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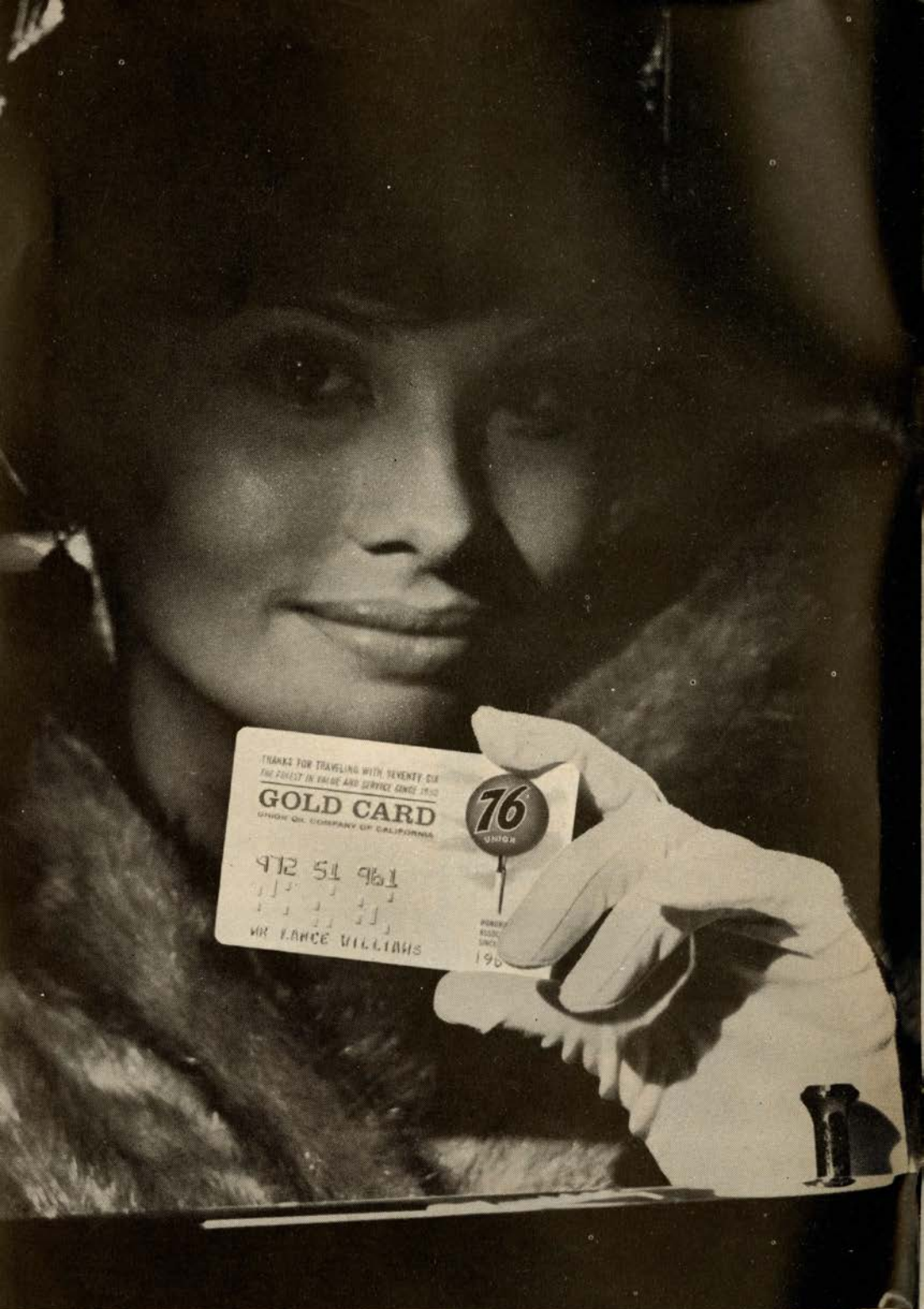
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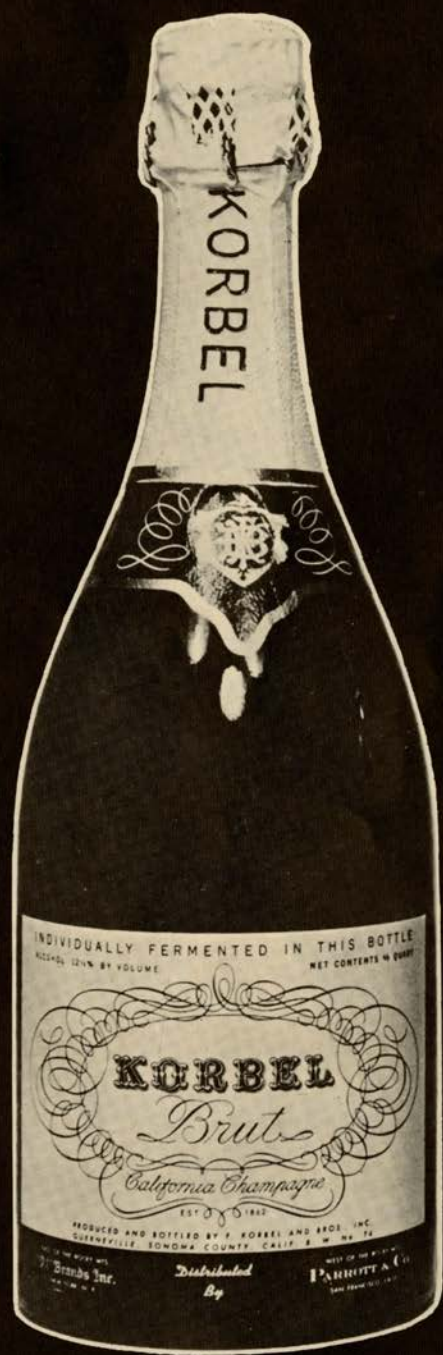


