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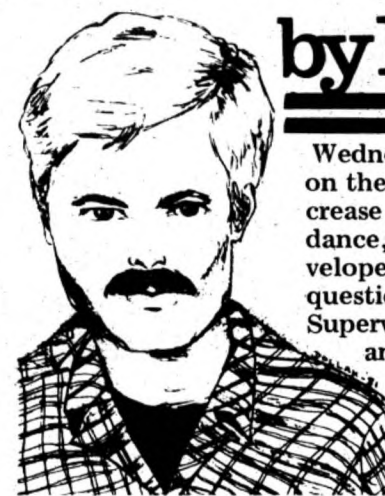
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FOCUS MEMO

by ED DOLLA K



Wednesday October 7th, the community meeting on the proposal to rezone the Tenderloin, to increase the height limit found 150 persons in attendance, including various City bureaucrats and developers. The flow of speeches, analysis and the question and answer session went very smoothly. Supervisor Harry Britt who was scheduled to make an appearance was a no-show; neither did the director of City Planning, Dean Macris. Their absence was a bit of a disappointment indeed, for many who came to the meeting intended to confront the two officials about the on-going gentrification of the Tenderloin/Central City and the displacement effects suffered by area residents. Supervisor Nancy Walker was on hand, and she did a fairly good job on her very touching analysis of the housing and economic crisis faced daily by the residents. Ms. Walker spoke favorably of the activity taking place in the Tenderloin to preserve its low-income residential quality. She emphasized the importance of community organizing in having the City adopt favorable policies toward the Tenderloin/Central City area. One highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a slideshow put together by the Tenderloin Housing Clinic and narrated by senior activist Anna Krivonic, who did an excellent job. The presentation stressed the problems of the Tenderloin, and the various community campaigns that have been undertaken to deal with these problems. Housing groups like the Luxury Hotel Task Force, TAC (Tenants Against Conversion) and the Tenderloin Rezoning Proposal Committee have been the driving forces in the struggle to help preserve the Tenderloin as a residential district within the Central City sector of San Francisco.

"The Plot Thickens!"

Housing activist Sara Com informed me that a total of 3,500 signatures have been collected of people who support the Tenderloin rezoning proposal. Many of the signers are owners of small businesses, for they too, are being badly affected by the proliferation of high-rises and multi-million dollar developments in San Francisco. They conclude that as the value of land and property increases, so do the rents for their small businesses and store space. Small business merchants have stated that they are also concerned about the future of the City and thus have joined forces with City residents in their campaign against gentrification and its devastating results on this city's elderly, low-income and disabled people. The next step is to continue collecting signatures and to lobby the elected City officials. Stay tuned and I will keep you informed.

Ms. Sheila McConnon, owner of the Roadrunner bar, appeared at the Board of Permit Appeals October 7th and was denied a dance permit for 177 Eddy Street, where she wants to move her bar to. The word is that she will file a lawsuit so that she can gain the dance permit, but she faces stiff opposition on other fronts as well. More on this to come.....!

I was at the poorly attended picket against Vice-President George Bush October 1st. And a somewhat "disturbed" seedy-type heckler tried to disrupt the event as he became so filthy-mouthed and abusive at elderly women, and young women as well as at gays. This sad and pathetic figure of a little man was in such a state of disarray, obviously had been drinking too, and that with his foul mouth and body odor was frustrated as he tried to pick fights at he hit and people and none struck back, so he left in his sulk, knowing that he failed completely to accomplish anything except making a complete ass of himself and a total embarrassment to whoever sent him there to disrupt. We all know this pathetic person, and he should remember that "what goes around comes around." This sad little person, and his mentors would do well to check themselves into a program which could give them the professional help they must need.

Well.....all you Kings & Queens out there.....Halloween will soon be here.....and this is always a festive occasion here in Fagdad By The Bay. I look forward to it with great anticipation.

The benefit movie premiere of "Street Music" has been re-scheduled for sometime in November. This a Hollywood film take-off on the old International Hotel eviction fight which occurred a few years ago. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help the non-profit housing organization TAC (Tenants Against Conversion) which has headquarters in the Tenderloin/Central City.

Help is needed for this "Street Music" fundraiser. So please give Julian a call at 474-2164. Please note, that "Street Music" was filmed almost entirely in our Tenderloin area.

Well, I guess this is all for this column this issue.....and until next time, a very happy time.....and get ready for a happy and safe Halloween.

Be seeing ya!!!!
ED DOLLACK ---30---

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FOCUS NEWS

Polk Teen-killer trial

CASE OF 17 YEAR OLD DONNIE SERAFIN'S MURDER GOES TO THE JURY IN SANTA CRUZ.....

Little Donnie Serafin whose body was found April 4th in Bonny Doon in Santa Cruz, was known as a teen-hustler on Polk Street, friendly and out going to all. When he got into that car on Polk Street on April 1st near the Bagl, Polk and Bush, he was never seen again until a friend of his had identified his dead body.

Arrested for the killing of Donnie Serafin was Donald Cornett, 47 year old casket salesman and former coroner. Cornett has denied being in San Francisco during the time of the 17 year old male prostitute's disappearance. But a Polk Street person known to Donnie, saw the car, a Chrysler, drive off with Donnie in it. But, unfortunately, all of the other "tales" from the Polk Streets "boys" have proved to lead no-where and as the Prosecution and Defense have now both rested their cases and the case will go to the jury by Wednesday October 14th, it appears that due to the failure of the Polk Street youth to stand up for one of their own, the accused killer of 17 year old Donnie Serafin will go free, unless one comes forth. Investigator Otis Polk of Santa Cruz urges anyone with any possible ties of Cornett to any other hustlers on Polk at anytime, to please call him at (408) 425-2071 right away, there is still time to pull this case out of the fire. Cornett denies ever having picked any boys for sexual purposes off of Polk Street, but at the time of Donnie's murder, there were several who claimed that "Cornett, the accused killer, was a "regular" on Polk. So if any know this, please call the Investigator now. According to District Attorney, Boroff, the killing was a sadomasochistic killing during a sexual encounter.

Dr. Richard Mason, a forensic pathologist, told the jury that it appears that the body has been stored in a different position before it was dumped at the Bonny Doon site. According to Mason, the blood of a dead person settles to the side of the body which is closest to the ground. But in this case, the settling effect was on the back Donnie Serafin, but his body was found in a position that was more on its side and face down. The settling "probably would have been fixed somewhere else," Mason testified. He also said that the condition of the body's organs would be consistent with refrigeration. A body that has lain in the mountains for three days would have been much more decomposed he testified. Keep in mind that the accused Cornett is a mortician and casket salesman and most all mortuaries have refrigerated places where bodies are kept. The pathologist went on to tell the jury that the boy's death was consistent with a date of April 1, testified last Thursday that it was "possible" that the youth had been killed April 2nd, the day he was picked up on Polk Street.

Both local San Francisco "daily newspapers" have ignored this trial, as have the television media. Both of which at the time of the killing of 17 year old Donnie Serafin, leaped headlong into ratings hysteria and could not have enough stories about teen prostitution, etc., on Polk Street, but none of which have to date have carried a single item about the trial in Santa Cruz, or even the fact that a suspect had been picked up in the killing.

The trial, which should go to the jury on the 14th or 15th, has carried on for five long weeks, as the District Attorney of Santa Cruz has made a tremendous effort to gain a conviction in the sadomasochistic killing of this 17 year old child, most of whom have forgotten about. Shame!!!!!!

Anti-Klan legislation threatens everyone's rights!

Currently pending in the California State Legislature is SB 267, labelled as the "anti-Klan bill" by its author, State Senator Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles). The measure had originally as sponsors, various black lawyers' groups, as well as Attorney General George Deukmejian, but several influential blacks have backed away from the bill which was written by Deukmejian, a noted gay-baiter and red-baiter.

The facts are, the bill is a distinct threat to free speech, free assembly, political dissent, and even the right to strike.

The bill provides that "it shall be unlawful" for any "assemblage of two or more persons to meet and to advocate" acts that are "likely to produce serious bodily injury or death to another person." It further provides that the courts may enjoin any group judged to have "taken substantial action in furtherance" of an act such as described above.

SB 267, supported by Senator Milton Marks, Assemblymembers Art Agnos, Willie Brown, and Louis Pappan, would prohibit any "sign, mark, symbol, emblem, or other physical impression on someone's property" for the purpose of terrorizing" him or her. California law loosely defines as "terrorizing" as "to cause fear for personal safety."

SB 267 is so broadly worded, that when it (if) is enacted into law, could readily be used to suppress those who voice opposition to the status quo, meaning lesbian and gay groups in protest of police actions, or against those who would picket places or persons. This is not idle speculation, for historical precedent suggests it, and there is ground for believing that it is a primary intent of the bill (SB 267).

