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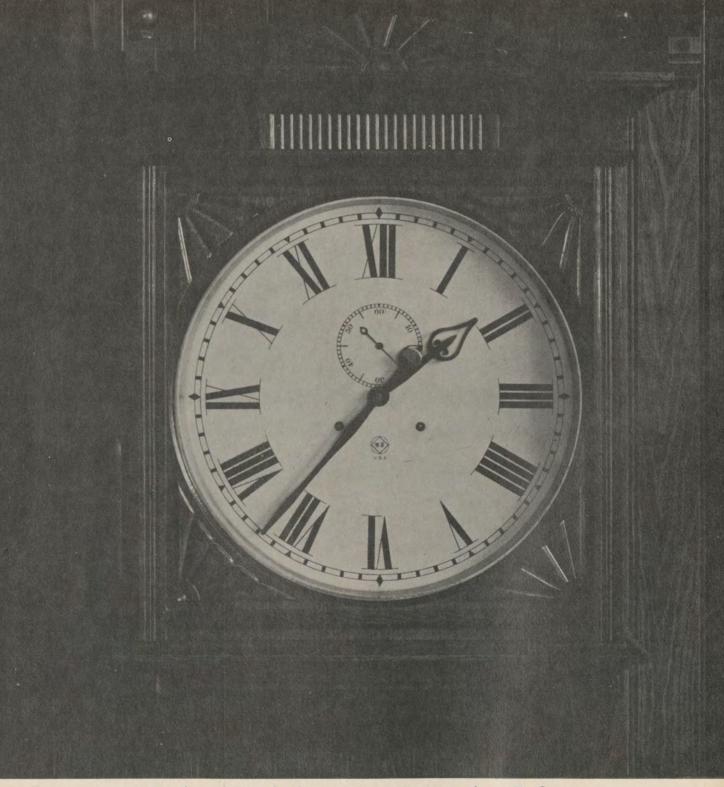
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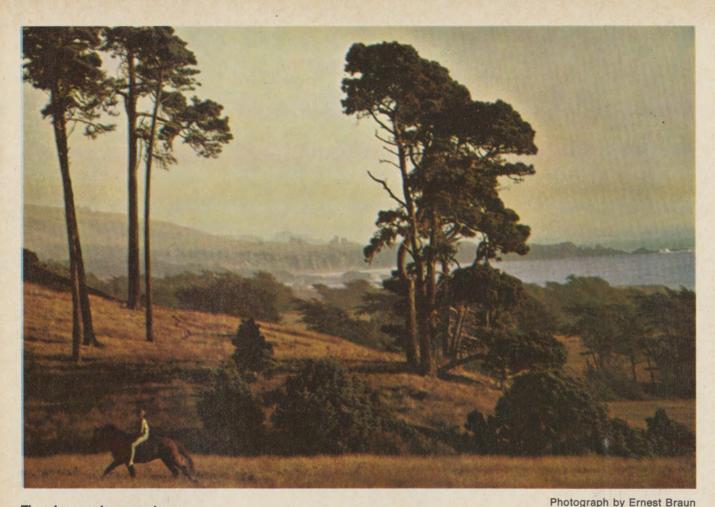