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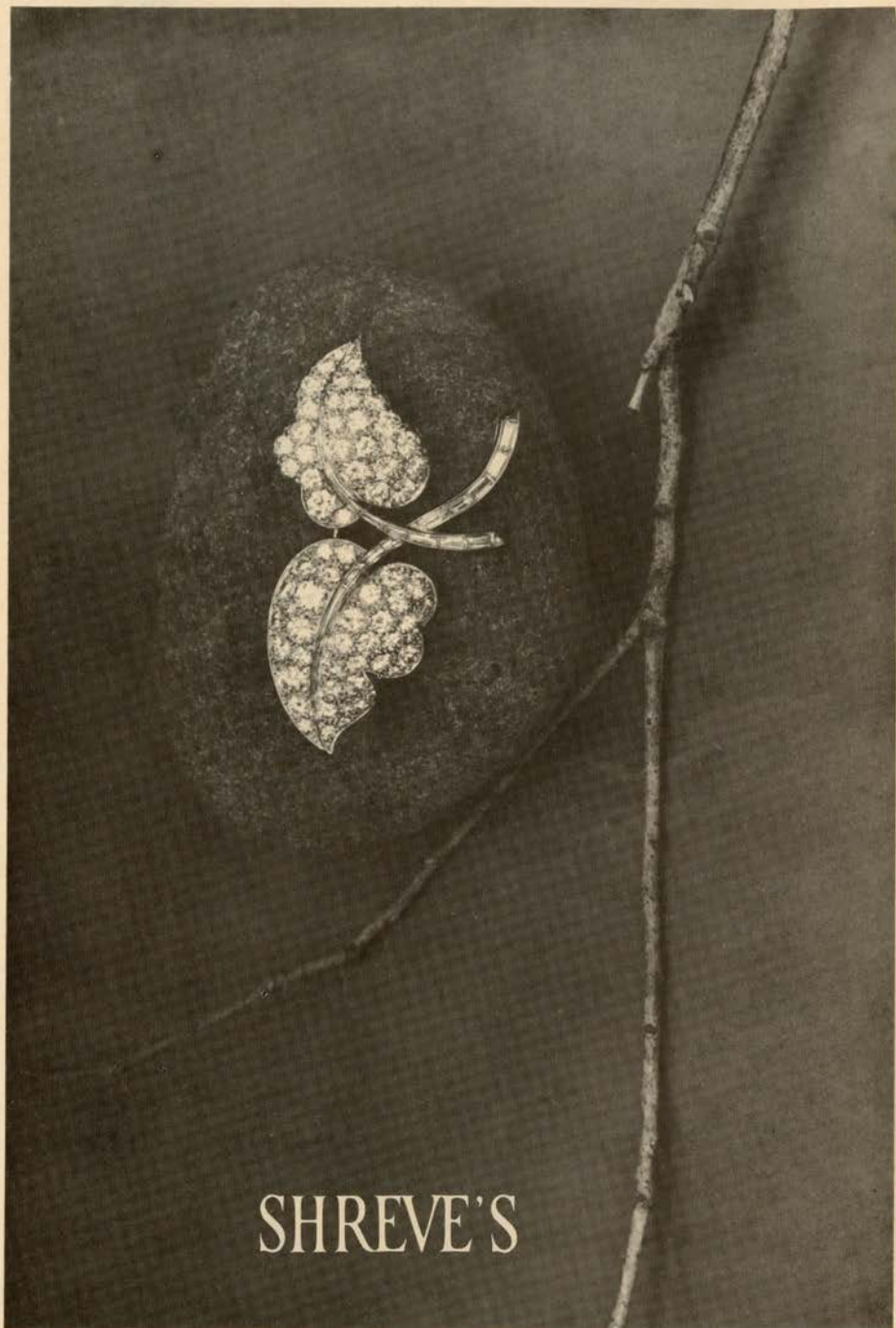
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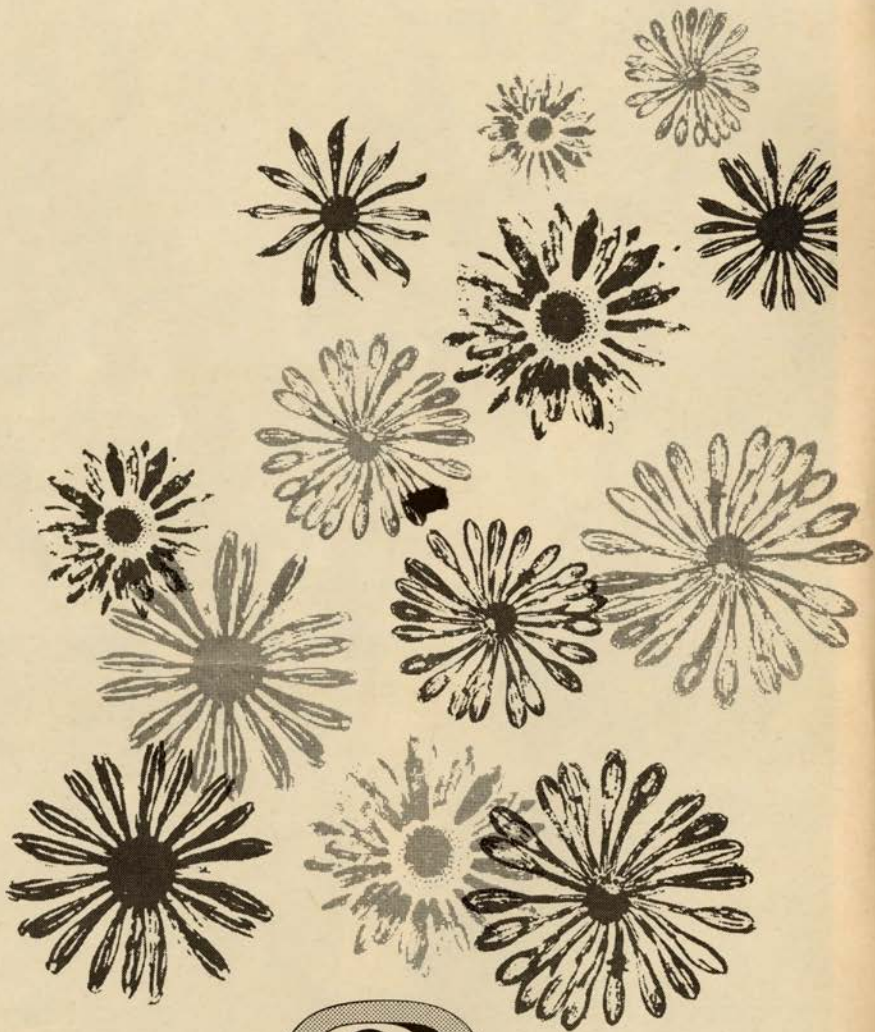
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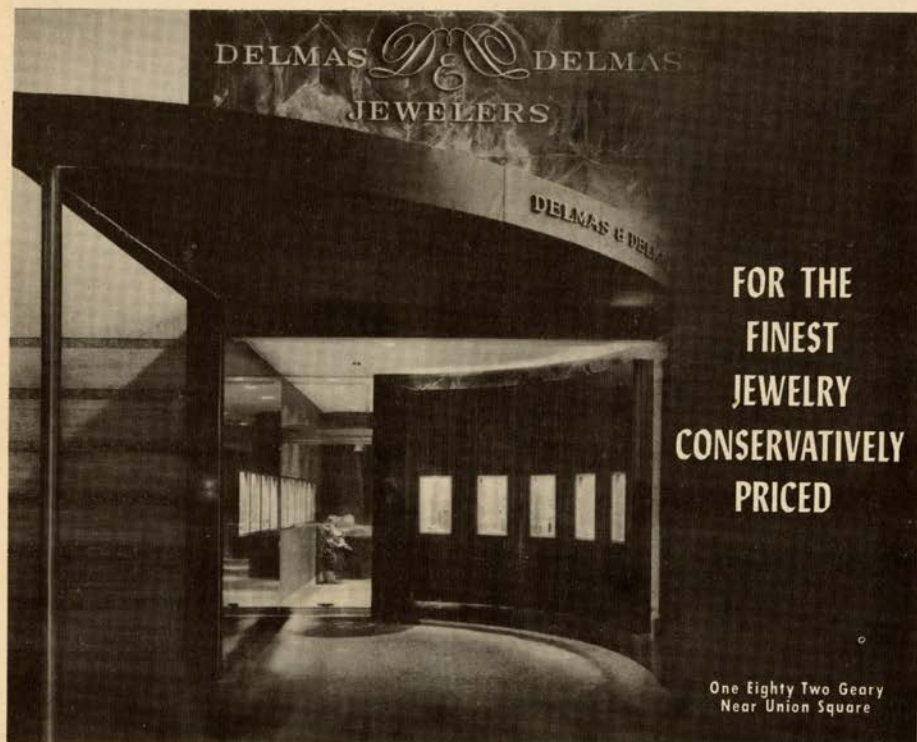
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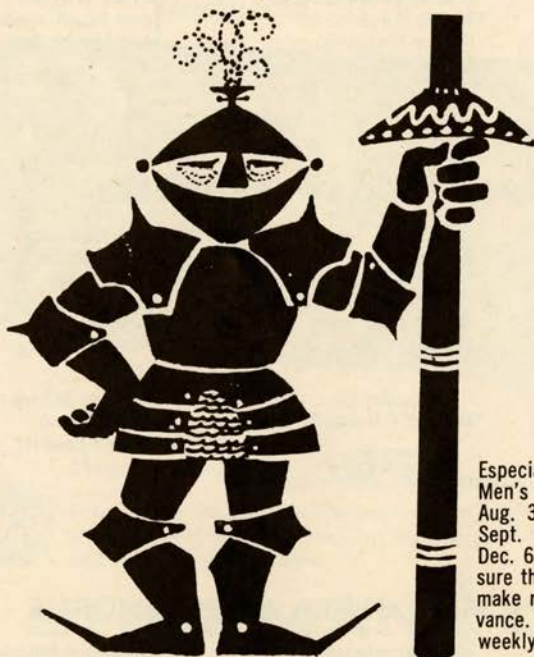