Deukmejian's views are that groups such as lesbian/gay groups, the lesbian and gay day parades, and various leftist groups are the "cause of violence in California," and thusly are the real targets of SB 267.

Groups which are seeking fundamental social change are generally the main targets of repression by the state, which comes as no surprise. But SB 267, which is being strongly supported by "friends" such as Marks, Agnos, Brown, Pappan and Filante, would oppress lesbians and gays far greater than any could ever imagine.

Deukmejian is using SB 267 as a "ban the Klan" front, for it gives the state the cloak of legality behind which to suppress political opposition and civil rights and will in the long run help the right-wing and the Klan, for they support status quo and the blood-sucking form of government we have in California today.

SB 267 and Deukmejian has placed lesbian and gay rights, in the same boat with all "liberal" and "left" groups. And lesbians and gay are finding that they must unite with the groups they are being thrown-in with by the right-wing in order to defeat the right-wing, aka, Deukmejian and Curb and Reagan.

To defend ourselves from both the Klan, the Nazis and all other right wing groups, we need to create our own democratic-economic and political organizations, built on a democratic socialist basis. Doing so will not only make possible a more effective defense of minority rights and workers interests, but will also set on foot the organizations through which we can replace the bloodsucking system which is keeping up in chains, and which fosters repression, racism, and incipient fascism.

You must write and or call your State Legislators right now, as this SB 267 stands an excellent chance of passage. Let Marks, Agnos, Brown, Filante, Pappan all know what you think of this fascist-garbage legislation now. Do not listen to the smokescreen lies put out by Deukmejian and the right-wing. Defeat SB 267 now, or face the end of what little liberation we enjoy in California today.



FOCUS ON: HALLOWEEN

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JOAN CRAWFORD LOOK A LIKE CONTEST.....Saturday Oct. 31st Begins at 9 PM at the FOGHORN 1592 Market Street

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BEST NEAR NUDE & BEST COSTUME CONTEST.....Sat. October 31. \$100 prize Best Costume \$50 prize Best Near Nude....

"FEATHER & LEATHER" COSTUME PARTY at the San Francisco Eagle. Judging from 11 PM til 1 AM. \$100 First Prize, \$50 Second Prize, \$25 Second Prize. Party begins at 9 PM. This is for the real men. Prizes will be awarded on Monday at 10 PM. SF EAGLE 398 - 12th Street at Harrison.

A COUNTRY HALLOWEEN From 8:30 PM til 1:30 AM with 3 \$100 crisp new bills being given away at 10, 11 and 12, plus a brand new color television set. These are given by drawings, at the DEVIL'S HERD 853 Valencia Street

A TENDERLOIN HALLOWEEN at the Red Eye Saloon with cash prizes and a Pat Monclair Show with judging from 8:30 til 1 AM.

all at the RED EYE SALOON 335 Jones Street.



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Focus Religion

P-E-A-C-E! A five letter word that brings horror and fear into the cold hearts of conservatives and hawks alike. Getting a handle on peace is not an easy thing to do in society today, with one faction of people being out and out expansionists of the sick-American-way-of-life philosophy (do unto others before they do unto you!). Another faction truly wanting a society of sharing and caring which is what we should be all about. Then we have the "hawks" the "red-baiters" who see in every pronouncement from the likes of Archbishop Quinn, to every single walk for peace, a communist or worse hiding behind every bush. Sick!! But, peace is opposed also by the red-neckish blue-collar labor unions who want war, for war creates jobs, to hell with the ultimate price of war, they want jobs for the labor market. Yuk! America is sinking in this morass of greed called "capitalism-unrestricted!" Peace is a must if the world is to survive. The Wall Street Greedybanks have seen their plans for a profitable mini-war in Central America attacked by many groups, which is great, great that there are still enough people to rise up against them in protest. Now, the greedybanks see the chance for a nice little mini-war in Egypt-Sudan-Lybia etc. Oh yes! For give them,

"GETTING A HANDLE ON PEACE.....IT SURE ISN'T EASY!".....rev. ray broshears

Today there are a pacel of groups that are working for peace. And they all need your help, your participation. Peace is possible only if we all become involved.

The oldest of the groups is the War Resisters League. A 58 year old organizational pacifist organization. Each year the W.R.L. holds a two week organizer's training program to facilitate the development of certain skills necessary for organizing in the nonviolent movement, as well as present a range of political and philosophical ideas. For information on the W.R.L. you can reach them by writing to: War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012. They have a local group here.

Peacemakers is offering the 1981 edition of the Handbook on the Non-payment of War Taxes. It contains information on the reasons for not paying war taxes, ways of nonpayment, regulations on filing, listings of war tax resistancecounsellors and centers, and alternative funds. The cost of the Handbook is but \$1.50 and can be had by sending to: Peacemakers, Box 627, Garberville, CA 95440. That's right near San Francisco.

Pope John Paul in one of his non-political moments i.e. expansion of the Roman Catholic Church said quite well: "On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and to return to the ways of peace....Violence only delays the day of justice. Violence destroys the work of justice. I say to you, with all the love I have for you, with all the trust I have for you young peoples, do not listen to the voices which speak the language of hatred, revenge, retaliation. Do not follow any leaders who train you in the ways of inflicting death. Love life, respect life, in yourself, and in others. Give yourself to the service of life, not in the work of death. Violence is the enemy of justice. Only peace can lead the way to true justice."

As the greedily powermad Mayor Dianne Feinstein's "Blue storm troopers" harass you and even knock you about as they did so viciously on "Duarte's Bloody SF Sunday," do not resist, do not fight them back as it only excites the animal instinct in Dianne's Dandies and they hit all the harder. They use violence on helpless people because they love violence. Non-violent resistance to the oppressive slumlords of SF such as Guenter Kaussen and his stooges, and infiltrators is a must. They all must be exposed as the Mayor must be exposed. She recently shook hands and gave forth with loving words to the fascist dictator Marcos of the Phillipines. A man of violence shaking hands with the women who has a violent police force at her beckon call to beat gays and anti-war protestors unconscious.

We must turn our backs on the likes of a Thomas M. Edwards for his attacks upon Archbishop Quinn for his call for an end to the nuclear arms race.

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FOCUS FABLES?

OOH! IF IT FEELS GOOD, DO IT! AND THEN DO IT AGAIN! Whata way to begin but that is what 20 year old Bob Thomasson formerly of Dallas, Georgia by way of Atlanta does to one!!! Looks a good deal like Christopher Atkins from "Blue Lagoon." 'Cept he's a bit more slender! What he musta done for the late Bill Smith's Youngmen of Atlanta.

HALLOWEEN at Alfie's is gonna be one of the best ever, that is if Paul doesn't fly off on his broom! Jackie Starr is Cinderella as always, but what will she be on October 31st? Nathan can only be what he is, a Centar! Part man and part horse! Right David Monroe?

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR ADS in the Gay Areas Phone Directory. See the ad on page two for your free listing info. Also all you paid advertisers, the G.A.D. is one of your best advertising buys.

SPEAKINGS OF ADS just how is BENRO, Inc., gonna come up with the ad bucks to publish every single week unless they come out with a much oh so much smaller size paper each week, for most gay biz-folks are not gonna pay those outrageous ad rates every single week. We predict if BENRO brings it off, this is the way it will have to be. But your best advertising dollar is still here in the Gay Focus... we are not cheap, just affordable! Hmmm, seems to me that that is what Keith the Eye Tie Stallion told me once upon a time!

THE "DEATH" OF THE SENTINEL may be just a bit premature tho. So, if the vultures are drooling, we had best let them know, that until the final nail is into the "coffin", don't count the Sentinel out, not by a long shot. And the pious sanctimonious article in one gay publication, was just too much!! My dear, the author of that article wanted that paper for himself once upon a time.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS are just about here and who really cares? There are no real "races" as City Attorney George Agnost is a sure-winner as is Mary Callahan as Treasurer. We wish them both well on their new terms coming up. As to ballot issues, we will have an article on them in the issue of October 29th.

POT MAD SMOKERS? Seems that a local cafe owner who caters affairs at different bar functions got mad recently when one bar told him that he could not smoke pot while on the premises of the bar. The dude said that he didn't work in places that didn't allow him to smoke pot! Hmmm! Wonder who that was???? Guess he has no respect for the money invested in bars by the owners, for if they get caught by the mad mad ABC...poof, there goes the license...of course the pot smoker doesn't lose anything...does he!!! So why should he care!!!! Hear tell he caters food at anti-gay liberation "homo-bars" that sell the anti-gay owned Coors beer tho!! Hmmm!!

