raffle off items to benefit the Inter-Club Fund. You could win \$50 in a

thrice with special, special drink prices. This will be an ongoing event, so stay tuned for the next one.

The Bay Systems Operators will have a beer bust at the S.F. Eagle Friday, May 1, from 1900-2100 with a fee of \$1 for users and \$4 for guests. They'll have their computers on hand so you can see just exactly what they can do on those bulletin boards.

Sunday, May 3 will be a busy one. The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and the GCBA Foundation are having an upscale auction in the Green Room of the War Memorial Bldg. from 1500 hours on for a \$15 ticket. Scott Beach will MC and you can preview the items from 1400.

Sunday is Lesbian Day at the RushRiv. The Baybrick Inn will be closed and so will a lot of other

San Diego coronation! How boooring. Like I said, don't they ever give up the crown?

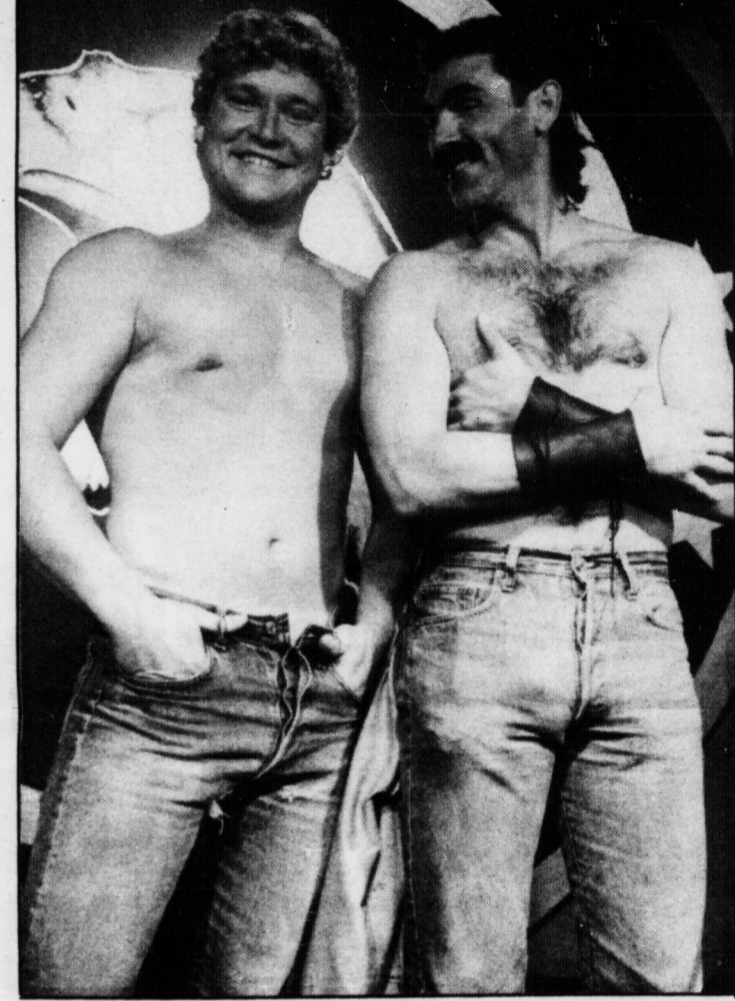
Ernie Viola, former Mr. CMC Carnival, is on the brink of divorce and was recapturing happier days with his ex, Victor, at the Eagle last Sunday. And one of the bartenders at the Powerhouse is ready to throw the towel in on his marriage too, I hear! Looks like the fun and games at the 21st Street Baths may be over before long.

Jack Lane in the grocery business? That development raised a lot of eyebrows around town. Imagine Jack, an entrepreneur dealing in booze, disco, bars, and restaurants, and now he's selling groceries on Upper Market! Well, why not diversify?

Are you going to Chicago or not? The absolute deadline for the \$449 package deal is Friday, May 8. Call Navigator Travel at 864-0401 for details. Individual tickets go on sale in Chicago May 15. Marty Blackburn will be among the 2,000 or so leather men with a hot hunk from New York. Write to IML, 5025 No. Clark St., Chicago 60640, if you're still interested in the Academy Awards of Leatherdom.