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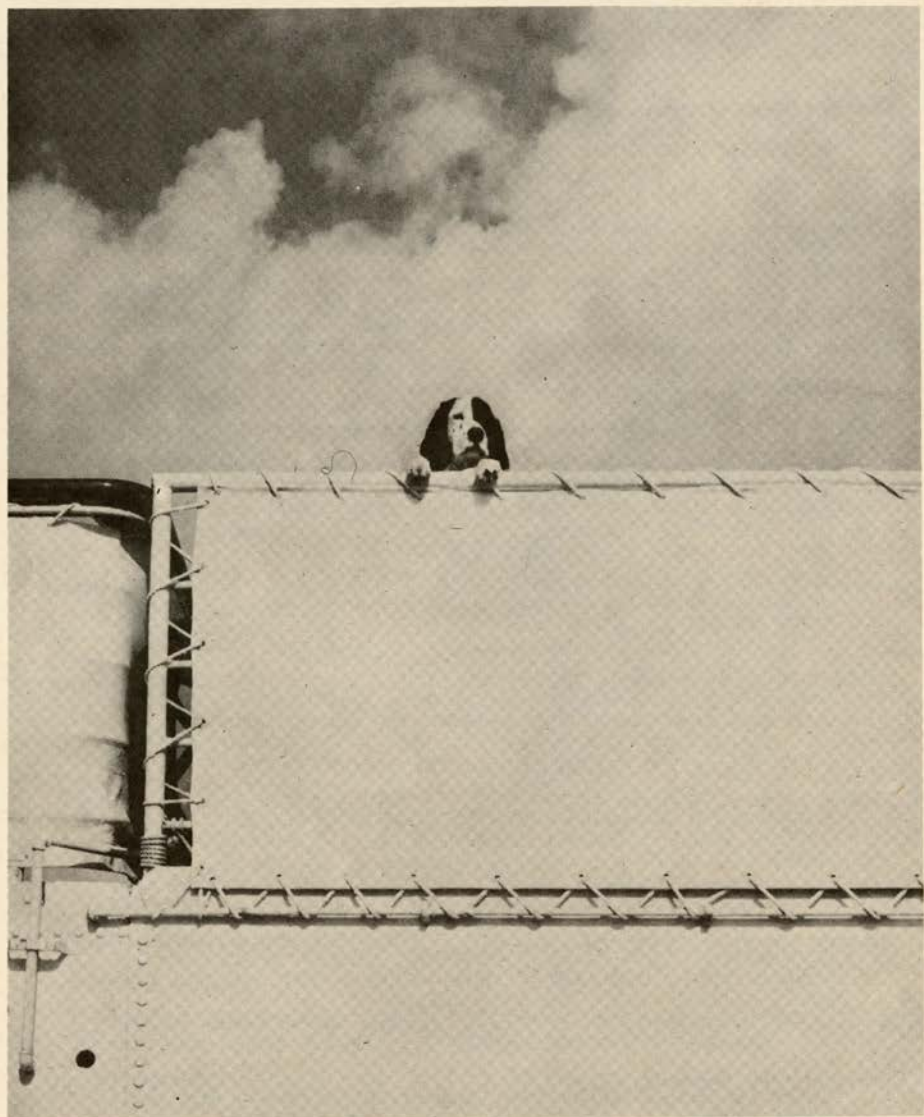
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- Tuesday Evening, September 29, at 8:00** **IL TROVATORE (Verdi)**
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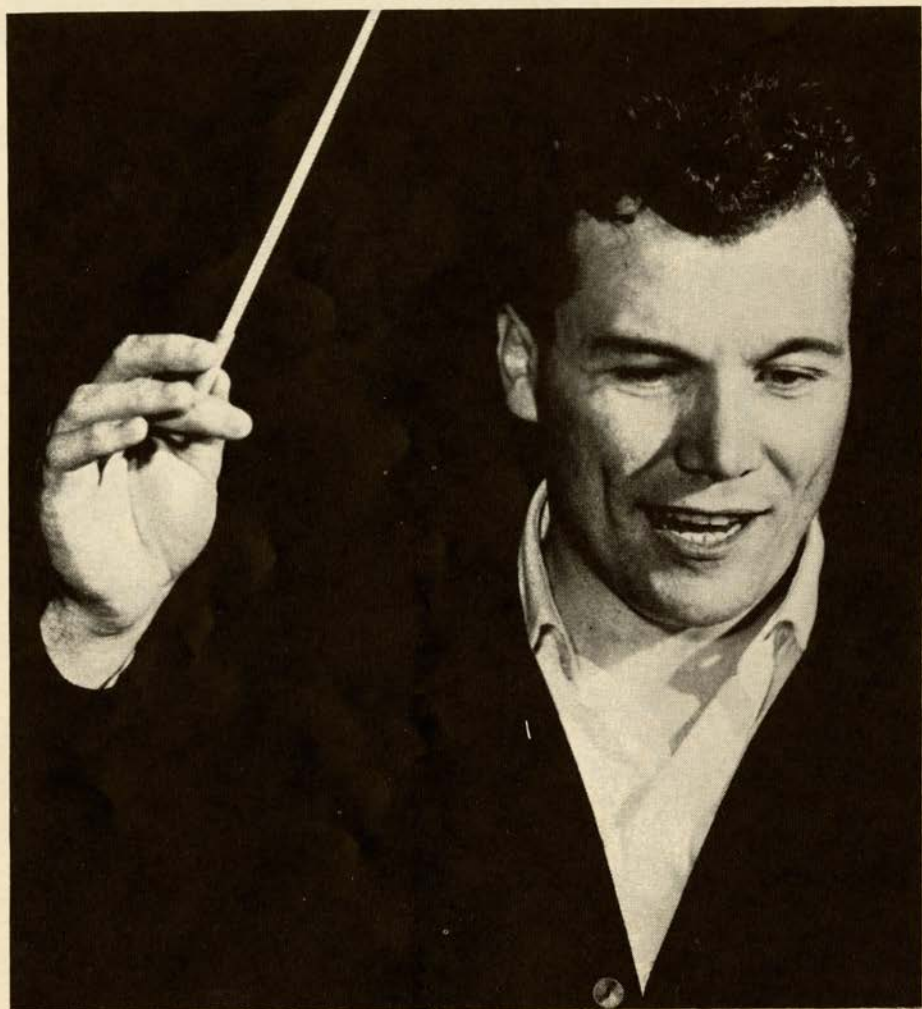
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DEBUTS OF THE WEEK



