



Hot notes/A Union Square rally for nobody

Wavy Gravy has announced a noontime Poly-Tickle Rally for Nobody for President in Union Square on Thursday — performing will be the Dinosaurs, the Flying Karamazovs, Paul Krassner and Wavy. Nobody, of course, will speak.

The Fifth Dimension plays the Bold Knight in Sunnyvale on Jan. 15; Tuck & Patti will open. Kay Starr and Rosemary Clooney headline a benefit New Year's Eve show there...Cornetist Bill Davison, recently named to the Jazz Hall of Fame, will play a Birthday Bash (his 77th) with some Bay Area allstars at Berkeley's Shattuck Hotel on Jan. 7...An 11 o'clock second show has been added to Michael Franks' engagement at the Warfield tomorrow night...Bluesman Albert King will play the Keystone clubs Jan. 1921...Whoopie Goldberg and Jane Dornack-er come to the Great American Music Hall on Jan. 21; Maynard Ferguson's band is there the night before.

The Bay Area Jazz Society will present four evenings of local big band sounds at Bimbo's on Thursdays in February — on Feb. 2, Full Faith & Credit; Feb. 9, Gene Gilbeaux' "Sounds of Jimmie Lunceford" Orchestra; Feb. 16, David Hardiman's Band; Feb. 23, Dave Eshelman's Garden City Orchestra.

Guitarists Emily Remler and Peter Sprague play San Jose's Garden City on Tuesday (with the Smith Dobson Trio) and T.R.'s in Concord the next night with the Vince Lateano-Jeff Carney duo...A country trio composed of Byron Berline, Dan Crary and John Hickman will play at the Great American Music Hall on Jan. 29...The Fuge Imaginea Eastern European Folk Music Ensemble performs at Julia Morgan Theater, Berkeley, on Jan. 10.

A few more New Year's Eve bookings — Westla Whitfield at Buckley Bistro, 131 Gough, and Gilbeaux' "Sounds of Jimmie Lunceford" orchestra at the Shattuck Hotel, Berkeley. The Whispers headline at the Circle Star, and John Gary will be the Venetian Room's New Year's Eve singing-host.

Coming to Mill Valley's Sweetwater saloon next month — on Jan. 7, Tracy Nelson; Jan. 13, John Lee Hooker; Jan. 20, Marla Muldaur; Jan. 28, the Chambers Brothers.

The San Francisco Folk Music Center is throwing a big benefit and holiday bash Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in its Plowshares facility at Ft. Mason. Performing will be Out of the Rain with British songs; Yasmine with Jewish folk music; the Palo Alto Sacred Harp Singers; Holly

Tannen, her dulcimer and medieval songs; John Palme and James Nelson's original country-folk songs, and such solo folksters as Faith Petric, John McCormick, Marguerite Millard and Michael Stadler.

The first annual World Fusion Music Festival will be held tomorrow at the Vedic Cultural Center, 2334 Stuart, Berkeley...Traditional folksinger Debby McClatchy, a specialist in the songs of Robert W. Service, will perform for the Sonoma Country Folk Society at Katy Jako's, 467 Eucalyptus Ave., Cotati, on Jan. 7.

The All-Pro Comedy-Impro Show, directed by Frank Ergas and Frank Kidder, will play Berkeley Square on Sunday. The spring schedule for Kidder's Comedy as Training seminars is available by phone at 771-6394.

S.F. Blues Festival producer Tom Mazzolini recently received the W.C. Handy Award for "Blues Promoter of the Year" from Blues Foundation in Memphis.

Marin County bassist Rob Wasserman's "Solo" LP (on the Rounder label) was ranked among 1983's Top 10 jazz albums in the recent Downbeat Magazine Reader's Poll and as an instrumentalist Wasserman also was named among the Top 10 jazz bassists. In addition, for the third consecutive year he was named Best Jazz and Pop Bassist by Frets Magazine Reader's Poll. Wasserman is best known for his work as a David Grisman Quartet member.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's, when the Grateful Dead are appearing at Civic Auditorium, there will be a Grateful Dead photo exhibit featuring many of the original prints used in the "Official Book of the Dead Heads" at the Eye Gallery, 758 Valencia St.

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