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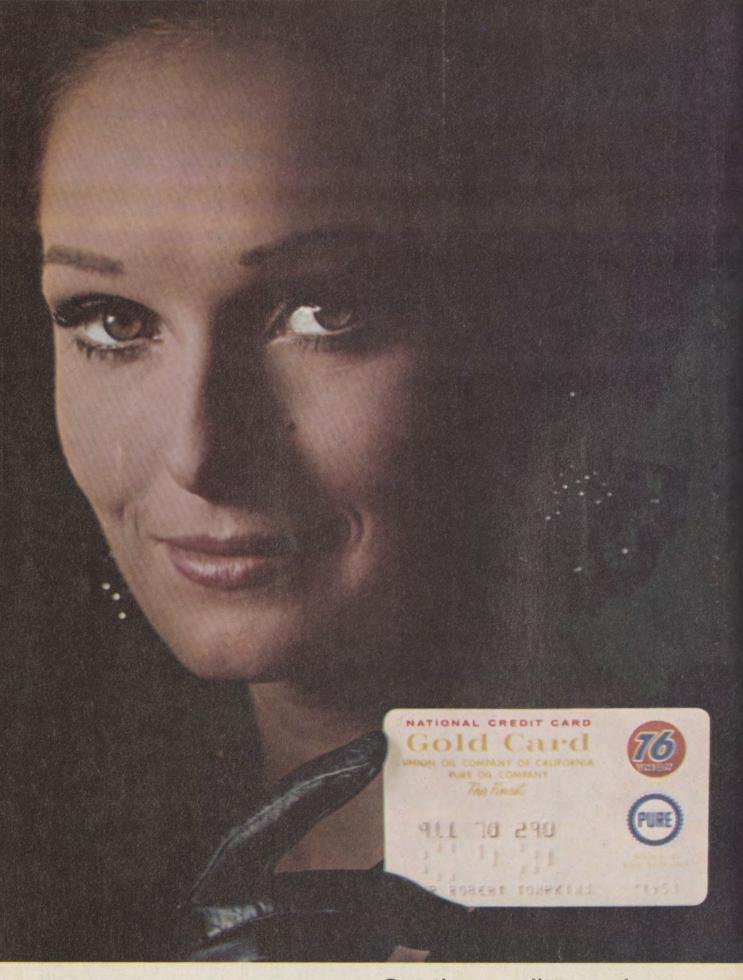
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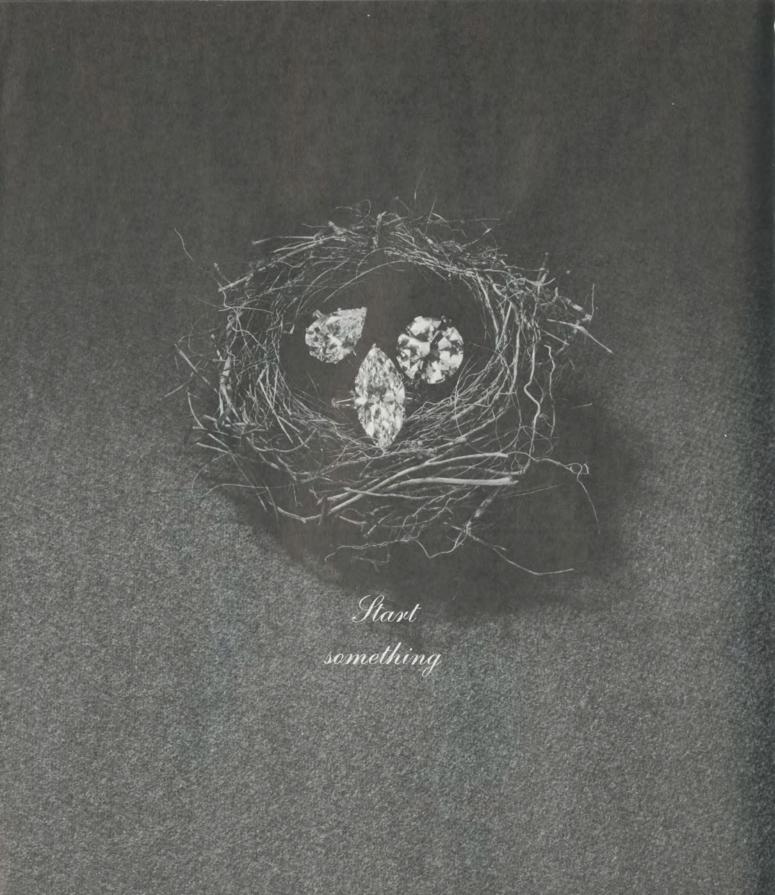