LEONA GORDON

A former chorus member of the San Francisco Opera, Miss Gordon's activities recently have included a Micaela in "Carmen" at the Hollywood Bowl and Mimi in "La Boheme" with the Los Angeles Opera company. She has been soloist a number of times with the symphony orchestras of San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Diego.



JOYCE HALL

Miss Hall first came to the attention of the San Francisco Opera through the Company's annual Auditions. She has a master of music degree from the Eastman school of music in Rochester, New York, and has performed with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Civic Light Opera.

FERDINAND LEITNER

Raised in Prague and his native Berlin, Maestro Leitner's musical abilities manifested themselves so early that he was able to begin his career at the age of seventeen as a chorus director. Four years later it assumed international proportions when he served as accompanist for a number of prominent singers and instrumentalists.

At the end of the second world war Leitner joined the Hamburg opera as conductor and only one year later was appointed director of the Munich opera. In 1947 he accepted the position of musical director of the Stuttgart municipal theaters and has led the Stuttgart Opera ensemble to its present eminence.

One of the highlights of his career came when Stravinsky chose him to conduct the world premiere of "The Rake's Progress" at the Venice Biennale in 1951. The list of Leitner's guest engagements is numerous and includes Bayreuth, Vienna, Buenos Aires, London, Russia, Stockholm, Salzburg, Rome, Naples, and Paris. He is also noted for his symphonic conducting.



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PILAR LORENGAR

The soprano from Zaragoza, Spain, makes her American operatic debut as the opening night Desdemona in "Otello." She has previously sung a New York concert in 1955. Later in the current San Francisco season she will be heard as the Countess in "Le Nozze di Figaro," Micaela in "Carmen," and Liu in "Turandot."

Miss Lorengar's voice was first noticed in the school choir of her convent and she was later trained in Madrid, where she made her professional debut little more than a decade ago. It was shortly thereafter that her presence became felt on the international scene. She made her debut at Covent Garden as Violetta in "La Traviata," followed by initial appearances with the Berlin Opera and at the Glyndebourne festival. In 1958 the late Sir Thomas Beecham introduced Lorengar to Teatro Colon audiences in Buenos Aires as Pamina in "The Magic Flute."

In 1961 she sang for the first time at the Salzburg festival and in 1963 opened the festival, again as Pamina. At present Miss Lorengar is a member of the Berlin Staatsoper.

PIETRO MENCI

Now a resident of San Francisco, Menci is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. His vocal training was in Rome and his professional debut took place in Bari, Italy. Engagements followed in England, Austria, Germany, Spain, and South America, leading to his opening-night Lodovico in this week's "Otello."





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ZACHARY SOLOV

American choreographer Zachary Solov's work is seen for the first time with the San Francisco Opera in Monday night's "Carmen." He will also design dances for "The Bartered Bride" and "La Traviata" this fall.

Opera is not a new field for Solov since he first worked at the Metropolitan Opera in 1951, at which time he was awarded the first annual Capezio dance award. Indeed, he will go to the Metropolitan again this fall during a break in his San Francisco activities to choreograph a new production of "Samson et Dalila" with Georges Pretre conducting.

Solov started out as a dancer, making his initial appearance at the age of fourteen with the company of Catherine Littlefield, his first teacher. He later worked under George Balanchine on a number of occasions and has appeared on Broadway and on television. This summer he choreographed the "Merry Widow" production at the new State theater in New York's Lincoln center.

EBERHARD WAECHTER

One of the most acclaimed baritones of the present day makes his San Francisco Opera debut as Amfortas in the new "Parsifal" on the second night of the season. Later appearances will include Barak in "Die Frau ohne Schatten," Count Almaviva in "Le Nozze di Figaro," and the elder Germont in "La Traviata."

Waechter is a native of Vienna and comes from a musical family, one of his forebears having been for a time general director of the Stuttgart Opera. When financial reverses interrupted his musical studies, Waechter worked for a time as a cook, accountant, and in a bank. He made his operatic debut at the Volksoper in Vienna in 1953 as Silvio in "I Pagliacci" and two years later became a permanent member of the Staatsoper. He still makes his home in Vienna and accepts only a fraction of all the guest engagements offered him each year.

His outside appearances have taken him to La Scala, Covent Garden, Rome, Paris, Munich, Berlin, Bayreuth, Chicago, and Salzburg. Waechter's versatility is phenomenal and in addition to the complete range of his operatic portrayals he has starred in musical comedy and operetta.





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JOHN WEST

After two Spring Opera seasons, John West makes his debut with the San Francisco Opera. Other credits in the burgeoning career of the bass from Pennsylvania include the Santa Fe, Central City, Shreveport, and Chautauqua operas. As a soloist in oratorios and other works he has sung with the orchestras of Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cincinnati, and Rochester.



CLAUDIA WHITE

Miss White was awarded the first annual Florence Bruce award as the second-place winner in the 1964 San Francisco Opera Auditions last June. Since then she has participated in the Merola Opera Program with appearances at Stern Grove and the Paul Masson Vineyards. At present she is six hours away from a master's degree in music from San Francisco State college.

ERIKA WIEN

Miss Wien was born and educated in Vienna. Concurrently with her musical studies, she took up chemistry and is the holder of a degree in engineering. Winning the Geneva International Music contest, however, turned her to a career in music, begun as an apprentice at the Vienna Staatsoper.

The young mezzo-soprano then went to Bremen and since 1959 has been a member of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in Duesseldorf. Guest appearances have taken her to many major European theaters in such roles as Amneris, Ortrud, Octavian, Ulrica, and Brangaene. Miss Wien took part in both the German and French premieres of Shostakovich's "Katerina Ismailova."



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Text by Arrigo Boito after the play by William Shakespeare

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RODERIGO, a Venetian gentleman.....	RICHARD RIFFEL
OTELLO, governor of Cyprus.....	JAMES McCracken
DESDEMONA, his wife	**PILAR LORENGAR
EMILIA, Iago's wife and Desdemona's companion.....	JANIS MARTIN
A HERALD	DAVID GIOSSO
LODOVICO, ambassador of Venice.....	*PIETRO MENCI

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TIME AND PLACE: Late fifteenth century: Cyprus

Act I: Otello's castle by the sea

Act II: A hall and terrace in the castle

Act III: The great hall of the castle

Act IV: Desdemona's bedchamber

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THE STORY OF "OTELLO"

ACT I

Citizens and soldiers are gathered to greet the ship of Otello returning victorious through a raging storm. Otello, brought ashore in a small boat, announces that the Turkish fleet has been destroyed and enters the castle to meet the waiting Desdemona. Iago, determined to gain the power that is now Otello's, and Roderigo, who desires Desdemona, ply Cassio with wine. Brain-befuddled Cassio is adroitly led to quarrel with Montano, who is wounded, and the disturbance becomes a riot. Otello, emerging from the castle, quells the uproar and in punishment relieves Cassio of his command.

ACT II

Iago, in furtherance of his plot to overthrow Otello, urges Cassio to enlist the aid of Desdemona in the effort to gain back his post. Cassio goes in search of her. Iago bids Otello watch his wife, cunningly awakening his jealousy. The Moor seeks out Desdemona and questions her. She innocently pleads the cause of Cassio and Otello's jealous suspicions take definite form. Desdemona endeavors to wipe his perspiring brow with a handkerchief which was his first gift to her. In anger he tears it from her hand. Emilia picks up the handkerchief, but is forced to surrender it to Iago as Otello berates the bewildered and alarmed Desdemona. Following the scene with Desdemona, Iago adds to the flame of Otello's jealousy when he tells him that he has seen Desdemona's handkerchief in Cassio's possession. The Moor's rage leaps out of bounds. Iago offers to help him to gain vengeance.