Another celebration and congratulations. His name is Nicholas Rockett; born 1815 hours, Sunday, 26 April, at Presbyterian Hospital. Seven pounds, 12 oz., and 21 inches long. You all know his famous mother. Only in San Francisco, a baby boy with thousands of aunts and uncles and one wonderful mother! Hey, I feel so good about it I may just go out and celebrate. Let's Party—as his momma would say!

See you next week. Hang in there, keep your legs crossed, and remember: The unexamined life is not worth living.



IDOL GOSSIP BUSY DISH

Thanks to the haughtiness of a former empress (Don't they ever give up the crown?), we don't have any Imperial Guards to function at royal events. Seems as though one of the dowagers didn't like the way she was introduced at a Guards' function, so managed to persuade the other dowagers to shit can the guards. Harrumph! Wasn't she the one extending her arm in brotherhood and unity?

Another dowager empress has the San Diego Imperial Court all up in arms because she said something about boycotting the

Ken (r.) of Cleveland is Mr. May on the Bare Chest calendar, with Bruce Barnhill, first runner-up
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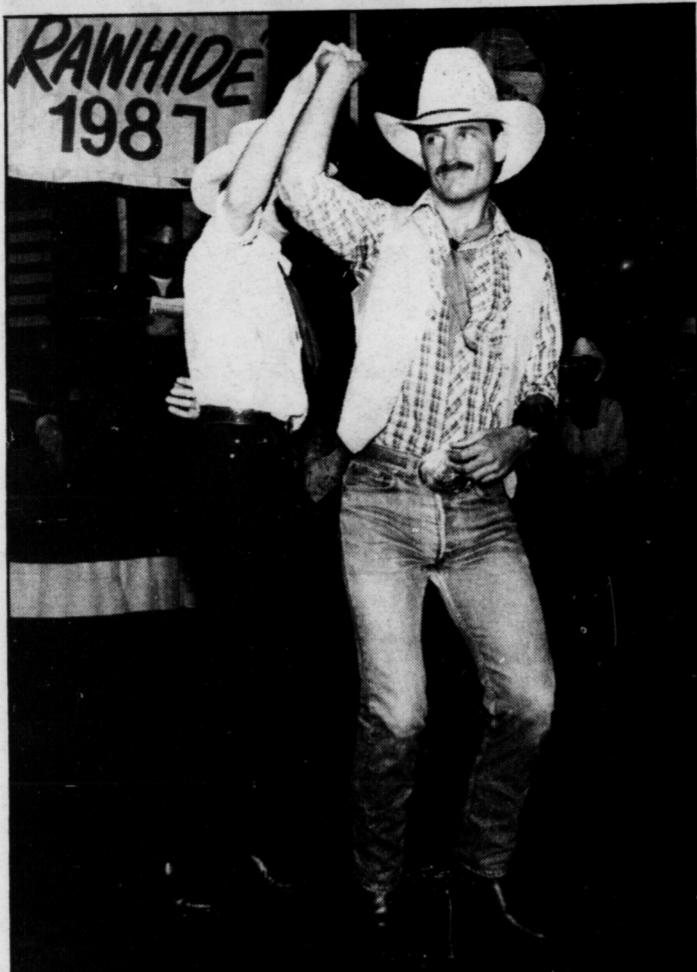
1987 Motorcycle Run Season Gears Up

The South-of-Market motorcycle clubs that annually host weekend runs are working at fever pitch to complete their plans for the 1987 run season. Traditionally, the Memorial Day weekend is the season's kickoff, and for the next four months, eight other weekend runs will be held. There has been some progress towards clubs hosting joint runs. However, I suspect many of the clubs are waiting to see how the Barbary Coasters and Warlocks joint run works out. A reasonable path to

follow if one's club is apprehensive about such a venture. This will certainly give the organizers for this joint venture a real impetus to pull this one off without a hitch.

