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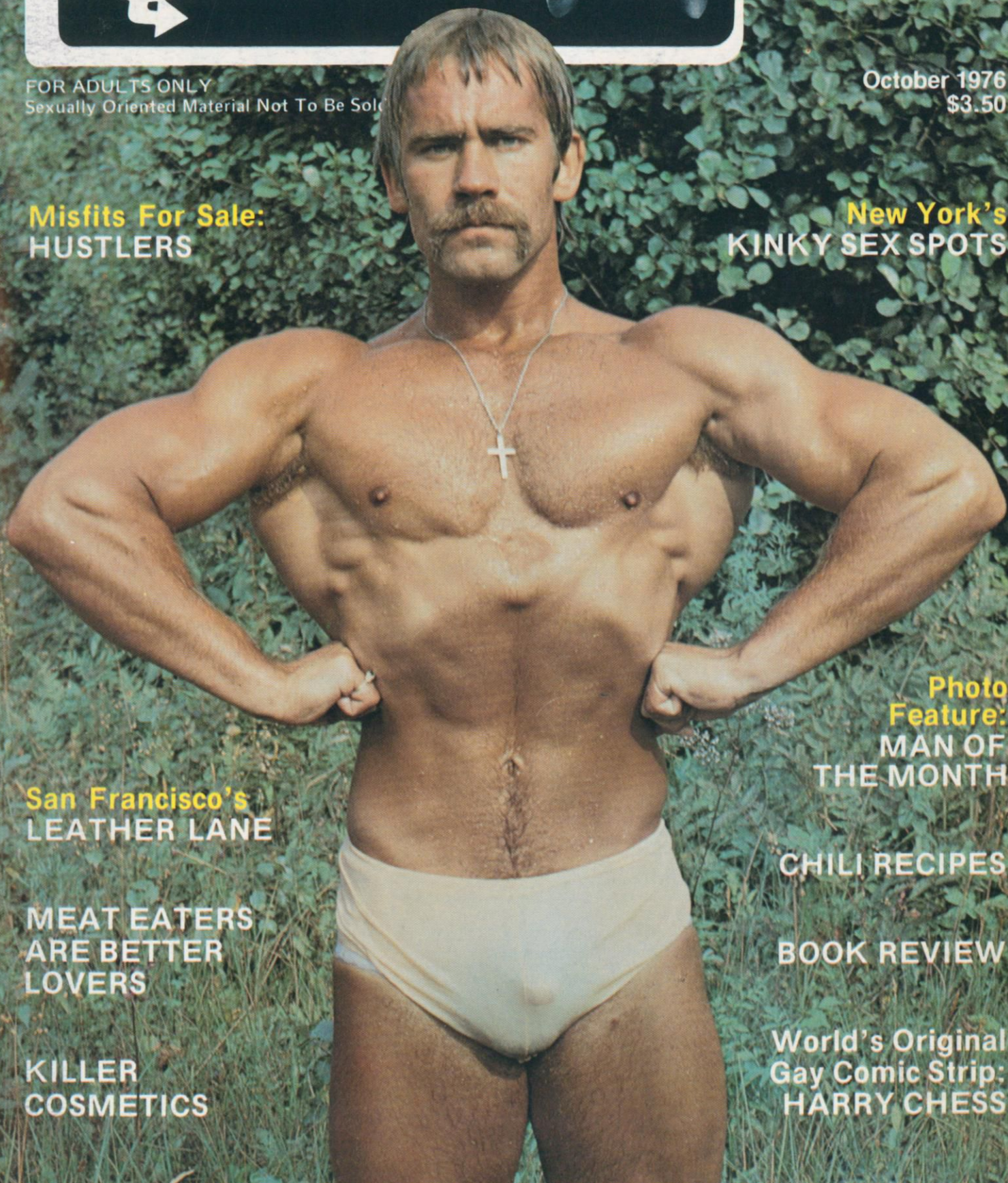
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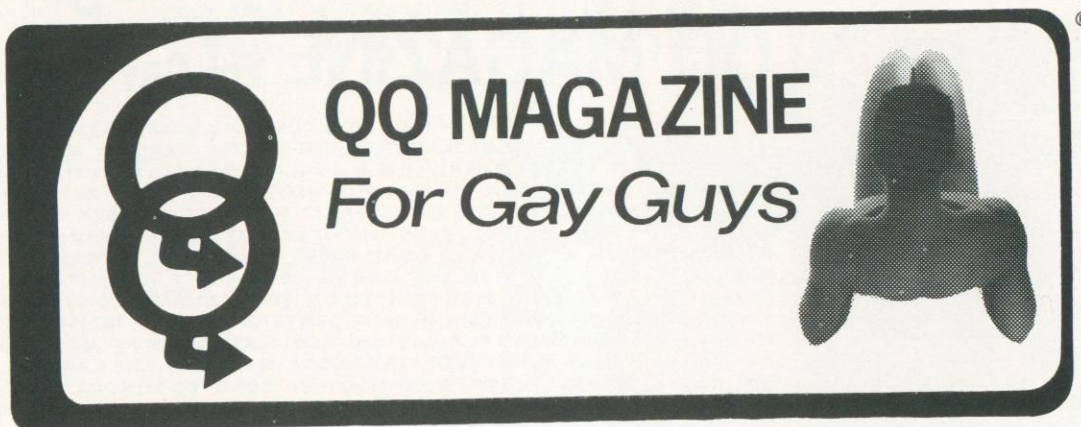
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FOLSOM STREET... San Francisco's Leather Lane By A. Jay

