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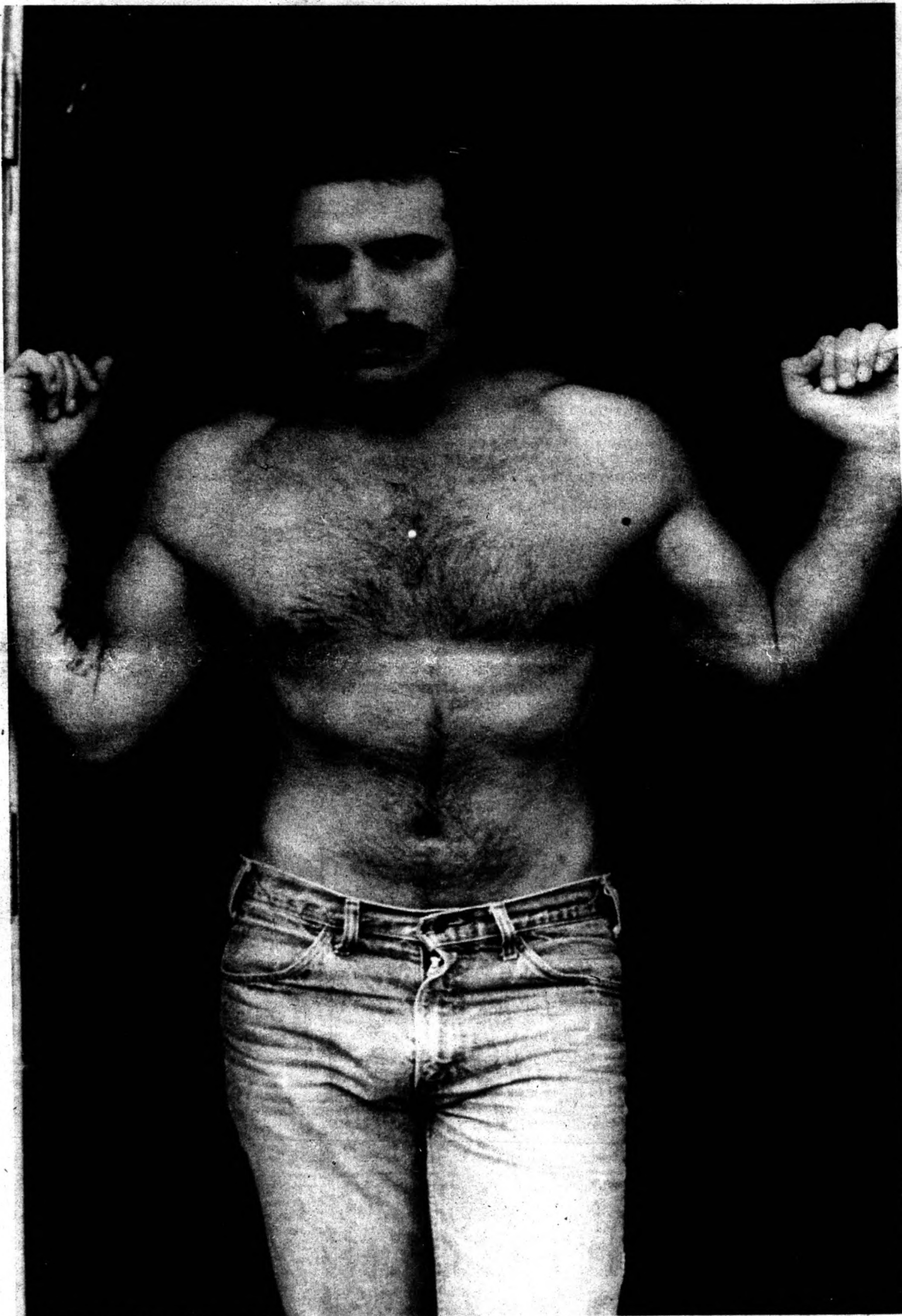


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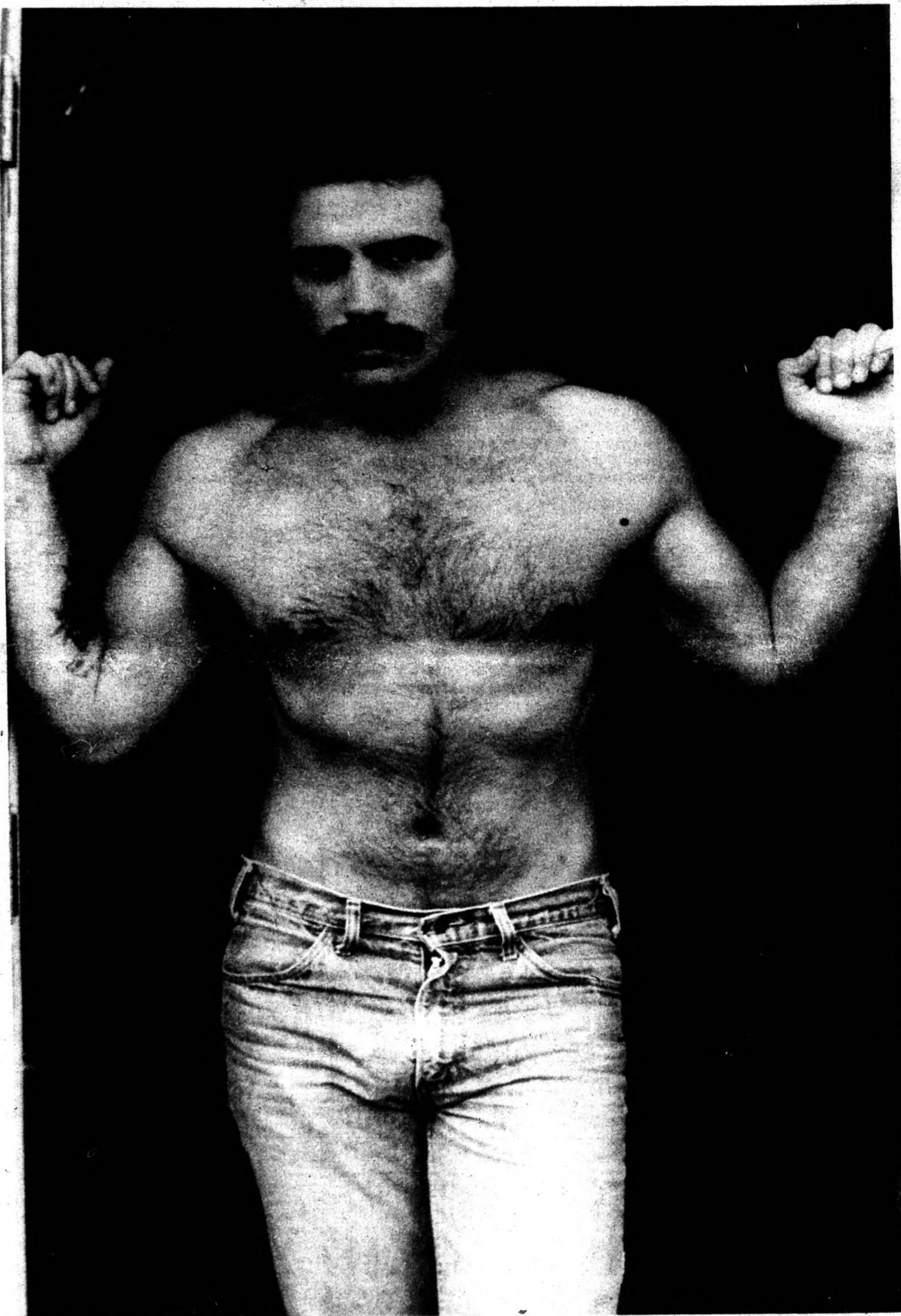


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"MANY LIVES PAST! ONE TO GO? A LIGHT ON ASTROLOGY!"