Planning a weekend run is, at best, laborious, and oft times extremely frustrating. There are so many details that must be covered, from the amount of forks, knives, and spoons to having enough toilet tissue for the latrines. Rehearsals, promotion of the run, being innovative for

the rider and buddy field events, and buying enough food and drink for the entire weekend can drive one looney. A club is judged (and could result in being nominated for various categories for the annual Motorcycle Awards) by how tasty their food is, the campsite selection, run theme and execution thereof, their field events, and of course, the show! Competition is stiff in all areas amongst the clubs as well as the individual riders and buddies. So each club member and competition participants are



The first runner-up in the Mr. Rawhide contest do-se-do's his partner (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

always on their toes.

The Cheaters Motor Club will host their annual Memorial Day weekend run during the weekend of May 22-25. This year's run theme is "Legends of the Golden West" and the run site is located at a gold mine campground north of Grass Valley. All of the characters of the Golden West are promised to be there to add to your weekend fun. As part of the weekend, there will be a "murder" (staged) each day, and the first person to solve the crime will win a free pass to next year's run. The run starts Friday evening and ends Monday at noon. The price is \$95, which includes a 24-hour bar, five meals, and a variety of games and events. Application deadline is May 18 and are available at the various bars throughout the city or call 621-7348 after 5 p.m. daily.

The California Eagles will host their Where Eagles Dare II "Tall Trees and Lumberjacks" motorcycle tour June 4-7. The tour will take its participants through some of Northern California's most scenic areas. Riders, buddies, or people traveling in vehicles will travel to Clearlake for an overnight stay on Thursday and will then proceed to DeHaven Valley Farm for Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday, participants can choose from various activities such as horseback riding, motorcycle ride to Eureka, or a ride on the historic Skunk Train which goes from Fort Bragg to Willits and back again. There are several optional prices which include accommodations: four-day tour with camping accommodations \$95; four-day tour with cabin lodging at DeHaven Valley Farm (cabins are offered on a first come/first serve basis \$125); or DeHaven Valley Farm weekend with camping accommodations \$85. Registration deadline is May 22. Any registrations received after that date will be assessed an additional \$20. Registration forms are available from any member of the California Eagles or by calling their hot line at 586-9933.

RIDING FOR AIDS

Bicycle riders are practicing in earnest for the 1987 AIDS Bike-

athon to be held on Saturday, May 9. Last year, more than \$226,000 was raised for eight beneficiary charities. This year, sponsors of the riders will have 11 charities from which they may choose to donate to. There are three different routes that the riders may choose from; 25, 60, or 100 miles, to raise money to fight the AIDS crisis. Believe it or not, I'm going to be riding the 25-mile route. Although the application deadline has already passed, the sponsoring organization, Different Spokes, needs volunteers prior to the ride, during the day of the ride, and after for administrative work. You can call the office at 771-0677 to volunteer. Come on out to cheer on all of the riders. Better yet, sponsor one or more riders. The goal this year is to raise \$500,000 for AIDS charities, and I know we can do it! See you there!

AND MORE RUMORS

In my last column, I mentioned that there were people lining up for the race for Emperor and Empress. It seems I missed a few. Mark Friese and Billy Ray are also testing the waters for Emperor. Former Grand Duchesses Vinnie and Lee Raymond are rumored to be "thinking hard" about throwing their hats in the ring for Empress.

In another race, Ms. Piggi will again attempt to gain the office of Grand Duchess. It's been heard she has a substantial backer of means. Hopefully it will not involve "vote buying" (as happened during the Emperor and Empress race). Bruce Harrelson is rumored to want to try again for Grand Duke, and is rather nervous about the fact that Tom Roller is also seriously talking about his chances for this office!

Seems there's trouble in Clockamora as Janet Cory is no longer working for the Galleon. Does this mean she won't be running for Empress? We'll have to wait and see.