GOOD NEWS! All you leather studs will be glad to hear that "The Miracle Mile"—that funky ol' thoroughfare is alive 'n well and still throbbing with kinky fun. However you dig it . . . heavy, raunchy, way-out, or shades of in-between, it's all here in one horny package on Folsom—three blocks south of Market Street, running parallel with it.

Some of the uninitiated out there might ask, "What's so special about Folsom?" By day, it's busy and industrial; an active street lined with warehouses, nondescript businesses, small factories, showrooms, a few food shops, and weathered Gothic houses. But as soon as the sun sinks behind the hills of Marin County, Folsom strips down . . . puts on its heaviest leathers, raunchiest see-thru Levi's . . . and becomes the Leather Capital of the World. You New York leather devotees might argue that the Christopher/West Street scene, the heavy action on West 14th Street, or the funky traffic up on 11th Avenue are tops, but it all places a pale second. And what about L.A.? The leather scene there is dispersed, uptight (thanks to Chief Davis), and full of poseurs. When L.A. leather guys really want to let loose, they head north to Folsom. Yes, Folsom has it all-together. What makes it super special is that all the many bars, baths, after-hours watering-holes and eateries can easily be covered on foot. (Well, almost!) And if you insist on wheels, parking space is plentiful and handy.

There have been some recent changes on the Folsom scene, so if you haven't been South of the Slot in a year or two, you'll be in for a few surprises! I might add here that a few of the following establishments are directly off Folsom on adjoining streets, so getting lost is an impossibility. But to play it safe, I've arranged the following list as a kind of leather walking-tour of the street. We'll start at the Northeast end and work our way up . . . so slip into your favorite pair of Frye, engineer, or construction boots and we'll be off! And remember . . . last-call is at 2 a.m.

The Ritch Street Baths, 330 Ritch Street—off Folsom, near 3rd Street. This bathhouse is still one of the town's all-time favorites with a good selection of types. It's gone thru a recent face-lift. There is now a new shower maze, steam room . . . and if we can believe their new ads—a few kinky surprises! The place is open 24 hours, with plenty of parking. Rooms run in the \$4-\$5 range. Lockers are \$2-\$3. Buddy nights are Tuesday and Thursday with two bargain rooms going for \$6, and two lockers for \$3. Movies on Monday and Wednesday nights. Master Charge.