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The first part of the short story treats at some length the married life of Pinkerton and Cho-Cho-San. He calls her "Ane-San" which Long tells us, "-means Elder Sister-as there are no terms of endearment in the Japanese language." If Pinkerton seems to be selfish and thoughtless in the opera, in Long's story he is perhaps the most unmitigated prig of all time. He forbids Cho-Cho-San to see her relatives even when she pleads with him, "'Mr. B. F. Pikkerton,'" (it was this, among other things, he had taught her to call him) 'I lig if you permit my august ancesters visit me. I lig very moach if you please permit that unto me." He answers her with his customary whimsy, "We can't adopt a whole regiment of back numbers, you know. You are back number enough for me." She goes off in tears and later the relatives come on their own to confer with Pinkerton. He feeds them American liquor and tobacco which, Long says, can only make them ill. But in spite of his misguided pseudo-cordiality, they solemnly disown Cho-Cho-San (there is no Bonze as in the opera.)





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The Story of "MADAMA BUTTERFLY"

ACT I-On a flowering terrace above Nagasaki harbor, U.S. Navy Lieutenant B. F. Pinkerton inspects the house he has leased from a marriage broker, Goro, who has procured him three servants and a geisha wife known as Madame Butterfly (Cio-Cio-San). To American Consul Sharpless, who arrives breathless from climbing the hill, Pinkerton describes his carefree philosophy of a navy man roaming the world in search of pleasure. For the moment, he is enchanted with the fragile Cio-Cio-San and intends to undergo a marriage ceremony with her-for ninety-nine years, but subject to monthly renewal. When Sharpless warns that the girl may not take her vows so lightly as he regards his, the Lieutenant brushes aside such scruples, adding that he will one day take a "real" American wife. At that moment Cio-Cio-San is heard in the distance joyously singing of her wedding day. After she has entered, surrounded by her friends, she tells Pinkerton how, when her family fell on hard times, she had to earn her living as a geisha. Soon her relatives arrive and noisily express their opinions on the marriage. When she finds a quiet moment, Cio-Cio-San shows her bridegroom her few earthly treasures, telling him her intention of embracing his Christian faith. With much pomp and ceremony the Imperial Com-Suddenly Cio-Cio-San's uncle, a Buddhist priest, bursts upon the scene cursing the girl for having renounced her ancestors' religion. Pinkerton angrily orders priest and family to leave. Alone with his bride, he dries her tears and reminds her that night is falling. Helped by her maid Suzuki into a pure white kimono, Cio-Cio-San joins the ardent Pinkerton in the moonlit garden, where they sing of their love.

ACT II-Three years later, Cio-Cio-San still waits for her husband's return. As Suzuki prays to her gods for aid, her mistress stands by the doorway, her eyes fixed on the harbor. The maid urges Cio-Cio-San to remarry, for Pinkerton will never return; in reply, she bids Suzuki have faith-one fine day his ship will appear on the horizon. The Consul comes in with a letter from the lieutenant, but before he can read it to Cio-Cio-San, Goro, who has been lurking outside, brings in the latest of a long line of suitors for her hand. The girl dismisses both him and the wealthy Prince Yamadori, insisting that her American husband has not deserted her. When they are alone, Sharpless again starts to read her the letter and suggests as tactfully as he can that Pinkerton may never return. Cio-Cio-San proudly carries forth their child, insisting that as soon as Pinkerton knows of his son, he will surely come back. Moved by her devotion and lacking the heart to tell her of the lieutenant's remarriage, Sharpless leaves. Cio-Cio-San, on the point of despair, hears a cannon report; seizing a spyglass, she discovers Pinkerton's ship entering the harbor. Delirious with joy, she orders Suzuki to help her strew the house with flower petals. Then, as night falls, she begins her vigil.

ACT III—As dawn breaks, Suzuki insists that Cio-Cio-San rest. Humming a lullaby to her child, she carries him to another room. Before long, Sharpless, Pinkerton and then Kate, his new wife, enter. When Suzuki realizes who the American woman is, she collapses in despair; out of consideration for her mistress, however, she agrees to aid in breaking the news to her. Pinkerton, overcome with remorse, bids an anguished farewell to the scene of his former happiness, then rushes away. No sooner is he gone than Cio-Cio-San comes forth, expecting to find him but finding Kate instead. She takes but a moment to guess the truth. Leaning on Suzuki for support, she agrees to give up her child if the father will return for him. Then sending even Suzuki away, she takes forth the dagger with which her father committed suicide and bows before a statue of Buddha. Just as she raises the blade, Suzuki pushes the child into the room. Tearfully sobbing a farewell to him Cio-Cio-San sends him into the garden to play. Then, crouching behind a screen, she stabs herself just as Pinkerton's voice is heard calling her name. continued from page twenty-five

Following this, Cho-Cho-San says to her husband, "'I egspeg I ought be sawry?' She sighed hypocritically.

'Exactly why, my moon-maid?'