The teachings of Reincarnation and Astrology have been the chief taboos of the fundamentalists for years. Society has, over the years, developed a "taboo" on even the discussion of these facts of life and death and eternity. Reincarnation has been presented only when it was suggestive in some kind of evil plot, with a haunted house, and somebody wanting vengeance upon another's soul, etc. Astrology also carries with it this same haunting and foreboding image which definitely has left an indelible imprint upon us.

Fear is the monster that was created by the old religious system, and those of us in the New Age Christian Metaphysical movement, have been enlightened by the Christ-light and know better. But in the old system, it's purpose was to scare people so that it would keep them in "death," for as long as people were in fear, the old religious system had them in their heavy chains.

Today we are discovering that the very things which we in the past have labeled "poison and deadly" have within them, curative powers beyond any which we have known before. We are finding out that "to the pure in heart, all things are pure," for did not the Holy Spirit create them all? I myself have at one time or another, cringed under this kind of fear, but as I placed my trust in God, and decided that I must face these fears, they were overcome and I began to see that there is good in all things. So, regardless of the mischievous ones mis-using the powers that be, today you can "drink the deadly things, and they shall not hurt thee." That is, if you truly want to advance in spirit and in truth.

Astrology and reincarnation are very much entwined, for they both are relative to each other. Reincarnation is the transference of the Soul into another body of flesh at the time of ones natural birth. The Soul is that part of us which stems from our Father-Mother God, which originated as one of the many many seeds at the time of creation. Therefore, it says..... "The Body is the Temple of God," (the Soul part of us.) The Soul begins as a tiny spark which has to grow and to develop into the full stature of Spirit.

Astrology is like the record book. It records the Soul's progress and shows forth its true state of being; not only its attainments, but its fulfillments as well. For those who care to read it, the horoscope can be helpful in that it points out our weak points and our strongholds, making us aware of these areas and bringing them into focus whereby we can make use of this knowledge for our own good.

I am not saying that astrology is our guiding light, for the spiritual life still comes from about by having a spiritual birth, but astrology and other relative truths do have a place in helping to bring this about. In the past, reincarnation too, in some Eastern schools has been taught to be the saving element itself, but this is not the case. Reincarnation is but the means to an end. It affords one the opportunity to further their spiritual pursuit, without which reincarnation itself would be useless. We could be born ten thousand times and not benefit from it if there were no spiritual growth in these life times. Each birth, however, is God's Grace extended to us. It gives us another chance to make right the wrongs done in the past.

It gives us opportunity to repay the debt we owe. It gives us a chance to say, "Yes," to our Father-Mother God, whereas we once said, "No." In short, it gives us opportunity to work out our salvation by gaining more of our Father-Mother God. When we can see the wonderful ways in which our heavenly Father-Mother God works, our hearts must surely swell with praise.

We rejoice as we hear the words, "Call thou not unclean that which the Lord God has cleansed."

We must allow ground for the position that there is evil in the word. This can not be overlooked, but, evil must be faced, and overcome! Not evaded, or ignored, but overcome! Everyday we come in contact with imperfections and flaws in ourselves, and the word around us. Isaiah 45:7 tells us that our Father Mother God who created the light also created the darkness: "I make peace and I create evil, I the Lord God do all these things."

So here we see that our Father Mother God is the supreme ruler and originator of all powers, the good and the bad and since this is the case then we must also see that evil has a purpose and until that purpose has been worked out in the individual (overcome) they are yet bound to walk in the paths of suffering and sorrow.

The Scriptures shows us not only that pain and suffering are of our own making, but also that in spite of our continued abuse of free will, we will still be shown mercy rather than justice alone.....30.....

PRIDE

PRIDE ruined the angles! PRIDE that dines on vanity and sups on contempt! The proud hate PRIDE in others! PRIDE and weakness are Siamese twins! The infinitely little have d PRIDE infinitely great! PRIDE goeth before destruction, and an ahugthy spirit before a fall!

Pride is when the "I" becomes bigger than all others. Mankind is filled with pride, vain pride, a pride of material things. Mankind's pride is now enveloped in the worship of what mankind has created. What God has created, mankind has now turned on the creator. Perhaps, mankind before it is too late will look at what is happening, before the creations of mankind destroy man the creator.

Mankind is so completely absorbed in his worship of his own creations that he is losing all memory of his relationship to the true Creator, and when that is lost, all is lost.

Man's instruments for creative expression, education, government, economy, radio, press, and television-----his whole civilization-----will cause him to bow down as his life is sucked out of him. This will be done by the very instruments he had set up to serve him!

Man's ego... the "I" in his pride is what is destroying mankind. The "I" in man will not allow him to accept that there is someone higher. This is why man continually strives to create another man, and strives, through the use of body transplants, and life support systems, to prolong life long after the Soul has left it.

It is the "I" in pride which leads man out of the church, refusing to bow to something that the "I" in man cannot see. But the "I" in man becomes small when the Creator's forces unleash against man in the forms of floods, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes and droughts. Yes, then the "i" is a very little "i" in mankind. Man is creating his "tower of babel" and it surely shall fall, as Atlantis and Lemuria.

FOCUS Dines Out

Dining out should be an experience that leaves you completely satisfied, if it doesn't then, you are obviously dining in the wrong place. We being creatures of habit, oft time become comfortable in one eating place and ignore the fact that perhaps the food is not as good as it once was, or the service is uneven.

Dining out should be a pleasant experience as well as a gastronomical delight.

Fine food and France are usually synonymous withone another. But those who dine out often know, that is not necessarily true, particularly in San Francisco.

Dining at the off-Market bar and restau-

rant, Castle Grand Brasserie, 1600 Folsom at 12th Street, is a delight. Particularly if you want to really dine in a sumptuous manner with excellence in serving by their corps of waiters who are neatly attired in black and white.

We have dined there in the evening, as well as luncheon and have partook of their Sunday Brunch and late supper on Friday and Saturday evenings.

And not once did we have a meal that could be considered anything less than excellent. And, in some cases, superb.

They have a full bar, and wines that make the French green with envy. But the

food, that, is something to be experienced when you are in the mood for that most special evening. The piano entertainment is usually top flight, a bit loud at times, but, that is my own whim.

The atmosphere is that of Casablanca. Ah yes, Casablanca, we remember Humphrey Bogart, Claude Rains and Ingrid Bergman at Rick's Place. Well, the Castle Grand reminds you of it too, only the food has to be much better than at Ricks.

Why not treat yourself soon, to a world of fine foods, music and excellent service at the Castle Grand Brasserie.



Above is the manager of the Castle Grand Brasserie, Mr. Roy Harnetiaux, to whom a good deal of the credit must go for having such excellent service as well as delightful atmosphere.

Above is one of the several reasons for excellent service. John, one of the waiters, who is about to serve desserts, is also a dance instructor in modern dance.

May we recommend?: For The Sunday Brunch of your life, the eggs Blackstone! And, for lunch, Le Hamburger en Croute, or, Coquilles St. Jacques. You might try something lite like, Le Omelette du Jour also. Then in the evening, Le Petit Filet Mignon, or the dinner specialty. There are delicious salades both lunch and supper, and Le Desserts du Jour waiting to expand the waistline. And we must urge you to call ahead for reservations. As well, there is a private dining room (8 or more, no extra charge!) available.