The Trading Post, 960 Folsom, between 5th and 6th. Nick, who owned A Taste of Leather above Febe's bar, has opened this large leather emporium. This leather department-store is comprised of six or eight special boutiques that carry *everything* from books, magazines (yes, you can get the latest *QQ* there!) leather/western gear, toys, to heavy racks, torture tables, hoists 'n cages. If you bring your own slave and camera, picture-taking is on the house. Cruisy movie machines are also available to members. (Fees are moderate.) Open 9 to 9.

The Slot, 979 Folsom, between 5th and 6th, across the street from The Trading Post. If you're into *very* heavy scenes, this is the tubs to hit! At one time all the rooms were equipped with some sort of rack, hoist, sling, mirrors, etc., but the management decided to redecorate, and some of the equipment was removed. Still, the place attracts a big out-of-town, raunchy clientele. You never know what far-out scenes you'll uncover here . . . everything from FFA activists, oily bodybuilders, jockstrap fetishists, uniformed studs, watersport enthusiasts, to just plain, everyday S/M action. Rooms run about \$5 and can be reserved ahead of time. Lockers are also available.

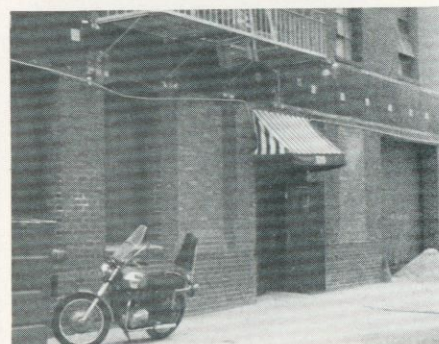
The End-Up, at 6th and Harrison. A super-popular disco bar with a great sound system, trippy lights and friendly bartenders. This glitz



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Ritch Street Baths



The Trading Post



The Slot



The End-Up



The Round-Up



The Glory Hole



The Tubs



Folsom Barracks



Hungry Hole/Playland



The Club Baths



Boot Camp



Ramrod



Golden Rivet

palace is a little out of place here in macholand, but one can forgive it since it does get the choicest meat from Castro, Polk and surrounding campuses. It also runs a jockey-shorts contest periodically, with cash prizes.

Harrison House Hotel, is located upstairs. The rooms are inexpensive. Young-ish guests. Call (415) 956-2676 for information.

The Round-Up, 298 Sixth Street at Folsom. A western bar that attracts all types. Since it is just down the block from the End-Up (and is owned by the same management), it gets much of that crowd too. A former Mr. America tends bar here . . . if you're into muscles.

The Ballroom, 6th Street, between Folsom and Howard. A very popular after-hours watering hole. Fun 'n games abound after 2 a.m. It might be a bit hard to find, so just follow the crowds after the bars close. It's more-or-less right across the street from . . .

The Glory Hole, 205 Sixth Street, between Folsom and Howard. A new bar with an unusual ambience. If your scene is glory holes, this is the spot to hit. A good place to let it all hang out. It draws some great-looking guys, so check it out.

The Tubs, 1015 Folsom, between 6th and 7th. A new-ish bathhouse that's open 24 hours, with 2-hour in-out privileges. The customers are mixed and groovy. You can get into some very interesting scenes here . . . especially late at night. Admission is \$4 or \$5, depending on when you go.

The Folsom Barracks, 1147 Folsom, between 7th and 8th. The new owners have taken some industrial strength Lysol to this tubs, and not a moment too soon! This place is one of the street's more popular attractions, even though the young, pretty ones have moved on and the crowd can get somewhat uneven at times. One dollar gets you a locker from 1-3 a.m. any night. Rooms available.

The Red Star Saloon, located right under the Barracks. This leather bar was one of the most active bars at one time (could it have been that connecting door

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into the Barracks?). At this writing, it is being renovated and is scheduled to re-open soon.

The Hungry Hole, 1190 Folsom, between 7th and 8th. This leather/western bar is a new face on the block . . . it's holding as the Number One spot on the street . . . and is packin' 'em in. Fun and games in the back area that includes a long, dark, outdoor alley. A good place to cool off (a smile here) since on weekends it is crotch-to-crotch . . . and hot! The management hasn't licked the ventilation problem yet. Lots and lots of horny guys here.