KIP NOLL TO SF?...Rumors are really flying that sex-movie hung idol Kip Noll of the Gay Noll boys is about to make his SF debut. The place will be packed every single night for sure! This we are looking forward to. Kip Noll was a big hit at the Unicorn Follies in NY recently during a live stage routine there.

GET WELL SOON to the delightful old gay liberation warrior Ferris Lehman who has been a bit under the weather lately according to good pal Don O'Brien. Your cards and letters are appreciated according to Don.

COUNTY LINE & DEVIL'S HERD...oh yea! County Line that super hit country band reopened the remodeled Devil's Herd on Friday night the 9th and the place was packed to the rafters...and the with the newly installed air conditioned trip the place was still comfortable. Hank Cheeke looked happier than a pig in slop!

PRINCESS PAT is cooking nights at the Choo Choo Station. Ms. Princess Daisy??????? Emperor Edward has returned to the palace my dear? from NY????????

H.L. PERRY'S TRAVEL service is booming and her column (page 14 this issue) is a big hit. One thing for sure, when making travel arrangements, it is always best to do it through someone you know and trust. Give H.L. a ring soon! The trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras sounds like a super winner. H.L. will host it too!

WILD GOOSE is doing fine these days and nights as Mama Billy is back behind the bar as it Don Baker. Good show and good bar, 1488 Pine Street at Polk.



PAUL is doing well at City Books having replaced Ben of the "tall tales!" Keep up the good ole works. LANGTON Street is wild these days and nights what with Cheech and Mr. Cong doing their big tall things down there. ARSONIST FOR RENT?...Hmmm! At least this is the story that is going about in North Mission areas as someone who was tried for grand theft (hung jury tho) seemingly spouted his mouth at a North of Mission meeting...and now seems that a big big hush hush investigation is going on.... hmmm! Right on!!!!

ALAN LYON of the Endup is a handsome and charming young man. He tends bar there and well as doing promo!!

GEORGE JONES won Country Music Male Singer of the Year.... again. Well, we never get tired of hearing his real country music. Seems that Nashville is in the heavy throes of war between the pop-country asses and the country-country folks. We of course are REAL country!!!!

ROUNDERS played at the Devil's Herd last Saturday...they are ok, but not near as good as the County Line or even Linda Lane's Western Electric for that matter. The Herd is bringing in another big country band (they have 'em 7 nights a week now!) from Lost Angeles. Thier loss is our gain....at the Devil's Herd that is!!!!

STEEL SCHNAPPS is still selling big and fast the Express Liquors on Castro Street. Alfie's and the Castro Station both report it is the big schnapps in their place.

POLK GULCH GLITTERS these days and nights as biz is on the up-swing now that the SFPD is not as heavy as they were on Polk and the good and honest folk were fearful of coming out for a time. But the Gulch Saloon is having a ball (maybe two?) and biz is big once again!

A "COUNTRY CHRISTMAS" is the theme of the Gay U.S.O. Show for the veterans at the Fort Miley U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital show.

And, it is expected this will be one of the finest shows yet. Country music is here to stay and if those old timers don't want to join in, then they can just stay back, for this year we intended the veterans will have not just a fine show but gifts once again. Last year was the first time in 10 years of gaysentertaining @the hospital that we didn't have gifts. Such old groups as Tavern Guild and the like wouldn't be caught dead doing anything as good as the Gay U.S.O. Show at the Veterans Hospital....why? They can't make any money off of it, thats why! And per usual, the Rev. Ray Broshears is putting the event together, and gifts for the show are needed. Bill White sometimes known as Wilma says that he will help to raise funds this time. Thank you Bill! Any others? And we need a first rate country band! And we need a good sound system once again. And it is all federally tax-deductable Oh yes, Kimo will not be with us this year. He has been a big help in the past tho.

SPEAKING OF KIMO, at Polk's busiest bar, Kimo's, Mr. Harold St. Thomas and Tommy have gone to Russia for three long weeks on vacation. Does this mean that Harold doesn't work for the CIA? for real?? Bet he'll have some tall tales to tell when he gets back. But he has tall tales to tell whether he goes anywhere or not!!!!!!!!!!!!

HAL SAGE did take that job in Santa Barbara and he loves it there! Good show kid!!! And the Gay Focus is now distributed in Santa Barbara thanks to Hal & Bob.

WORD IS THAT the SFPD Vice Squad permit investigators are going to crack down on the so-called "privateclubs" and the bath-houses" for showing porno films on their screens/videos, for regardless if they are private or not, as the word goes, they do charge admission and thusly are in violation of the City Porno Laws. Seems they are going to send some a warning and others they plan on busting out and out.

FRANK'S 222 has a new front, and it does make the hole-in-the-wall look bigger now.

STERLING THE BUTTON MAN celeb newspaper seller at Turk & Taylor was on SFO on channel 4 with all his buttons and the like. Quite a trip.

WHAT bartender at what bar is trying to undo his boss so that his other half can be boss? LEONARD MATLOVICH, rumor has it, hopes to be the first mayor of Guerneville if and when it incorporates...Good grief, so that's why he moved!!!!



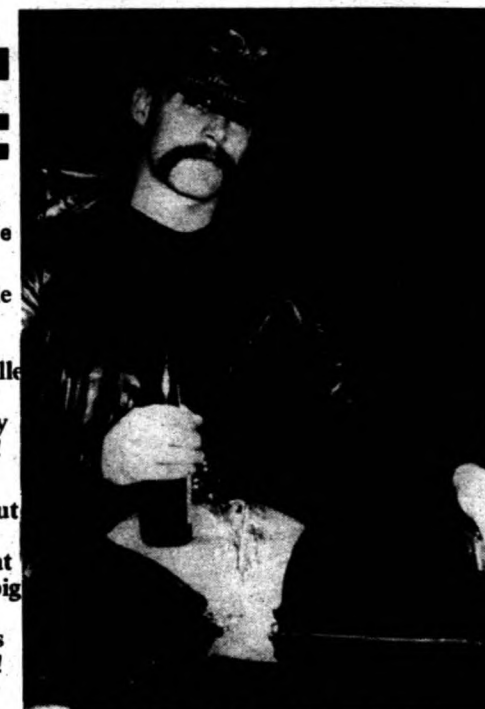
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Bill Baker, age 34, of San Francisco, who gets mail (male) at 3622-B 16th Street, is one hot masculine leatherboy who says he is into "Daddys!" And if there are any "Daddys" out there, they should contact him at the above address. Hmmm, haven't I seen Bill around the Gold Coast? or was it the Compound on 11th & Folsom Street.

FOCUS OPINION FEMINIST Anti-Porn Crusade is Reactionary!

While back-alley abortions are being forced on poor-women by Reagan's reactionary budget policies, cutting off taxpayer-supported abortions, for the low-income and poor of the nation.....while lesbians and gaymen are being attacked, beaten and killed, as well as being harassed by police and deranged homophobes.....not to mention the terror of the Reagan-backed junta in El Salvador with thousands of helpless peasants being slaughtered by the Reaganists....most feminists in this nation are devoting themselves to campaigns against pictures of naked women (and men) in publications!

It is most obvious that this diversionary movement which is being applauded loudly by the Reverend Jerry Falwell (Moral Majority), has placed feminists in an objective political bloc, no matter how hard they try to disassociate themselves from it, for they are joining with the book-burners of Jerry Falwell and other fanatical Bible-bangers who are anti-ERA, anti-abortion, anti-lesbian, anti-gay, pro-death penalty, and right-to-lifers, as well as the FBI, CIA, and Reagan...all of them together.

Campaigns to shut-downoffensive "R" rated films such as "Cruising" and "Windows" have for the most part been in vain, as the Wall Street-backed Hollywood film-moguls are going to make politically correct films (they don't make money!). Now, it appears that certain feminists, whom we believe to be well intentioned, have borrowed from the J.V. Stalin school of censorship, which leads right into McCarthyism and Falwellism and Dentonism today. They are, in our opinion, an evasion of the need to attack the real enemy....the pig-Reagan fascist state, which enforces racial and sexual oppression and prejudice.

Hopefully we shall see others, as we, in the new-left milieu, who are beginning to have real pangs of anxiety about this campaign, second thoughts, for as the Reagan/Moral Majorityites increase their vicious assaults on so-called "sexual deviants" we may be helping the Reagan types.

Even "Ms." magazine's crowd's crusade for "clean living" has made alot of radical lesbian and gaymens groups uneasy, as they are

exposed to the reactionary "save our children," pro-family moralism which is sweeping our nation.