"Pat's Wig Shop," "Lucky Oriental Foods," "Grandma's Dairy," "Sam's Farm Produce," "Rico's Produce Dept.," "Myron's Ham & Bacon Dept.," "Steer Beef Shop," "Jack's Poultry & Bar B Q Dept.," "Corned Beef Jack's," "Moura's Fresh Fish Dept.," "Taylor's Sausage Shop (See It Made)," over 22 departments go to make up the largest food center in Oakland. The name of this market is entitled the "Housewife's Market." And it is located at 9th and Clay Street with just acres of free parking and it's right downtown Oakland, just two blocks from the BART Station and just a bit off the freeway.



For those of you whom can remember the old Crystal Palace at 8th and Market Streets here in San Francisco, well, the Housewives Market is even better than the old Palace. Unique is the word that best sums up this food center, where prices you wouldn't believe exists (especially after shopping at Lucky or Safeway!) in society today.

Now, if you are looking for the fanciness of the chain markets, then you had best stay away, for there is nothing fancy at the Housewives Market. Just plain good food at low low prices from amongst the 22 different departments which make up the market. It is open Monday thru Saturday from 9 am til 6pm and it is closed on Sundays.

A recent sale had three tall 15 oz cans of Rainbow corn for \$1.05 which is a real bargain. CHB Pork & Beans were 3 for a \$1 and were the 15 oz size. 15 oz cans of green beans, and of CHB peas went 4 cans (15 oz) for a buck. Bargains is what Housewives is all about. Over in "Moura's Fresh Fish Dept." get ready for super fresh, like, live fish on sale. Squids for .99 cents a pound, and Monterey Kingfish, fresh, \$1.69 a pound. Over in "Jack's Meat Dept." there were boxes of pork chops, 10 pounds, for \$9.80. And a boneless beef round roast for \$2.30 lb. And in "Allan's Ham & Bacon" there was sliced bacon, at \$1.39 a pound and braunschweiger (smoked liver sausage) at .99 cents a pound. And would you believe? we found Morton's TV Dinners at .65 cents each.

And there was both M.D. and Auroa bath tissue for 4 rolls for .99 cents. The "Bean Bag Bulk Foods," has three pounds of oatmeal for a buck. They have a complete line of Filipino foods, and for you Anglos who haven't tried them, do so. They not only delish, but economical. Pork Hocks for '98 cents a pound over at Taylor's Sausage Shop as well as roast pork for \$1.39 lb. And, hows about a half-pound bag of delicious Bar B Qed chicken wings from Jack's Poultry? Simply southern! We also found the 49 oz box of Tide for but \$1.89 (giant size).

In today's madness of shopping for alot on very little, the Housewives Market seemed to us as an oasis in a sea of high prices. And while as said before, you don't have all the comforts of the chain markets, you have atmosphere and that neighborhood old world charm about it. And most all the clerks were friendly and most helpful. We found that it was wise to shop around before making the actual buys, for some of the various departments are in competition withone another and really go at one another's throats, so to speak, in mini-price wars.

There are new prices and bargain each week beginning on Thursday which is sale day one, and then on Friday and Saturdays the sale continues. There are no special sales Monday thru Wednesday tho. So why not get on the BART on pool a car and go over to Oakland and save money at the Housewives Market. You save money and enjoy yourself doing so.

A REPORT ON THE GROWING NUMBER OF GARBAGE QUEENS!



"DON'T STICK THAT NEEDLE IN YOUR ARM!"

Why anyone would ever want to stick a needle in their arm, and destroy their body, is more than most of us can truly cope with.

Your body was made natural and to jam a piece of metal into your arm and shoot some foul liquid up into your veins to give you a "high" is the lowest thing you can do to yourself. That's right...you, y-o-u can do to yourself. To stick that needle in your beautiful arm you must hate yourself terrible.

Today in the lesbian and gay community we are finding a greatest increase in our history of people using the needle.....speed! The shooting of speed is unfortunately once more the "in" thing to do on the streets.

And for those who don't shoot-up, they are dropping the poison down their throats, burning out their stomach linings doing so.



Amphetamines..speed, whites, bennies, dexies, diet-pills, pep-pills, white-crosses, mini-white, crank, what ever you call it, it is really death! Most of the stuff that gays are using has impurities up the kazoom, leading to all sorts of side-illnesses.

Speed keeps you from sleeping, oh yea, and what a price too. Speed makes you one super paranoid zingo too. But of course, you think that no one notices, right speed-freako? But they do, everyone can tell when you are using. Just like Dale Ennis, ...who was he? Oh just another of the street speed freakos here in San Francisco who was just sentenced to 19 years in prison for a robbery murder. He says he didn't mean to stab the guy over and over, but he just couldn't help himself. To a point he's right....the speed controled his mind, made him a mad-dog, a violence crazed speed-freak and once he began stabbing and slashing he couldn't stop. But, he could have prevented the murder of the Marin lawyer by never having jamed that crap into his arm in the first place. Speed, it's killing everyone who's using it..just look at their skin, their eyes, and at how herky jerky and paranoid they've become...oh yes..so nice isn't it!!!

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FOCUS FABLES?

"A NATION that continues year after year to spend more on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

- Martin Luther King, Jr. '68

With the above quote from the late slain civil rights leader, we begin this first "fable" of FOCUS. A sobering note such as that is always acceptable. Especially when we see not only our elderly people nearly starving and going almost totally without proper medical assistance, but the young as well, we know that America is headed from some very dark days indeed.

A PAINT JOB is what has been given the SF Eagle as well as dynamic other changes which have come about as a result of the new management of JC (Jim Corbett) and his assistant "Cadillac Bob" (Bob Bush). Now, Rod, the other half of Bob has joined the staff of the SF Eagle, a real nice looking and feeling bar (see ad below).

FAREWELL TO ITZEKH as he returns to Israel. He is preparing a going away dinner at the home of Al Alvarez on August 6th and we have been invited, so if FOCUS FABLES is not around next issue, you will know that it was his cooking. A most gracious thank you to the both of you for inviting us to your din din.

GRAND DUCHESS CHARLIE is back in town for the Saturday night festivities called "An Investiture Ball" at the California Hall. Rumor has it that X (Charlie?) will be staying in California (Sacramento?). Welcome back old girl, long time no see or hear. Betcha we will now!

JIMMY CASH is in jail over the Marin for more than shooting off more than his mouth or load this time...it was a .22 when he was high and the Marin piggies were not amused. Have a nice vacation on the work-farm Jim!

RENAISSANCE FAIRE is underway in Marin County, and for sheer enjoyment, your entertainment dollar couldn't be better spent. It is like going back in time. Far out!!

DORIS TURNS FORTY at long last, after so many years as 39, the popular first lady of the Tenderloin cafe The Cookery has had another birthday which was celebrated with the presence of Emperpr Bobby Pace, Roger, JR, Bill White.....but no Madam Leslie? It was a fun affair anyway. To Doris many happy returns.

THE RECON'S 13th Annual "Summer Field Run" will be held the 30th of August, a Sunday, and it promises to be not only fun and wild, but a bit more exciting this year than in the past. It begins at 9 am at Fehé's in the Poker Flats Room. There will be Field Events....Brunch....and All the beer you can drink and it is all just \$7.50! That's a price you can't beat. At last, the Recon's are "out of the backyard patio's" and back into the bars where they belong. The Recon's are one of SF's oldest and most prestigious MCs. Give this run a run and you will find that you have had not only alot of fun, but made alot of new acquaintances. (No drags... please!) This is for m.e.n.! (???????????)