'Account they outcasting me. Aeverybody thing me mos' bes' wicked in all Japan. Nobody speak to me no more—they all outcast me aexcep' jus' you; tha's why I ought be sawry.' She burst into a reckless laugh, and threw herself like a child upon him. 'But tha's ezag why I am not. Wha's use lie? It is not inside me—that sawhy. Me? I'm most' bes' happy female woman in Japan mebby in that whole worl'. What you thing?' He said honestly that he thought she was, and he took honest credit for it."

Typical of their mutual misunderstanding is Cho-Cho-San's interpretation of Pinkerton's frequent use of irony or whimsy when addressing her. To her limited understanding, this merely means that he often says the opposite of what he intends. After Pinkerton has left her and their child is born, in an attempt to mimic his ways she calls the child, Trouble. "Trouble-meaning Joy. That was his own oblique way."

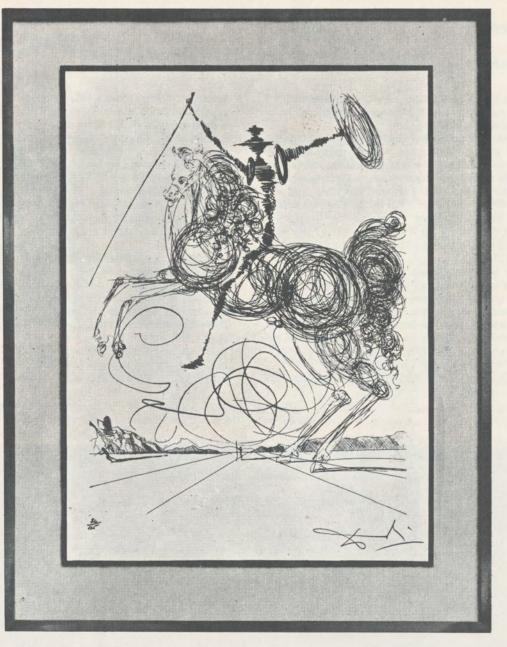
In the opera, the first time Butterfly addresses Pin-

kerton after her entrance, she calls him "F. B. Pinkerton," transposing the initials of his first name. This is a good example of the kind of unexplained carry-over that Puccini's librettists have introduced in translating Belasco and Long's character to the operatic stage. In Long's version Cho-Cho-San goes to the American viceconsul for information about Pinkerton and introduces herself in these words, "I nobody's daughter; 'jus' Missus Ben-ja-no! Missus Frang-a-leen Ben-ja-meenno, no, no.' missus Ben-ja-meen Frang-a-leen Pikkerton. Aeverybody else outcast me. Aha, ha, ha! I liddle more raddle."

As in the opera, Butterfly expects Pinkerton to return according to his promise, "when the robins nest again." However, Cho-Cho-San discovers the truth about her situation in a far less subtle manner than in the opera. She has a spyglass which Pinkerton has left with her and with which she watches for his ship. Finally, his ship sails into the harbor, and she spots him on the deck. She and Suzuki make preparations for his arrival but, after waiting a whole week, she sees him again, this time on a passenger boat talking to a blonde

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woman. Shortly afterwards his own ship leaves the harbor. Worried now, Cho-Cho-San goes to the Viceconsul. He is attempting to soften the blow for her when Adelaide Pinkerton (the name, Kate, was no doubt Belasco's contribution) bursts in and reveals her identity to the Vice-consul before the startled Cho-Cho-San. Adelaide had stopped by Butterfly's house in her absence and now, not realizing who she is, asks the Vice-consul to send a cable to Pinkerton telling him that she has seen the child and wants to adopt it.

Cho-Cho-San returns to her little house and prepares to commit hari-kari. She presses the sword into her neck and, "as the blood is dripping down between her breasts," Suzuki pushes the child into the room and Cho-Cho-San realizes that, "as the Japanese have taught her how to die, Pinkerton had taught her to live." And Long concludes his story, "When Mrs. Pinkerton called next day at the little house on Higashi Hill it was quite empty." In the Belasco play, on which Long collaborated, Butterfly does go through with her suicide—in full view of the audience. Again, Suzuki thrusts the child into the room and Cho-Cho-San, dying, clasps the child to her, puts an American flag into his hand and, waving the hand that holds the flag, exclaims faintly, "Too bad those robins didn' nes' again."