In San Francisco, if you make any statements as above concerning "Women Against Violence & Pornography", you are accused by Supervisor Nancy Walker of being a "pimp" for the porno industry. But, while there are certainly valid points and arguments by the WAVP group, we would only ask them to stop and take a look at whc the real enemy is, and think for a moment that they just may be playing the game the way "the man" wants them to. WAVP is basically a middle-class group, who are helping Dianne Feinstein and her piggy banker crowd in their efforts to make Central City/Tenderloin a tourist attraction with lotts new hotels and office buildings and stores.

We deplore the use of women as objects of physical abuse in porno, but, alas, "Take Back The Night" sounds like a winning slogan, but that is all that it really is. For while WAVP is busy "taking back the night" we are losing the battle against the imperialist Reagan administration who continues to take bread from the table of the old folks of the nation and cuases the elderly of the Tenderloin to suffer so greatly. Porno does not cause the elderly to suffer, to go hungry, Reagan does! Porno does not cause the elderly and poor to be evicted....Reagan and Feinstein do!

We would ask all who have this attitude, that, "porno" is the enemy, to take a second look, and let us redirect our energies into bringing down the fascist reactionary military minded Reagan-Haig administration. They are the enemies....not porno. Greedy, power mad capitalists are the enemy.....not porno!

The above OPINION was prepared and presented by the Socialist Gay Labor Caucus especially for the California Gay Focus Magazine for your enlightenment and edification. We trust that you will feel free to vent your views on the above item in a future issue of the Gay Focus. editor, rb

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FOCUS FABLES?

FREE OIL AND LUBE JOB at the Castle Grand Brasserie with your Sunday afternoon Brunch? Yes, this is all courtesy of the manager, Faye-Roy Harnetiaux and his staff. Seems that a Sunday or so ago, one Perry Bell had oil drop onto his head? from an over-head fan? Reallly Faye!!!! That is a bit much!

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Watering Hole, 6th & Folsom Sts. October 20-21-22 manager Brian Todd informs us that logo pins, t-shirts, baseball caps will be given away, as well as drink specials galore and food enough for even Lenny Mollet. Bob Merl the genial owner is hoping that he'll see each of you there. The Watering Hole is a real SF institution and they do have the very best country music south of Market and have the best dj about.

HAROLD (CHUCK) who resides at the Civic Center Hotel, and who broke his foot some time back while "preying" in the tearoom of the East Bay Terminal, now hobbles about on crutches "preying" in the alleys of south of Market? After all, an old queen can get around on crutches in the alleys alright, right Harold?

PAUL BORST one time stud, and onetime "brother" of some "order" is no longer a "macho man" or "stud"?.....as he has been seen up and down Polk in the arm and arm company of a blonde drag queen. My, how the mighty hath fallen! Let us prey!

LIGHT WINE? Well, we have "light" everything, or at least we thought we did until Rathjen came out with Paul Masson Light Wine. Now this is simply the living end as it does taste so goood! So, if you want to watch the calories, and do enjoy delicious tasting wine, ask for Paul Masson Light Wine. The truly caring bars in the gay community will all be carrying it soon, and if they fail to, forcefully make your wants and desires known to the manager....if that doesn't work, give us a call and we'll let the management know in our pages. Yes Terry Thompson and Jim Corbett.... you do have customers who want Light Wine....and so do some of yours Hank Cheeke!

WEEKLY GAY RAGS? Well, one says that it is going to go that way very soon, that being the Gay Area Reporter. But with their high rates, how do they ever expect their current crop of advertisers to come up with the bucks every single week? After all, their rates are so outrageously high now! Same for that other rag! The Sentinel is gone, but neither of them have the class-look that the Sentinel had, for sure! And a full page in either of the other two papers is double what a full page is for us, and we print 7,200 copies of Gay Focus and go all the way to Santa Barbara, Salinas and Monterey as well as San Francisco. A full page here is \$225... and in their two rags it is double and then some, plus those "extras."

TOM HORN WON a fine victory for an old friend of Gay Focus! Take a bow sir! Tom is possibly the finest gay criminal lawyer in SF today! And his rates are affordable.....to most, that is!

NO! NO! SHIELA!! Sheila lost her Board of Permit Appeals hearing to have her Road-runner moved to the Tenderloin's Carnival Club on Eddy Street and with a dance permit. Opposed by CCNA and Mr. Ed Dollak as well. Right on!!!!



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FRANK HAGEN once employed JC as the manager of his Larkin Street bar. Now FH is still in the bar biz but behind the bar on the planks at Googies on Geary....where rumor has it that he and AL may become the owners some day?????????

RANDY JOHNSON whom we used to know before he went back to "that gang" sits on his duff patiently waiting for Halloween to come when he will be the emcee at the Endup's \$1,000 cash give-away costume affair. My, Randy, you are quite the mistress of ceremonies these days and nights aren't you?

JERRY, the afternoon bartender at the Watering Hole, has a packed house in there every afternoon. Gads, that man is doing so much better now that he no longer works at the Cheese Omelette! His afternoon cocktail crowd is the biggest in the south of Market area. He has poor Brian Todd moaning as he carries the tons of dough to the bank everyday after his shift. Work him harder Jerry, he needs it....after all, he doesn't really do that much work...him with a waterbed casting "couch" and all!

LINDA LANE & THE WESTERN ELECTRIC are going back to the Devil's Herd on Valencia and will be there for Halloween night, where the Herd's Hank Cheeke will be giving away three crisp \$100 bills ... one at 10, one at 11 and the other at 12, to the lucky ticket holder. All you have to do is go through the door in order to get your ticket stub. Also Hank will be giving away a brand new large color television set via the drawing route, so Halloween at the Devil's Herd will be festive indeed.....and it is air conditioned too!!!!!!

NEAR NUDE WILL GET \$50 at the Foghorn on Market at Franklin on Halloween night. Oh yea!!! That's the word from the boss man, that the best near nude entry will get \$50 and the best costume will get \$100, so get your festive tushes on in to the Foghorn for fun and frolic Halloweenies night.

BOO IS DOING DRAG and Pat Montclair may have him in her Halloween night show on Halloween. Gads, they oughta have H.L. Perry down for this one. Can't you see it now....Boo and H.L. in drag together as Mae West? Oh yes, one note of cheer, "dear" old Glendon is no longer at the Red Eye Saloon as we did predict last issue! Smart move Boo baby!

TAVERN GUILD function for Halloween night is not selling well at all according to rumors, and if you saw that tacky almost wordless ad in the other 2 gay rags, you would know why....after all you old old time Geritol Guilders, there are many new people in town who just may not know what you are having...but then, maybe it is a "private affair" just for the few of you old old time holdouts ???????? One thing, it will not be very big or glamorous, and four bars we know of together are giving away far more cash than you Guilders are...so why should anyone waste money on your tired tacky old time has been functions? Sorry, but that is exactly the way the ads you had done by one of the other gay rags makes it appear...a bore and flopo!

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FOCUS NEWS

"THE AARTI HOTEL CONSPIRACY" by Darwin Diaz

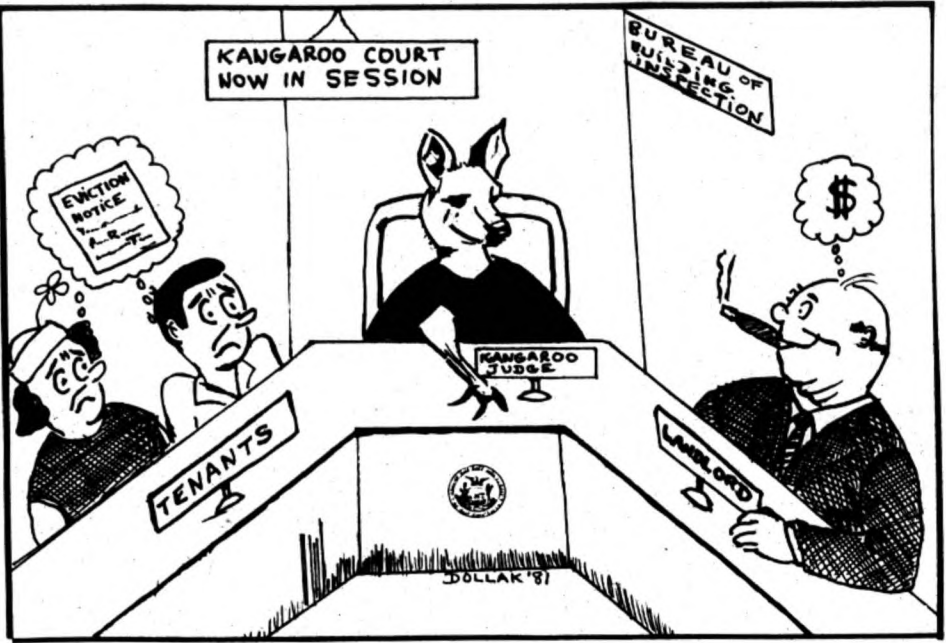
San Francisco, Oct. 12—The old Aarti Hotel on Leavenworth near Ellis, has stood for the past seventy-four years at that location and has experienced as rich a history of the most maddening diversity of residential hotel lifestyle situations as any cheap hotel in San Francisco since the Gold Rush. This hotel now has a new lease on life.