IS DELORES GOING GAY? is the question many are now asking about the latino bar across the street from the Ambush. Delores has always discouraged gays from coming in and now she is welcoming them with open arms and sombreros! And an open cash register?

LITTEST ANGEL back in town? Oh yes, is does appear that Ken Rice and Harry "Littlest Angel" Lesure are back in SF. Larry Eppinette and Bob Ross and Hector nearly nabbed the "Littlest Angel" outside the Mint at a function there recently. The two of them disappeared from the city after a good deal of funds at the old S.I.R. Center came up missing. Mr. Rice had established himself as office dictator. They formerly lived at the Central Towers on Turk Street. The total will never be know for sure, but it is definate that \$700 "walked off" the same time they "walked off." Rice distributed the defunct VECTOR Magazine for the Society for Individual Rights (S.I.R.).

ROD LOCK wants to know if Mister Marcus is moving to Detroit with his new heart throb? Is he throbbing still?

EMPRESS I OF HEAVEN has to be the recently departed Melvina (Melvin Gray) our own Empress of Colma. The title, "Empress of Colma," was created by Empress Shirley for Melvina as "camp," but it later became a fixture as the delightful witty Melvina made his mark upon us all. We surely know that he has already declared himself the first Empress de Heaven and is just waiting for the few of them that are going up there (the rest, well, you know where some of them are headed).

JOHN ROWBERRY of Drummer would like to know that has happened to that letter he wrote to the B.A.R. in rebuttal to one of those tacky John Karr "opinions." After the evil anti-gay lawsuit by the P.O.A. we would think that B.A.R. would get the message and put Karr back reviewing porno where he could lose them some more ads?

NEW YORK 'STRAIGHTS' exploit gays? Yes! In one word that sums up Danny and his Mustang operations. Mustang's owners somehow manipulated the laws around with Alex de-Renzy and took over the Screening Room theatre, did modest repairs and remodeling and "turned it gay," with a New York ex-porn star as their manager. Then after local people were "trained" he left and the operation was "managed" by local gays. Local gays who continually used to make excuses for the awful junk films sent out by the heterosexual Danny to try and rip off SF Gays money. But the films were so bad, so unbelievably bad with one exception, "Wanted," that the theatre just didn't draw flies. And of course New York Danny blamed everyone and their mother, when in full reality this heterosexual was the full fault with his junk films. SF gays are alot more sophisticated than New Yorkers, and they simply were not buying such garbage of Dannels as "The Janitor" "Cocktails" etc., and much more etc. They were terrible. The live shows were the only thing that kep the film house going, but most of the dancers were terrible to say the least. They tried, but, how many times can you get up on a stage and wiggle and shimmy and try to "turn people on?" A stage show which showed promise was about the last re-deeming part of the Mustang SF operation, but it too ended. Danny and his entire Mustang operation stinks, this is 1981, not years of old and you just can't exploit SF gays the way he has and continues to do so. Mr. deRenzy and his shyster lawyer ought to take the theatre back over....but they were busted for "audience participation," with their girle shows....hmm seems that his lawyer's clients are always getting busted....makes him a rich lawyer that way But the Screening Room operation of Mustang is awful, and gays going there are getting nothing in return for five bucks except awful films and nothing else. So, the mora of this story is, New York hets should keep their rip off operations in New Work, and stop trying to exploit gays. It's as simple as that. More to come next issue.



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EDITORIAL:
The San Francisco Police Officers Association lawsuit for \$5 million against the Bay Area Reporter represents an attack by the reactionary right-wing controlled Police Officers Association upon the Lesbian and Gay Community in general. The POA does not want civilians investigating complaints of police misconduct. And as a result of Supervisor Harry Britt's proposal before the Board of Supervisors, and as he also writes for the Bay Area Reporter, the Association leadership evidently felt that this was the target they must hit, and hit hard. Obviously the Bay Area Reporter does not have five million, but money is not the object of the lawsuit, the real target is the lesbian and gay community, and the halting of any further talk of a civilian review board by the gay community. This is intimidation at its zenith. And now, as never before, if the word "unity" ever had meaning, now is that time. For there is no way to look at the Association lawsuit except as an attack upon us all. So, we would encourage all to support the defense of the Bay Area Reporter in this particular matter. For, if the right-wing police group wins over the gay paper, then all other gay publications are in danger and will be hushed. Of course, the other publications don't really say that much about the police except in a most flattering way now, but, hopefully they will see that this suit against the Bay Area Reporter is a suit against any person who is homosexual. And in this case, an attack against one, is an attack against all...except those cop-loving queens who betray us daily to those who oppress us, and we need not mention names for they and you know who they are.

GAY FOCUS MAGAZINE, new, has a staff that has been around, and we urge you to listen to what we have said, and please stand united against police oppression. rb

*"The deepest secrets of the human form I've seen
I know this world and that on which 'tis based,
I know that love, yea, love is what they mean.
And that to love I here on Earth am placed.
I stretch my arms out wide as He has done of old,
I would that I, like Him, might all the world enfold."*

— Christian Morgenstern

"There is no end to a prayer. It echoes on forever in your soul. Long after the visible demonstration has been made and forgotten, the prayer that produced it continues to work for your spiritual advancement, for the creative power of a God thought is unlimited and eternal."

— Emmet Fox



"Northern Station cops and merchants, doing 'their thing' on gay youth on Polk!"



FOCUS NEWS

MURDERER GETS 19 YEARS FOR STABBING DEATH OF MARIN LAWYER:
Dale Ennis, 25, a friend of Father Eugene Kopp, was sentenced to 19 years in state prison for having stabbed and slashed the famed Democratic Party activist and Marin attorney William B. Lynch to death. The stabbing took place in the old Windjammer bar parking lot on Geary Street near Jones in March of 1980.

Others arrested in the killing, Andrew Larson, 22, who accompanied Ennis in the robbery killing, was sentenced to 3 years in state prison for armed robbery. Larson will, however, be released in just 6 more months in some kind of a "deal" made with the prosecution in the case.

Halas "Holly" Kondekan, a drag-queen who was with Ennis and Larson testified that Ennis had said after the killing, "I'm sorry. I know you're upset, but so am I. (So was the dead Lynch's family friends). But the dude (Lynch) jumped at me, I didn't have any other choice. I didn't mean things to come out the way they did." But they did, and a friend of former President Jimmy Carter is dead. Holly has already been released from jail for her testimony as was a Jill Guido, a friend.

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Melvin Gray

A VOICE WITHIN US SPEAKS THE WORD

O listen, man!

*A voice within us speaks the startling word,
"Man, thou shalt never die!" Celestial voices
Hymn it around our souls; according harps,
By angel gingers touched when the mild stars
Of morning sang together, sound forth still
The song of our great immortality;
Thick-clustering orbs, and this our fair domain,
The tall, dark mountains and the deep-toned seas,
Join in this solemn, universal song.*

*O listen ye, our spirits! drink it in
From all the air! 'Tis in the gentle moonlight;
Is floating in day's setting glories; Night
Wrapped in her sable robe, with silent step
Comes to our bed and breathes it in our ears: —
Night and the dawn, bright day and thoughtful eve,
As one great mystic instrument, are touched
By an unseen, living hand, and conscious chords
Quiver with joy in this great jubilee.
The dying hear it; and, as sounds of earth
Grow dull and distant, wake their passing souls
To mingle in this heavenly harmon.*

Richard H. Dana

*(We dedicate this to the memory of the late but
with us always his soul, Melvin "Melvina" Gray!)*

On Tuesday, July 26, 1981, the Soul of Melvin Gray (Melvina) took flight from his tired pain racked body to soar with unseen spirits above, to be free, yet to remain with us forever.

