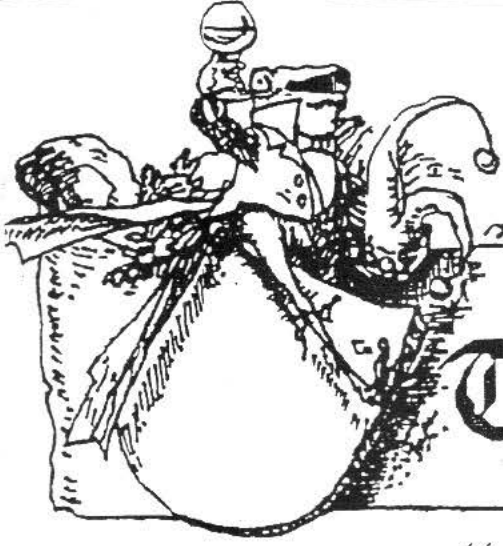




The Gulch Mulch

all the pulp that's fit to gulp

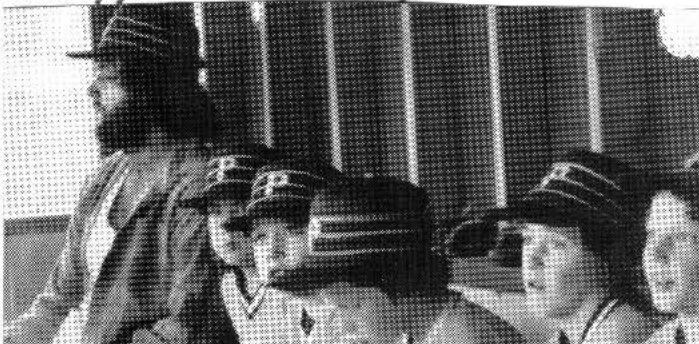
Supervisors Race

The battle for the 2nd District Supervisor position has entered the home stretch with four candidates bunched around the 20% mark while the other four candidates grovel for the remaining 20. The runoff winners could be Rodoni-Childs; Heider-Rodoni; Rodoni-Denson; Heider-Denson; or an other combination of the top four. Having listened diligently to three candidates nights on the radio I was finally bored completely and could listen no more. All those candidates' nights are so blase, uncontroversial, with everyone trying overly much to not offend anyone. They're playing the game.

Locally the battle for the hearts and minds of the voters has come down to ED Vs ROY. Roy's supporters are right there in black and white on the pages of the Life and Times : 400+ names including the usual conservative republicans, Reagan democrats, ten to twenty sell-out liberals, and even a renegade hippie or two. ED's supporters will be pouring out of the hills from every watershed, making their voices heard on election day. This is a classic town vs hills confrontation and before its all over there could be many bad feelings, recriminations, and blaming, I can hear the crybabies driving a wedge into the community already.

Percentage Prediction :Rodoni-24% ;Denson-23% ;Heider-22% ;Childs-21% ;Quezada-7% ;Hanson-1% ;Ferguson-1% ;McReynolds1%.

Now get out there and vote but beware of absentee ballots...they get lost in Humboldt County.



Mateel Bashing

The Mateel wouldn't give me a press pass for Pato Banton so this is war! Who do they take me for? Some bland nice guy who won't want revenge so as not to jepardize my back stage pass at Reggae on the River? Its time to bash the Mateel! Ok, start with the name...I've always thought it should be called the Eel-tole Community Center.

And remember the Redway Sewer imbroglio when the Eel-toles wanted to float their hippy turds down the streets of Redway? Well thats a bad example 'cause the Redway Sewage Company turned out to be full of shit on that one.

Well how 'bout when the **Red Hot Chili Peppers** came out for an encore wearing nothing except socks on their cocks and putting a small town in shock. And do you know where they are today? Number four selling album in the country, full page adds in The Village Voice, and school girls in Texas listen to them on walkmans while doing their homework. Shit, I guess that was rather a coup to get them to hick town Garberville ;Celeste should be commended. So then Redway's one and only rap concert was booked when **Too Short** (who, foul mouth and all was actually up for an award last year) came to town. The question was could we have rap music in town and the answer was no, as it has been in a multitude of other venues.

