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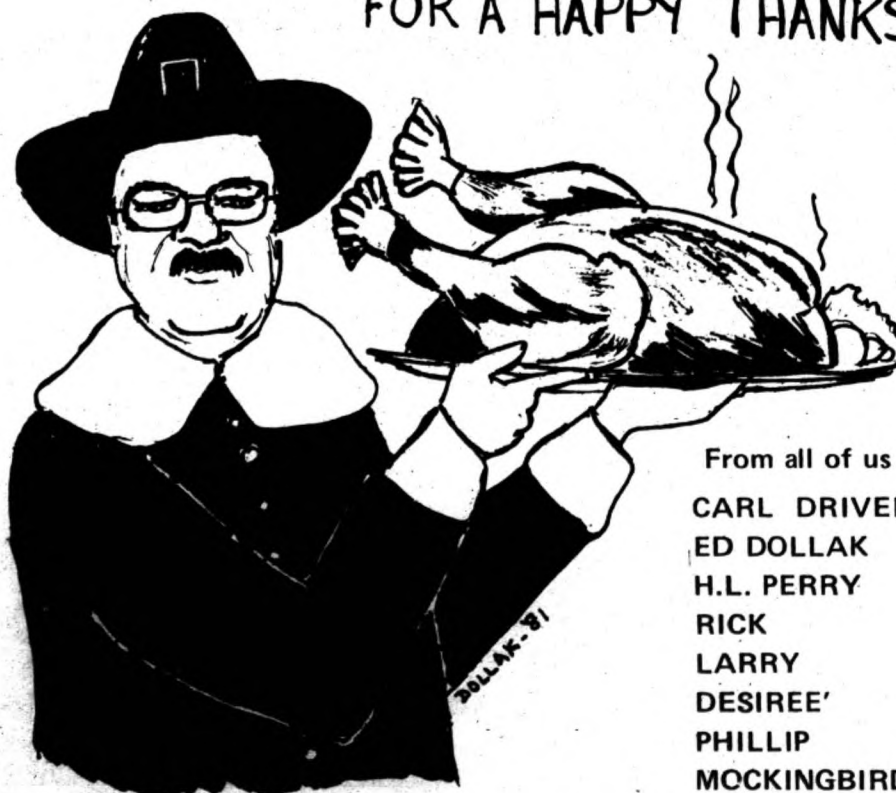
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## THE STAFF'S BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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## SPEEDY STUFF



Did you know that the "father" of modern psychiatry, considered cocaine to be a psychiatric wonder-drug? And he prescribed it for virtually every mental illness.

Cocaine is similar to amphetamines in many ways. Tolerance (the necessity to take larger and larger quantities to achieve the same effect) can develop quickly and high doses can cause a toxic psychosis. An overdose of cocaine may cause convulsions and death.

Intravenous (shooting up) use of cocaine is rare today. But, "snorting" (inhaling the drug through the nose) is quite popular in many areas. Cocaine snorters frequently

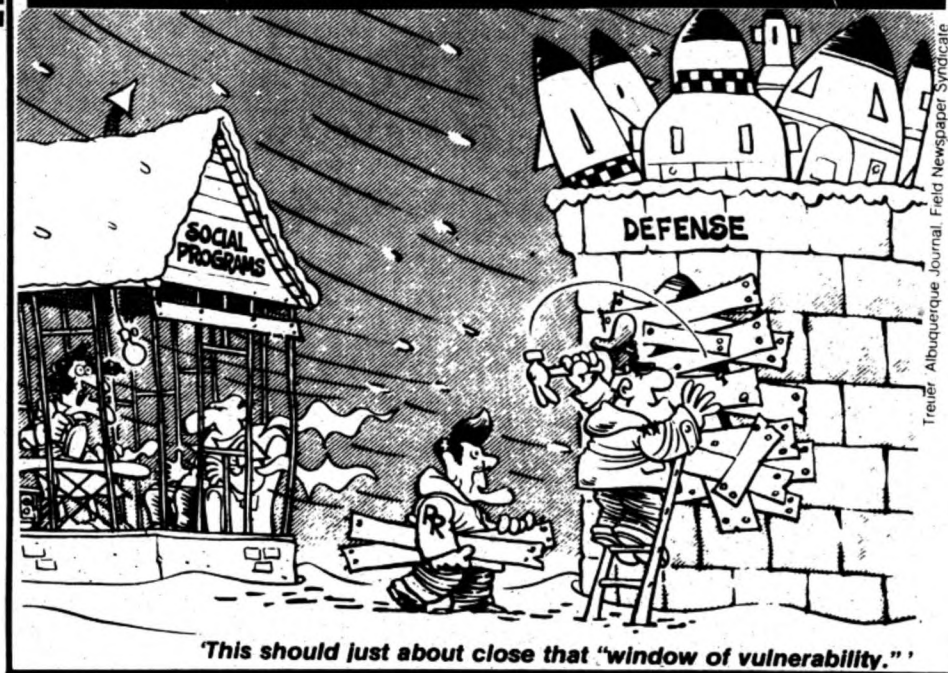
develop perforations of the nasal septum (the cartilage between the nostrils) due to constrictions of local blood vessels resulting in tissue damage from lack of oxygen. Though cocaine is not addictive, in the physical sense like "speed" and "smack" are, frequent usage can produce strong psychological dependence. Instead of the physical withdrawal that comes from overuse of alcohol and opiates, cocaine withdrawal symptoms are characterized by a deep and profound depression.....for which more cocaine appears to be the only "remedy."

One serious consideration for anyone who is thinking about using cocaine, is that, on or off the street, about half the "coke" sold is usually of the passable rip-off variety, cut heavily with cheap synthetics like Procaine (Novoxaine), Lidocaine, Benzocaine, and occasionally, cheap amphetamine.

Cocaine is not worth the expense, the nosebleeds, and the ripoffs. The fact that it is quite faddish, at the moment, makes it slightly more attractive to some, but you will be a whole lot better off if you weigh your drugs on their actual merits rather than their social stature.

Speed and "whites" are dangerous to your health. People have been taking (shooting) (dropping) speed ever since it was developed before World War II. How many people have you met who have taken speed for as long as ten years? Five years? If they've survived this long, you can bet that they aren't at all in good shape. Even junkies (smack users) have a longer life span than speed freaks.....and that is NOT long either.

The reason that the users of "speed" don't notice the physical dependence and physical deterioration that speed use does cause, is, that they usually have a young healthy body, that can take a lot of stress and strain before they finally give in. Speed activates the entire body and forces it to race at high rates of speed for a long time. The larger the dose, the greater the strain. The smaller the dose, the smaller the strain. This is why speed can be legitimately prescribed in small doses (like in diet-pills, pep-pills, etc.) for several months without apparent harm. A lot of speed puts a great strain on the entire circulatory system, and often causes "aneurism" (ballooning) in



the arteries or vessels.

Appetite is non-existent on speed. Food is a big drag and it is almost impossible to eat solids. Sleep is also very difficult, if not impossible, during a "run". Both lack of appetite and inability to sleep are side effects of speed; the body becomes very wasted when no nourishment or chance for sleep-rejuvenation takes place.

The liver and the kidneys, which filter impurities from the system, are forced to over-work. This creates a situation much like operating a complex water pump and filter system without water. It just burns up. Putting water into the pump (i.e., drinking lots of water) helps, but not as much as not using speed in the first place.

Because of the massive stimulation of the nervous system by amphetamines and because appetite and sleep patterns are disturbed, an eventual state of toxic psychosis often occurs. This is usually characterized by hallucinations, tremendous panic or fear reactions. These with added waves of despondency and depression make you the mess you can't see you are.

During the period of the "run" it is extremely tempting to avoid the hard comedown by shooting up again or by dropping more speed. By the third or fourth day of continuous use, the chemical starts taking over.

Speed actually enables years of aging.....and deterioration to be squeezed into a few short weeks.

In addition, speed users (freaks) often suffer an acute state of paranoia. The natural uneasiness-nervousness that comes from speed is intensified by fear of getting caught or busted by the police (cops, pigs, etc.).

Speed brings about increased anxiety, confusion, decreased mental capacities. And the worst is.....proven brain damage. Speed use does cause eventual damage to the brain, add the user is usually the last to know it, even to recognize it, while others all about them can see it very clearly. People who once had control of the English language find themselves unable to remember proper words.....and even have difficulty in speaking. Speed is dangerous to those who have heart-defects.

One thing you should remember is that speed is not the opposite of a downer and visa-versa. For if a person overdoses on speed you do not give them a downer, it is very dangerous and can cause lots of unhealthy complications like even death.

Methedrine (Methamphetamine, meth) is most commonly known on the streets as "crank" or "crystal" in the powder form, or as Desoxyn in a pharmaceutical pill form. Like all amphetamines, tolerance develops rapidly, requiring increasingly high dosages to keep experiencing the rush. So, along with the need to maintain and eventually take larger amounts to prevent the tremendous depression that coming down can bring, there are the hazards of using needles to contend with as well.

Do not destroy the beautiful body that our Father-Mother God gave to you by dropping or shooting this garbage into your bodies. Lesbians and gaymen have too much to lose and nothing to gain by destroying their bodies with these garbage chemicals.

The only "high" you need is love. Try loving yourself, it's great! In part from the Do-It-No Foundation



## SAN FRANCISCO SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD THE LUXURY OF A MILLIONAIRE RUNNING THE MUNI!

San Francisco's Municipal Railway System (MUNI) has been one of the very best public transit system in the U.S. That is, it was, until millionaire Mayoress Dianne Feinstein named millionaire Richard "Dick" Skalar to head up the transit systems of the working class and poor. Obviously Mr. Skalar is doing the job with the care and concern of a millionaire, look at the miserable system now. The working class, poor and Third World peoples don't have big cars to drive them about like Dianne and Dick do. We need a change in City Hall/MUNI!

### Thanksgiving Dinners

The Following Restaurants have a special Thanksgiving Dinner Menu and all serve excellent food with fine service.

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1600 Folsom Street, at 12th Street  
phone 626-2723 for reservations

ABBAY ROOM (ATHERTON HOTEL)  
Ellis & Larkin Streets call 474-5720

FICKLE FOX, 842 Valencia Street  
phone 826-3373

For the Low Income Peoples:  
THE COOKERY, 208 Eddy Street  
phone 771-6334

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Bush & Gough Street  
12 noon til ?