UP AND COMING

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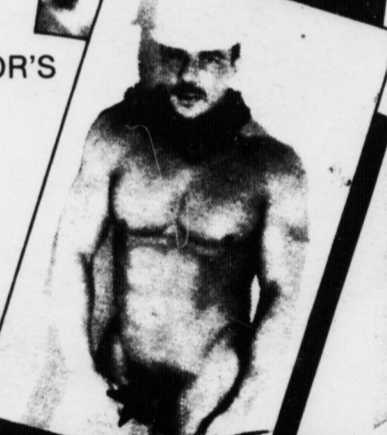
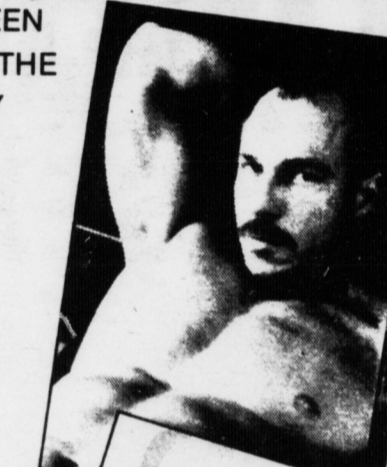
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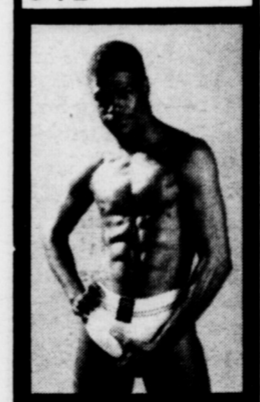
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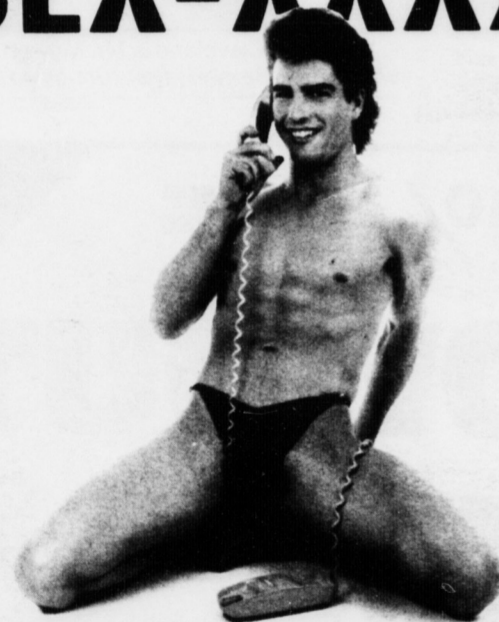
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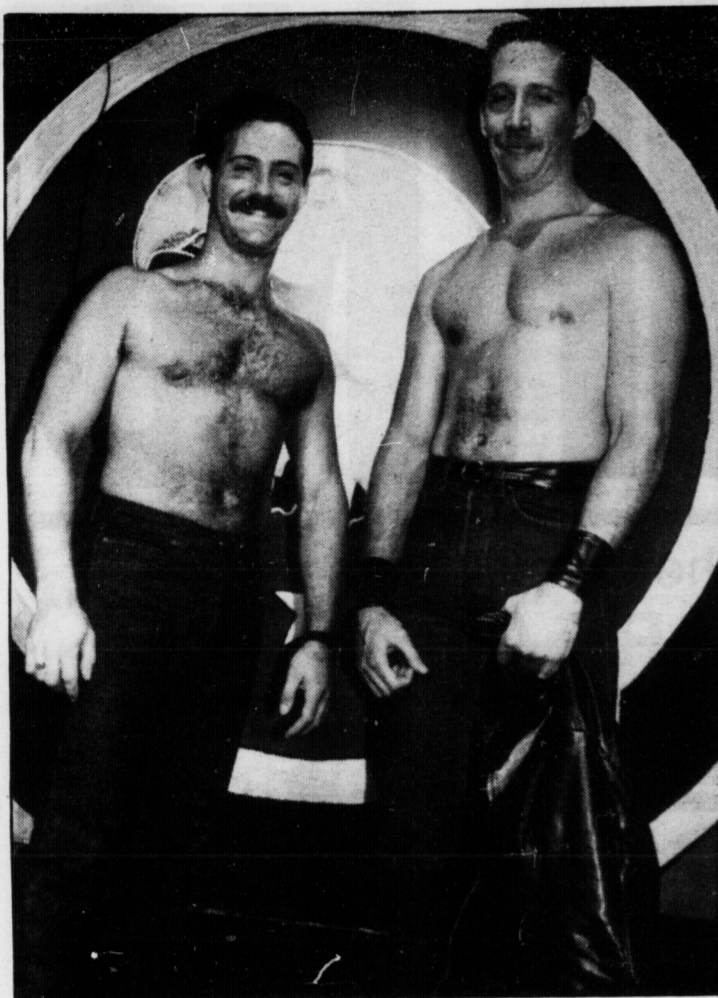
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Brian Berger, Mr. April on the Bare Chest calendar, with Rand Worrell, first runner-up (Photo: Marcus)