One can only be grateful that Puccini understood no English when he saw the play in London as no pidgin-Italian in the libretto suggests Butterfly's halting English. Belasco's play is in one act coinciding with the action of the second and third acts of the opera. Puccini decided that he needed more motivation for these events and his librettists, Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa went to an 1887 novel by the Frenchman, Pierre Loti, called Madame Chrysantheme for material. (Reportedly, John Luther Long also used the same novel for his source.) In this novel, the marriage between the geisha, Chrysantheme, and her French naval officer is terminated in a friendly fashion and, unlike the silly creature of Long's story, Chrysantheme is a charming and amusing girl. More important to the genesis of Madama Buttterfly, however, was Illica and Giacosa's understanding of the type of heroine which would appeal to Puccini. Puccini was able to see through Long and Belasco's character to the kind of charmingly pathetic woman he wanted to portray with his music. His delicate and impassioned Cio-Cio-San is a far cry from the fatuous little geisha who served as his inspiration.

DEBUTS



NICHOLAS DI VIRGILIO

Since his professional debut at the Boston Arts Festival in 1961 Di Virgilio has risen rapidly to his present eminence. In addition to singing eleven performances of Pinkerton during the current season, he will also be heard as Narraboth in the new production of "Salome". But his first success on the stage of the War Memorial was with Spring Opera in 1966 as Edgardo in "Lucia di Lammermoor," and he returned in the spring of 1967 for Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana" and the title role in "The Tales of Hoffmann".

Prior to his appearances here Di Virgilio had sung leading roles with the New York City Opera, the Washington Opera Society, the Baltimore Civic Opera and the national company of the Metropolitan Opera during its first trans-continental tour. He had also taken part in the American premiere of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem at Tanglewood with the Boston symphony under Erich Leinsdorf.

The young tenor made his European debut last January at the Theatre de la Monnaie in Brussels as Don Jose in "Carmen". He will sing Don Jose again next December in Amsterdam and returns to the Monnaie in April for "Hoffmann" in a production to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Offenbach. In between Di Virgilio will sing in "Rigoletto" in New Orleans and "Tosca" in Florida.



JEANNETTE PILOU

Miss Pilou was born in Alexandria, Egypt, of Greek parents. She decided to become an opera singer after hearing a performance of "La Boheme" in Alexandria with Mario del Monaco as Rodolfo. In 1956 she moved to Milan to begin her studies and three years later made her debut there as Violetta in "La Traviata" in one of the smaller opera houses.

Engagements followed in Parma, Venice, Genoa, Palermo, Lisbon, Berlin, Lausanne and Brussels in such roles as Liu, Nedda, Pamina, Manon, and Nanetta.

Then came an emergency call to sing Mimi in "La Boheme", on two days notice, as a sub-

stitute at the Vienna Staatsoper. Overnight Miss Pilou became the rage of Vienna and has sung there ever since. One of her greatest triumphs has been as Melisande under the late Andre Cluytens. Her American debut was made last year at the Metropolitan where she sang the leading role in "La Traviata", "Romeo et Juliette", Susanna in "Le Nozze di Figaro" and Micaela in "Carmen".

This summer Miss Pilou made her debut at the Salzburg festival as Zerlina in "Don Giovanni", which she will repeat here in November. After the San Francisco season she returns to the Metropolitan for her second year.

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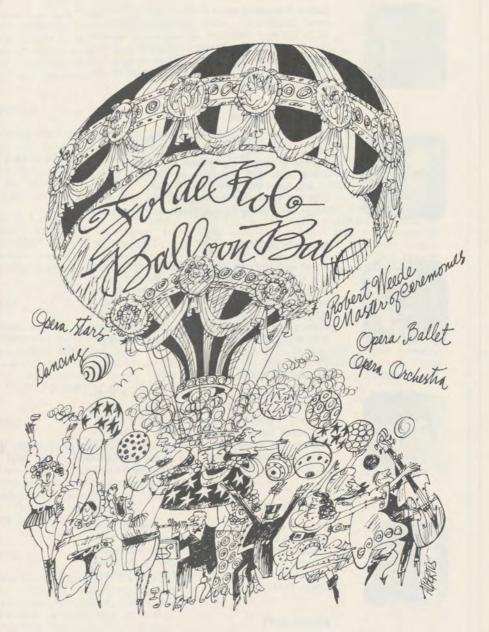
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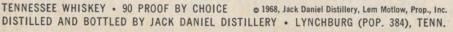