St. Anthony's Dining Room will be open at 10:30 AM.....on Jones between Golden Gate Avenue & Market Street.  
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OLD FOLKS DEFENSE LEAGUE LUNCHEON  
Wednesday, 12:30 noon  
26 Seventh Street, in the 4th floor dining room.  
Free for elderly 62 and over!

## LANDLORD OF SLUM HOTEL IN CENTRAL CITY ORDERED JAILED BY JUDGE IRA BROWN, Jr.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19—Superior Court Judge, Ira Brown ruled that Victor Romero, owner of the horrid-looking Pontiac Hotel, 138 Sixth Street, be locked up, after he failed to correct a long list of fire, health, and building code violations. Romero, who lives in Santa Rosa, was ordered last June to clean up or be locked up. The hotel, with 78 rooms, is a mess to say the least, trash-filled hallways, clogged toilets, unsafe stairs, and bare electric wires. This came about as a result of a suit by the tenants.

## PRAIRIE FIRE HOLDS SMALL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE SFPD AND THE KKK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15—About fifty people held a rally and a march against police brutality and the growing menace of white supremacy. The rally was held in Balboa Park and the small band marched to the Ingleside Police Station. The event was co-sponsored by another group.

## DRAG QUEENS USE KNIVES IN GEARY STREET ROBBERY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16—Two transpersons, robbed at knifepoint a 29 year old woman in the doorway of 676 Geary Street, at 1 am. They took \$164 reportedly. The two drag-queens fled towards Jones Street, and down Jones towards O'Farrell Street, where many transpersons hang out.

## HOUSTON LESBIANS/GAYS SCORE BIG VICTORY OVER REAGANISTS AND CONSERVATIVES.

HOUSTON, Nov. 17—Liberals joined forces to defeat Sheriff Jack Heard ("We need to restore the good old family principles and morality!") and elect City Controller, Kathy Whitmire, 170,772 votes to 102,385. Blacks, working-class (blue collar) liberals, lesbians & gays made this a decisive victory over the "law 'n order" candidate. The lesbian and gay section of Houston, the Montrose, went 88% for the new Mayor who openly courted the lesbian and gay vote and made no big secret about it. It is hoped that she works out better than the women mayors of San Francisco and Phoenix. Both of whom are conservative.

## BLACK AUGUST ACTIVISTS RAIDED BY LOCAL COPS AND STATE OFFICERS.

Members of the Black August Organizing Committee, were attacked in a raid by the San Francisco Police Department, and members of a Special Services Unit of the California Department of Corrections, who charged them with parole violations and accused them of conspiring to assassinate top officials of the California Prison System. In a picket organized to protest the brutal raid, spokesman Shujaa (Ernest Graham) angrily denounced the charges, and said that such a plot was not being planned and the charges were totally trumped up. Those arrested have all been active in organizing for prison reform, and at times have angered "the powers that be" with their strong words. The Black August Organizing Committee is a self-styled anti-imperialist and revolutionary prisoners' group, and they are organizing now for the defense of the arrested members. Help may be sent to the Prison Organizing Committee, in care of 414 Gough Street, no.3, San Francisco, CA 94102.

## LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS MAKES PROGRESS EUROPE EVEN IF NOT IN WASHINGTON!

The European Court on Human Rights ruled by a 15-4 vote that Britain is violating the human rights convention by treating homosexuality as a crime in Northern Ireland. Two laws forbid homosexual acts, and have a penalty of mandatory imprisonment, if convicted. The Rev. Ian Paisley of Northern Ireland halted a drive to take the anti-lesbian/gay laws off the books with a petition to "Save Ulster from Sodomy." There have been 62 prosecutions carried out under the laws in the past nine years.

## BRITT RECALL PETITION WITHDRAWN, AUTHOR GIVES GAY FOCUS MAGAZINE ITEM AS REASON FOR BACKING OFF!

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20—Wm. Tocco, who had begun a Recall Petition drive to oust homosexual Supervisor Harry Britt from office, said that he was withdrawing for "fear of violence" which he said that the *Gay Focus Magazine* had called for. Tocco's only "voice" in the gay and lesbian community has been the press which the *Bay Area Reporter* has been doing, via their full printing of his press releases and letters section. The *Gay Focus Magazine* will not give such a person any print space for it is too valuable and the staff does not wish to help create "Richard Zones" like channel 4, KRON tv did earlier this year and the other gay publications "just ate it up," giving Zone far more credit than he deserved. The same goes for the Tocco situation. Why do certain gays help to create our would be destructors? This is a question some should ask of the other papers publishers. Tocco now says he is running for Supervisor next year, and the pic above is from one of his campaign "cards." We wish him no luck and the worst he could ever imagine. Bigots and homophobes deserve the worst!

## JOSEPH RUSSONIELLO NOW U.S. ATTORNEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20—Former Assistant District Attorney, Joe Russoniello has been named U.S. Attorney for Northern California. Russoniello had been backed for D.A. by the Gay Voters League.

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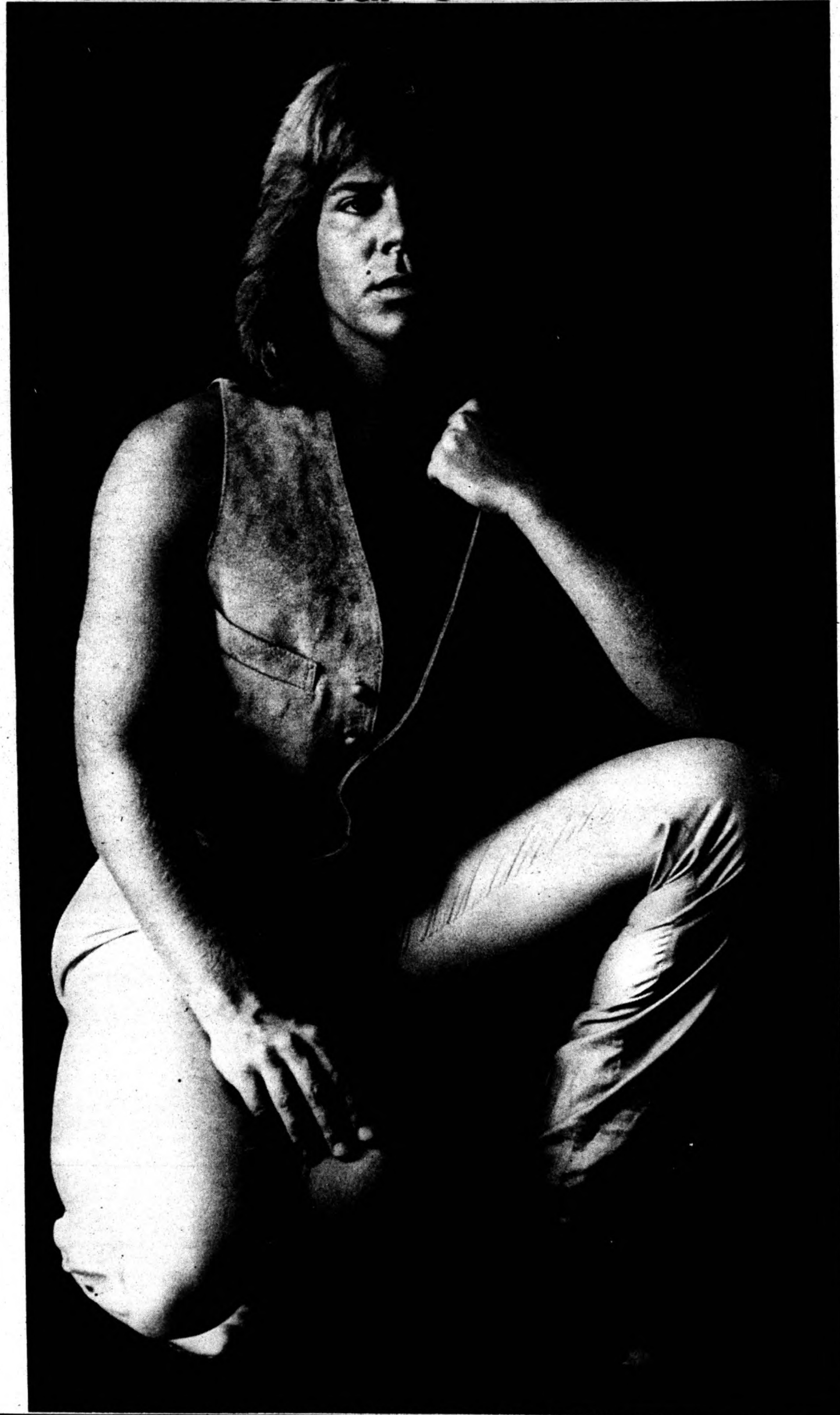
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## FOCUS NEWS

NOVEMBER 29th COALITION CALLS FOR RALLY & MARCH TO DEMAND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.....



M. Kahlitz

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22—On this, the anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a coalition of organizations called for a march and rally demanding an end to the bloodshed in the Middle East. The Coalition, calling itself the "November 29th Coalition," said they will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday the 29th in Union Square in downtown San Francisco, and march to the Civic Center for a rally to be held at 1 p.m. Many progressive groups call for support for the march and rally, including the Palestine Congress of North America, the National Black United Front, the Workers World Party, the Peoples Anti-War Mobilization on a national basis. Locally there are numerous groups which have endorsed the march and rally, which include: Central City/Tenderloin Independent Democrats, the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God, as well as several student groups and the local arm of People's Anti-War Mobilization. Their demand is for an end to U.S. military aid to Israel and an end to U.S. intervention in the Middle East; condemn Zionism as a form of racism in accordance with the United Nations resolution 3379, and calling for support for the P.L.O. as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian peoples. There will be similar demonstrations in New York City beginning at 34th and Broadway, as well as elsewhere.

The demonstrations in the West Bank, like the upcoming U.S. demonstrations here, serve to remind the Pentagon and Wall Street, and their Saudi, Jordanian and Egyptian puppets, that the PLO is the only leadership of the Palestinian people, and no phony "peace plan" regardless of authorship, can hold back the determination of the Palestinian people for freedom from the U.S. backed Israeli occupation in a democratic Palestine.

CONGRESSMAN PETE McCLOSKEY SAYS THAT HE STILL SUPPORTS GAY RIGHTS ISSUE DESPITE THE RUDE RECEPTION THAT HE RECEIVED AT THE HANDS OF S.F.'S SO-CALLED "RESPECTABLE" LESBIAN AND GAY LEADERSHIP.

Washington, Nov. 21—Pete McCloskey telephoned the *Gay Focus* to assure us that he is still strong on lesbian/gay rights issues, despite the nasty attacks upon him at an alleged "human rights coalition" conference in which only certain gay groups, businesses, were invited.