After sitting dusty and derelict since about the end of 1976, the building was purchased a few months ago for \$330,000, by the newly formed Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC). A non-profit community development corporation entity which does not have to be entirely non-profit but could legally SPECULATE in any number of lucratively and profitable money games to, as they would say, "help to facilitate and guarantee the feasibility of true non-profit co-op housing."

In a recent meeting at TAC (Tenants Against Conversions) headquarters with representative factions of TNDC and the Aarti Hotel as well as the Evangeline Residence for Women, much concern was expressed about TNDC's policies, present and future, regarding financing for maintenance, taxes and all operating costs, from toilet paper to total renovation (as in the case of the Aarti Hotel), to the purchase of more buildings, which could get them off the speculative market and provide more low-rent co-op housing.

Case in point: the ugly, little pile of bricks on the corner of Ellis and Leavenworth, which originally rose from the ashes and rubble of the 1906 earthquake and fire, to serve as a brothel for merchant seamen and construction workers. These people helped to rebuild our lovely city of Saint Francis into the architectural wonderland in which we presently live our lives. And it's right in the heart of the Tenderloin, an integral part of this city that everybody talks about but nobody does anything about unless the television cameras and newspapers are present.

The author of this article is appalled at the lack of concern and interest that low-income people have in this community called the Tenderloin, who should really be most concerned, for here in this area, we have the least choices to those who want to live in San Francisco. The reason, as most people know, is that we, destitute persons of this city, have been brain-washed for too many years by a society that thinks that you are only worth the receipts you can show for whatever affluence or wealth you are supposed to have according to their fully evolved preconceived notions.



For example: if your Buick is more than 2 years old, you should really be living in an old refrigerator crate in South Richmond. But as the fickle-finger of fate dictates, plus the lack of refrigerator crates in South Richmond, we, the people of San Francisco are still living in this city, in the smaller spaces of defunct warehouses and still paying much higher rents than we did for the comfortable apartments and flats which many of us occupied many months or even years ago.

Most of the people who come to TAC with housing problems are in a rather immediate dilemma in regards to their own housing crisis, which is usually a residential hotel situation. The Aarti Hotel project is in limbo, so to speak, at least until the end of the year. In the meanwhile, the guts of this building are being spilled into debris boxes and arbitrary decisions being made about community kitchens and space, by a small group of people who do not necessarily represent the tenants who will ultimately inhabit this edifice for the next thirty years plus.

The Aarti Hotel should be an exemplary manifestation of a whole lifestyle trip that could not have happened in the Haight-Ashbury area in the '60s, in as far out and successful a way as it can today in the Tenderloin. Because in that era, we were not as mature and because the available housing was subject to speculation as soon as the landlord became aware that the only people he could rent to, was a bunch of hippies on welfare.

Today, we have a developer who is buying up high-density buildings in this more urban situation, with the intent of seriously soliciting eventual community control. But community control is possible only with community input. The Aarti Hotel project is a "pilot project".....so now let us get into the PILOT'S SEAT!!!!!!

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FOCUS FABLES?

TOM ROGERS is in the hospital, Ralph K. Davies.....had a serious hip replacement operation. Some may remember him as the manager of the old Grand Southern out on Mission in the Inner Mission.

SO-CALLED ART SHOWS IN BARS is getting to be quite a bore. Seems that just about anytime you go into a south of Market bar you have put up with direct-spots hitting here and there at some artists works. Sure artists need a place to have a show, but why not at a real gallery? And some of the "photo" "art?" shows are truly tired. No wonder art in the gay community is in trouble...porno is not necessarily art! Things keep going the way they are in certain south of Market bars, and you'll find more fluffy sweaters there than you do north of Market at the Geritol crowd bars, i.e., the Giraffe (serves Coors the anti-gay beer). Try being masculine men of south of Market and toss the artists out of the bars and into the galleries where they belong!!!!

RAFTERS I, RAFTERS II, RAFTERS III..... Oh yes oh yes...rafters and more rafters. Seems that the tacky 501's, north of Markets empty bar...that started the "rafter-craze" if you can call it that...but what do you expect from north of Market? Now, the once very macho Arena went and put in the very gay rafters...not to be outdone and ready to do just about anything to gain attention and customers...the Ramblingrod went and put in rafters as well...which goes with their queenly fluffy sweater decorations. Oh well, there are still some MEN'S BARS south of Market. Let us hope they don't "fluffy-out" on us too!

SUCHA HANDSOME MAITRE D at the Pam Pam East. Had lunch there last week and the handsomest lad you can see indeed! Darling, you can put your shoes under my beds...anytime!!!!!!

RUDE RUDE LENNY Mollet of the Cheese Omlett. Five of us were going to have dinner there last Friday and although this writer didn't want to go, i agreed to make reservations...and Lenny, the Coors-lover, told me to fuck off. Hmm, so did four other steak dinners Lenny dear...you can stick that one in your Coors-loving-ears!!!

GREAT FOOD can be found at Castro Gardens....do stop in soon and enjoy yourselves. Good service too!!!!!!

OPEN MEMO TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARLO SMITH: We have learned via the tattered grapevine that you are about to make a grave political error....as we have learned you are about to appoint Ron Huberman of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club to your staff. This is a mistake in the highest order in our humble opinion.... and many many in the lesbian/gay community have phoned us to urge us to tell you of their disenchantment of this official of the Milk Club. His appointment will not serve you well in our opinion, and he will gain for you many foes from your vast ranks of supporters. Please Mr. District Attorney, in heaven's name, and for your own political neck, do not appoint this person!

SPEAKING OF NERDS, did you hear that lesbians and gays are going to toss more money down the Democratic Party drain by holding a dinner for ole Jim Foster? Oh yes, and at \$50 bucks a whack too! With so many gay liberation issues going ignored....with PACER needing help in Palo Alto, with desperate gay medical services needed, those turkeys (female and male) at Alice holding this fund raiser. Geeze, they think they can buy respectability all the while: their own people go without and worse. How about money for gay liberation ??? Foster as many older SF gays will remember, is the guy who along with Frank the would-be-Supervisor, Fitch, helped to split the most powerful gay organization in the history of the U.S., and later their spending wrecked the group completely and Fitch and Foster both were asked to resign which they did. And now, the new and jannie and johnnie come-latelys are going to honor this guy! My my, what a long way down we are going!! How low how low hello?

THANK HEAVENS FOR CHANNEL 5...in that they are the "flagship station" of the Oakland A's and they are telecasting the A's playoff games against the Yankees...now we don't have to listen to those awful Yankee lovers Joe Garbage Mouth and Tony Kubestick on NBC...but when the World Series comes, we will have to listen to Howard the Mouth on ABC....or, turn down the sound on TV and listen to CBS Radio's coverage...yea, that's what to do!!!

JON JON is on vacation....where? Heaven and Bill White only knows. Delicious Dee Dee Love will be back from vacation this weekend and there will be a Birthday Bash for Dee Dee Love at the Ram's Head on Sunday (this coming one) October 18th. Dee Dee will be 27! Judy and Michael (9 1/2") Starr were in the Frisco Saloon the other night. Naomi Del Ray is the Secretary of the Council of Grand Dukes & Duchesses and they spent a good time in the Frisco With former Duchess candidate Wilma White. Get well quick cook JACK Gable. He's having trouble with the ticker again...get well guy!!!!

IF BILL WHITE MARRIES MAI TY who gets custody of Connie? That's what i wanna know!

LE SALON on Polk (1118) has to have the hunkiest crew of clerks....especially on the evening shift. And they are courteous, efficient and easy on the eyes.....for knights and daze too! Kip Noll is coming to town guys! Victor?????

PORNOan article on page 7 is an important one concerning those critics...grab a read at it.

17 YEAR OLD POLK BOY HUSTLER accused killer may go free....see page 3 of this issue on the Santa Cruz trial.

19 YEAR OLD EXOTIC DANCER? at least this is what Frenchy advertizes to be in our classified on page 15....and he says that he has ten and one-half inches. Really dear? Remember that old trip about false advertising....that means you have to give the money back if you aren't telling the truth. Frenchy with a name like yours, how can you be Sicilian??????