So the limets were tested, the Eel-tole caught a lot of flack in the process, but it was a —→

VOTE FOR ED DENSON

VOTE FOR LIZ HENRY

Mateel Continued

process that had to happen or else we'd live in a very boring world.

So that brings us to the grandfather(tree) bash of them all...The evil **Reggae on the River** !

Last year's festival ran smoother than ever, traffic was under control, and the event felt generally less crowded in contrast to the year before when it was sardine-ville. So I was surprised when the bashers came out like never before. As long as the Harley Run also took place at Frenches Camp the complaints abated a broader community interest. With the "Run" out now the heat is on the counter culture to clean up their act. With this being an election year "Reggae" will have plenty of support. But next year watch out.

Neighbors around the site don't like it in their backyard which is understandable. Ideally everyone from Reggae leaves, spreading out to the whole region but the hill people don't want them out there because of the paranoid state of the local economy. Ultimately there may be convoys of buses taking music fans from Frenches to huge camp grounds, perhaps shuttle them to the Harley site. You can only buy everyone off for so long until it isn't cost efficient so you change or cancel the event when security approaches the barbed wire fence mentality.

The fact that 500-1000 volunteers can be co-ordinated to put on the festival is a remarkable achievement. Reggae on the River has brought this community a beautiful building. And hey!....its got a basketball hoop up now! YES!!!

EARTHQUAKE, VIDEO REVIEW

Laid up on crutches, back, ankle. Really makes you think about a lotta things. The first earthquake hits- I scramble outside without the crutches. Move downstairs to sleep, flashlight on the side. There it goes again! Where's that flash? Oh fuckit-out the door! KGO all night. This time leave the light on. 4:10am Another one. Clattering the walls. Limp outta there.

So laid up on crutches, quake-shocked and lethargic, its time to become a fool-fledged **vidiot**. With **Pomegranite Videos** in Redway you travel the world through superb movies.

You ride the plains of Brazil with **Luzia**. Out to India with **Spices**. Over to France with **Mama Theres** **A Man In Your Bed**. Up into Dakota with **Powew Hiway**. Over to India with **Salaam Bombay**. These are all great flicks so you too can be turned into a tele-zombie renting movies by the week at **Pomegranite**, three for ten bucks.

ROSA DOES IT AGAIN!!!

Whale Gulches own Rosa Rashall has achieved the supreme honor of Valedictorian at Mac Ateer High School in San Francisco. Rosa, who has turned down full scholarships offered from universities across the country, will be attending U.C. Santa Cruz. Congratulations Rosa and good luck with your speech! Give 'em something to think about!

Dear Editor,

For someone whose spelling is as bad as yours is, you gotta lotta damn nerve to take Estelle to task for her syntax. Ain't you got a spell check on that Mac?Sincerely, Willy Shakespear
P.S. Your syntax is pretty far from immaculate yourself. Keep it up, and it could translate to a sin tax.

P.P.S. Love the paper. Don't ever change.

WHALE GULCH SCHOOL REPORT

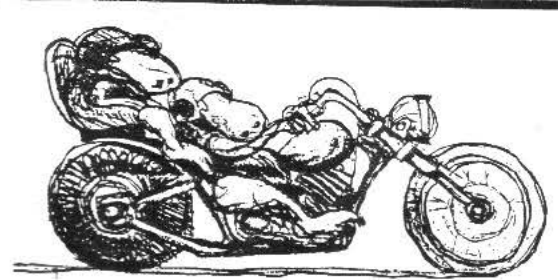
The community voted 65 to 5 in support of having a complete high school program but in a classic case of NIMBYism no one wants it near their house. Meanwhile many of the older kids are running out of control. They've already been kicked out of every program in town and some people think they should get the boot out here as well. Trouble is the existing high school is under pressure to get as many students as possible. The proposal for the new high school has a limit of 24 students, but skeptics think it could grow larger since the whole school has changed a lot over the years in surprising ways. There is a lot of opposition to the modular units offered by the Leggett school district.