## FocusLetters

November 16, 1981

Rev. Ray Broshears  
Gay Focus Magazine

Dear Ray:

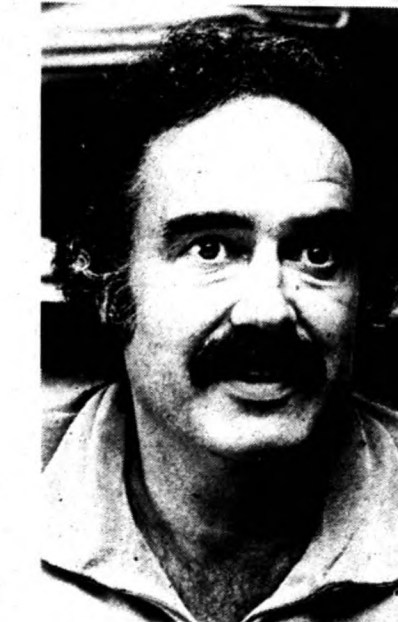
I am responding to your request for info and for the position I took during House debate on the District of Columbia's Sexual Assault Reform Act of 1981 which was voted upon in the House.

I have enclosed a copy of the Congressional Record for that day. As you will see, I did not make any statements on the House floor during that discussion. However, I would like you to know some of my thoughts on this matter.

I strongly opposed the motion that was forwarded to discharge the District of Columbia from further consideration of a resolution to veto the DC Sexual Assault Reform Act of 1981. That Act, as you probably know, was fashioned after model legislation that was already adopted in similar form in some 25 other states, including California. The Reform Act received consideration by the District of Columbia and I could find no merit to the argument that such a reform measure in any way involved a federal impact, thereby calling the Congress into involvement in this issue. The act is a comprehensive, modernizing act in statutes on sexual activity. The action that was proposed in the House to disapprove the D.C. Sexual Assault resolution is in my mind, a clear violation of D.C. Home Rule and represents an onerous move on the part of the Moral Majority.

In short, I feel that the passage of that resolution in the House was disappointing and disillusioning.

I hope that my comments have clarified my position on this for you. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.



JOHN L. BURTON, M.C.  
Our Congressman

Sincerely,  
JOHN L. BURTON  
Member of Congress

## ANOTHER GAYMAN MURDERED AT DOOR OF NORTHERN POLICE STATION



RAYMOND CANEPA  
Patrol Commander.....

THREE MEN STABBED BY DRUNKS ON ANTI-GAY RAMPAGE FOR THREE HOURS WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF THE NORTHERN POLICE STATION..... FINALLY THEY "SCORE".... A GAY MAN IS DEAD.... WITHIN A BLOCK OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF "KAISER" SCHUELER AND HIS BLUECOATS..... SAME AS TWO MONTHS WHEN ANOTHER GAY MAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH AT THE DOOR OF THE NORTHERN POLICE STATION..... WHY!

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23—Since midnight Saturday morning and until they killed a gayman at 3 a.m. two drunks terrorized the Larkin, Polk, Geary, Ellis, O'Farrell Streets all within two blocks and less of the Northern Police Station. Where were all the blue & white and black and white police cars now? The ones that ply up and down Polk Street from early evening until about 1 a.m. harassing and busting gaymen for just about every crime in the City Police Code and in the California Penal Code? Only Captain George "Kaiser" Schueler and his Night Commander know for sure. And Patrol Commander Ray J. Canepa in his comfortable Hall of Justice office is "supposed" to know, but obviously they don't know for sure. But both Schueler and his boss Canepa know they have to keep the Polk Street Merchants Association happy, plus the "special businesses" who keep after them to "get the trash off Polk!"

"Kaiser" Schueler has been mentioned as a possible new Chief of Police if and when Chief Con Murphy goes into retirement (or to work for a large corporation?) in the near future. "Kaiser" (he is called that by many police officers behind his back of course) was the hand picked choice of the dreaded (by the gay community) Deputy Chief of Police George Emil to replace him as head of Vice. Later Schueler was transferred to the very political Northern Station, for further grooming as Chief of Police, some say, because Emil's record is against him ever being named Chief, so his hand-picked man would set in for him it is alleged by many political insiders.

So, after his few months at Northern Station, two gaymen have been murdered and both within a block of the Police Station itself. The "Castle Schueler" is at 843 Ellis Street, just off Polk, and just a block from the September murder of Nicolas Ritus, 31, of Seattle. Now, on early Saturday morning, another gayman, a "john doe" so far, about 21 to 25, lies in the morgue, stabbed to death on Olive, an alley, just a block and one-quarter from "Kaiser" Schueler's Bluecoats "home away from home." And also just in front of the after-hours private S&M sex club called the "Catacombs II."

This area from residents who have lived there for a dozen or more years, will tell you, that after 1 a.m. the western half of the Tenderloin, the area in which the two men were stabbed to death, it simply becomes "blood gulch!" For the police have all but disappeared from the area by 1 a.m. The bars are letting out, and in particular the "trouble bars" such as the Play Inn on Larkin & Geary, and Partners on Larkin and Post, and many of the patrons begin to drift southward, towards the all-night Travellodge coffeshop on Ellis at Larkin, and this in the very area in which both men were stabbed to death, and the liquor stores in the area are a big problem, the one at Larkin & Ellis in particular.

## OPINION

On the lawsuits by various of the members of the San Francisco Police Department against the other gay press.

On the Other gay lifestyle and culture clones "speaking" for residents of Tenderloin!

Another Police Officer, the one involved in the handling of the Dan White murder case, Frank Falzon, a longtime personal friend of killer Dan White, has now filed suit against a gayman for having written a letter critical of the way Falzon has handled (or not handled) the case of his room-mates murder in Buena Vista Park. Previously, the Police Officers Association filed a lawsuit against another gay paper for an article which was poorly written in our opinion, but a lawsuit was not justified in our opinion, regardless of how sloppy the writer was indeed. But with these two lawsuits, we are sure that more are to come, as this is the way the San Francisco Police Department members feel they can either halt or stifle criticism of their failure to carry out their sworn duties. It is the way many feel, that certain elements of the right-wing in the SFPD can help to stem or even reverse the tide of gays into the city.

Any Court looking into these two lawsuits would surely have to look at the Constitution, first. For both items, the "news" article and the letter, were well within the realm of free speech and free press, and the P.O.A. lawsuit as well as the Falzon lawsuit are simply an attempt to halt free speech and free press, particularly when it comes from a bunch of homosexuals.... isn't that the way it is downtown boys?

CASTRO CARPETBAGGERS.....STAY HOME! With yet another murder in the western end of the Tenderloin, we are sure, the unwelcome voice and presence of the Castroids will be heard and seen in the Central City and Tenderloin. Their lifestyles and cultures are far different than those of us who live in the Central City and Tenderloin as well. One of the Castroids from CUAV wrote recently that "there isn't a community in the south of Market and the Tenderloin to defend themselves, so we'll do it for them." Oh honey, you just keep your Castro clone ass in the Castro, we just don't need you and your kind coming in and failing to speak for us who live here. You speak for your lifestyle and culture, not ours!



# FOCUS on The Mockingbird

THE A.B.C. TO BEGIN CRACKDOWN for violations of Rule 52 which says that bars cannot "give-a-way" booze....cannot have "two for one" specials....and cannot have "discount tickets"....or "free drinks chips"! So, everyone on your toes, your tax dollars have to be spent by the Enforcers of the ABC as they have too much time on their hands.

HOG HEAVEN on Stanyan Street just off Haight is serving up some fine BBQ! And Randy of the Arena says so too!

CODER'S CADDY BOY BUSTED? Well, there is this rumor that Dennis Coder's young friend Steve was busted for tickets and handcuffed very naughty like, and driven off to the Hall of Injustice. Tsk tsk!!!!!!

FOXHOLE TILLIE the latest to join the "queens hospital corps of the walking heart wounded" had open heart surgery at St. Marys, and ole Tillie told us this one, "Do you know why Prince Charles 'dick' is blue?" To which I said, "No Tillie, tell me why!" "Because it was being dipped in Di!" Get the hook!!!!!!

IT IS NOT PROPER to wear your hat in a dining room, regardless! So says Ms. Emily Post and "Mother" Reed!



MISS & MR. GAY SF applications are being sent out to those who so request them. As well, for the Mr. & Miss Gay California. Both of the contests will be held in SF in January 1982, and you can obtain yours by either writing to or calling: H.L. Perry, 199 Downey Street, SF CA 94117 or phone 661-46-57. The event will be ran differently this year you can rest assured and NONE of the former or current Mr. or Miss Gays will be allowed on the microphone....ya hear?!!!!

SPEAKING OF MISS GAY SF when ever is Miss Randee either going to cough up that "social service? Directory?" or give the bucks back she solicited for it?

MISS MAI TY & BILL WHITE went out a week Sunday last to the Chez Mollett and Bill White said the food was simply awful!

MICHAEL RICCO gave two monster size love marks on the neck to Rick of the Cookery, 208 Eddy Street? Yes tiz true!! Jerry could have made nicer looking ones..right?

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**ALFIE'S**

2140 Market St. 626-2543 San Francisco



MAE, posing with a few of her thousands of fans last summer...lotta southern belles ding!

PETER LEHMAN is one super hunky looking blonde stud and very polite and a smile you wouldn't believe! And...he's just down the hall too!!!!!! But he is very well taken!

IS IT TRUE that J.C. (Eagle) and Brian Todd of the Watering Hole (drive-inn bar) went to the Chez Mollett a week ago Sunday for Sunday brunch...ordered at 2:30 and at 3:30 they still didn't have any food? How long does it take to cook steak and eggs?

MOTHER THOMAS J McCarthy got mugged at midnite in front of a gym on post street on his way to Partners and the 6' muscular, good looking brownhaired thug with a tank top got "Mother's" \$62 and so did his 5'10" 150 lb partner in crime, and "Mother Mc" got a cut above the eye. Seems that Yenta Mother got mugged in about the same location a year ago this time...this all happened Sunday November 8th. Hmm, where were the failing Guardian Angels?

CRIS/BETTY BULLET just loves the lockers at the SF Health Club, so much so that tried to use them as blankets and pulled them on his head.

WHAT BARTENDER FROM THE TRENCH went to the SF Eagle and found out that he didn't know how to make a "kamikazi?" Well, the SF Eagle showed him how and he doesn't believe it yet!

DEAR ZIPPER of the Watering Hole....is it really true that you are unable to walk and chew gum at the same time?