ground. Anita Mantanite, Cowboy Bob, Jungle Red, Moose, Oh Wow, First Fig, Erica, and Sugar Bear are sure to show up!

The California Eagles are having a garage sale Sunday, May 3, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be held at 24th and Noe streets. There will be furniture, a black futon couch, an electric typewriter, a bedroom set, (a 1985 calendar containing Puerto Rican pin-up girls!), and miscellaneous items for sale.

The Inter-Club Fund will host their Progressive Dinner Friday, May 8. Check-in will be at the Chez Mollet (527 Bryant) between 6 and 7 p.m. Dinner stops will include the Folsom New World, the Watering Hole, the Covered Wagon, and the S.F. Eagle. At each stop, a different course will be served, i.e. soup, salad, entree, and dessert. A donation of \$8 is requested. Also, the ICF is raffling \$1,000 worth of prizes, such as passes to all of the weekend runs, passes to some of the club's events all year long, dinner for two at the Metro, and many more. Tickets are \$1 and are available from club members of the Barbary Coast, California Eagles, CMC, Cheaters, Constantines, Cycle Runners, Force Five, Golden Gate Troopers, Phoenix Uniform Club, SFGDI, and Warlocks.

The Imperial Court of the Golden Gate will host "The Not So Newlywed Game" and benefit beer bust at the S.F. Eagle Patio, Friday, May 15, from 8 until 11 p.m. Emcees will be Emperor de Motorcycle Gary Kenyon and His Royal Highness



Empress Tina Tanner (l.) and Miss Lily Street at the Lily Street Fair last Sunday (Photo: J.D. Dusch)

Prince I Alex Buiel. Hostess will be Empress Tina Tanner. Couples of Imperial, Royal, and South-of-Market fame will be participants in the Newlywed question and answer format. A donation of \$7 is requested, and proceeds will benefit the Open Hands Meals charity.

The Council of Grand Dukes and Duchesses will host an Old Fashion Barn Dance and Afternoon Social Saturday, May 16, at the Rawhide II (280 Seventh St.) from 1 until 4 p.m. There will be square dancing, guest star show, celebrity food basket auction, and buffet (salad bar is being provided by members of the MCC Church). Supervisor Richard Hongisto will be the guest speaker. A donation of \$7 for beer bust and food or \$3 for food only, is requested. Proceeds will benefit the MCC Project Rest-stop. If you wish to donate a food basket for the auction, please contact Michael Bowman at 621-7841.

