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... Man Alive ...

The Compleat Angler

Kirt Harmon, who lives on Alice Street, noticed a car parked all day with its lights on. The lights finally flickered and died, so when the owner showed up there was Harmon, battery jumper cables in hand, saying, "Your battery is dead. You'll need help" ... I only praise this good deed because The Rt. Rev. Kirt Harmon is bishop of the Oakland Diocese of the Universal Life Church, that congregation headquartered in Modesto that gave out ordination papers to so many for so long, then issued "doctor of divinity" degrees to those who fulfilled certain requirements, i.e., a donation of \$20.



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Well, I only mention this because a week ago Bishop Harmon sent me ordination papers even though I hadn't asked for them. I can now perform marriages, baptize babies, counsel the forlorn and demand clerical respect.

Alas, my new status hasn't helped my golf game a bit, except now I can't swear when I miss a putt.

Bishop Harmon is very cool. He works for Ma Bell and donates his ENTIRE

paycheck to his church, which is headquartered in his apartment. Presumably there's much to be learned from a man of the cloth about handling one's income tax deductions. And for another good deed, the bishop is allowing his bride of four months to live in the diocese headquarters.

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Marriage IS a calming influence. Mario Savio hasn't raised a single hackle in the five months he's been back on the U.C. campus. He now has wife and child ... Bettina Aptheker, the avowed communist leader of the old FSM movement, got married five years ago and also has been very quiet ... About five years ago, things have changed. In 1965 a little old lady at the welfare office in Oakland learned her welfare payment would be cut because her Social Security payment was going up, and at the time said: "This year the big money for the government is in poverty" ... A hippie kid hitchhiking on Eastshore, complete with beard and a lettered sign saying: "Student — Good conversationalist — Not armed" ... Syl Enea, co-owner of the Concord Inn and a string of theaters, placed the first order in Contra Costa for one of the new \$12,000 Lincoln deTomaso sports cars ... Whatever happened to the local rock group with the wildest name of all — "Stark Naked and the Car Thieves"?

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The woman stopped her car at a pedestrian crosswalk and a kid in an old clunker rammed her from behind. They both got out and the kid said, sort of plaintively, "I suppose you want to call the cops?" The woman said that wouldn't be necessary if the kid would pay the damages. He said he would and gave her his name and address — not from a driver's license because he didn't have one. Also, he didn't have insurance. The woman got an estimate on the repairs and it would be \$340. She tried to phone the kid but he had no phone number. She went to his apartment house and yes, he lived there but wasn't home. She learned where he worked — in a gas station. She cornered him there and he didn't have the money, "but I'll have it for you in three days." In three days she went back and he handed her \$340. She was so touched she handed him back a \$20 bill "This is so you'll keep your faith in human nature," she told him. Which proves not all sourball accidents turn out sour.

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At the Carriage House bar Al Walton has a fellow for a customer who comes in almost daily and each day writes out a check for \$9. Walton cashes it and the fellow buys a couple of drinks and leaves. Finally, consumed with curiosity Walton asked this customer why the checks for \$9. Why not a round number like \$10? "Because," the customer answered, "it's a sort of Christmas Club idea I write a check for \$9 but put down \$10 in my stub. Then, at Christmas, I have about \$300 extra." A 10 percent profit from his social hour money ... Out in Lafayette the burglar alarm went off in Everett Westphal's house at 12:13 a.m. indicating a door had been opened. The cops arrived, checked everything and left. The alarm went again at 12:30. Someone had opened the garage door a foot. Another ring at 12:45. Again the garage door. Again at 1:10 a.m. This time the cops staked themselves out but the burglars evidently had given up trying so didn't get caught. Westphal is president — of the Bay Alarm Company.

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Marvelous little marriage annulment proceeding in a court here where a woman got rid of her husband of two months by claiming the marriage had never been consummated. She told the court her husband hadn't forewarned her that he was impotent. The judge, a kindly sort, awarded the annulment and then told the woman: "Don't think too unkindly of him. Maybe he just did not know of his condition. He may be a man of great virtue." How about that?



Volunteers have worked night and day to clean oil-soaked birds at embattled Bolinas Lagoon



The cleaned birds, one to a box, are shipped to recuperation stations, their lives in the balance

'Save the Birds' Their Fight Song

The Battle of Bolinas Lagoon was a battle of young volunteers working desperately day and night to barricade the inlet against encroaching oil pollution and to save the lives of birds already soaked with the deadly fuel oil. Here the youthful workers, some of them on duty almost continuously since Monday, apply their skill and enthusiasm to gently cleansing the waterfowl with mineral oil, drying them and loading them carefully aboard trucks for shipment to recuperation stations. The fatality rate among the estimated 2,500 birds already cleaned is expected to be high, but it was the fault of the oil, not the workers. As one marine biologist observed, "They did a hell of a job."