THE BARON(ESS) OF DELORES Street Jerry Merchant....dear, why don't you just settle up with Blonde George on that work?

JAMES A.....seems like your phone is disconnected? Why can't people get you? Are all the old "accounts" settled and up to date dear?

DIDJA KNOW? that someone is circulating a xeroxed list of names with people who have bounced paper south of Market now? That's a no-no boys!



BILL HARRISON also known as Ginger recovering nicely from his heart surgery (five by-passes!) is looking good!

A. "defense" of Dempsey, so Kayo took their cases, and they are paying him. So, as D.A. Smith says he will refile charges against the Park Station cop soon, it will be an interesting trial and the truth will bear out, let us hope.

THE P.O.A. (that's Police Officers Association in case you didn't know) has filed a big lawsuit against B.A.R. as most know....now another cop, the pal of Dan Whites....Inspector Frank Falzon....well, Frank is suing Randy Schell, who wrote a letter to the B.A.R. and Falzon says the charges in the letter are not true! Schell is with C.U.A.V. also. Falzon, for the record, is out on disability leave from the SFPD now for a "back injury" some say. Gads, all these cops suing left and right.

TURKEY DAY DINERS will find a delicious dinner at the Castle Grand Brasserie....it is really super great food...six courses. Reservations are a must....see the ad on page 13....the theatre page.

The S.F. EAGLE will not open until 8 PM on Thanksgiving Day so that the employees will have a nice dinner courtesy of Jay Levine, Bob Damron and JC. Who's doing the cooking is what I wanna know?

THANKSGIVING for the elderly will be tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Christ Chapel...the Rev. Ray Broshears is having the monthly free seniors luncheon the day before Thanksgiving at the seniors request.

ZAHN ARTMAN? we are not impressed! Not impressed at all!

JIMMY CASH/Fields is out of the slammer after four months and is having a real ball we hear tell. Behave kid!

NICK Punko former bartender now manager of Pleasure Palace and City Books.

# FOCUS NEWS

## 'I'd like to take the power back!'



"Strength comes from all of us fighting together with mutual respect and support." Gwen Elliot, right, at the historic All-Peoples Congress.



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NATIONAL DAYS OF RESISTANCE SET FOR APRIL 24 - MAY 2 ACROSS THE NATION. AND A BLACK LESBIAN SHOWS US COURAGE AND GREAT STRENGTH AS WELL AS THE WAY! Read this powerful piece of U.S. history in the making and about Gwen Elliot who should inspire anyone with a heart and a sense of right.

NEW YORK, October 30—When Reagan describes the cutbacks, he talks in terms of statistics, not people. Sometimes he, and other figures in his administration, try to justify the social service slashes by broad generalizations, slandering the poor and the oppressed, "Welfare cheats," he says, "Food stamp black market," we hear. But never do the Reaganites talk about the individual people, their unique lives and needs, who, under the Reagan budget, are being denied the most basic means to meet these needs.

Gwen Elliot is such a person. She is a Black lesbian woman, sightless and diabetic. She, and many other disabled people from around the country, attended the All-Peoples Congress in Detroit last month. They made it clear exactly what the effects of the Reagan cutbacks will be for many people.

Her food stamp allowance of \$63 a month was recently cut to \$10 a month. (DID YOU READ THIS JACKASS GAY REPUBLICANS?) Because she is diabetic, and has specific nutritional needs, this cut becomes an even greater hardship. Her SSI (Supplemental Social Income) barely amounts to \$350 a month. Gwen was forced to move because funds for subsidized housing were frozen by the Reagan program (DID YOU READ THIS YOU GAY REAL ESTATE SPECULATORS!)

"I am very angry. I have a right to be angry. I'd like to take back the power they took from me back!" said Gwen. It isn't the sightlessness to which she is referring. The disability is not to blame for the inhumanity and lack of genuine human services in this country. Her story, as she calls it, is "too uncomfortable for most people to hear. But people need to know about all oppression. My political statement can help others."

**POVERTY TO BLAME FOR SIGHTLESSNESS**

Like thousands of premature babies in the 40s and 50s, Gwen was left in an incubator for two to three months. It caused her sightlessness by overexposure to oxygen, which destroyed the optic nerves. "We were very poor, and very Black. We didn't know to sue, and my parents were just glad that I was alive," said Gwen.

"When you are in high school you must report to the New York State Commission for the Blind. You have two options. You fit their standards and go to college, or you go on SSI. In both cases, you have to see a psychologist appointed by them. Any problems you have, you are made to feel it is a failure to adjust to being blind, rather than the oppression you have to face."

Gwen has a biochemical imbalance resulting in an emotional disability for which she was hospitalized, "I couldn't take dealing with food stamps, no doors were open, no place to live. I didn't want to go back to the state therapists and their degradation. They were pumping me full of drugs. It was oppression that put me in the hospital," said Gwen.

Gwen has now secured an apartment in a building for the sightless, the only one in New York City. However, there are problems here as well. "In order to live here you have to sign an affidavit as to why you aren't working. They don't accept if you've been in a mental institution. This is being fought now," she explained.

In addition, "they monitor who goes in and out, supposedly for security," she said. But a gay man is being harassed for being gay when ever he receives financial assistance.

**A FIGHTER IN STRUGGLE AGAINST REAGAN PROGRAM**

"In therapy you learn not to say you are political, not to say you are a lesbian, because they'll put you away," she continued. But despite the fear that her assistance will be cut, Gwen like many others is "taking a stand."

"Too keep things in perspective you have to look at these so-called 'democratic rights.' You are not a person if you receive financial assistance, if you're poor or Black. You are not a person if you're working class either. They're taking the money that could be helping all poor people and getting it ready for war, spending that money for building up the Pentagon arsenal," Gwen said.

She talked about some of the changes that could be made. All buildings should have braille elevator symbols, as should all bus signs, and at an accessible height. Food store shelves should also have braille symbols with available personnel to assist. There should be handles on buses, guide railings in all buildings. Subways are almost totally inaccessible. The sticky strip on the platform is for blind people. They aren't in every station either.

She spoke at the All-Peoples Congress, and its mandate for national days of resistance against Reaganism, to take place April 24 - May 2. "The Days of Resistance mean mass resistance everyday, in whatever areas, whether its the cutbacks or racism or war. I'm willing to fight back whatever way I can. It's the corporations that make the money that have to be overturned. It is the people who were at the Congress who can do it. We were all the oppressed fighting together."

She said with quiet dignity, and strength, that at the All-Peoples Congress, "for once in my life I didn't feel just like a 'blind person.' I'm a blind person with something to say and to learn from others. I have a strong sense of struggle, I have a strong sense of struggle, to be free. Strength comes from the oppression and all of us fighting together, with mutual respect and support."

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# FOCUS on The Mockingbird



Cowboy Ed Dollak relaxes after bringing in his column and chat chat.

HANK CHEEKE of the Devil's Herd and Googies, gave us a ring Saturday morning from his hospital bed, and reports the test showed that the knots were NOT malignant and he hopes to be out and about soon.

BOB THOMASSON formerly of Dallas, Georgia, got his hair cut, looking good! And, he is now been seen around with a very handsome young dark-haired man by the name of Franco. A couple of good-lookingers!!!!

FROM WHAT CONGRESSMAN PETE McCloskey told the Gay Focus, the one "who bombed" at that shabby "coalition for human rights" was the ones who attacked this strong advocate of gay rights for not being as silly as those who attacked him. We have to say "ditto" for the writer of the article in a rag!

THE ENDUP's 8th anniversary celebration is still in full swing, going on until next Sunday. Oh yes, if Jose does show up, they had best tie her hands, or else they will have the A.B.C. on them for something else. The "Dating Game" is old and passe and there is no need for it...it is in the past, and dead. It should be left that way. In spite of Jose, a happy and successful 8th birthday to the staff... and management of the Endup, a great dance bar...dance!!!

CRYING FOR MONEY AND CAUSING IT TO BE SPENT ARE MEMBERS of the Harvey Milk Club...and with all the extra police hours it will take for their "candle-light march", there could have been funds for Job Power or for the Gray Panthers. Marches are great, if for a real reason other than the real one for this "candle-light march." It's strictly political...and for a certain group of political candidates, and all are Dianne's Darlings! Why don't you silly Castroid march against Reagan? against the job cuts? against the welfare cuts? Why? because you silly Cleve-like Castroids only give a shit about your precious bars, bars, booze and other silly luxuries and not a damn for the poor, the handicapped, or the elderly...you don't give a tinker's damn about the KKK and the Nazis...or about racism. Why don't you march for something important, rather than a march to showcase your political favorites and that dumb rich bitch you all love?

IS LOU GREENE? No, he's true blue!

"TAKING PILLS AND DRINKING FEAR AWAY?" How sick can you get, but this is from a song by an ex-gay libber.

SENSE-FEEL-SMELL-LICK-TASTE-SWEAT-PUMP- & COME to the hit movie with the fabulous Scorpio (on our cover!) which opens tomorrow, Wednesday November 25th at the Nob Hill Cinema on Bush at Powell. Scorpio is the best hunk to come out of New York in a long time.



DESIREE' looking dripping wet, because he is, after delivering our paper. Pore old Desi...a hard worker. This dude with him is Larry a real stud according to various south of Market reports.

THE film, NEW YORK MEN is a real fine performance in living color by alot of hot groovy men. One thing so fine about the Nob Hill Cinema, you are never lonely there...like you are in other porn theatres which are so nearly empty. MEN OF NEW YORK NEW YORK MEN and also a film that came out a year ago, NEW YORK CONSTRUCTION with Jack Wrangler. Oh yes...did you know that the Nob Hill Cinema has not raised their price in the last 6 years? How about that? Alright! Love the popcorn! HELIX may be an "all weather lube" but it sure isn't very good in the bed rooms. Stay with Lube, Performance, and Vasoline and Crisco.....they are much better. Helix is sheer hell!



Blonde George is smiling cause he's been doing some hard work. George's face has been seen all over town.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS ala cute and gay are at Le Salon.... and the traditional ones are at Geary Evergreen, 914 Geary at Larkin Street. So get your cards while the supplies last. They have several kinds of cards including religious at Just Friends on Polk. And all three places are far less expensive than Headlines or Chicken Little. So, save money, and still get a high quality card, at Le Salon....Just Friends, and Geary Evergreen. Support the gay merchants who support You!

CARLENE'S OF MAUI has a most delightful brunch menu as well as fine waiters..... don't forget. Can't mention this place enough on Polk.

