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That's Me All Over

SAD NOTE on a spring morn: the Sausalito waterfront is about to lose its loveliest ornament, the 75-year-old gingerbread ferryboat, Berkeley — and to Southern California, at that. Bill Conover, who owns the boat and has operated the Trade Fair thereon for the past 15 years, revealed yesterday that the Berkeley has been bought by the San Diego Maritime Museum for delivery via a tow job next month. "I hate to see her leave the Bay," says Conover, "but I've had her up for sale for some time and nobody around here can come up with the money." So it's farewell to another landmark, or, in this case, water-mark.

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CAENFETTI: You can't say the Nixon administration discriminates against Democratic architects. S.F.'s John Carl Warnecke has just landed the plum assignment of the year, that of designing the new Senate Office Building in Washington, a \$48 million job. This is not to be confused with the "new" SOB, built in the 1950s, or the old SOB, built in the 1880s, both of which will continue in use, and isn't it amazing how much space 100 Senators require? (John Carl's explanation: "It's all those Xerox machines!") As for the newest gem of the S.F. waterfront, the Hyatt Regency, it's news to me that its architect, John Portman, is a part owner of the hotel, along with Prudential Life, the Rockefellers and a passel of Texans Sudden afterthought while gazing up at the other new Hyatt, the one at Union Square that was NOT designed by Portman: those red railings across each window have got to go! Get out the white paint, men.

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IN ONE EAR: An announcement about the future of Saturday Review, now being published here, is expected any minute, as the rumors continue to fly. My guess is that it will survive by lopping heads and dropping the unwieldy "weekly monthly" format that has confused so many readers. . . . Un-funny coincidence: when that big hush-hush rape case broke here last weekend (the victim is the wife of a top city official), both Police Chief Don Scott and Chief of Inspectors Charlie Barca were in Palm Springs, but you can bet they got back in a hurry Atty. Dick Kaplan, furious at Mr. Reagan for okaying a Good Friday holiday-with-pay for State employees: "How can an economy-minded Governor let \$2 million in salaries go down the drain for a religious observance that is clearly unconstitutional?" The State Supreme Court is considering his suit at this very moment After seeing that great movie, "Cabaret," Dr. Robert Lichtenstein of Los Altos turned to the original Christopher Isherwood "Berlin Stories," inspiration for the film, and ran across this eerily familiar line, spoken by a young Nazi: "The Fuhrer does not want war. Our program stands for peace, with honor!"

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HERE & THERE: Mainland China's 10-man delegation to the U.S., en route from Peking to Washington, stopped at the St. Francis Tuer Gen. Mgr. Bill Quinn had a Mandarin them (the hotel's two Chinese preparing it). However, Victor's, the hotel's ordered French fries and oin'