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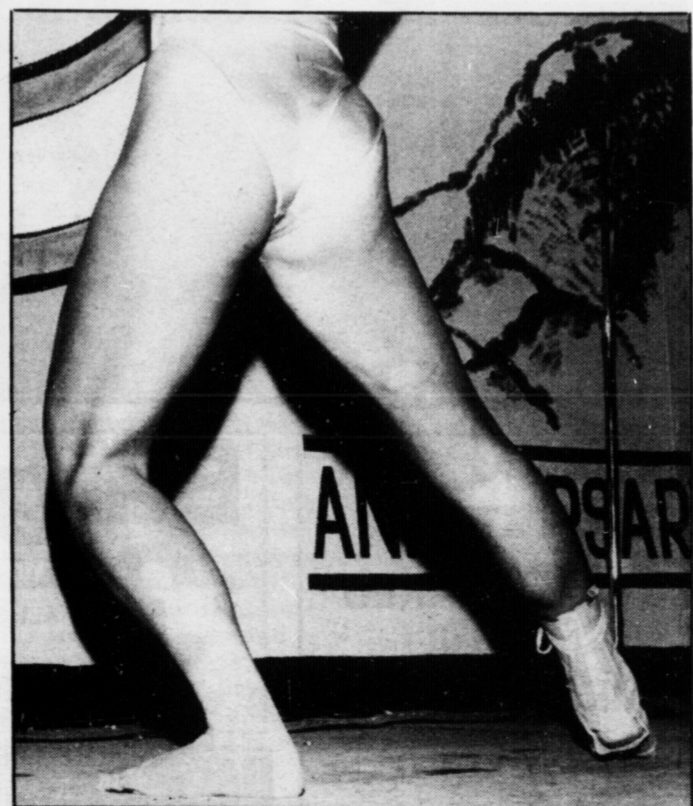
In early April, I journeyed to Tahoe to try my hand at skiing

with a group of friends. Needless to say, through the patience of Scott Canning and Jim Spotts, I managed to make it down the slopes in one piece. Although I returned with sore hips, shins, and a broken nail, I would not be at all adverse to trying it again next season. I did fall off the ski lifts twice, which added to the comedy of the day. My thanks to Tracy, Rick, Bob, Fred, Tom, Rocky, Jim, and Scott for all the encouragement and a fun time.

Joanna Caron will appear at Kimo's show room in the very near future. Miss Caron is Empress I de Chicago and an excellent entertainer. She is not one to be missed. Contact Kimo's for the show times. They're on Friday and Saturday nights.

Donna Jell, Empress in exile from Dayton, thanks for a fun evening. We'll have to do it again real soon. Jaqueline! Girleen! What is this I hear you're stopping traffic on Franklin St. by dropping your scooter?! Tisk, tisk, my dear! I hope the San Francisco Symphony was worth it!

That's it for now. Take care and hugs to all. Aloha.



Even injury didn't stop this bodybuilder at the Physique '87 fundraiser at the Eagle last weekend (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Remy

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every now and then, your opportunity to investigate has arrived! BAYOPS (Bay Area System Oper-

ators) will host a beer bust at the Eagle Saturday, May 2. The event will run from 7 to 9 p.m. and will cost \$1 for validated users (\$4 for non-validated users and guests). So come, enjoy, and meet some of San Francisco's new under-