WHALE GULCH WEATHER REPORT

Can you believe the naive people who think they can actually form a new *Sensi County*? Then again I didn't think the *Sally Bell Grove* could be saved either.*** Disturbing is the development of some of the local youth. They spout these non-sensical, obscene, and often sexist mantras that they must pick up from the older ones. And here are these hippies' kids using chemical fertilizers on their gardens fergawdsake! I guess its a major rebellion scenario. *WOOSH* addressed this well.***I have to apologize for some of the content in the last issue.(I didn't realize there were so many small-minded puritans around.***For those of you who haven't read the *Life and Times* recently it came as quite a surprise when the editor endorsed *Ed Denson* for supervisor. Speaking of whom, when Ed gets elected and you want a favor from him come armed with a case of M+Ms. I heard that *Marling McReynolds* performed a citizens arrest on our thoughtful ED the other day at Murrishes when he tried to abscond with a pallet load of that candy. *** Rumor has it that *Barb "Seroptimist Woman of the Month" Truitt* plans to run for 2nd district supervisor in four or eight years



when Roy Heider retires. As new darling of the rednecks she will be electable.*** Actually Barb thinks that Jose Quesada is the best candidate-maybe we'll all unite around him in four years if necessary, and if those harassment charges don't make it to the mainstream media.*** Charles Hanson could be a wild card in this election, could surprise by breaking the 1% barrier.***If ED makes the runoff it will take a massive voters reg. campaign to get him elected in the fall. We're talking 100 dedicated supporters each targeting ten teenagers, people in their twenties, and others, cajoling, threatening, and guilt-tripping them to register and vote.



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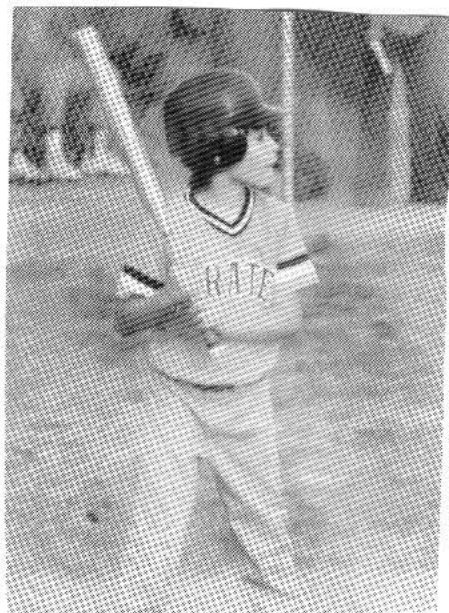
ELECTION DAY

What a crap shoot this 2nd district supervisors race is! How can you predict victory? Count the signs in Fortuna, Redway? After crunching all the numbers I've come to the conclusion that Ed Denson will win big today with 25 to 30% of the vote. I think he has the strongest base of support for this primary race.

If Ed Denson or Roy Heider make the runoff each will be dependant on the other's supporters to win in November. If Roy does get in I can see most of Ed's supporters voting for him in the fall. Sure he's a Bush-ite but he's our Bush-ite. However, if Ed makes the runoff he's not necessarily going to get a lot of Heider's supporters because those rednecks won't vote for a hippy. So thats the electibility factor: The hippies will vote for a redneck but the rednecks won't vote for a hippy.

If Heider gets in he will, in essence, be the liberal candidate by representing the legions of libs in the wild SoHum district. Southern Humboldt will rally around him and they should rally around Denson as well. After all Denson can put on his cowboy boots, that country music and who knows how many votes he'll sway.

Ed is the best candidate, the most electible and we shall see if this is bullshit or great presience.



LIFE IN HELL

BY MATT GROENIN

BINKY'S GUIDE TO LOVE

INDUSTRIAL-STRENGTH ROMANCE ADVICE

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY.

CHAPTER XVI: QUESTIONS FOR THE SINGLE WOMAN

LOVE SECRET #20 WHEN YOU MUST DISCUSS SOMETHING PAINFUL, TRY PUT IT IN A TENDER, LOVING CONTEXT. YOUR LOVER WILL PROBABLY RESPOND IN KIND.

I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE SMART, SEXY, AND SENSITIVE. BY THE WAY, I SPENT ALL OUR DENT MONEY ON LOTTERY TICKETS. YOU'RE SO SWEET, EXCUSE ME WHILE I GO GET A LARGE ROCK TO BASH YOUR SKULL IN.