TRINITY METHODIST Church's terrible fire had a very special sorrow for former Post-Instant Press printer, Dick "The Whale" Davis. Seems that the choir room and other parts were dedicated in the memory of his parents. This beautiful old church at Market and Sanchez has been there before the '06 earthquake. Fire is an evil thing. We hope they are able to rebuild soon.

MANUEL & TISH send their love to all their many friends here in the Bay Area....as they are still in Denver doing it at David's a "heavy hot metal" dance bar. Manuel says that all planning on coming east should stop off in Denver and visit them at Davids. They have been through an awful lot at Davids as well as at Alfie-Denver too. Seems those old time Denver "heavies" don't want no outsiders coming into what they consider "their town." But Manuel (Doris Soares) and Tish have been doing alright there and we are most happy for them. Many of us remember them from Alfie's - SF, our number one dance bar here out Castro way. Oh yes, a former employee of the 42 Club/Denver is in "our" town now!!!! Ya reading this Manuel?? Tish???????

HALLOWEEN at the Endup will find contestants vying for big bucks....\$1,000 O-N-E T-H-O-U-SAND!!!! That is alot of bucks indeed. October 31st will be a fun night and then the next A.M. November, more bucks will be given away at 8 AM. Wow!!!! Al IS a big spender.

PUMPKIN CARVING at the Devil's Herd on Halloween...it should be a fun thing. There will be prizes awarded for the most original face on the pumpkins. Understand that the patio of the SF Eagle may have Beau out there with his knife attacking the pumpkins....oh yes Beau...please don't try and do one that resembles this writers' lovely old face. Do JC's instead!!!!

GEARY EVERGREEN has cards and more cards....and this is getting to that time of year, jingle bells etc., so you had best get your cards early. Jon & George want to see you....hmm, guess they want to see me too on those biz cards I've been doing for them for the past month or so! Oh well, maybe I'll have them done in time for New Years!

BEFORE? AFTER?



Our fearless youth reporter, Wild Bill "Duke" Murray tried to swallow the whole thing....at your left. From the looks of him...at the right...he did!!!!

FOCUS CopWatch

MURPHY'S BOYS RAID POLITICAL PARTY IN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE CRITICS OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE VICE/UNIT.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Oct. 7—Members of the San Francisco Police Department's Vice Unit raided the headquarters of the Libertarian Party 1800 Market Street, next door to a private sex club, the 1808, and made ten arrests for a myriad of reasons, all of which boiled down to one thing....this was Deputy Chief George Eimil's "revenge" on the Libertarians far having sponsored the anti-Vice squad ballot initiative which lost. The Deputy Chief, acting as Chief for the absent Con Murphy, was criticized recently for his mis-handling of the Duarte demonstration, in which the police rioted against the 6,000 demonstrators, injuring several. He then "red-baited" in the press against the demonstrators. Eimil does have support in the gay community, most of which comes from the gay publisher of a Pacific Heights based operation who claims to be a "friend" of Eimil.

The raid on the Libertarian Party headquarters, the most blatant act of aggression on a political group since the vicious fascist police raid on the old Black Panther headquarters on Fillmore Street back in 1971. According to insiders in the Department, this was "a well planned operation, just as was the Tavern Guild raid and the Duarte mess, all of which was timed while Murphy was out of time, and set up to cause Feinstein to oust Murphy and replace him." But the "insider" would not speculate who was in mind to "replace" Murphy, but the logical successor would be the gay-baiting, red-baiting George Eimil, Deputy Chief, be he denies any ambitions to become Chief of Police. ("Ha, ha!")

Former candidate for Supervisor, Justin Raimondo, 29, was one of those hit in the raid by the Vice Unit, as was noted attorney Lloyd Taylor who was driving by Party headquarters, saw the raid, stopped in to see if he could help his fellow Libertarians and was arrested for no really good reason.

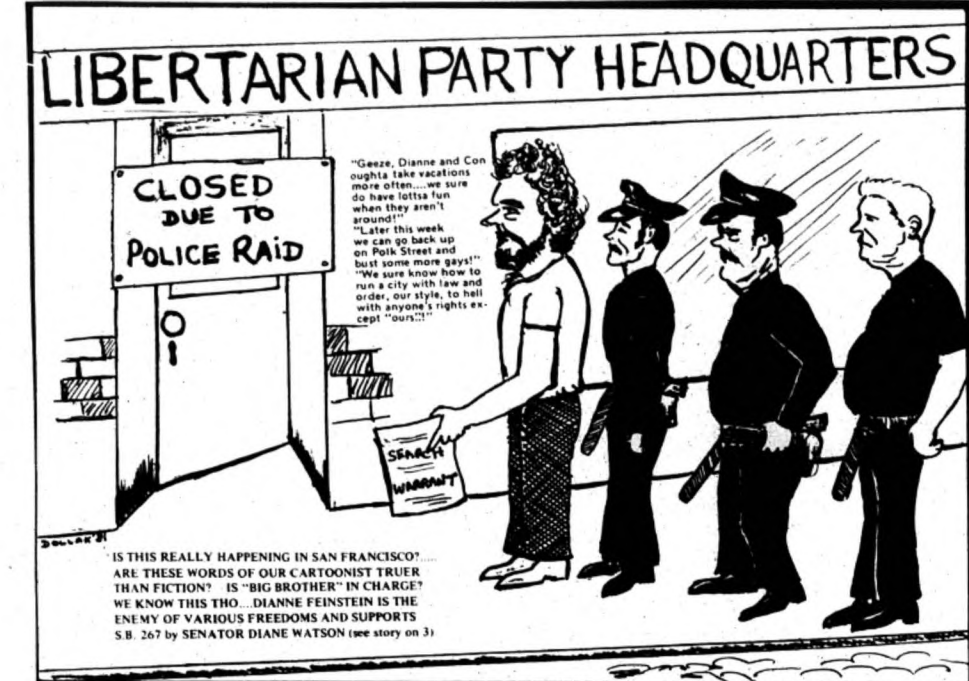
Many lesbians and gays agree that if Deputy Chief Eimil and his Vice Squad pal, Captain Dermott Philpott are not stopped soon, other political opponents of the SFPD will be entrapped and busted for no reason either.

Mayor Feinstein has just returned to San Francisco after her convient absence as has Murphy.

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With approval of Deputy Chief of Police, George Eimil (acting Chief) the San Francisco Vice Squad raided both the San Francisco Tavern Guild's "Circus-Circus" (for slot-machines); and the senseless political raid of the Libertarian Party headquarters on Market Street. Both the Mayor Dianne Feinstein and her appointed Chief of Police, Con Murphy were out of the city most conveniently which the Eimil-directed raids were conducted. The SF Coalition Against Police Brutality calls for changes in the method the Chief and the Police Commission are selected. The Coalition wants a ballot issue demanding that the Chief of Police, after appointment by the Mayor, be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors, and the Members of the Police Commission be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. The Coalition says they hope to be able to place this on the June 1982 primary ballot.

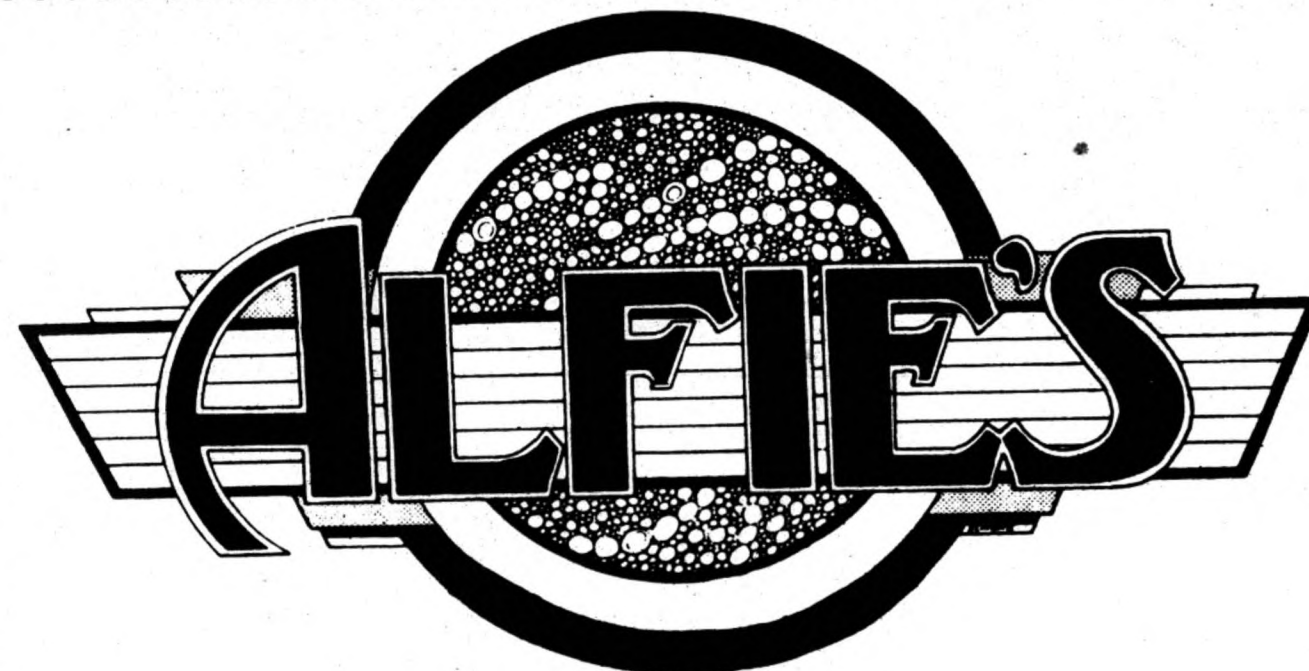
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARLO SMITH REFUSES TO BE INTIMIDATED BY POLICE OFFICIALS.....SAYS HE WILL RE-FILE CHARGES AGAINST THREE SFPD OFFICERS WHO ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED A CHINESE YOUTH TO HAVE HIM BEATEN.