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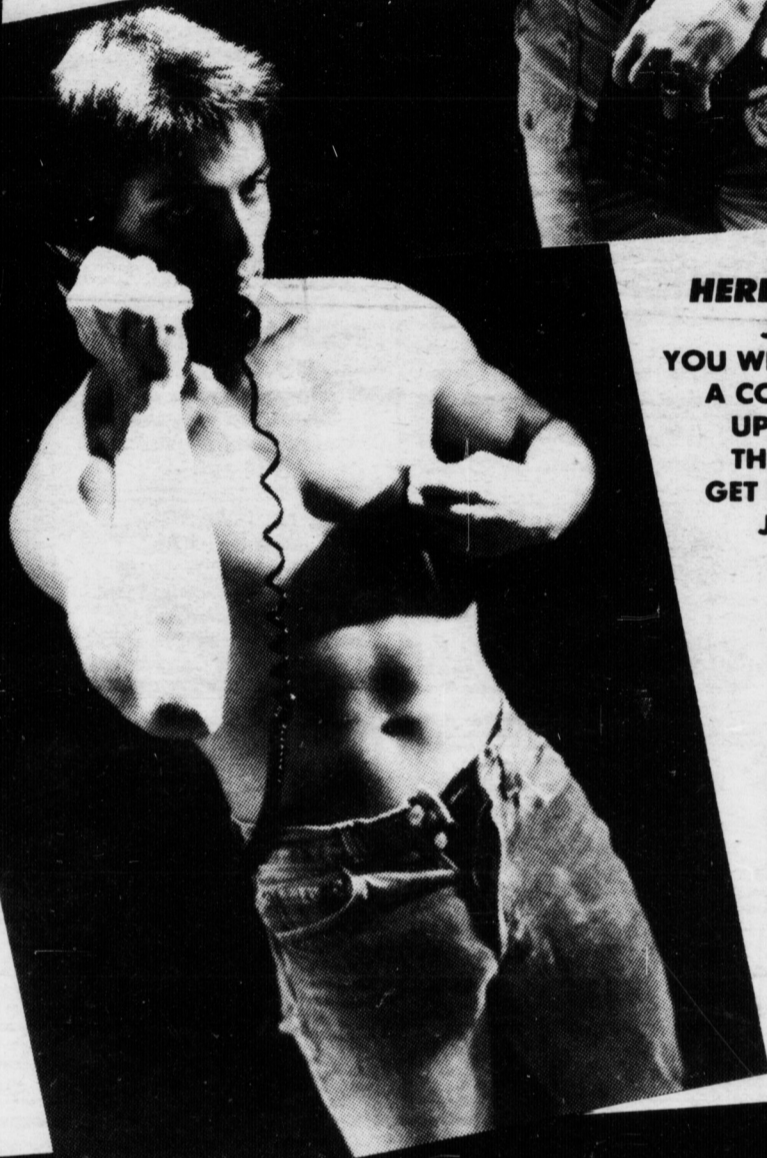
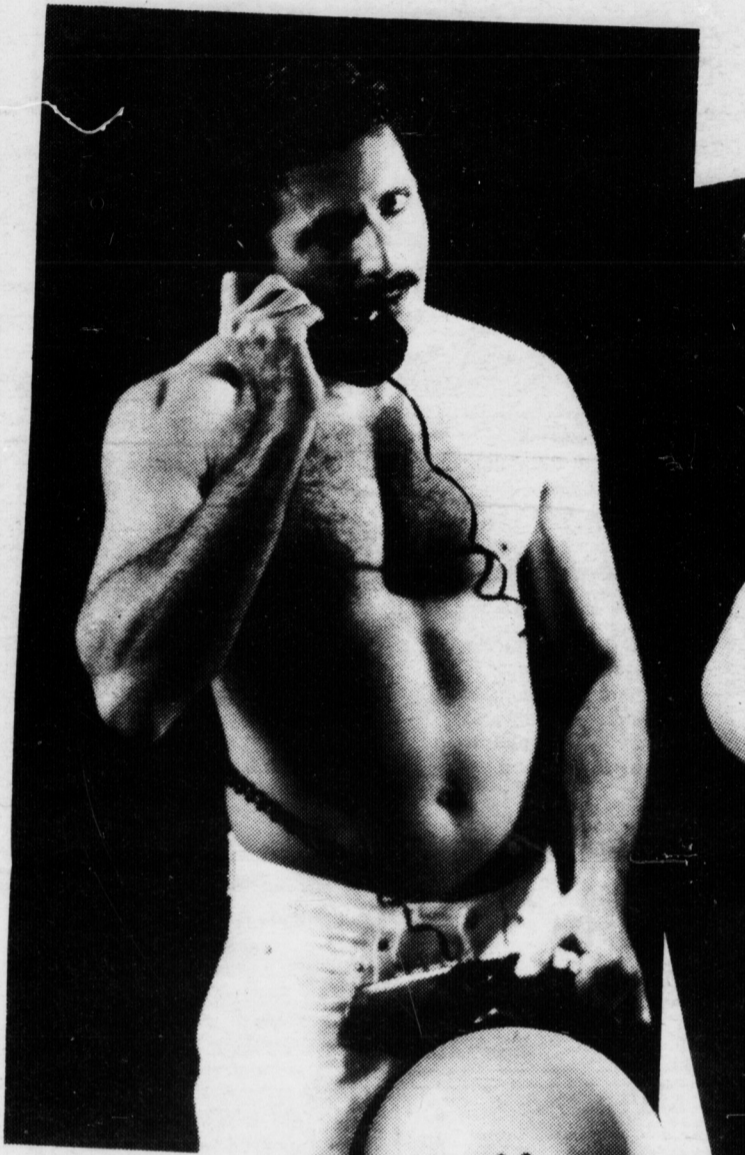