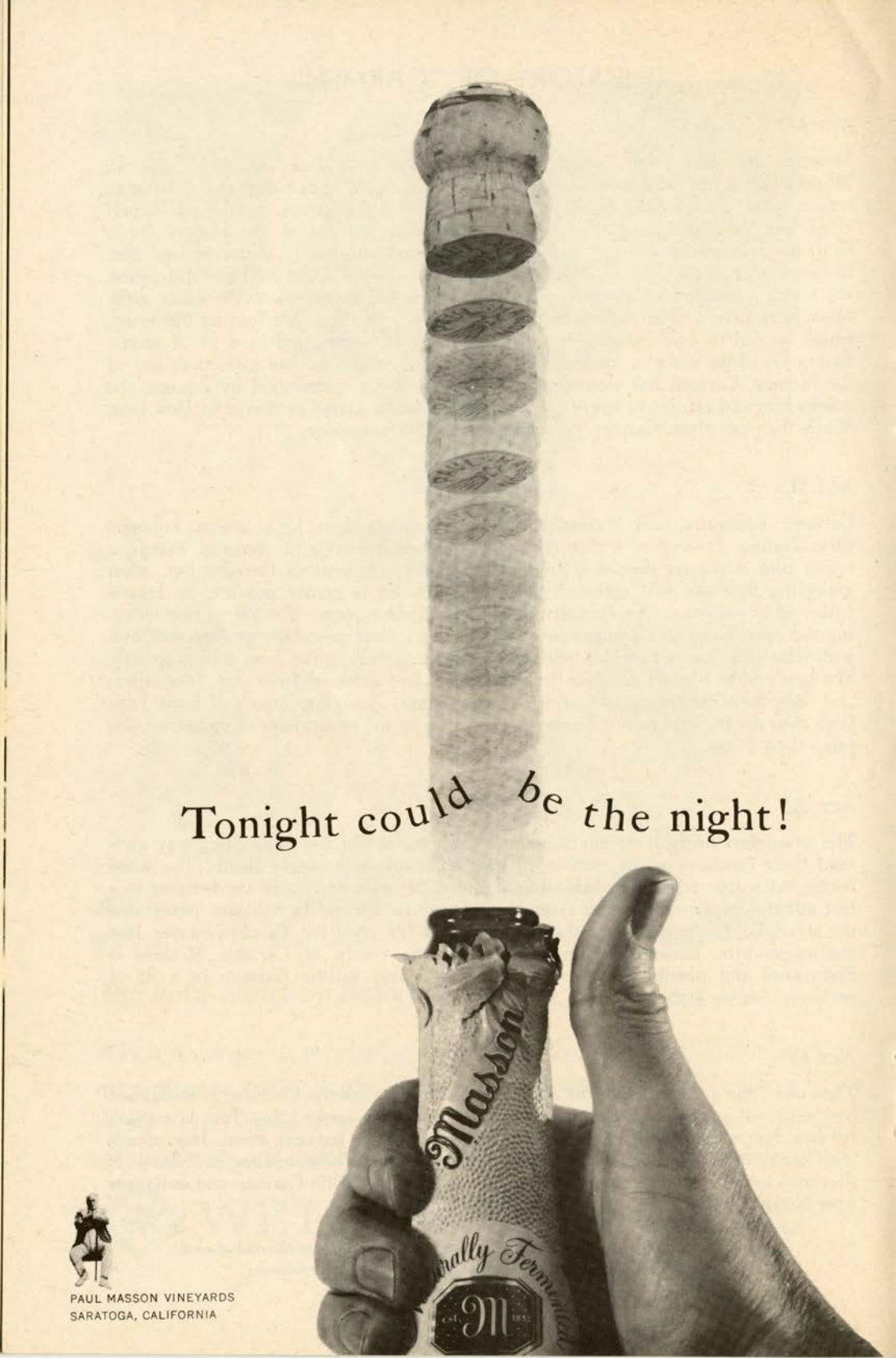
ACT III

Otello takes no interest in the announced arrival of Lodovico, Venetian ambassador. He thinks only of his wife and her presumed perfidy. The puzzled Desdemona evades her husband when he seeks to borrow the lost handkerchief. Cassio enters seeking forgiveness. Iago bids Otello hide, and contrives by half-audible conversation with Cassio to permit the Moor to hear only that which will inflame his suspicions. Cassio in innocence produces the handkerchief saying he had found it in his rooms. Otello goes mad with jealous anger and at Iago's suggestion grimly plots to strangle Desdemona in the bed he believes she has dishonored. Lodovico arrives and proclaims that Otello has been called to higher honors in Venice. Otello announces his departure for the morrow but unable to control his anger publicly berates Desdemona. The populace hail Otello in his new honor but are silenced by Iago.

ACT IV

As she retires the heartbroken Desdemona tells Emilia the despairing story of a lost lover. Otello enters and charges the now awakened Desdemona with an intrigue with Cassio. Refusing to accept her denial he grips strangling hands about her throat as the alarmed Emilia gains entrance. Emilia's screams summon the people. Otello denounces the woman he has killed showing the handkerchief in proof. But Emilia explains its false evidence and the remorseful Otello brings his unhappy life to an end.

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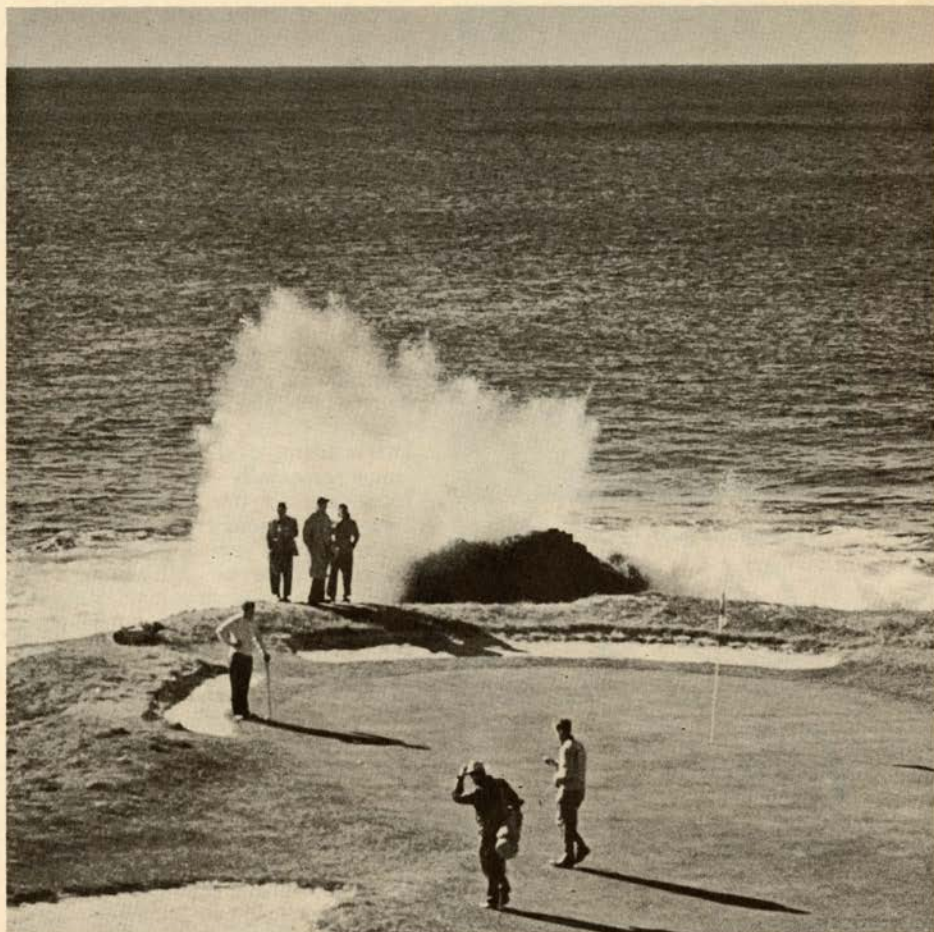
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Scene 2: The Temple of the Holy Grail
- Act II, Scene 1: Klingsor's castle
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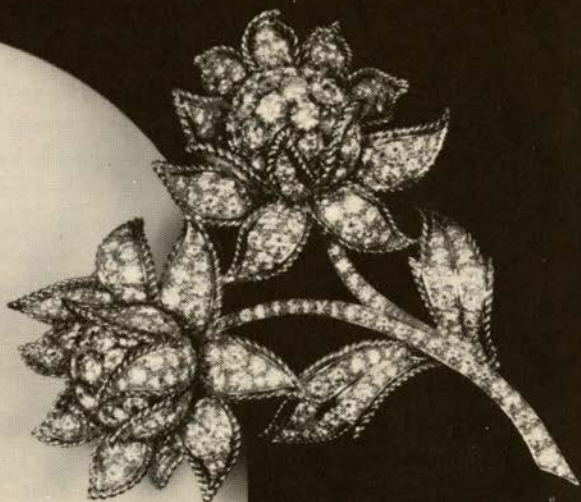
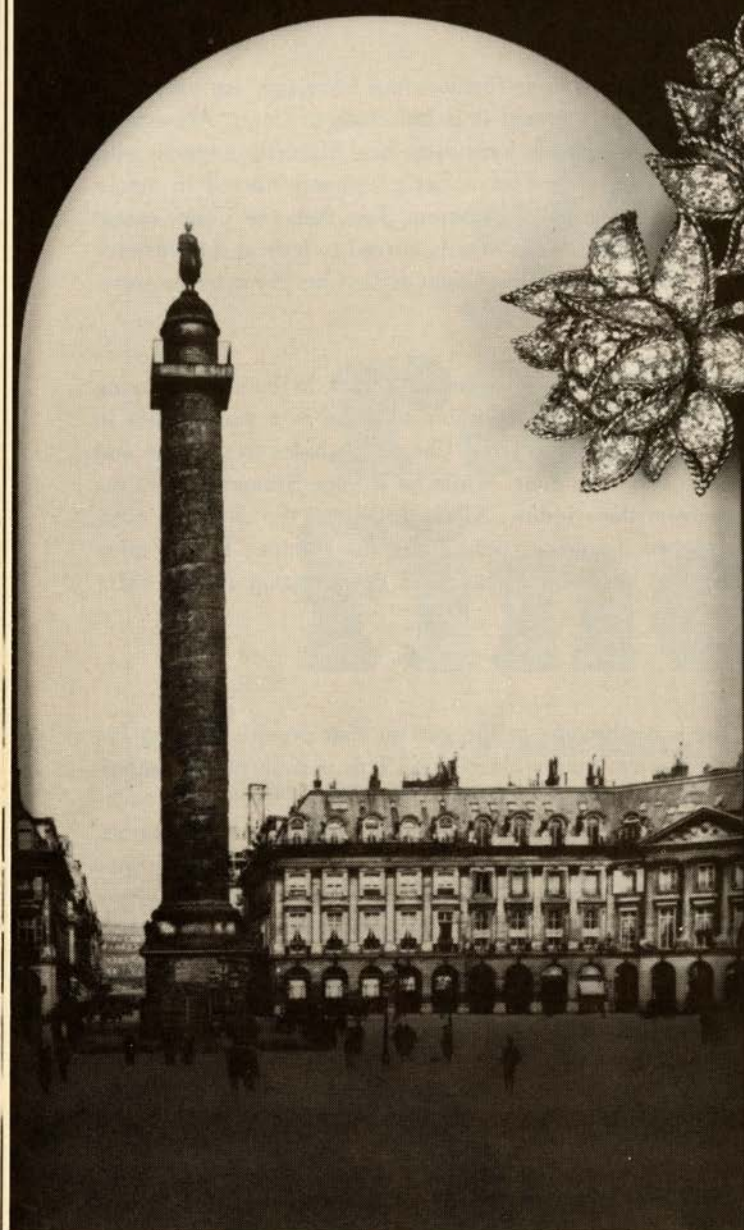
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THE STORY OF "PARSIFAL"