THANKSGIVING DINNER Six Courses of it, are being served at the very elegant Castle Grand Brasserie...you must...have reservations...so see ad on page 13, the Theatre section.

"KILLER"? BARTENDER? See the article & pic, page 15 it's just above the hot hot new ad for the Frisco Saloon. And, right across from Ed Dollak's zesty Tenderloin column of tidbits, news.

LANE IS WORKING at the S.F. Eagle's patio bar and doing a great job.

HATS OFF to Lady Dee Dee Love and Sweet William for the fine work they are doing with the elderly of the Native American Center for the Elderly. They're having a big Thanksgiving feed there too. Tessie is having one for people of all ages at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough, and Rev. Ray is having his for the old folks of the Tenderloin area.

CONNIE is performing in the "Black & White Xmas" Revue for the hospitalized veterans at the Ft. Miley U.S. Veterans Hospital on Tuesday the 15th of Dec. There will be a three hour fundraiser for gifts for the show, that will be on the 13th at the Frisco Saloon at 3 PM with Mai Ty, Madam Paul Leslie, Bill White and other stars.

RUMOR HASIT that the former head of the American Nazi Party here in SF is or was working at a gay business. Hmm, makes you wonder about the ones that hired him, and then kept him on for so long after they "knew." Most suspicious!

THERE WILL BE a candidate against Assemblyman Willie Brown in the June, Democratic primary. It won't be much of a battle, but Willie will know that there are those who don't appreciate his attempt to put a tax on the candy, just so he could build more jails??? And then there is his Studio West clients scandal, and then, there is his expense account increase for he and fellow legislators while cutting back senior citizens, \$27 a month since last December. Oh yes, he was able to get a pay raise through for himself and Art Agnos as well. Cut the elderly, and raise your own salaries....really kind legislators Brown & Agnos.



And this is Freddy. Famous Freddy. Formerly known as "Castro Freddy" who used to live with a ballet dancer, now lives in the Polk area.

WAS THAT MANUEL Soares in town the other day? Tish too? Wow!!!! HI BOBBY CHARROT, what's happening kid? You are looking good! Nevada does agree with you for real.

DAVID MONROE who? He doesn't return calls!!!!

## "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" MADAM" PAUL!"



### "THE MADAM HAD HER NIGHT!"

In fact, the Madam has had 29 years of "nights" as of the 19th of November, when Paul, known as the "Madam Leslie" in the Tenderloin, had a birthday bash at the cafe COOKERY, 208 Eddy Street which was continued on into the wee hours with drinking and such at the FRISCO SALOON, 60 Sixth Street. Dozens and zillions packed into the small Tenderloin cafe to help Paul celebrate his 29th birthday (Jimmy says he may be 29, but he looks like 39!).

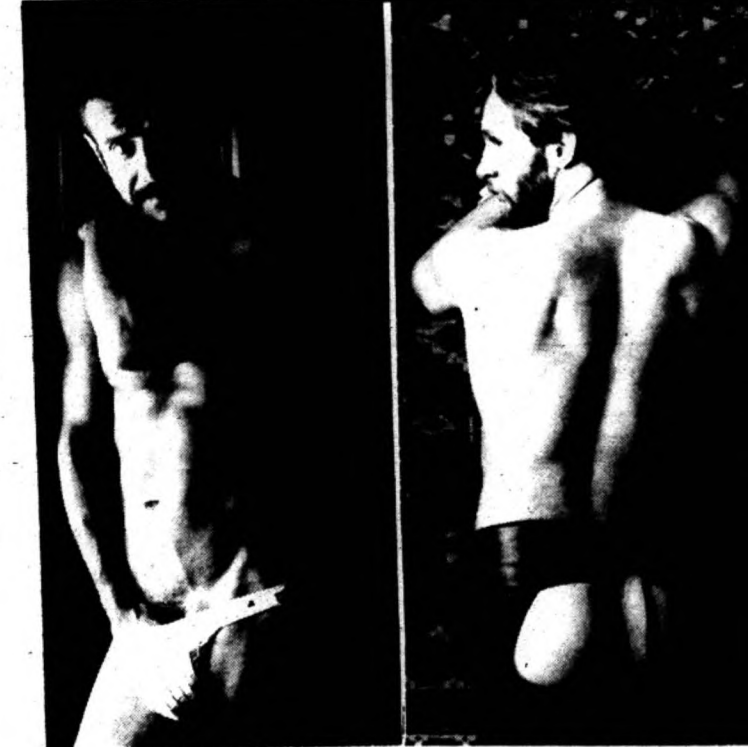
Doris Unger, the owner of the cafe prepared quite a feast for the guests who began arriving at 7 pm or so, and she also made Paul his very favorite chocolate cake. And of course, Sam (Doris' other half) stirred and stirred the punch, as well as the evening up itself.

Co-workers as well as the owners gave Paul several gifts, so many in fact, Paul lost count. In the pics at the left is the Madam Paul Leslie shown receiving several of the gifts, and his very own doll with a dildo to keep him warm these very lonely cold nights that Bill White says Paul has so many of. Gay Focus photographer Rick, took most of the photos and Doris (Mom) supplied the rest.

Bubbles, Pat, Jerry, Mai Ty, Delicious Dee Dee Love, Billy Ralph, and on and on and on were all in attendance at the lively birthday bash.

There is no truth to the rumor started by Sam that the Fire Department had to be called to put out the candles on the cake. It wasn't the cake, it was the hot time all had that caused the smoke.

Earlier in the day, Paul had gone to the RAM'S HEAD for some birthday libation, and found out that Doris had called Dee Dee Love and told him "No more than 2 drinks please! We want him sober tonight!"



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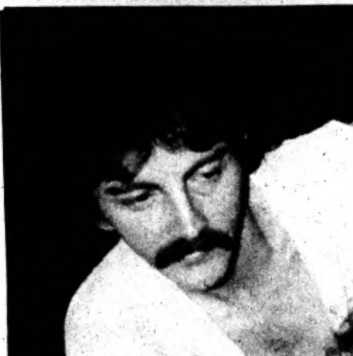
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**GOT ME SEVERAL HOT MAGAZINES** for the "vatican library" from the 1/2 off the price sale now going on the Pleasure Palace and the City Books. Simply could not believe that new, magazines and books could be going so cheaply. Time time time to stock up kids for those lonely nights when it is "Fist City-U.S.A." and we don't mean the other way. After all, your hand is your really only true lover! Think that one over.

**MISS LEONA (COW CHIPS?)** is really moving that hefty frame of his all over town in his bid to become the next empress. Humph!!!! Truly dear, your "graphics" for leaflets are simply too awful for words. Hey hey...if anyone wants good and clever graphics and cheaper than Leona, call us at Gay Focus.....we'll do you right!



Carl Campell of S.F. Litho Graphics is one of the hardest workers in that field today. We wanted to do a story on his biz but some of his staff objected? Well, what goes around comes around shortstuff! Incarceration!

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Steve, known here and back in Illinois (Chicagoland suburbs tho!)... runs with: Big Billy who used to work at Oil Can Harry's and is an "ex" of Geatas. Hi Billy!

"ELWOOD HIGGINS" of the East Bay (We know your real name!) your check? on a bank no longer in existence? Well, we gave it and your real name to the SFPD Fraud Unit who are turning it over to the feds! Cute? Oh yeah!!!!

**TIL NEXT ISSUE**.....we wish you a most happy Thanksgiving, and ask that you remember the real reason for Thanksgiving Day. And in so doing, maybe, just maybe, you'll see the Light! There is hope eternal. Lookwithin, it's there, waiting for each of us! Thank you to each of you who support us by your words and or deeds! Thanks! rb

**ERIC DAVIS** the former slick-magazine stud was seen back in our town last week. Wonder if he and Dennis Coder got together (Dennis was busy getting Steve out of jail we hear), but we do know that he was seen at the Locker Room with the owner Ed S. and his charming Latin lover Carlos! Glen Gerber dear? did you renew old acquaintances? with "Scarlett"? What about it "Rhett"?

**STEVE PERKINS REST!** Steve Perkins, the strange one of Buena Vista area, wrote a vicious letter concerning the brutal attack on gay activist Arthur Evans, which seemed to be an attack verbally upon poor Arthur. Perkins is something else...maybe he wouldn't be so mouthy if it had happened to him. Arthur Evans has excellent credentials in the struggle for gay liberation (at least once upon a time he did!) and for a twerp like Perky to write such a letter....but then, why did "that" paper even print it? Good question!

**THE PRIDE FOUNDATION** president made himself and the Foundation a real enemy when they tossed H.L. Perry out! DENNY, the ex-Mr. Gay S.F. is working behind the bar at the Wild Goose, don't forget! Do stop in and look at him!

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# FOCUS TRAVELS WITH H.L. PERRY



One of the many wild street scenes during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. You have to see it to believe it, but you'll never forget it and you'll go back again and again and... This photo was taken by H.L. Perry during Mardi Gras '81!

Mardi Gras...New Orleans...ahh, what a wonderful way to spend a nice early vacation you'll never forget. Many fine gay bars and restaurants there, such as the VERA CRUZ on Decatur Street for excellent Mexican gay food. The GOLDEN STAR has the best steaks in town. And EDEN is a restaurant that is unmatched anywhere, even in SF. The GOLDEN LANTERN on Royal Street is simply wild. And the REFUGE is pure gay country with live bands. The PALM COURT on Rampart is simply divine. And a fine gay show bar, TRAVIS' with female impersonators is a wow! Heavy leather at TT's WEST on Rampart, home of the "Knights d'Orleans" M.C. Wanna go? call H.L. at 664-8995 for complete travel arrangements and housing at the beautiful Hyatt Regency. Mardi Gras is just too gay for words!

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Well this year is just about over and it seems a great deal of people get away for the holidays, and so, may I give you a good tip....**MEXICO AIR**, is just about all sold out for Christmas and New Years. So let us hope they put on some extra plances. This just might happen, as I know that some hotel rooms are left all over Mexico and there are some out of the way hotels, that none but the seasoned traveler know anything about. These are much more affordable even during the "in-season." Still the best buy is the first two weeks of December as rates go up on December 15th. Mexico is one of the best travel bargains in our book, this due to the high dollar exchange rate, and the government has a ceiling on the room rates. Drinking is expensive unless you like Tequila, but, where is it cheap? There are a few gay places to stay but nothing to compare to our gay hotels here in the U.S., and are usually small or in private villas. So, if you would like to plan a trip to Mexico, please don't forget you Lo-Mo-Til!!! I do have lots of information on Mexico, so if I can be of servie do give me a call....664-8995.