Playland is a small, unpretentious hotel located over The Hungry Hole. The rooms are clean, handy and inexpensive. It's owned by the same people that have The Slot. For reservations, write to 1190 Folsom or call (415) 861-0874.

The Club Baths, 201 Eighth Street at the corner of Howard. (Not to be confused with the original Club Turkish Baths on Turk Street.) The Club Baths chain has opened this new spa in the old Technicolor Building, and is attracting a very large clientele of humpy beauties. The rooms are large and pleasant, with carpeting and dimmers. It also has the largest Jacuzzi this side of the Rockies. A lot of money has gone into this bathhouse and expansion plans are in the works. There is no sign on the building—just a large black door with only Master Charge and BankAmericard signs hanging over it. Lockers and parking lot available. Membership is not required—but it helps . . . especially on weekends.

Boot Camp, 1010 Bryant, two blocks off Folsom, between 8th and 9th. This was one of the area's most popular watering holes. But it had problems and closed. It has been fixed up and re-opened, and is again pulling in the grooviest of Folsom's leather-studs. Their slogan: Boozin' and Cruisin' says it all.

Note: For you guys into uniforms and cops, the California Highway Patrol is located just around the corner.

The Ramrod, 1225 Folsom, between 8th and 9th. This is one of Folsom's true-blue, hardcore leather (Continued on page 44)

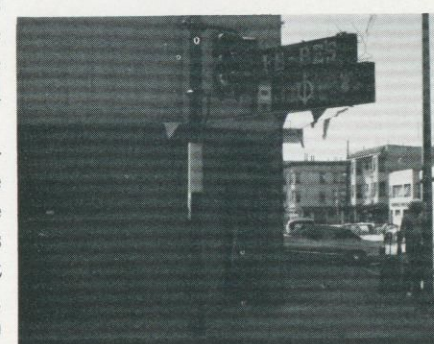
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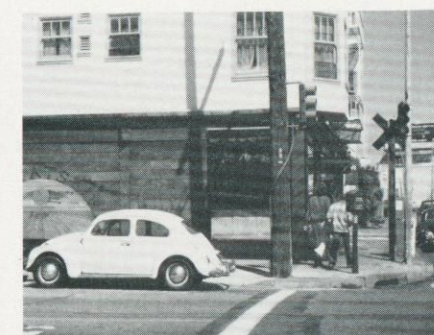
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The Stud



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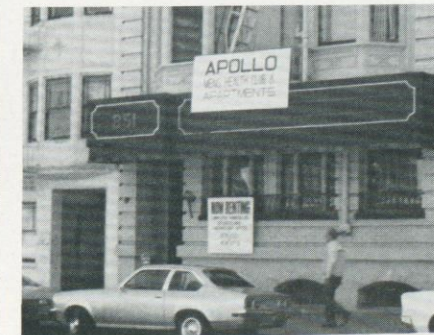
Folsom Prison



Le Domino



527 Club



Apollo Health Club

the forcing of air into the intestine. We have learned by uncomfortable experience that when the gut is gassy, the orgy usually turns out to be more pain than pleasure, not to mention the torture of red-faced embarrassment. With such 20/20-vision foresight, the host can look forward to his chili party without fearing that the walls will come tumbling down. With or without patio, a chili party is a wonderful way to extend one's hospitality at any time—winter or summer. As mentioned, however hot the chili, it always keeps its cool.

CAJUN CHILI

Somewhere in the Cajun country of Louisiana, not far from New Orleans, rice and spaghetti, or—more accurately—rice or spaghetti was first added to chili. While basically this may have been of necessity to add volume to a meal—particularly in the case of a husband and wife with many little mouths to feed (the same is often said of beans), nevertheless, rice or spaghetti really enhances so many variations of chili, and—oddly, as the exception to the rule—a very cold white wine goes with it. Perhaps it's the Italian in the spaghetti or the Japanese in the rice that elicits this gustatory response. So if your hospitality chili is going to be Neapolitanized or Nipponized you might as well have a really cold bottle of something like *Fazy-Battaglia verdicchio* on hand.