ACT I—Gurnemanz, a knight of the brotherhood of the Holy Grail, kneels with several knights to offer morning prayers. Two other knights arrive to prepare a morning bath in the holy lake for the wounded Amfortas, but are interrupted by a penitent Kundry who has come with balsam to heal Amfortas' wound. Amfortas is borne in by knights and he accepts the balsam from Kundry, although he knows he cannot be healed until the "innocent Fool" is revealed. Gurnemanz tells his companions the story of the Grail and how Amfortas had been betrayed by a beautiful temptress. Suddenly a wounded swan falls among them and Parsifal appears. Gurnemanz rebukes him for killing the swan, for all birds and animals are sacred near the Grail. The youth confesses to having shot the swan but says he sees no wrong in it. Gurnemanz is impressed by his simplicity and innocence. Kundry startles Parsifal by telling him that his mother has died since he left home. Astounded, he seizes Kundry and attempts to strangle her, but Gurnemanz prevents him from doing her harm. Again Parsifal sees no wrong in his act. Gurnemanz is still more impressed by his absolute unconsciousness of evil, and thinking he may be the "innocent Fool," he takes him to the temple of the Grail where the knights are assembling around Amfortas to pay tribute to the ritual of the Last Supper. The aged Titurel commands Amfortas to unveil the Grail, which gives spiritual strength to all who look upon it. Amfortas, guilty of losing the sacred spear, feels he is unworthy to perform the holy ceremony and begs to be spared the view of the Grail, which must prolong his painful existence. However, the knights force him to obey Titurel's orders. Parsifal remains motionless but moved during the whole ceremony, and comprehends nothing of the proceedings. Gurnemanz, angered by his apparent stupidity, thrusts him out of the temple.

ACT II—Klingsor, knowing that his power is threatened by the "innocent Fool," awakens Kundry from her sleep. He mocks the half-obedient, half-rebellious woman because of her remorse, and orders her to exert all her wiles to lure Parsifal to his ruin. Before disappearing, Klingsor watches as Parsifal battles his way into the enchanted precincts of the castle. Parsifal finds himself confronted by a circle of beautiful maidens who attempt to beguile him, but he resists their alluring smiles and caresses. Then a more potent temptation appears in the form of Kundry, now resplendent and bewitchingly beautiful. She weakens him with tender memories of his childhood and by making him feel responsible for the death of his mother she persuades him to accept her kiss which she offers under the pretext of a final greeting from his mother. In that moment Parsifal knows all. He understands passion and exactly what had happened to Amfortas, and he feels a wave of compassion for his suffering. He now realises his own mission. He denounces Kundry, but she tries to appeal to him again through pity for her weary life. He repulses her again. In desperation she curses him and calls on Klingsor for help. Klingsor appears and hurls the sacred spear at Parsifal. Parsifal catches hold of it and makes the sign of the Cross with it, which instantly dooms and annihilates Klingsor and his whole magic world. Before setting off on years of painful wanderings throughout the world in search of Amfortas and the Grail, Parsifal tells Kundry that she knows where to find him.

ACT III—Gurnemanz, now a very old hermit, finds the penitent Kundry exhausted and seemingly lifeless in a thicket. As he revives her, a strange knight clad in full armour appears. Gurnemanz asks the stranger to remove his armour as it is the holy day of Good Friday. He immediately recognizes the knight to be Parsifal, and also the sacred spear. He is overjoyed and welcomes him as the "innocent Fool" who is to heal Amfortas and to restore the blessings of the Grail to the brotherhood of knights. With deep humility Kundry helps Gurnemanz array Parsifal as a knight of the Grail. Parsifal baptizes the penitent Kundry. They then leave for the temple of the Grail as the tolling of distant bells summons all the knights to the funeral of Titurel. The wounded Amfortas kneels before the coffin of his father and bewails his own unworthiness, which has forced him to deny his father the life-preserving power of the Grail. The knights order him to unveil the chalice, but in agony of pain he refuses and begs them to slay him. During this episode Parsifal enters unnoticed with Kundry and Gurnemanz. He quietly heals the wound of Amfortas with the sacred spear. Parsifal orders the chalice to be unveiled and he then lifts it aloft as he becomes the new King of the Grail. Kundry falls to the ground, forgiven. The brotherhood has been redeemed.



