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Russian Hill Upholstery and Décor is still located in Nob Hill, not Russian Hill.

At the Warfield: Olivia Dean, 8/3. The Budos Band, 8/23. Supergrass, 9/6.

Jack Diamond died 15 years ago. His real name was David Singer and he was a disc jockey at KFJC, the radio station in Los Altos known for playing obscure music. He had a deep voice but managed to not sound masculine. Jack, me, and a few other guys would regularly hang out at Cafe Borrone in Menlo Park, until we discovered he was saying unflattering things about us behind our backs. Then he had to sit at another table away from us.

Prior to his excommunication, he wrote a piece for the Herald about how a couple who were fans of his radio show invited him to their home for Thanksgiving, and he ended up running out of the place because he thought they were going to kill him.

I interviewed him about his radio show - and the fact that he used to have a vending machine business. Jack mentioned how people would bash in his machines if they lost money in them, so the greatest day of his life was that time on the news when some guy shook a vending machine and it tipped over and killed him.

He wrote a story for the Herald about how he hated his father. That as a kid he broke his arm playing football and his dad couldn't stop laughing. He wrote that his dad thought the only thing President Nixon did wrong regarding the Watergate scandal was get caught. Which explained why, when Jack got caught shoplifting, and started vomiting profusely because of it, his father chased him around the living room yelling "THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU GET CAUGHT!"

Jack claimed his dad was a notorious tightwad. That he started a vending machine business after he retired, had lots of money, but never spent any of it on him. It just sat there in the bank. One day Jack woke up at dawn and opened the trunk of Dad's car, where he kept bags of coins collected from the vending machines. Jack angrily scooped the coins up and threw them in the air. He could hear the coins hit rooftops. He returned inside. Later that morning, the neighborhood kids were yelling excitedly that "IT RAINED MONEY!" His father never mentioned it to Jack -- it probably freaked him out too much.

Jack ended the story that he hoped it haunted his father for years to come.

Then Jack wrote an angry letter to me that I published in the letters section. He went on about how his stuff is great and everyone thinks it's great and he doesn't need me.

I think that was a common thread with Jack, and why, when his chain-smoking habit caught up to him and he died at age 55, he was pretty much friendless. It seemed like when he started to become friendly with someone he would sabotage the relationship. I found it kind of unsettling how blasé everyone was about his death. Everyone was puzzled why I was kind of sad for the guy. I could see their point. He said nasty things about me, too, not just them. He was a very unhappy person, so I guess it's not as sad as a very happy person dying. Yes, he was a weird guy. But I guess I'm kind of weird, too.



The man, myth, & legend: Jack Diamond

Remember the news in March about that store manager at Walgreens in the Castro who finally got so fed up with shoplifters that he punched and kicked some scumbag who stole a bottle of shampoo? Unfortunately, he was convicted of assault and is headed for the hoosegow. Mr. Guang Hong is (was) the store manager and the scumbag is named Larry Whitlock.

And a big shout-out to Kamala Harris, the former California attorney general who helped get Proposition 47 passed by selling it to the public as the "Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act," which drastically lessened penalties for crime, including shoplifting. All these upstanding citizens have since moved

out here. Gee, it's too bad she didn't become president. She could have done to the whole country what she did to California.

The movie actor Michael Madsen died recently. In 2006 the Herald printed some of his poems. Here's one...

Baseball

Dodgers

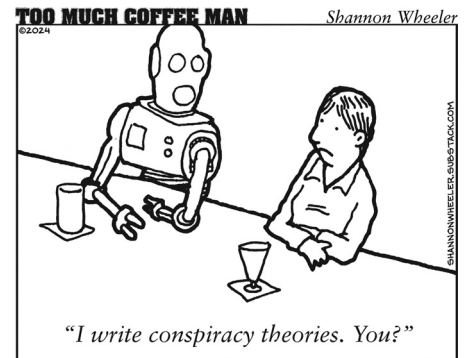
leading the Padres 3 to 1.

I read Ron LeFlores' book and one on A.J. Foyt. A fake by Butler ...and the count is 1 and 1 to Mike.

5:1 Dodgers as I write, Piazza hits a homer and Cincinnati waits...

Tommy Lasorda's son dies of AIDS, and he kisses

Piazza.



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LOS ANGELES, JUNE 2025...

IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE AT THE ANTI-I.C.E. PROTEST TODAY! I NEED NO INTRODUCTION... I AM CHANTEUSE, HOST OF "O'GAY CAN YOU SEE: HOMOPHOBIA IN AMERIKA" ON KPFA RADIO IN BERKELEY, AS WELL AS FORMER BATH-HOUSE EDITOR FOR THE NOW DEFUNCT NEWSPAPER, THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN.

OTHER COUNTRIES GIVE THOSE WHO ENTER THEIR COUNTRIES ILLEGALLY FREE HOUSING! IN MEXICO YOU GET FREE HOUSING IN PRISON! IN RUSSIA YOU GET FREE HOUSING IN A LABOR CAMP! WHAT DO ILLEGALS... UH, MIGRANTS... GET HERE? BARELY ENOUGH MONEY TO BE UNEMPLOYED AND STARE AT THEIR PHONES ALL DAY! SHAME! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS!

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WITHOUT ILLEGALS... UH, MIGRANTS... WHO WILL PICK OUR VEGETABLES? OH, AND OUR FRUIT, TOO! SORRY, FRUIT! WHICH REMINDS ME OF WHAT MY GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER USED TO SAY... "IF THOSE ABOLITIONISTS HAVE THEIR WAY, THEN WHO WILL PICK OUR COTTON?" RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS!

LOCK UP WALGREENS ITEMS NOT CRIMINALS

I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THERE'S BEEN A 30% REDUCTION IN FENTANYL DEATHS SINCE RECENT INCREASED BORDER SECURITY. SO TO YOU DRUG SMUGGLERS OUT THERE... I FEEL YOUR PAIN. THE SAME GOES FOR YOU GUN RUNNERS, MS-13 GANG MEMBERS, AND THE HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKERS. HANG IN THERE, GUYS! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS!

AND YOU GUYS HERE BURNING THE AMERICAN FLAG AND PROUDLY WAVING THE MEXICAN FLAG..... HELLO! I DIDN'T KNOW THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE HERE! HOW'S IT GOING, GUYS? LET'S HAVE DRINKS AT MOBY DICK WHEN WE GET BACK HOME! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS!

THIS IS NOT A RIOT. THIS IS A "MOSTLY PEACEFUL PROTEST." ONLY 4 OF EVERY 10 PEOPLE HERE ARE THROWING FIREWORKS AT COFS, BURNING WAYMO CARS, THROWING CINDER BLOCKS ON POLICE CARS FROM OVERPASSES, AND BLOCKING TRAFFIC FOR MILES. WHAT'S THAT SIREN? THE FUZZ? OH, SOME FASCIST IN AN AMBULANCE WANTS TO GET THROUGH.

WOW, L.A. STILL HAS A SMOG PROBLEM.

RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS! NO KINGS! NO KINGS! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! NO KINGS! NO KINGS! NO KINGS!

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♪ OOH! I LOVE YOU, SALLY DEAR!! ♪  
I LOVE ONLY 40-0-0U!

HAAAA! HAAAA!

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!! MY AUDIENCE JUST DOESN'T TAKE MY MUSIC SERIOUSLY ANYMORE!!

JOE'S TV SHOP

♪ OOH! I LOVE YOU SCHLOTTZ BEER!! ♪  
I GUZZLE ONLY 40-0-0U!!

WHO CAN FIGGER...

SCHLOTTZ SALE