The Cajuns, who can't stand any food unless it is cooked in Hell, are even stronger on the chilies than the Tex-Mexers. If you are ever down this way, try it. It's absolutely unbelievable! And hot? It's hot enough to burn out even a case of third-degree clap!

THE CHILI CAPITAL OF AMERICA

Cajuns, working as chefs on the turn-of-the-century (later to be excursion) Mississippi River steamboats, such as the *Delta Queen* (no transvestite she!), introduced their special chili to the gourmets of Cincinnati—the last stop on the trip, after moving from the Mississippi to the Ohio. What they did was to make Cincinnati a haven of chilicultists.

Since then, many emigrants from European countries have added their talents to varying Cincinnati's chili, and the result is now that there are more different varieties of it in that very gay town than Howard Johnson has ice-cream flavors. All these chilis have been extolled in other magazines, but we should like to suggest that when you are in town you try the fare at both the Empress and the Skyline Chili Parlors. At least try an Empress chili dog and wash it down with root beer. Root beer? Right,

guys . . . in Cincinnati it's chili and root beer with just about everyone. Especially with any of the varieties at the Empress or Skyline.

Here, some patrons actually drink coffee with their chili—it's so special even coffee can't hurt it.

At the Empress the menu consists of five special chilis . . . One-Way Chili (plain or basic chili) . . . Two-Way means that chili nestles on a bed of spaghetti . . . Three-Way is topped with grated cheese. Four-Way Chili is capped with onions, while #5 gets you the full bean treatment. You'll find these chilis quite an experience, and may want to repeat it soon. You'll discover that some of them, especially the Skyline brand, are available commercially in department-store food sections or in gourmet food shops. They can be easily prepared for serving with a minimum of skill and effort.

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OUR BICENTENNIAL CHILI

As we promised you at the beginning of this article, *QQ Magazine* has a recipe for an easy-to-do-chili that will delight all your guests, and make them call for seconds. It takes only a few minutes to throw together and

should be left to simmer just long enough for your guests to down a few drinks. It's inexpensive, too . . . five dollars should cover the cost of the ingredients in the mixture. Here's what you'll need:

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lbs. lean ground chuck
- 2 very large onions, cut up
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 16-ounce can whole tomatoes
- 1 tin (1 1/8 ounces) chili powder
- 1 16-ounce can red kidney beans

Coat the bottom of a very large skillet with olive oil. Add chuck, onions, oregano, garlic, pepper, and salt. Cook over low flame for about 15 minutes, breaking the meat with a fork while mixing the ingredients. When the onions are translucent and the meat has been thoroughly broken up and browned, add the tomato sauce, tomatoes (with juice), and chili powder. Blend, breaking the tomatoes with your fork. Add the kidney beans (with some juice) and stir in. Cover and simmer for at least a half hour, preferable an hour, stirring every 10 or 15 minutes. Serve with garlic bread and a green salad. Recipe makes enough for 6, or 4 big eaters. Leftover portion can be refrigerated or frozen and heated later.

Note, please, the indication of garlic bread for the chili. There are few breads that do justice to chili. Garlic French bread is one that does. In many areas the preferred 'push-bread' is the plain soda cracker . . . Ritz crackers . . . cornbread, as noted in the Tex-Mex chili . . . and even just plain Melba toast. What can ruin a chili service is flavored bread, such as rye or pumpnickel. Some hosts just put out a big bowl of oyster crackers, and this serves beautifully. Also those round 'sea wafers' or 'sea biscuits' one customarily finds on the table in seafood houses.

And remember, the chili you cook today will taste even better tomorrow if you fridge it overnight. It seems to marinate in its own delicious goodness, and gets all the better. So when preparing it, make lots . . . Seal-A-Meal it, and you can have a Bicentennial Celebration whenever you like.