San Francisco, Ca. Oct. 12—According to an article in a local daily newspaper, and confirmed by the Office of the District Attorney, Arlo Smith will re-file charges of Assault and Kidnapping against SFPD Officers Marty Way, Leonard Jeong, and Kevin Dempsey, in the case of 19 year old Eddie Szeto, who stated that Officers Way and Jeong grabbed him off the streets of Chinatown, drove him across city to Golden Gate Park, where Officer Kevin Dempsey in civilian clothes, severely beat him, all the while he was handcuffed. Dempsey is the brother of a girl who claimed that the 19 year old had knocked her around during a rival gang faction fracas. The 19 year old Szeto's story was confirmed by police investigators, by police radio logs, and the recollections of Ernest Wilberg, the partner of the accused Dempsey, who accompanied Dempsey to the scene of the alleged beating of Szeto.

Attorney Terence Hallinan, who defended the police officers in the trial, made no comment as yet. But many in the community are not too pleased at Hallinan's having agreed to defend the three cops in this case of blatant mis-use of a police badge and uniform (if proven true). The police have never supported Hallinan in his electoral bids, so his defense of the three cops against the charges of an 19 year old Asian is seen as a political ploy on the part of Hallinan.

Stephen Kaus is the attorney for the 19 year old Szeto, and was not available for comment to the Gay Focus Magazine.

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"THE COOKERY, 208 Eddy Street"

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The Cookery, owned by Doris and Sam, has been on Eddy Street for sometime. Small, just a hole-in-the-wall really, the place has a bit of rural Americana about it, kinda like a truck stop some wheres along Route 66.

The Cookery has an extremely large gay clientele, and Doris has a good many gays working for her there too. Such local colorful types as once-in-awhile drag entertainer, the Madam Leslie (Paul) who is one hellava good good too. Longtime Tenderloin personality Ms. Bubbles cooks once in a while.

The food is not always the greatest, but it is edible and filling as well as affordable. And one important item about The Cookery is that they have a most special lunch/supper price for Senior Citizens. And they do a good business with Seniors as well as with gays. Even old Bill "Wilma" White drops in to have breakfast. And if bartenders eat there, the food has to be alright. Darwin Diaz and Ed Dollak of Gay Focus staff eat there once in awhile too, and Ed knows something about good food and eating.

Rick knows how to and does cook the most delicious mouthwatering Denver Omelette west of Little Rock. And it is a REAL Denver, with all the goodies, the ham, green bell peppers, onions, mixed right in with them good eggs and then cooked ever so lightly. Back that with some hot buttered toast, jelly, and baby, you are in hog heaven for sure!!!

The stuffed green bell pepper specials of Doris and The Madam are really tasty and the price is most affordable. The coffee is always hot and fresh as well as being affordable also.

The "truck stop" atmosphere of the place is enhanced by all the fine country and western music pouring out of the jukebox, and makes those bacon and eggs of Bill White taste alot better than they do if someone had punkrock on!!! Doris knows how to make a delish meatloaf and when it is the special...eat it!!! As to the vegetables, I personally don't care for most of them as they are canned and taste "tinny." Especially that awful spinach. Yeech crech!!!

But otherwise, the food is very good, and for the price, you just simply are not going to beat it in SF...that is, in a country western American good ole boy atmosphere. Atmosphere can make eating a really enjoyable experience, even if you are ppor.

The Cookery is definitely the poor man's (woman's too) cafe. Drop in and see if you don't agree. The plot is thickening and so's the pudding there too!

The Cookery is a "landmark" for many in the Central City's Tenderloin. Located on Eddy near Taylor Street. It's not Lehr's, but it is class for the poor and low-income people of the area.

Rick, one of the cooks who has to double as a waiter and even dishwasher from time to time, is polite and nice.

Bill, a Luxor Cab driver dines at the Cookery regularly. The owner of the Cookery is one of the Luxor Cab Co. cab owners.

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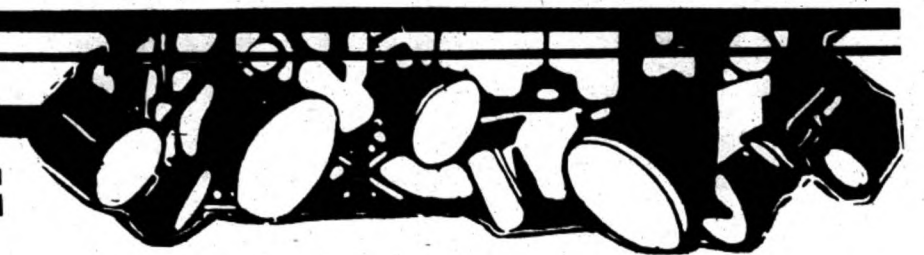


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The Arts in general and small theatres in particular, received two severe blows in the past few years: the reduction of State subsidies due to Prop. 13, and, this year, major cuts in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. Most local theatres have mounted heavy campaigns this season to increase their private funding, coupled with dire prophecies that quality of theatre in the Bay Area will suffer, and, in some cases, potential closing of theatre companies.

In direct contrast to this downhearted picture is the opening of two new companies, each with their own theatre, within the past month.

The new Royal Court Theatre at Potrero and 17th Streets was reviewed in the precious issue of *Gay Focus* (currently offering *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime*), and it has been joined by the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre (named for the talented author of *A Raisin In The Sun* who died of cancer at the age of 34) under the auspices of S.E.W. Productions (call 864-5500 for info). Leased from Theatre Rhinoceros as part of their new complex on 16th off Mission, this company plans to offer works showcasing Blacks talents (writing, directing, acting, technical) and has opened with a strong double bill of one acts: *Companions of the Fire* and *Trials of Brother Jero*. The two are nicely balanced with *Companions* almost generic in its showing of loneliness while *Jero* is a humorous, specific look at a charming rascal, a self-ordained "prophet" on a West African beach.

Although there is much humor in *Companions*, it is over-shadowed by the pathos of an aging woman whose body has degenerated while her desires haven't. At the opening she has picked up a handsome young man in the park, brought him back to her seedy apartment, and is anxious to "get at him." He, a would-be political orator, who dreams of leading his people to triumph and salvation, is as emotionally lonely as he is physically. The great tragedy is that while each has the ability to fill the other's needs, neither is capable of giving what is necessary. Donald Ross is excellent as the somewhat paranoid young stud while Leona Harris is superb as the pragmatic mature woman who desperately wants a better life but realizes that she'll never get it. Of particularly noteworthy interest is that the universality of play is such that the characters here are Black, American, and hetro but they could just as well be any other race or nationality and, particularly apropos, gay.

Jero is a much lighter offering, enhanced by the charismatic charm of Gerald M. Monroe in the title role but weakened by excessive noise levels in several scenes, especially Winifred H. Cabiness as a shrewish wife and debt collector. This is an extremely intimate theatre and yelling completely defeats its own purpose. A particularly fine characterization is given by J.J. Johnson as Jero's assistant, somewhat slow witted but in the end, the only one who realizes the real truth.