To those of us who were fortunate enough to have known this kind and gentle loving bit of humankindness, we shall always be so much better off for having been allowed this blessed privilege.

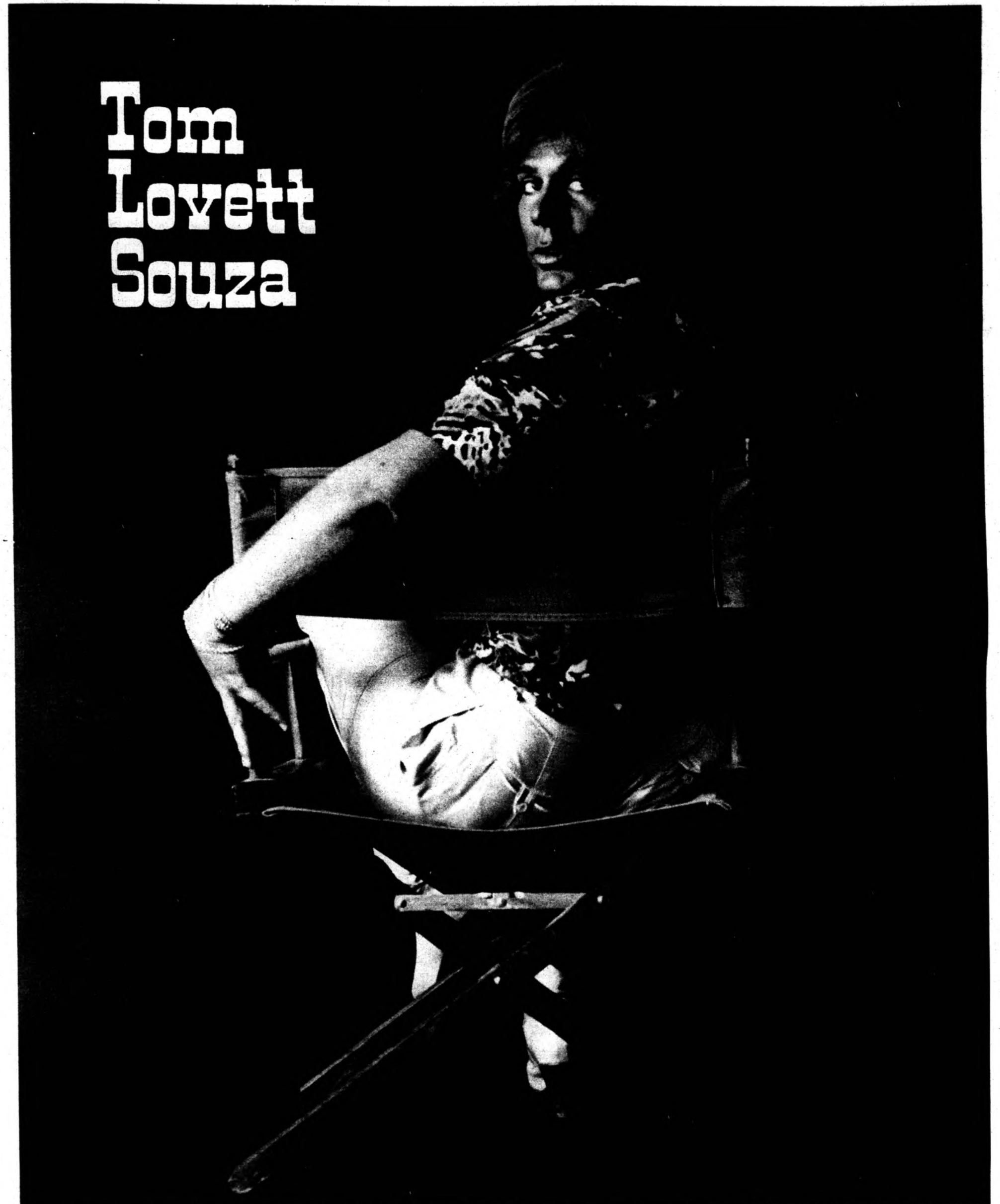
Too few people in our world today have the virtues that Melvina was blessed with. Oh that we all could be a bit more like him, this would indeed be a much much better world.

When Melvina's took leave of his frail body while it slept last Tuesday, those of us who were first notified of this transision, could not really accept it, although we knew that any day 'twod come due to his frail condition, the news was still a shock.

God, how we shall miss his laughter, his wit, his comfort, and his love. God we thank you for allowing us to have shared some time with Melvina! rb



Tom Lovett Souza



FOCUS FABLES?

WHAT GOOD IS A 'FRICK' without a 'Frack'? Well, it seems that longtime lovers and biz partners Steve and Rick and headed for 'spliffsville.' Who gets custody of the janitorial service?

ALABAMA KID KIMO that's what he's being called..Kimo of Kimo's on Polk. He went to Alabama and not with a banjo on his knee. Seems someone's setting on his knee down there in the land of mint juleps, etc.

LEATHERSMITHS is the name of the macho men's leather shop in the exciting San Francisco Eagle. They have all sorts of leather goods and 'toys.' They are open Mon thru Fri 8pm til 1:30 am....and 4pm til 1:30am Sats and from 4pm til 10pm on Suns.

FRENCHMAN'S UP A CREEK? Seems that a certain south of Market French bistro no longer has a dark haired young stud. He was always so late...he musta been running thru the sewers of Paris (Illinois that is!) Shame!

GREG PENNINGTON one of the nicest of human beings this city has ever seen is reported to being going a guy named Dallas, or was that Waco, or maybe it was Tulsa, or no, that's Oral Roberts, but then, so his Houston...very oral!!!!

LATEENO LOVERS abound all over the tenderloins of one tall Eurasian lad, at least this is the naughty rumor began by Perry "Basket" Bell.

HAL is going home? Rumor has it. Sad too!

HAIR TODAY MUST GO tomorrow is what some are saying about one Michael Fox. Dear you are 24 and you are a bigga boy so cut the long locks, you just may begin to look like the man you do think you are. Right Wilma?

DON'T CALL ME WILMA Bill White is doing the light fantastic these final days of the campaign for Grand Duchess. Are you ready??? A Duchess Bill??

COLUMBIA REALTY'S bar south of Market may never become a reality according to some people who do know their ABCs...saturation some say.

PAT BATT GOES HOME to the Gold Coast, but the SF one this time. Never did got to

meet him. Rod Lock and Mr. Marcus were always so busy occupying his time.

TOM LOVETT SOUZA is reported to be going to be in all his fine furs at the Investiture Ball, accompanied by his other half, John "Titus" McLean. They are sitting at the FOCUS Magazine table along with mother McCarthy. John and McCarthy are like two old yentas when they get together. Yack yack yack and more.

VACATION TIME for Carl Campbell of Pine Street's SF Litho Graphics. He needs one!!!!!!!

NATHAN of Alfie's is still the hottest man in the mid-Market area. Not one of those so-called "men" who go to the Bal only can hold a yardstick to him. A real southern m-a-n!!!!!!!

JOE WHITE returned to the city for a little visit and was re-united with an old flame that methinks he wishes was still aburning inferno...and I do mean a certain tall hunky hung bartender at the Polk Gulch Saloon.

THE 15 ASSOCIATION, whatever did happen to them after the drag stars took it over??

THE BARBARY COASTERS had a fun run..... didn't they Dallas? or is that Waco, or is it both? Maybe Houston yet?