Enjoy!

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FOLSOM STREET UPDATED (Continued from page 27)

bars and is still a top favorite for

many. If you're into serious S/M action, stop here! *That's an order!* Feature films (the straight kind) are shown on Sunday afternoons and Monday/Thursday evenings.

The Golden Rivet, 154 Ninth Street, between Harrison and Howard. One of the new bars in the neighborhood with a pleasant ambience of plants and informality. It's where Castro cowboys meat Folsom leather. Also very popular at midday with business-types and locals.

The Ambush, 1351 Harrison, between 9th and 10th. This leather bar has become very popular with some very, very humpy studs, and many say it's the atmosphere 'n the super sound system. Also, a few heads find this spot a big turn-on. There is a small toy shop located upstairs just in case you forgot your cock ring or popper juice.

The Bolt, 1347 Folsom, between 9th and 10th. (Formerly the No-Name.) This new macho bar is another hot contender for the leather/Levi set, and it is running neck-to-neck with The Hole in popularity. Before The Bolt opened, rumors persisted that it was going to be a dance palace! But fortunately for all, cooler heads prevailed. The new decor—a construction site—is pure funk, and it works! So wear your hole-iest t-shirt, jeans 'n work shoes, and you might

brush against some sweaty, muscular hard-hat in the dark back corners. The management hopes to have live wrestling soon (an entertainment license is in the works), so all you aspiring and perspiring grapplers take note. The Bolt also has the hunkiest bartenders on the block!

Fe-Be's, 1501 Folsom at the corner of 11th. Another heavy leather bar, small and crowded, that seems to draw the butchest of the over-30 guys. The cruising here is serious. Popular Sunday brunches. Draft beer is 10 cents from 4 to 10 p.m. Canned beer is 40 cents from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Check A Taste of Leather shop upstairs.

The Stud, 1529 Folsom, between 11th and 12th. This bar gets a nice blend of hip heads into funky trips, and young, butch leather.

The Covered Wagon, 278 Eleventh Street off Folsom. At one time this was infamous for its after-hours action, rooftop pool 'n deck (members only) and its *alfresco* after-hours action. But The Wagon's popularity has slumped (check The Ballroom) and now its status is uncertain.

Hamburger Mary's, 1582 Folsom Street, between 11th and 12th. This popular eatery is an oasis in the middle of all the frantic Folsom action 'n dishes out nourishment all hours day and night. The hamburgers here

do taste good after hours of boozing . . . and who knows? This might be the spot where you finally catch up to that tattooed mysterious stranger you've been eye-balling all night!

Cissy's Saloon, 1590 Folsom, between 11th and 12th. Another popular pub that attracts all types and ages. On some busy nights the crowd looks like a Tom of Finland drawing.

Folsom Prison, 1898 Folsom at 15th Street. The wildest and butchest of all the Folsom's heavy leather watering holes! The auction block has been replaced by a larger john . . . and the action in there can get very wet and funky! The Prison's new weekend hours: opens at 6 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Le Domino, 2742 Seventeenth Street at Florida (626-3095). This gay French restaurant is not far from The Folsom Prison. It's very popular with the locals, although not too many visitors know of Le Domino because of the location. The decor is warm, friendly and relaxing. The service is efficient and unobtrusive. And the food is superb! (You'll be surprised to find how moderate the prices are, too.) Dress is casual and reservations are a must at all times. A bar (piano) and cabaret (weekends) are located downstairs. Ample parking. Closed Sundays.

Miscellany: Anyone who is hot for a

tattoo can be accommodated at *Lyle Tuttle's* famous studio and museum at 30 Seventh Street, not far from Folsom. Admission to the museum is \$1 and hair-raisingly worth it!