My friends from Mark Tours tell me that as of January 1st '82 they will have an 800 number, and will be able to be in contact with over 65 gay hotels all over the U.S. of A. I work close with them and found they have expanded their office due to the great tours they are planning all over the world, such as Japan, which is really quite a tour. Even Mark himself, is now in Japan. He tells me the young Japanese boys like older American men. They must as this is his second trip this year.

There are some really excellent gay tours planned for '82 all over the world, such as Spain, and Ibiza. Their land is really beautiful and Ibiza is their gay island. In Greece, their gay island is Mykonos. The recent elections there will not make any changes as far as the tourist trade. They are very friendly in Greece. Berlin, Paris, Amsterdam (still the gay capital of Europe) cruises, all of the U.S. includes Florida which is quite gay, is the main jumping off spot for many of the cruises to Europe and to South America, such as Columbia, and of course, San Juan in Puerto Rico and Vera Cruz and the Yucatan in Mexico. It really pays to plan ahead, so give me a ring if your interested in any of the above cruises. Going my ship is one of the most restful and eventful ways to travel.

How about Jamaica for New Years eve? Well, there is a group leaving the day after Christmas, and returning to San Francisco on the 3rd of January. For \$664 you can spend seven (7) happy nights in a very luxurious private villa, and they will even cook your meals for you (if you buy the food) and just lay around the pool or get out and enjoy Jamaica. This tiny Caribbean nation is really making a big push for the tourist bucks this year (season) as they too have had an election, and the new government is very pro-tourist. The sky is so blue and the white fleecy clouds as you lay on the beautiful white sand beaches with the palms above, it is near to heaven for real and a wonderful way to greet the New Year 1982. The parties in Jamaica are the wildest ever. The price quoted includes airfare, so give me a ring at 664-8995 and let me help you into a bit of heaven.

Carnival in Rio is a sight not to be believed and a must in your lifetime. If you have not been to Carnival (pronounced car-ne-vale) in Rio, you simply have not lived and you wouldn't believe how beautiful the people are in every way. There are several gay groups going in February '82 and the price is \$658 plus airfare. Airfares are going up fast, so it is hard to quote an exact price now, unless you are willing to pay for them now, and the airline has to honor the ticket in the future even if the airfare goes up. I have all this info in the office. A trip to Rio will be one of the most exciting things to happen in your lifetime! If you like half nude and even nude people and happy crazy hordes of people having a ball...you have to go to Carnival '82.

Another great place to spend five (5) days of your life is New Orleans during Mardi Gras! The city turns into one huge party, with what looks like everyone in the world trying to get into the French Quarter to make merry or just get-made! All the gay bars have "back-rooms" during Mardi Gras, and wild things happen right in the streets. The costumes are stunning, and what some are almost wearing are divine. Women bare their breasts and the men? whatever turns them on, as all are drinking, and having a ball, and no one seems to care what the other guy is doing and believe you me, they are doing it!!! This trip is not as expensive as Rio, so it is something you can do more than just once in a lifetime, and I am sure you will want to return and return and return, and you will see the same friends you made their last year. I have a gay group going down there on February 20th and returning on February 24th. The price is \$249 plus airfare, which now will be quoted the day you book. The price includes Deluxe rooms at the beautiful Hyatt Regency just across from the Louisiana Superdome (where they play the Sugar Bowl, etc.), baggage and ground transfers included too, to and from the airport in New Orleans, as well as two festive cocktail parties hosted by yours truly. So again give me a ring at 664-8995 for more details, but on this Mardi Gras trip, please call quickly, as time is awasting!!! and all credit cards are welcome.

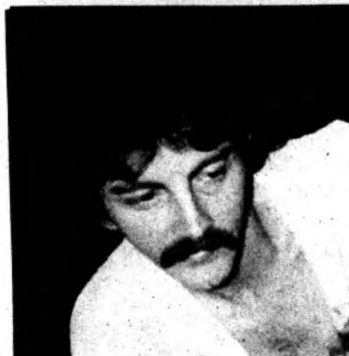
On all trips, be sure to take extra medicines, and see Designer Optics, 2324 Market Street, for that extra pair of eye glasses or that different pair of sun glasses. Give them a ring at 431-4890, their prices are affordable and their glasses are the best in the gay west.

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**GOT ME SEVERAL HOT MAGAZINES** for the "vatican library" from the 1/2 off the price sale now going on the Pleasure Palace and the City Books. Simply could not believe that new, magazines and books could be going so cheaply. Time time time to stock up kids for those lonely nights when it is "Fist City-U.S.A." and we don't mean the other way. After all, your hand is your really only true lover! Think that one over.

**MISS LEONA (COW CHIPS?)** is really moving that hefty frame of his all over town in his bid to become the next empress. Humph!!!! Truly dear, your "graphics" for leaflets are simply too awful for words. Hey hey...if anyone wants good and clever graphics and cheaper than Leona, call us at Gay Focus.....we'll do you right!



**Carl Campell of S.F. Litho Graphics** is one of the hardest workers in that field today. We wanted to do a story on his biz but some of his staff objected? Well, what goes around comes around shortstuff! Incarceration!

**SHANNON?** Are you still around? If so, why doesn't anyone see you in the Tenderloin????

**TONY ORLANDO?** the Endup Sunday morning bartender is rumored to have fallen through a sidewalk grating....he is kinda thin!

**IS MARK BROWN STILL ALIVE?** Rumor has it he was seen in the

Nothing Special dressed as Mae one night, Remy the next, and but he came in as Connie.....well!!!!!!



**Steve**, known here and back in Illinois (Chicago and suburbs tho!)...runs with: Big Billy who used to work at Oil Can Harry's and is an "ex" of Geatas. Hi Billy!

**ERIC DAVIS** the former slick-magazine stud was seen back in our town last week. Wonder if he and Dennis Coder got together (Dennis was busy getting Steve out of jail we hear), but we do know that he was seen at the Locker Room with the owner Ed S. and his charming Latin lover Carlos! Glen Gerber dear? did you renew old acquaintances? with "Scarlett"? What about it "Rhett"?

**STEVE PERKINS REST!** Steve Perkins, the strange one of Buena Vista area, wrote a vicious letter concerning the brutal attack on gay activist Arthur Evans, which seemed to be an attack verbally upon poor Arthur. Perkins is something else...maybe he wouldn't be so mouthy if it had happened to him. Arthur Evans has excellent credentials in the struggle for gay liberation (at least once upon a time he did!) and for a twerp like Perky to write such a letter....but then, why did "that" paper even print it? Good question!

**THE PRIDE FOUNDATION** president made himself and the Foundation a real enemy when they tossed H.L. Perry out! **DENNY**, the ex-Mr. Gay S.F. is working behind the bar at the Wild Goose, don't forget! Do stop in and look at him!

**"ELWOOD HIGGINS"** of the East Bay (We know your real name!) your check? on a bank no longer in existence? Well, we gave it and your real name to the SFPD Fraud Unit who are turning it over to the feds! Cute? Oh yeah!!!!

**TIL NEXT ISSUE**....we wish you a most happy Thanksgiving, and ask that you remember the real reason for Thanksgiving Day. And in so doing, maybe, just maybe, you'll see the Light! There is hope eternal. Look within, it's there, waiting for each of us! Thank you to each of you who support us by your words and or deeds! Thanks! rb

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One of the many wild street scenes during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. You have to see it to believe it, but you'll never forget it and you'll go back again and again and... This photo was taken by H.L. Perry during Mardi Gras '81!

Mardi Gras...New Orleans...ahh, what a wonderful way to spend a nice early vacation you'll never forget. Many fine gay bars and restaurants there, such as the VERA CRUZ on Decatur Street for excellent Mexican gay food. The GOLDEN STAR has the best steaks in town. And EDEN is a restaurant that is unmatched anywhere, even in SF. The GOLDEN LANTERN on Royal Street is simply wild. And the REFUGE is pure gay country with live bands. The PALM COURT on Rampart is simply divine. And a fine gay show bar, TRAVIS' with female impersonators is a wow! Heavy leather at TT's WEST on Rampart, home of the "Knights d'Orleans" M.C. Wanna go? call H.L. at 664-8995 for complete travel arrangements and housing at the beautiful Hyatt Regency. Mardi Gras is just too gay for words!

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Well this year is just about over and it seems a great deal of people get away for the holidays, and so, may I give you a good tip....**MEXICO AIR**, is just about all sold out for Christmas and New Years. So let us hope they put on some extra planes. This just might happen, as I know that some hotel rooms are left all over Mexico and there are some out of the way hotels, that none but the seasoned traveler know anything about. These are much more affordable even during the "in-season." Still the best buy is the first two weeks of December as rates go up on December 15th. Mexico is one of the best travel bargains in our book, this due to the high dollar exchange rate, and the government has a ceiling on the room rates. Drinking is expensive unless you like Tequila, but, where is it cheap? There are a few gay places to stay but nothing to compare to our gay hotels here in the U.S., and are usually small or in private villas. So, if you would like to plan a trip to Mexico, please don't forget you Lo-Mo-Till!!! I do have lots of information on Mexico, so if I can be of service do give me a call....664-8995.

My friends from Mark Tours tell me that as of January 1st '82 they will have an 800 number, and will be able to be in contact with over 65 gay hotels all over the U.S. of A. I work close with them and found they have expanded their office due to the great tours they are planning all over the world, such as Japan, which is really quite a tour. Even Mark himself, is now in Japan. He tells me the young Japanese boys like older American men. They must as this is his second trip this year.

There are some really excellent gay tours planned for '82 all over the world, such as Spain, and Ibiza. Their land is really beautiful and Ibiza is their gay island. In Greece, their gay island is Mykonos. The recent elections there will not make any changes as far as the tourist trade. They are very friendly in Greece. Berlin, Paris, Amsterdam (still the gay capital of Europe) cruises, all of the U.S. includes Florida which is quite gay, is the main jumping off spot for many of the cruises to Europe and to South America, such as Columbia, and of course, San Juan in Puerto Rico and Vera Cruz and the Yucatan in Mexico. It really pays to plan ahead, so give me a ring if you're interested in any of the above cruises. Going my ship is one of the most restful and eventful ways to travel.