COUNTRY MUSIC getting bigger and better all the time and especially out at the Devil's Herd with that fine band County Line. They are really moving the people across the dance floor....or maybe that's Charlie's dance lessons.

TELL ME TRUE Dave Monroe..did Jim Ostlund leave anything behind in that place afterhe moved?

END TO RUMOR NO. 69, that Lee Raymond is going steady with a man....he's a boy!! Eat your heart out Bob Cramer!

H.L. PERRY has a houseguest...a truck-driving man? Dunno!!!!?

LUCY FOGG is a real drag nowadays!!!

RUBEN ARCHELATA has a most bigga mouth and should have it stuffed....full of dirty old socks!!!!

MIKE MARTIN had a "lovely" visit from his neanderthal Orange County friend Tom. It was too shades this side of boring and was exciting as watching Jack Wrangler beat off!

DON "FIFI" O'BRIEN says that he's eight years younger than me...really? that would make him 34....and there's no way baby!!! Shame on you!!!!

MISS ATTITUDE of Drummer Magazine office fame...which are you? a top or a bottom or just another mouth along lifes urinal?

KONSTANTIN BERLANDT was been liberated from the Jaguar rumor has it. Nice!

PAUL BONEBERG to run for supervisor next year? That's the word. Wonder what his chances are this time around.

OFFICER PAUL SEIDLER the gay cop on SFPD in the community relations unit is not meeting with as much success as he should in the gay community....hmm, wonder why!!!! He's gay....and upfront gay cop. Strange!!!

WHY IS IT that Febe's seems to avoid the gay mags and rags with their ad dollars? Methinks they think that they will always be a 'popular' bar. But, some have found that 'always' can end quickly. Could it be that they are just plain cheap? Or could it be that they don't appreciate the business of their customers?? They don't even have an ad in the leather mags. Now that is most strange. Karma is a real mutha boyz.

RUMORS PERSIST that Elmer Wilhelm is to either open a new bar or to take one over as manager. Hmm

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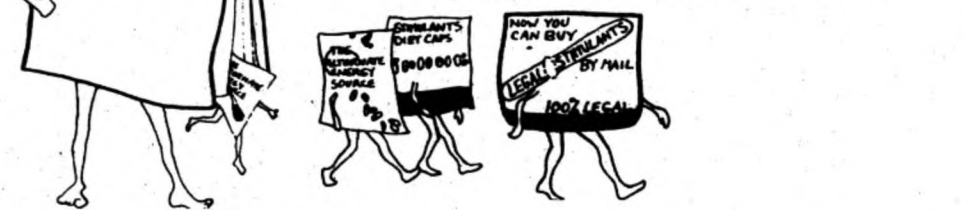
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AMERICA'S MAG FOR THE MACHO MALE

FOCUS on Drugs

"High Times" magazine has halted advertising from "lookalike" drugs advertisers (manufacturers and distributors). "Drug Survival News" has requested all publications to cease and desist from carrying ads for any of the so-called "legal stimulants."

"High Times" was the publication that began the lookalike advertising and at last they have ended it. We only hope that it is not too late. rb



"DEATH LINKED TO "LOOK-A-LIKE" DRUGS!" (DSN)

Legal "lookalike" stimulant drugs have been implicated in a number of toxic reactions and idiosyncratic responses that have resulted in the deaths of at least four users nationwide.

Three of the deaths occurred in New Mexico during the past four months and a fourth occurred in Boone County, Illinois. According to the New Mexico medical investigator's office, two of the deaths in that state were triggered by phenylpropan-nolamine, the other by ephedrine. The Illinois death was attributed to "acute caffeine toxicity" by the county coroner. Caffeine, phenylpropanolamine, and ephedrine are common ingredients in amphetamine lookalikes.

Dr. Barry Diskant, emergency room physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, told Drug Survival News that two persons died at his hospital following ingestion of "pretty small

Dr. Diskant warned that the magnitude of lookalike drug use in the U.S. increases the likelihood that similar reactions will happen elsewhere.

When asked to explain the action of the drugs in bringing about severe hypertensive reactions capable of causing death to users, Dr. Diskant replied, "I would have to say this is an idiosyncratic response. It's a secondary response to a toxic reaction."

Of the major ingredients in amphetamine lookalikes, Dr. Diskant warned that ephedrine especially, "is an enormously powerful drug." Regarding the combination itself, he said, "It's like playing Russian roulette, taking these kind of lookalike drugs. There's nothing scientific to validate the safety of the combination."

A number of common initial side effects would indicate an adverse reaction or idiosyncratic response to lookalike speed. Primary among these symptoms are headaches, agitation, tremulousness, and insomnia.

Individuals with pre-existing health problems are at particular high risk, according to Dr. Diskant. He warned that persons with heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes hyperthyroidism, or high blood pressure should not take lookalike speed under any circumstances.

Dr. Diskant called for legislation that would take lookalike drugs off the market entirely. "There's no good medical indication for these drugs at all." Citing, "study after study" that have shown their ingredients to be ineffective for long term weight control. "It seems that the market to whom these drugs are being sold are people looking for a kick. And they don't know they are playing with fire."

The lookalikes are sometimes black capsules with markings like, "RJS" or "DEX" or "127" on them. There is also a "Quaalude" lookalike as well as a "Cocaine Go" lookalike.

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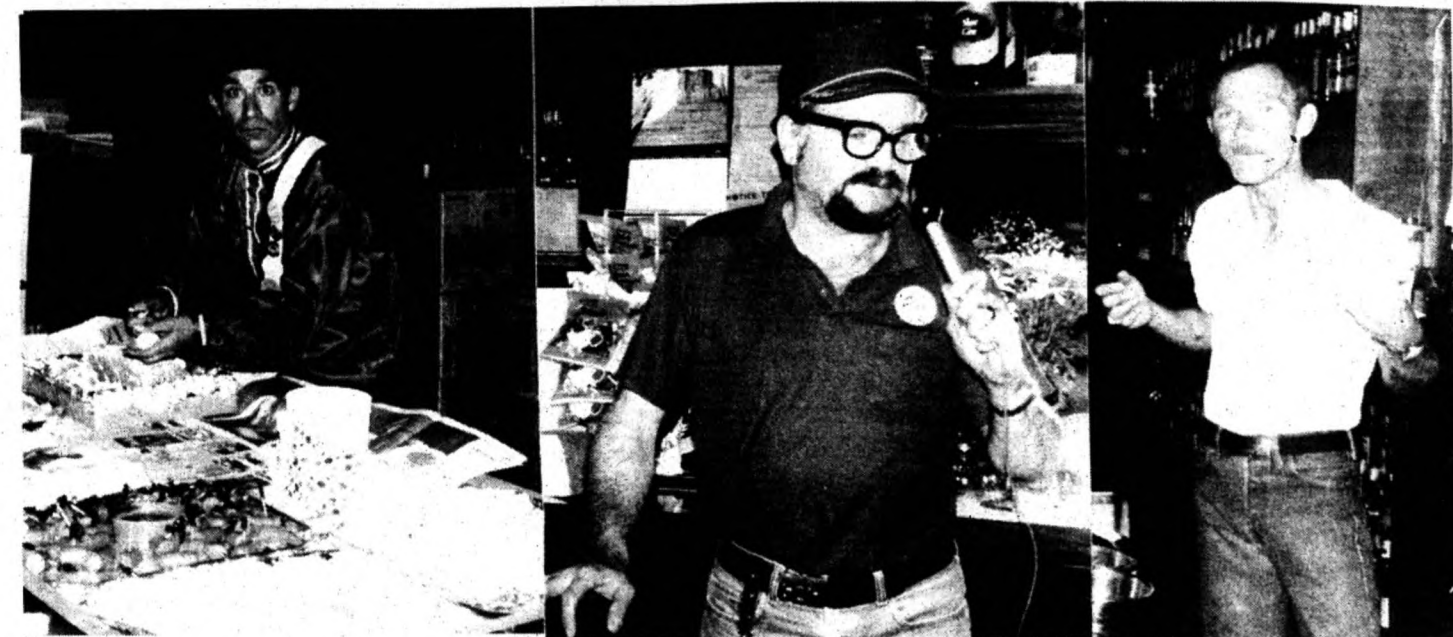
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FOCUS on Gay Royalty



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Candidate, J.R. (John Russo) lays out the delicious spread, while BURT of the FOGHORN talks and sexy bartender eats!!!!!!