The only place to be seen for Sunday brunch . . . and to find solace for that hangover . . . is the *527 Club* at 527 Bryant, near 4th Street. It's a large, rambling restaurant/bar with an outdoor patio. This place gets very leather-busy since the food is good 'n plentiful. The atmosphere here is also very relaxed. Don't forget to check-out the groovy waiters 'cause this is where the ripped-levi look got started. 'Steak-and-date' night on Monday, when two can eat for \$8.

If you gotta pump that iron before hitting the bars, try the *Apollo Health Spa* at 851 O'Farrell. It's a gay gym run by a bunch of very friendly guys. You can work out in the raw, if you like, and enjoy their Jacuzzi and steam room. Moderate fee. A short time membership can also be arranged.

One of the best gay bookshops anywhere is the famous *Le Salon* at 1118 Polk. Soft and hard. Porn galore . . . including all QQ publications. Great management.

And now, where to stay? If you are driving, the Folsom area does have some motels (straight) in the immediate vicinity; Travelodge on 7th near Folsom; Western's Francisco Civic Center, and the Baywood, both between Harrison and Folsom; Western's Americana on 7th and Mission; and a Holiday Inn at 8th and Mission. The following popular-with-gays hotels are also near the Folsomscene:

The Bunkhouse, 38 Washburn. Inexpensive. Young clientele. Rooms must be rented by the week or month. No one-nights.

The Federal Hotel, 1087 Market. Clean and reasonable. Convenient to all the bars and transportation.

Harrison House. (See above.)

Mark Twain, 345 Taylor. Downtown. Not that gay, but the management is understanding. Across from the airline terminal.

Playland. (See above.)

National, 1139 Market Street. A convenient hotel with 100 or so clean rooms.

Grand Southern Hotel, 1941 Mission Street, between 15th and 16th Street. The newest one in town.

The Turk Street YMCA, 351 Turk Street. The ol', notorious Embarcadero now has a very tight security, so if you want a cheap room . . . try this Y. It's not that far from Folsom or Polk. And who knows what adventures might happen in the shower room?

Well, dudes, that's it for now. Here's hopin' you have a ball on September/October 1976

Folsom. But then, how can you not help it? Drop me a card and let me hear how you made out. And remember those famous words of Harry Chess's . . . "When in doubt, piss in his mouth!"

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COSMETICS CAN BE KILLERS

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ingredient of certain 'anti-bacterial' anti-body-odor soaps for many years. You may not have noticed that it is disappearing from them, too.

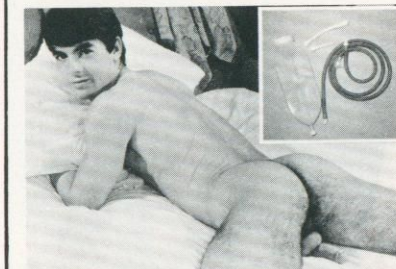
According to the *News* report, not only was this chemical being used in soaps, but in many cosmetics (which would include many men's 'skin aids'). Three consecutive studies, especially one conducted by an FDA physician, had demonstrated the link between hexachlorophene and brain lesions, but the FDA and the cosmetics industry argued over the validity of the tests for months. (Or get all the bucks while you still can!) It was only after the tragedy of the French infants that pressure was brought to bear on cosmetics containing this chemical. Some hexachlorophene products are still around, however, with minimal amounts . . . still too much. Examine the label of any soap or product to see if it is listed. If so, avoid it like the plague.

COSMETICS THAT 'CIRCULATE'

As the *News* puts it, 'It appears that we not only wear cosmetics but we also circulate them through our bloodstream. No one knows what could be the effects of a lifetime with Right Guard deodorant or Prell shampoo pumping through our veins.' Heinz Eiermann, the FDA's top cosmetics expert, doesn't know, nor do the cosmetic companies. Indeed, most of the 25,000 cosmetic products on the market have never been tested for reaction to prolonged use. Some believe that the danger of chemical circulation through the body begins with the scalp . . . via

Shampoos. Shampoos are many and varied as to purpose, and each has its own 'secret formula'. That is, until recently, when the FDA began requiring exact labeling of contents. All well and good, but if one studies the label of just one shampoo, Clairol

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