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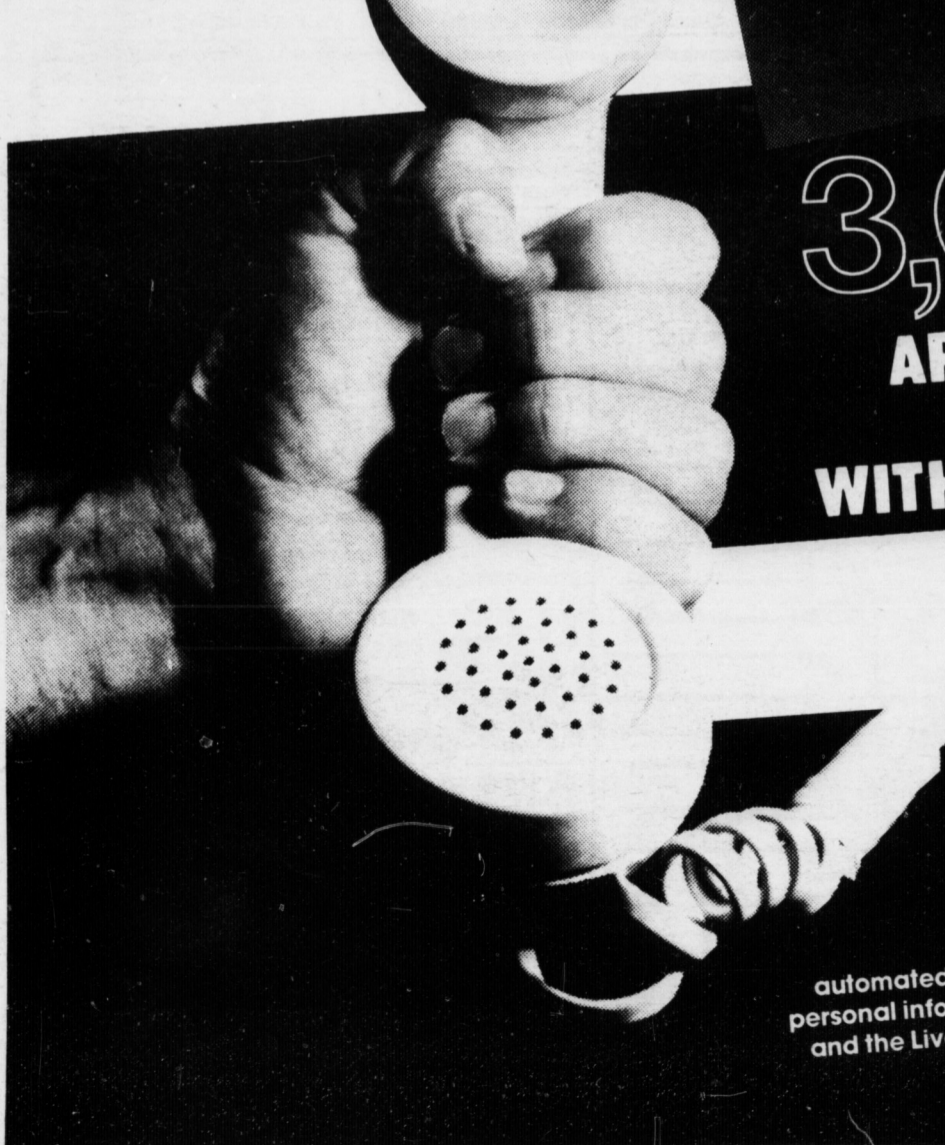
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