Stud friend of RANDY (at right) former barman at Oil Cans; DAISY talks to FRED, and M.M. GENE BETTIS, & Monte watch.

The Ninth Annual Grand Duchess and Grand Duke contest is fast drawing to an end on August 8th will all day balloting from 9:30 am til 6:30 pm in the lobby of California Hall (Polk and Turk).

The first Grand Duchess, H.L. Perry has just returned from an extended stay in Europe to oversee the final days of the not too eventful race and to make sure that all goes well during the voting. He told FOCUS that he expects the largest voter turnout in the history of the contest and this he says is due to the fact that this year there are more candidates for the title of Grand Duchess than ever before.

Grand Duchess II, Lee Raymond told us the candidates for Grand Duchess Nine, are, Vivian, Vinnie, Nina, Tracee, Dusty, and Bill White (Wilma). The candidates for Grand Duke Nine are, Roger and John Russo (JR).

Grand Duchess Six, Frau says that the race this year is kinda "strange" but that he expects it will really heat up during the final two days and nights before balloting.

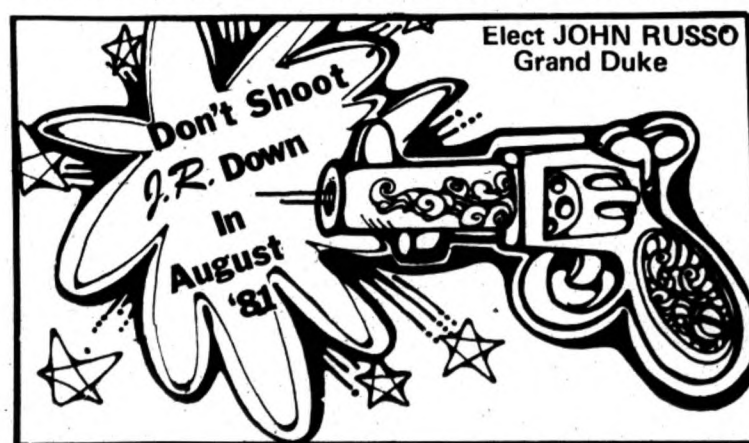
Parties, such as the one which the pictures at the left from the Foghorn, are quite common. The most lavish of the parties have been given by J.R. The candidates for Grand Duchess with the exception of old timer Tracee have been few and far between.

Still and all, the entry of Bill White as candidate for Grand Duchess has caused much speculation as to voter turnout. He, being extremely popular in the Tenderloin area, will probably gather in over two hundred votes alone, due to a well-oiled machine engineered by the popular Dee Dee Love of the Ram's Head.

Vivian is expected to give White a real run for the title with old timer Tracee given a real good outside chance due to his hard campaigning. Of the candidates for Grand Duchess, Tracee like J.R. on the Grand Duke side has campaigned the hardest.

J.R. is counting on the dozens of past campaigns in which he has helped various candidates to become elected to push him over the top, but his support appears to be fading fast as candidate Roger is depending on his sex appeal and now a big boost by the popular Dee Dee Love just may give him the election.

The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess title holders traditionally help to raise fun and funds for various charities, which is one of the major reasons for the titles. The title of Grand Duke and Grand Duchess have eclipsed the title of Emperor in popularity in recent years and is pushing hard at the Empress title for most popular title. Remember, vote on August 8th.



Focus Theatre Carl's Follow Spot



FOCUS ON THE NEW:

It's always exciting to start a new job, ten times more so when the new job is with a brand new publication. To be a part of the first issue of a periodical is a thrill and at the same time a great challenge. However the excitement is not limited to the writers "in on" its birth but also encompasses you, the readers. As succeeding issues are published, you will remember, in most cases with a glow of pride, that you too were an integral part of its birth for every magazine, every newspaper is a partnership between writers and readers. May that of GAY FOCUS MAGAZINE be long and successful!

A big week for gay theatre in San Francisco! Not one but two new productions are scheduled. Opening Tuesday and running through September 5, the Theatre Rhinoceros will present three one acts by local playwright C.D. Arnold,..... *Dinosaurs*, *The Blond in 20-B*, and *A Night In The Blue Moon*. (call 776-1848 for information).

This will be their last production in the Goodman Building where they have presented an impressive fifteen shows in a little over two years, before moving to their new and much larger space on 16th Street between Mission and South Van Ness Avenues. They will have two theatres in their new home, an excellent ninety-nine seat theatre for "mainstage" productions and an intimate fifty seat "house" for experimental works, or possibly, for short term lease to other groups.

Opening Wednesday for five performances only..... (through Sunday August 9) the Earnest Players will present *Public and Private Lives* (call 431-6918 for info) also three one acts, these about famous persons including Oscar Wilde and Gertrude Stein.

FOCUS REVIEWS: SAME TIME NEXT YEAR Meridian Productions (415) 421-6162

Just plain fun characterizes Meridian Production's "Same Time Next Year." This light-hearted comedy about a pair of lovers who meet once a year for twenty-five years is hilariously funny while offering brief looks at changing emphasis in American life between 1950 and 1975.

Simon Levy's crisp and always to the point direction keeps interest high, no little feat in a two character play. Dawn Nelson is excellent, bringing both freshness and a superb sense of comedy to the once-a-year unfaithful housewife while Nick Eldredge, weak in the early scenes as a somewhat fumbling lover, grows in stature as an actor as his character grows in maturity.

A most pleasant evening!

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FOCUS REVIEWS: THE UNSEEN HAND by Sam Shepard, The Eureka Theatre (415) 863-7133

Sam Shepard's "The Unseen Hand" is part allegory, part science fiction thriller that is saved by excellent acting and an unforgettable set (an automobile junkyard that seems too real to be a stage setting) by Joel Eis and Lisa Shaftel. However, it is Stephen LeGrand as an alien from another planet closely related to baboons, who gives a performance that alone makes attending this Eureka Theatre production worthwhile. One tends to think he has spent hours at a zoo studying monkeys, so perfectly does he project their movements.....to say nothing of his awe inspiring physical control as he hops and leaps and prances not only around the stage but up onto various furnishings. Totally in command of himself, and the audience at all times, he gives a beautifully rounded and well thought out performance of award winning caliber.

Julian Lopez-Morillas, as an aging outlaw turned hermit, and Gregory Proops, as a local high school cheer leader kidnapped, beaten, and humiliated by kids from a rival

school, both give fine performances but not even Richard E.T. White's well paced direction can overcome the inherent preachiness and weaknesses in the script.

★ ★½

FOCUS REVIEWS: SEDUCED by Sam Shepard Magic Theatre 441-8001

"Seduced," at the Magic Theatre is Sam Shepard's non-play about the last days of Howard Hughes. Trite, rambling, plotless, and interest-less, one is saved from absolute boredom by the obvious fun, Robert Elross has with the lead role, playing with it rather than playing it.