How about Jamaica for New Years eve? Well, there is a group leaving the day after Christmas, and returning to San Francisco on the 3rd of January. For \$664 you can spend seven (7) happy nights in a very luxurious private villa, and they will even cook your meals for you (if you buy the food) and just lay around the pool or get out and enjoy Jamaica. This tiny Caribbean island nation is really making a big push for the tourist bucks this year (season) as they too have had an election, and the new government is very pro-tourist. The sky is so blue and the white fleecy clouds as you lay on the beautiful white sand beaches with the palms above, it is near to heaven for real and a wonderful way to greet the New Year 1982. The parties in Jamaica are the wildest ever. The price quoted includes airfare, so give me a ring at 664-8995 and let me help you into a bit of heaven.

Carnival in Rio is a sight not to be believed and a must in your lifetime. If you have not been to Carnival (pronounced car-ne-vale) in Rio, you simply have not lived and you wouldn't believe how beautiful the people are in every way. There are several gay groups going in February '82 and the price is \$658 plus airfare. Airfares are going up fast, so it is hard to quote an exact price now, unless you are willing to pay for them now, and the airline has to honor the ticket in the future even if the airfare goes up. I have all this info in the office. A trip to Rio will be one of the most exciting things to happen in your lifetime! If you like half nude and even nude people and happy crazy hordes of people having a ball...you have to go to Carnival '82.

Another great place to spend five (5) days of your life is New Orleans during Mardi Gras! The city turns into one huge party, with what looks like everyone in the world trying to get into the French Quarter to make merry or just get-made! All the gay bars have "back-rooms" during Mardi Gras, and wild things happen right in the streets. The costumes are stunning, and what some are almost wearing are divine. Women bare their breasts and the men? whatever turns them on, as all are drinking, and having a ball, and no one seems to care what the other guy is doing and believe you me, they are doing it!!! This trip is not as expensive as Rio, so it is something you can do more than just once in a lifetime, and I am sure you will want to return and return, and you will see the same friends you made their last year. I have a gay group going down there on February 20th and returning on February 24th. The price is \$249 plus airfare, which now will be quoted the day you book. The price includes Deluxe rooms at the beautiful Hyatt Regency just across from the Louisiana Superdome (where they play the Sugar Bowl, etc.), baggage and ground transfers included too, to and from the airport in New Orleans, as well as two festive cocktail parties hosted by yours truly. So again give me a ring at 664-8995 for more details, but on this Mardi Gras trip, please call quickly, as time is awasting!!! and all credit cards are welcome.

On all trips, be sure to take extra medicines, and see Designer Optics, 2324 Market Street, for that extra pair of eye glasses or that different pair of sun glasses. Give them a ring at 431-4890, their prices are affordable and their glasses are the best in the gay west.

**HAPPY CRUISING KIDS! H.L. ---30---**

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Reverend Martin Niemuller  
Germany, 1939



## Focus Religion

"As America gears up for limited-wars around the war, they are taking from the poor to build up this war-machine. This is a vicious crime against those who cannot help themselves. Each and every person, and the Church, must prepare to

take to the streets, to prepare to be arrested and even jailed by our oppressors. The poor, the elderly, do not have an advocate in the halls of Congress, and certainly not at the White House, but the Church has always been and must continue to be the advocate for the oppressed peoples. Our jails are filling to over-flowing, yet the cry is not for jobs, but for more jails, and one silly California Legislator went to far as to want to place a tax on the very candy our children eat, so as to build more jails, jails which will be filled for the most part with the most oppressed of the land, our Third World sisters and brothers. There is no sacrifice to great to make, and this includes the laying down of our lives, to halt this evil banker controlled government planned genocide of our people. We urge each and every person to resist, to resist with every single ounce of energy you have, so that our children and their children will have a better country to live in. This is my call to arms. Let us resist them in a non-violent way, using our bodies, to the max."

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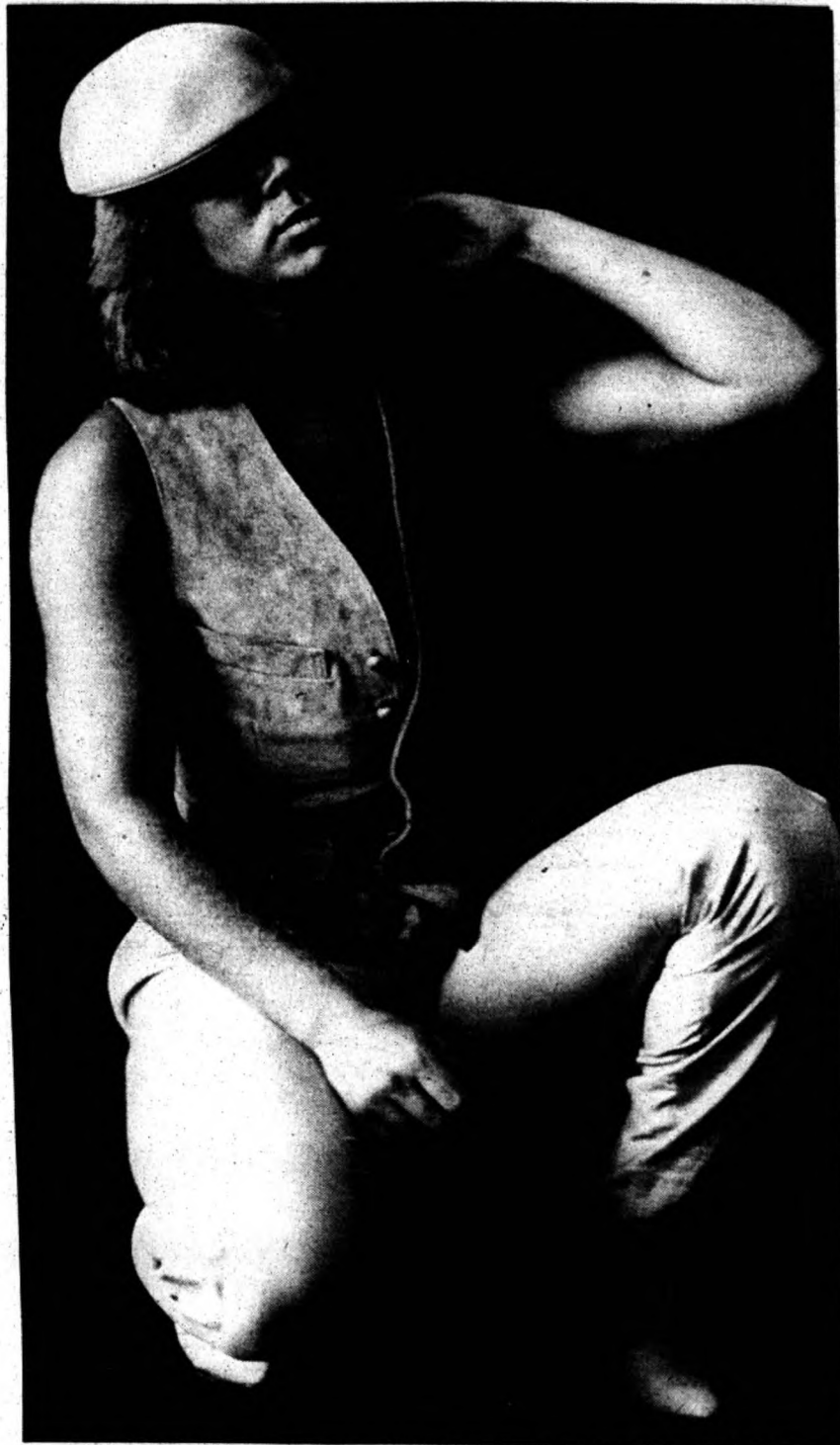
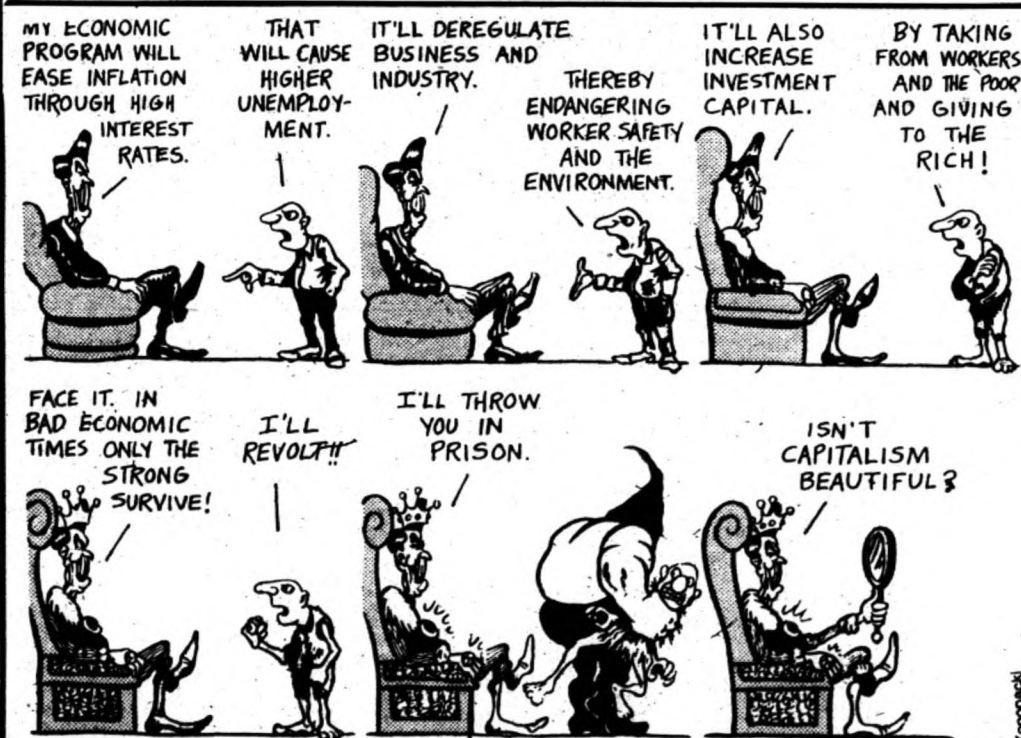
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The Reagan war machine which is building up, which means troubles, and even death for the peoples of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua, can be stopped if the people of the U.S. are prepared to halt it. But how far the people of the U.S. are willing to go to halt this Reagan Warmachine is anyone's guess.

War itself, relates to both the physical and metaphysical aspects of the moral obligation that man has to himself, and to humanity. Physically, war, with all of the terrible implications, weighs humankind down until humanity, as individuals and as a society, forsake the God-given freedom for lesser rewards. The cost of wars to humankind is brutal and violent when humanity falls finally into the "well of hate." In the eyes of our Father-Mother God, there is nothing positive or negative, everything is omnipotently good. When humanity involves itself with hate, it narrows itself to dualistic negativity and a tri-dimensional conceptionality until humanity is unable to see the good of our Creator.