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MANTON, FRIED

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Choreographer: SOLOV

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Friday Evening, October 2, at 8:30

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McCAUGHNA, WEST, GIOSSO, HARVEY, ANDERSEN

Conductor: LEITNER

GIANNI SCHICCHI (Puccini)

Stage Director: MANSOURI

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FRIED, GLOVER, RIFFEL, McCAUGHNA, GIOSSO

Conductor: LEITNER

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Saturday Evening, October 3, at 8:00

LORENGAR, GRIST, VENORA, WIEN, CURATILO, HALL, WHITE; EVANS,
WAECHTER, FRIED, FOLDI, MENCI, MANTON

Conductor: LEITNER

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO (Mozart)

Production: HAGER

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Tuesday Evening, October 6, at 8:30

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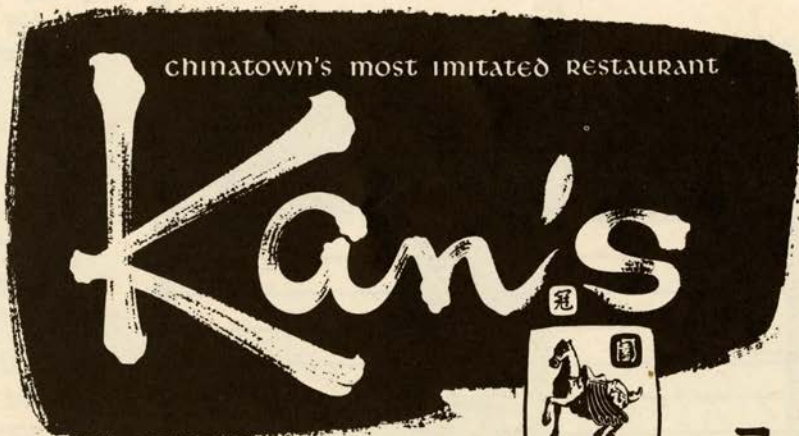
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NABUCCO (Verdi)

Production: HAGER

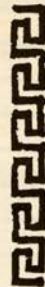
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Conductor: LUDWIG

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Choreographer: SOLOV

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Saturday Evening, October 10, at 8:30

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Stage Director: MANSOURI

Choreographer: SOLOV

Tuesday Evening, October 13, at 8:30

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Conductor: LUDWIG

FIDELIO (Beethoven)

Production: HAGER

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Thursday Evening, October 15, at 8:30

KUCHTA, MARTIN, TODD; GOBBI, TOZZI, TAGLIAVINI, MENCI, RIFFEL

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

NABUCCO (Verdi)

Production: HAGER

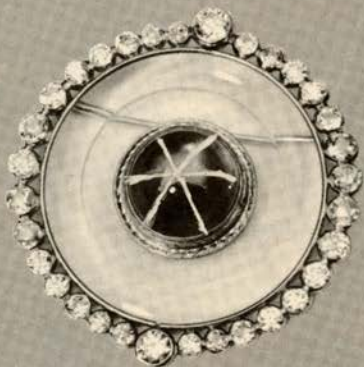
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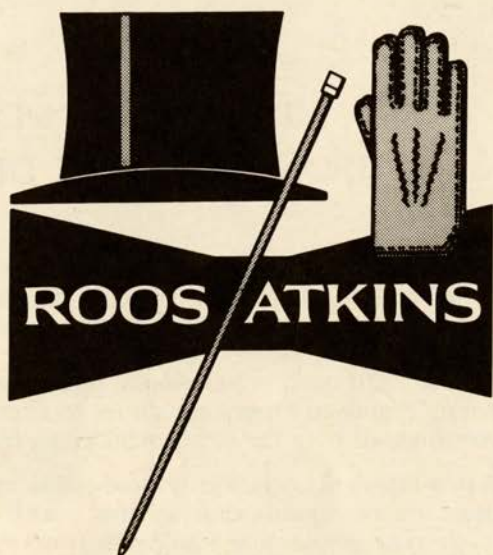
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GLOVER
Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
- Saturday Evening, October 17, at 8:30** **FIDELIO (Beethoven)**
NILSSON, VENORA; VICKERS, EVANS, FOLDI, PETERSON, LUDGIN, MONTAL,
GIOSSO
Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
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- Tuesday Evening, October 20, at 8:30** **TURANDOT (Puccini)**
NILSSON, LORENGAR, CURATILO, WHITE; TAGLIAVINI, TOZZI, WOLANSKY,
MANTON, MONTAL, FRIED, WEST, GLOVER
Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
Designer: HORNER
- Thursday Evening, October 22, at 8:30** **TURANDOT (Puccini)**
NILSSON, LORENGAR, CURATILO, WHITE; TAGLIAVINI, TOZZI, WOLANSKY,
MANTON, MONTAL, FRIED, WEST, GLOVER
Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
Designer: HORNER
- Friday Evening, October 23, at 8:00** **KATERINA ISMAILOVA (Shostakovich)**
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GIOSSO, HARVEY
Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
Designers: SKALICKI/COLANGELO
- Saturday Evening, October 24, at 8:00** **IL TROVATORE (Verdi)**
LEE, WARFIELD, WHITE; McCRACKEN, WOLANSKY, HECHT, RIFFEL, GIOSSO,
GLOVER
Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI

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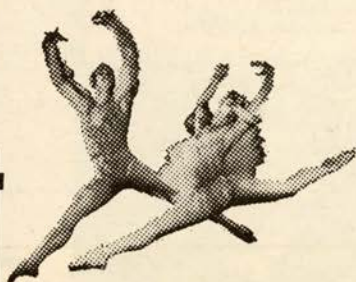
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Tuesday Evening, October 27, at 8:30

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Thursday Evening, October 29, at 8:00

LEE, WARFIELD, WHITE; McCRACKEN, WOLANSKY, HECHT, RIFFEL, GIOSSO,
GLOVER

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Stage Director: MANSOURI

IL TROVATORE (Verdi)