Kathy Baker gives a fun performance as a tough call-girl type and does an excellent strip although why such is in the play is beyond my comprehension. My understanding is that this is being offered in place of an promised Sam Shepard "original" that wasn't ready: if so, my sympathy to the Magic and its subscribers.

★ ½

FOCUS REVIEWS: MOVING ON Actor's Ark (415) 441-2453

The Actor's Ark production "Moving On" is a long program of five unrelated one acts produced on an obviously limited budget.

Unfortunately overacting is more prevalent than good acting, direction is generally weak (each has a different director) and production values are blatantly amateurish. The overall impression is of a showcase production that didn't make it.

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SATURDAY 8/8: FREE MEXICAN AIR FORCE with Peter Rowan at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley from 11 am on. Also appearing is Back In The Saddle.

SUNDAY 8/23: MERLE HAGGARD and the Strangers appear at the Circle Star Theatre in San Carlos at 4:30 and 8 pm.

THURSDAY 8/6: The JEFFERSON STARSHIP is at Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds from 7 pm. \$10.00

FRIDAY 8/7: The REBEL ROCKERS from L.A. appear at the American Indian Center, Valencia and 14th Streets. Also on Saturday night, at 9 pm both nites.

FRIDAY 8/14: The MANHATTAN TRANSFER at the Fox Warfield beginning tonight at 8pm thru the 15th and 16th.

SATURDAY 8/8: The GHOULS and The TANKS at the Sound of Music, 162 Turk.

SATURDAY 8/8: The CASUALS at the Palms, 8:30 and 11:30, on Polk Street.

FRIDAY 8/7: PETERBILT and the Titans, 9:30 pm at the FAB MAB Club on Broadway in North Beach.

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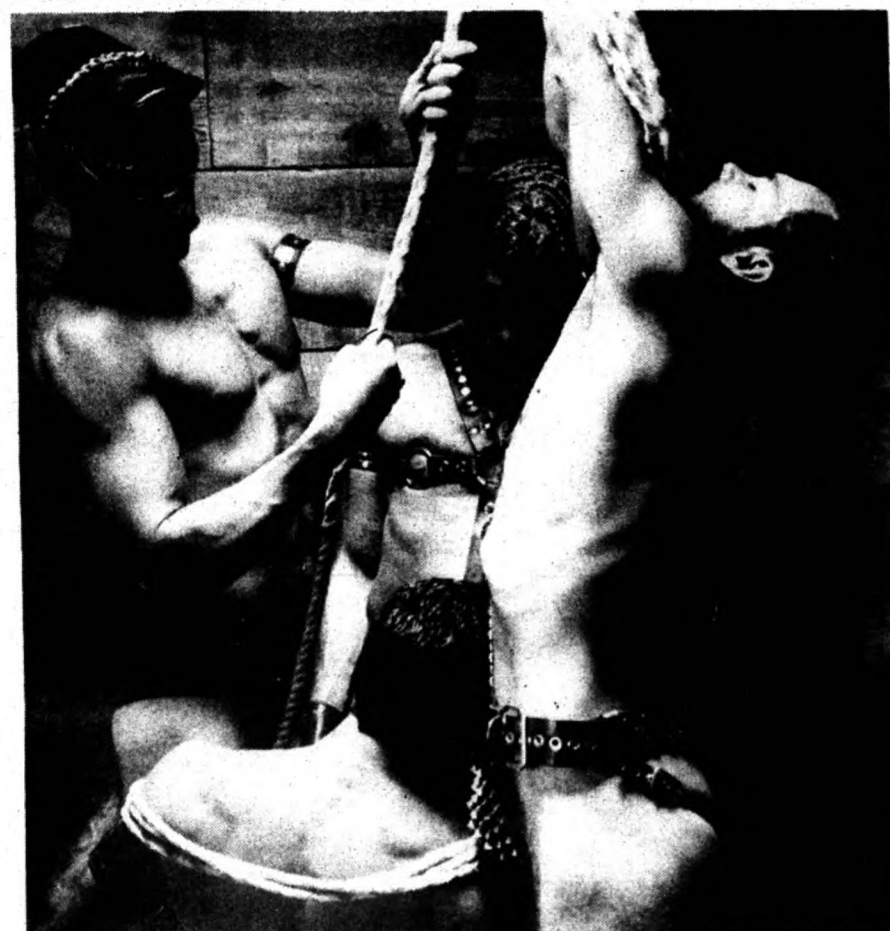
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WHY a Gay California FOCUS Magazine? Good question! Look about at the other publications.....do they fill your needs? We think not! That is one of the reasons. Another, is that we had to show to this old world that this is a NEW AGE and that FOCUS represents the new age thinking of the church. Surely this publication will have varied religious views. This is what all need, some spirituality. Without it you are dead in more ways than one. All things in moderation....that is something all should learn. Everything was put here on earth by the Father-Mother God, Creator of the heavens and the earth (universes). Just as God has no sex, so should mankind look at one another, all the same, equal. Surely there are different lifestyles, this is a part of the

natural order of things. Not the way that "reverend" Jerry Falwell preaches. He preaches from the dark side of life. He has never been enlightened and that is why he holds on to "those good old America values, the good old American way of life." This is because he has not been enlightened. Those who are enlightened, accept all people as themselves as long as the positive outweighs the negative. But, more about FOCUS. It will have truly different things about it. Articles on how to live better, both physically as well as spiritually, with commentary on the news and politics as well as "other things." I am grateful to the board of directors for giving me this chance to bring to you the kind of publication that a new age California needs and deserves. FOCUS may be a bit controversial, but FOCUS will zero in on the things you need to know and then some. Hang in there with us, it may get a bit bumpy, but no one ever promised you a smooth one.....after all doesn't life have its ups and downs? It's in the book!

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reverend raymond broshears
managing editor

FOCUS on Bars

South of Market.....three words that denote masculinity within the gay night life. And South of Market is where the San Francisco Eagle lies, at 12th and Harrison, just one block South of Folsom Street. The Eagle has been a long time dream of it's owner Bob Damron, famed for his Address Book. Bob's partner Jay Levine is extremely pleased with the new look the Eagle has taken on in the

past two weeks, and well he should, for it now is beginning to look and feel like a real Eagle-bar should.....masculine. The vibes at the San Francisco are warm and the new bartenders fast and friendly. Beau Dodson is there now, one of the very best bartenders to be found in the city, let alone South of Market. He is complimented by Rod, and assistant manager Bob Bush (Cadillac Bob). And JC joins them behind the bar too. JC is

the reason for the many positive changes at the San Francisco Eagle in the past two weeks. He has a long record of good management, and those who remember SF's famed Tool Box must remember JC. Last weekend, when some south of Market bars were slow, the Eagle was packed and this is no coincidence either. JC and the men of the Eagle know how to make a man feel at home. That's what the Eagle is fast becoming...home, to

manv of the south of Market crowd. If you're looking for a "high" crowd... then forget the Eagle, for this is a mellow crowd, and a friendly crowd. Levi and leather are in, but "tripping" and "highs" are out, under the smooth management of Jim Corbett. Why not give the Eagle a visit, we think you will be returning again and again. They are open daily, 2 pm til 2 am. The San Francisco eagle...a real man's bar... are you man enough for the Eagle?



The famed Noel painting which formerly hung in the old Folsom Prison, now hangs at the San Francisco Eagle...that's Wes of the Recon in front of the painting planning the Recon's next run.



That's the front of the Eagle, and that's Rod on his way to work. The front is two shades of brown with white lettering.. Looking good.



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