Mary Metzger, 15, in a fight for a small life

Sea Traffic Curb Asked By ABAG

The Association of Bay Area Governments wants to meet with the Coast Guard and other shipping interests to draft restrictions on operating ships carrying hazardous cargoes during dangerous weather conditions.

The collision of two tankers that resulted in a massive oil spill proves ship movements should be restricted in bad weather just as aircraft are at airports, Marin Supervisor John McInnis told the ABAG Executive Committee last night.

"We have to have controls in a harbor as tight (small) as San Francisco," McInnis said.

The committee agreed unanimously with McInnis and directed the ABAG staff to contact the Coast Guard and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. A meeting with these agencies as well as port authorities, Bay pilots and shipping interests will be proposed.

McInnis, a former merchant seaman, told of a harrowing experience he had in 1929 near the Golden Gate. This is where two Standard Oil Co. tankers collided early Monday in dense fog.

He recalled there were several ships in dense fog and said he remembered vividly what went on out there and listened to two freighters' collision.

After the meeting, McInnis said the public has been sort of lulled into feeling radar is the absolute answer. You get into a proximity situation in a fog in which radar is not reliable.

Radar does not show the situation in detail, McInnis said. And large ships respond too slowly to commands to alter course to avoid collisions.

When visibility really becomes low, then hazardous conditions should be declared, McInnis said.

Ships today also transport bulk dangerous chemicals such as DDT, McInnis said.

San Francisco Supervisor Diane Feinstein said she will ask the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Monday to

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Lake Merritt Seepage Feared

A fear that oil from the collision of two Standard Oil tankers could eventually seep into Oakland's Lake Merritt and destroy wildlife there was voiced at the city council meeting yesterday.

Councilman Harvey Binns said naturalists at the lake already have treated several birds with oil stains. But the birds were believed to have flown to the lake from the oil-stained Bay, rather than being coated by lake waters.

Lake Merritt is a tidal lake, connected with the Oakland Estuary through a channel controlled by locks.

Floodgate operators maintain "constant vigilance" over the quality of water allowed in from the Estuary to flush and maintain the salt water content of the lake. Occasional oil pollution does enter the lake storm drainage through Indian and Glen Echo Creeks flowing in the north end of the lake.

urge Congress to initiate action by international agencies involved in oil shipments.

In a related action, the ABAG Executive Committee agreed to continue its planning studies of the development of the Pacific Ocean coastline, between Santa Cruz County on the south to Sonoma on the north.

ABAG also has prepared a detailed study of the

The second phase of the study will evaluate the possibilities of planning various projects along the coast, but the committee delayed action on means of raising \$33,000 in local funds to finance the work.

Another \$66,000 would come from state sources.

Battle of Bolinas Bay Won by the Good Guys

The dramatic battle of Bolinas Lagoon, fought night and day against a threatening tide of oil-polluted water, appears to be at an end.

And marine biologists, marveling at the effort that went into the fight, are cautiously predicting that the good guys have won.

It was never easy. Since two Standard Oil tankers collided Monday, spilling almost a million gallons of oil into the Bay, an inch-thick scum of petroleum has moved inexorably toward the lagoon.

Almost immediately after the accident, a volunteer army of 600 persons, most of them young people, many of them long-hairs from nearby communes, moved into the fight to barricade the narrow inlet against the oil.

The effort became a microcosm of the overall fight to save the environment.

Bolinas Lagoon is especially important because it is the last major breeding ground and nesting colony for the white egret and the blue heron.

One biologist called the battle to save the lagoon "The Dunkirk of ecology."

Urgency of the effort was transmitted to the gathering army and the fight began.

Standard Oil moved its heavy equipment. A series of power pumps and barges were used to pump the scum of oil out of the lagoon and opening to the Bay.

The floating barriers, a detour of the oil, were shipped to the lagoon.

Food and water were provided for the birds. The cold, wet weather and the long hours of work were not a deterrent. They could and they did.



WORKMEN PATCH FLOATING BOOM GUARDING BOLINAS LAGOON. Three such barriers have been installed to keep oil from Bolinas Lagoon.

2 Welfare Rights Hearings Approved

The City of Berkeley has approved two welfare rights hearings.

The two cases are pending in lower courts. The parties have agreed to expedite the cases and take them directly to the state supreme court.

The suits stem from last fall's

Tango From La Boca

Berkeley Area — The Argentine tango was created in the bars and cafes of La Boca, a dockside Italian district of Buenos Aires.

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