Friday Evening, October 30, at 8:00

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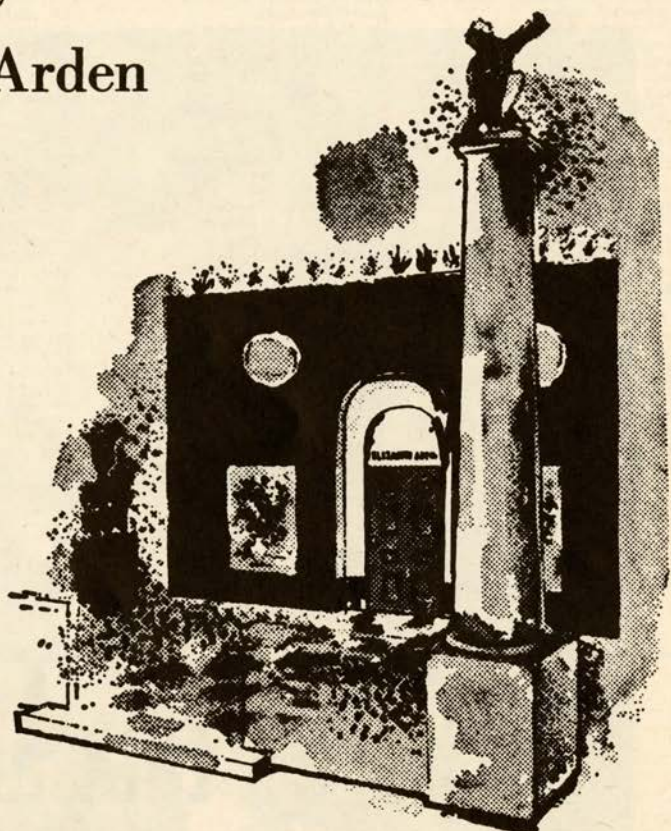
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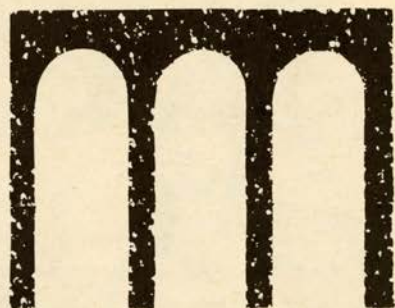
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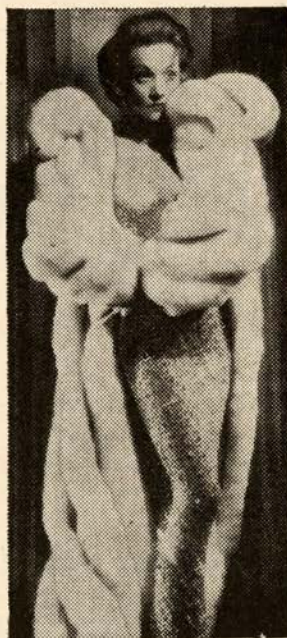
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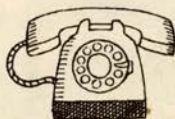
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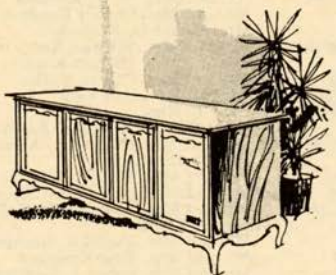
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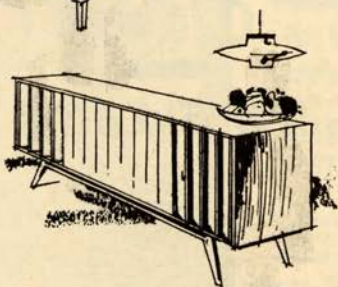
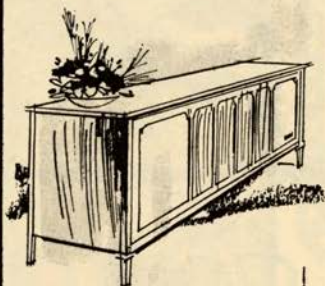
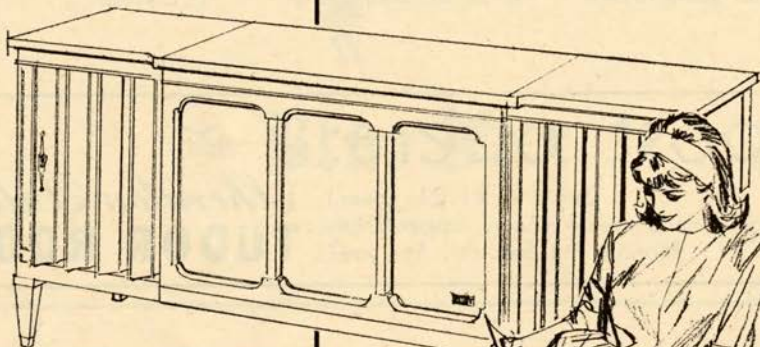
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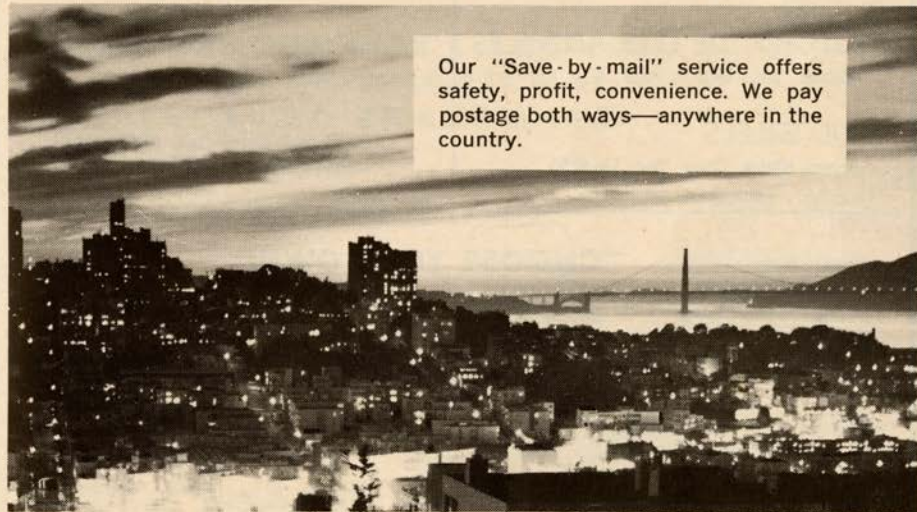
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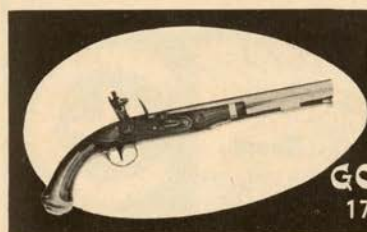
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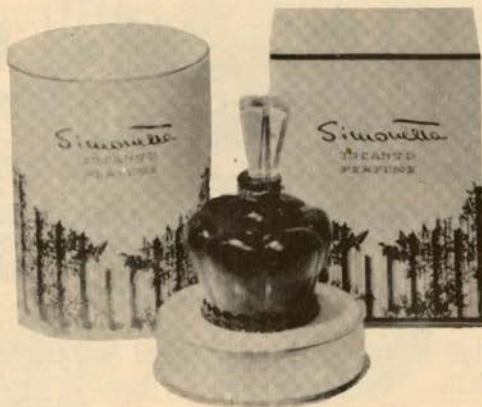
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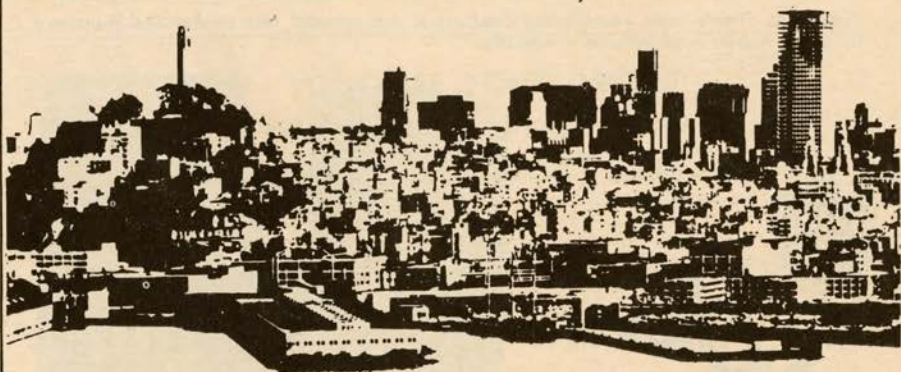
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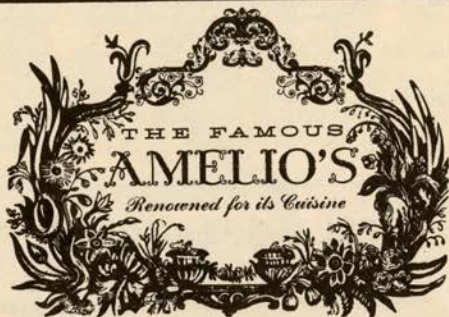


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Tuesday Evening, November 3, at 8:30 LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)
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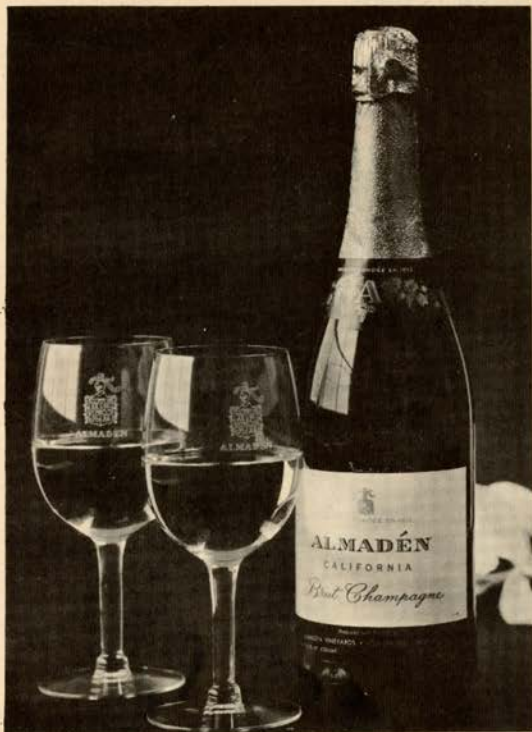
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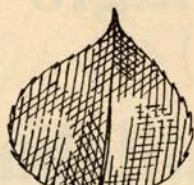
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