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The more I see of it, the more convinced I become that local college theatre is both the most underrated theatre in the area, as well as being the best entertainment bargain. S.F. State's utterly charming *In A Secluded Rendezvous* was reviewed recently by us, and currently, the College of Marin's *As You Like It* (call 485-9555 for info) is of a calibre at least equal to the average of this years productions of the professional Berkeley Shakespeare Co. The set of Ron Krempetz is outstanding, and unquestionably deserving of an award, as is the costumes by Patricia Polen, but the special aura of this production is the beauty AND clarity with which Shakespeare's lines are delivered, no mean feat in a full Equity company these days and almost unbelievable in a college production. James Dunn's direction is excellent, especially notable in the too often sloughed over wrestling scene and in an unusual but exceedingly effective staging of the renowned "All the world's a stage....." speech. In the large and generally fine cast, Perry Lius as the clown Touchstone and Robert Kroll as the melancholy Jaques are outstanding.

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FOCUS REVIEWS:

Noon is another superb hit by One Act's Lunchtime Theatre (call 421-6162 for info) offering rollicking humor on an off-beat subject.....people who answer sex ads in newspapers. It would be unfair to give away the gimmick; suffice to say that it is hilarious. Lots of skin, lots of laughs, and no-little satire plus a solid cast with Craig Bray as a gay who is both the most sensible and the most "normal" of these assorted characters and Priscilla Alden as a "peculiar" suburbanite are outstanding. Make this a DON'T MISS! Currently given on Wednesdays only at 12:10 (out at ten to one) throughout October, the series will expand to Wednesdays and Thursdays next month.

The SF Rep's season opener *Mary Stuart* (call 864-3305 for info) offers a fascinating as well as unusual look at the ill-fated Scottish queen who was imprisoned for years and finally was beheaded by her cousin Queen Elizabeth I of England. This is a play of raw-power, that really needs a larger space, but which, under Michelle Truffaut's sensitive direction, grippingly holds the audience's attention. Mary Jo Pearson gives a scintillating portrayal of this complex woman, more sinner than saint, as she beautifully makes the transitions from demented egocentric to imperious majesty. Bob Struckman is forceful counterpoint to the degeneracy of court life as a rock solid man of the people who is proud of both his job and his artistry as the "headman." Also especially notable in the large cast are Paul Drake as his mute assistant, and Donald Hudson, spectacular as a non-royal "queen." Exceptional realism, especially in the changing of costumes on stage, adds much interest.

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DAVID VINCENT, Diane Jamolow, and Peter Bakst (left to right) star in the hit show, "IT'S MY PARTY" done by the Rhythm Methods, which closes on October 18th, now at the Venetian Bakery Theatre, 2202 Powell Street, at Bay Street. It is near Original Jackson's Restaurant with famed chef John Hyer. For ticket and time info, call The Rhythm Methods at 956-9531

The Peoples Theatre Coalition's offering of *Rites of Passage* (776-8999 for info) is a compelling look at the lives of three generations of a coal mining family in a small town in British Columbia. This sometimes wordy play is greatly enhanced by the excellent acting of the four cast members, Betsy Scott, Kathryn Trask, Simone Alexander and Parker Whitman. Covering the period 1930-57, it deals with the continuing effects of an almost literally "shotgun" wedding and of each characters search for self and for self-fulfillment. Crisp direction by James Orman and an excellent period kitchen set add immeasurably.

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The highly touted *Pirates of Penzance* (call 474-3800 for info) is a fun-spoof of Gilbert & Sullivan's satire, but has major weaknesses in the two male leads. Patrick Cassidy the younger brother of David and Sean, is indeed beautiful to look at, but, unfortunately, not up to either the acting or singing requirements of his part and James Belushi, who bounces around the stage, with great elan, seems miscast in his role of the pirate king. Caroline Peyton is great as the object of Cassidy's (unbelievable) affections and JoAnne Worley is all bright fun in the beginning but later degenerates into being cutsie-pie, while it is the wacky craziness of the production, particularly the by-plays between cast and orchestra that shine most forcefully.

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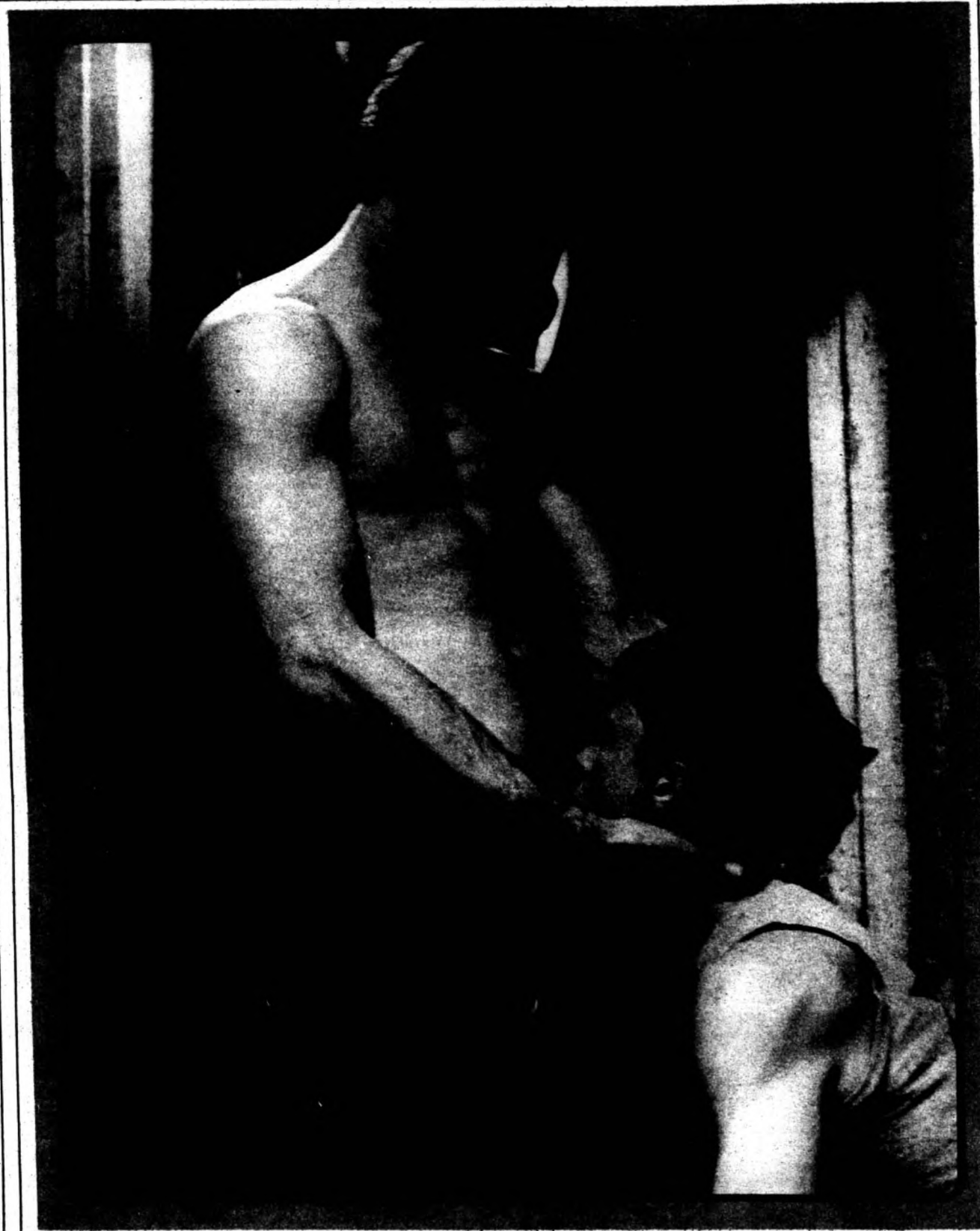
Berkeley Rep's *Cherry Orchard* (call 841-6108 for info) is an unusual production of this Chehov classic. Presumably in an attempt to lighten this author's heavy handed verbosity, director James Moll has played up the comic aspects with the result that Charles Dean, brilliant this past summer in *Norman Conquests*, seems to be still playing the same character and some of the servant/employer relationships become ludicrous rather than funny. The opulent sets negate the play's basic theme: a once wealthy family loosing everything. Still there is some fine acting, especially by Joy Carlin and Tony Amendola and I have a perhaps unfortunate, built in dislike of Chekhov.

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An inherent problem in producing the winners of a play writing contest is being limited to the contestants, regardless of their quality. This seems to be of paramount importance in the Series A of One Act's (call 421-6162 for info) Festival of Women Playwrights: the quality of the scripts is far below this theatre's usual level and one wonders if these were the winners, what could the losers have been like? (The Series B plays which will alternate weekends throughout the fall, are not from the contest and promise to be more interesting.)

The plays aren't really bad, only not very interesting and somewhat frustrating as none live up to the promise of their ideas: two elderly ladies still interested in men, a concert pianist kidnapped by two girls in order to force him to give one of them lessons and a symbolically screwball maily: wife hating mother and bored by husband,.....CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

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