Metaphysically, we know war, any war, produces confusing, distorted vibrations, paralyzing and retarding the vibrations of the "Clear White Light." Our Creator wants us to see the Creator. Our Father-Mother God wants our love, and our understanding, and our love.

The hardships of inflation and recession at the same time, upon our people, have left many without the will to fight-back the cutbacks. But, they must, as the funds are being taken from them and put into the war-machine. It is out and out theft by the Reaganists. Our Father-Mother God gave us the right to decide our own destinies, contrary to the false teachings of the protestant churches and the church of rome. It is not wrong to stand up for your rights, which are God-given. It is not wrong to resist oppressive governments such as the Banker-controlled government of the U.S. Those who would surround themselves in the American flag and spout forth vain utterings of support of the capitalist war-machine are the enemies of all humanity. And they are not of Christ nor of the Creator, but of the forces of negativity, for they even are so silly as to believe that life ends at death, when all who have the Christ-Light know that life is progressive and that by losing our life we gain life. So, in resisting the banker-government, we will let them know that nothing they do to our people cause fear in our people, for people who believe they are on the road of truth, the road which fights oppression, fascism, sexism and most of all racism, can never die. This Thanksgiving, let us thank our Creator for our many blessings, one of the best being, for me, is having been able to help others.



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## Focus Theatre Carl's Follow Spot



Question: Who is the biggest drawing playwright in San Francisco this fall? Good work if you can figure it out (if not, look at the end of this column) since it's not one of the names most likely to come to mind: Shakespeare, Shaw or even Neil Simon, who is the most produced author in this country and has been for nearly two decades.

Among the many bounties for San Franciscans this holiday season is a record breaking number of theatrical openings scheduled. Something over thirty are due in between now and December 20 ranging in admission prices from a dollar and a-half (student rate) at City College for *Amahl and The Night Visitors* to tops of well into the thirties for some of the touring shows in the big downtown theatres, highlighted by *Fiddler On The Roof* starring Herschel Bernardi at the Orpheum, *Barnum* at the Golden Gate and the *Nutcracker On Ice* starring Dorothy Hammil at the Warfield. The range of offerings is equally large: the big Broadway musicals, classics such as *As You Like It* (Berkeley Rep), the SF Ballet's *Nutcracker*, *A Christmas Carol* (ACT), *Twelfth Night* (Berkeley Shakespeare) plus revivals *Life With Father* (Attic Theatre), Feydeau's *13 Rue de l'Amor* (SF Rep) or Inesco's *The Bald Soprano* (the recently formed Landscape Stage Company, call 346-4546 for info).

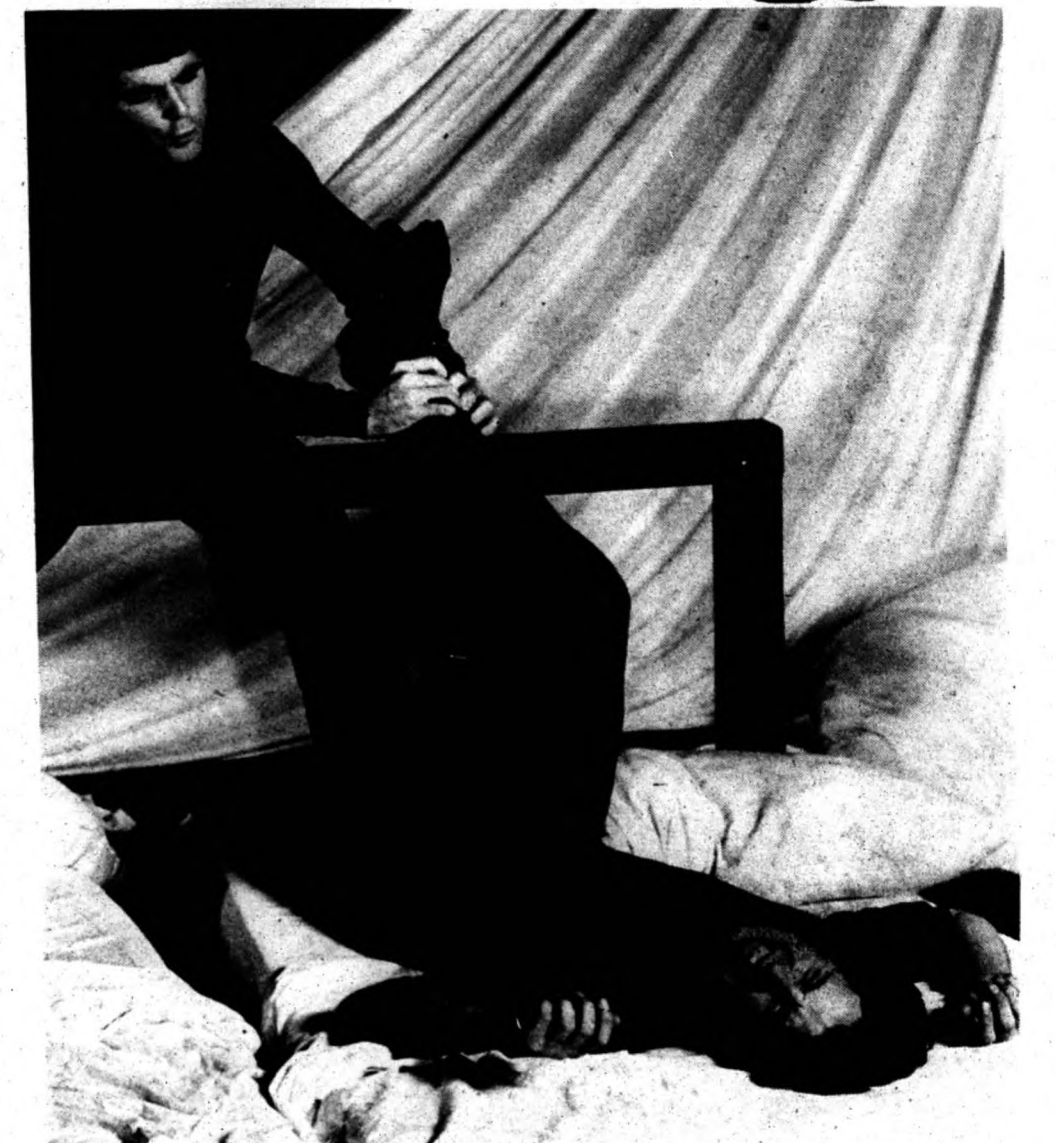
Then, as always there are many new plays, some traditional in aspect, others more "avant garde" like the new *Soon 3* production coming to the Magic.

It is indeed "a bagful of goodies" with something to brighten just about everyone's holidays.

A visit well worth your while would be to the Academy of Sciences (call 221-5100 for info) to see the exhibition "Hawaii: The Royal Isles." (As the title implies, this exhibit concentrates on the era from their discovery by Captain Cook in 1778 thru the last monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani, and the annexation treaty with the U.S. in 1898 with particular emphasis on the royal family during that hundred plus years. Painting, pictures and artifacts are arranged in such a manner as to give a surprisingly deep impression of life from the native, rather than from the more common view of the white settlers during that period. There are no extra admissions for the exhibition although on most days there is a basic rate to the Academy but that also includes the Aquarium and the Planetarium.

On the local cabaret scene, popular singer David Reign has just released his first album, recorded live at his concert earlier this year at the Great American Music Hall. Easy listening with his charm, coming through beautifully.

Answer: James M. Barrie with two major productions in huge downtown theatres.....*Peter Pan* at the Golden Gate and *The Admirable Crichton* at the Geary Theatre.



From "HOLD ME UNTIL MORNING" at the Bare Stage in Berkeley. David Sterry on the bottom, plays the "Prick". See review for lurid details.

Stephan Yafa's *Passing Shots* (at the Magic Theatre, call 441-8001 for info) is an unusual play that while extremely funny and filled with insights is, nevertheless something of a hybrid. The first two acts seem to be rather more separate one-acts, only loosely connected by having the two characters in the first appear in the second, than integral parts of a whole. The third act is weaker and tries, only partially successfully, to tie the others together.

The first, with a great half tennis court set by Bernie Lubell, is a hilarious satire on the foibles and fallacies of the young married set as brought out during a tennis match. We see only one end of the court and one couple, the losers, but much of that strata of modern life is almost wickedly delineated for our amusement. The second set, laid in a "consciousness raising" clinic has this couple, four others, each a definite "type" and some adroitly gimmicky silhouettes plus the unseen leader's voice. On the surface it is extremely funny while just underneath is a scathing denunciation of this whole genre of self-improvement nirvanas.....back at the tennis court with the others from the clinic as overly involved spectators.

However strengths far outweigh weaknesses and while the ideas expressed (money is the most important thing, fear of parenthood, constantly loosing, not being invited, etc.) are not especially original, the way in which they are presented is and this gives them a decidedly stronger impact.

The cast is uniformly excellent, headed by Kathy Baker and Joshua Ziff as the tennis players with Howard Swain, Priscilla Cohen and Bill Riley particularly fine in smaller parts. Albert Takazaukas' direction is crisp and sure-while the tennis sound effects, are fascinating. ★★ ★

Emlyn Williams as *Charles Dickens* has ended his all too short run at the Alcazar. Extremely interesting as a theatrical "tour de force" this multi-talented writer, director and actor creates with stunning realism the ambiance of Dickens' personality as well as that era. Unfortunately, not as interesting was the material chosen to be presented. Too many of the stories seemed overly involved for capsule presentations and too much of the humor dated.....social witticisms of Victorian days are not the meat of today's humor. ★★ ½

The Bare Stage (call 849-1675 for info) is offering two once-acts of dubious interest and taste. The first *Ferryboat* is a somewhat dull and unintentionally humorless attempt by self-considered "wolf" to pick up dull, self-consciously prim girl, while riding the Staten Island Ferry. A one joke show (she ignores his plodding polite attempts but responds to vulgarity), it comes in the closing minutes and comes as a shock; not because of the vulgarity but because nothing we've been shown of her makes it in any way believable.

The second, *Hold Me Until Morning* is a too long dialogue between a man and his "prick". An interesting idea with much humor in the first ten minutes.....the man's having trouble getting to sleep, one guess as to what he wants to do.....and a brilliant but too brief scene in flashback of when the boy first discovered his organ was good for more than passing water.....gets the play off to an excellent start but then gets lost in repetition. CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

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