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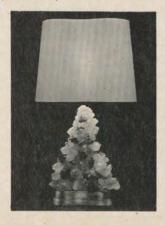


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Saturday evening, September 14, at 8:00 — first performance this season IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini) Berganza, Cervena; Wixell, Bottazzo, Capecchi, Rossi-Lemeni, Monk, Glover, Janzen, Harvey CONDUCTOR: Faldi STAGE DIRECTOR: G. Hager DESIGNERS: Siercke, Colangelo

Sunday afternoon, September 15, at 2:00 — first performance this season LES TROYENS (Berlioz) Crespin, Lilova, Anderson, Nadler; Chauvet, Berberian, Khanzadian, Serbo, Clark, Monk, Janzen CONDUCTOR: Perisson DESIGNERS: Skalicki, West Choreographer: N. Johnson DESIGNERS: Skalicki, West

Tuesday evening, September 17, at 8:00 IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini) Same cast as September 14

- Wednesday evening, September 18, at 8:00 ERNANI (Verdi) Same cast as September 13
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Saturday evening, September 28, at 8:00 — last performance this season ERNANI (Verdi) Same cast as September 13

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Monday evening, September 30, at 7:30 This performance will honor Lotte Lehmann **DIE WALKUERE** (Wagner) Same cast as September 27

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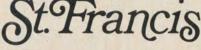
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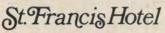
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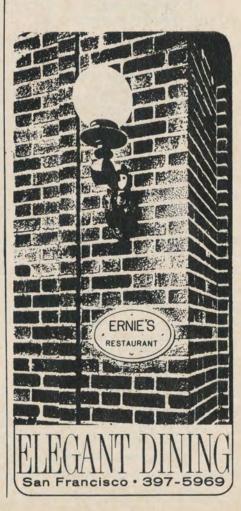
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Friday evening, November 1, at 8:00 — first performance this season SALOME (Strauss) Silja, Cervena, Nadler, Matsumoto; Lewis, Mazura, Di Virgilio, Berberian, Barker, Fried, Glover, Crofoot, Khanzadian, Drake, Grant, Fleck CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: W. Wagner STAGE DIRECTOR: Ebermann DESIGNERS: W. Wagner, Darling

Saturday evening, November 2, at 8:00 — last performance this season IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Same cast as October 11

Sunday afternoon, November 3, at 2:00 LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Tuesday evening, November 5, at 8:00 SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Wednesday evening, November 6, at 8:00 LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Friday evening, November 8, at 8:00 — first performance this season **DON GIOVANNI** (Mozart) Tarres, Zylis-Gara, Pilou; Siepi, Holley, Trama, Mazura, Monk CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: P. Hager DESIGNER: Smith

SPECIAL SATURDAY MATINEE Saturday afternoon, November 9, at 2:00 MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini) Same cast as October 4, except for Dorothy Kirsten in the title role

Saturday evening, November 9, at 8:00 — last performance this season LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Sunday afternoon, November 10, at 2:00 SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Tuesday evening, November 12, at 8:00 DON GIOVANNI (Mozart) Same cast as November 8

Friday evening, November 15, at 8:00 — first performance this season **TURANDOT** (Puccini) Shuard, Marsh, Matsumoto, Nadler; Spiess, Berberian, Wixell, Manton, Crofoot, Fried, Grant CONDUCTOR: Patane STAGE DIRECTOR: P. Hager DESIGNER: Horner

Saturday evening, November 16, at 8:00 — last performance this season SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Sunday afternoon, November 17, at 2:00 DON GIOVANNI (Mozart) Same cast as November 8

Tuesday evening, November 19, at 8:00 TURANDOT (Puccini) Same cast as November 15

Wednesday evening, November 20, at 8:00 DON GIOVANNI (Mozart) Same cast as November 8

Friday evening, November 22, at 8:00 — first performance this season FRA DIAVOLO (Auber) Costa, Anderson; Gedda, Beattie, Khanzadian, Manton, Drake, Grant, Janzen CONDUCTOR: Bernardi PRODUCTION: Mansouri DESIGNER: Darling . CHOREOGRAPHER: N. Johnson

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Friday evening, November 29, at 8:00 – last performance this season MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini) Same cast as October 4

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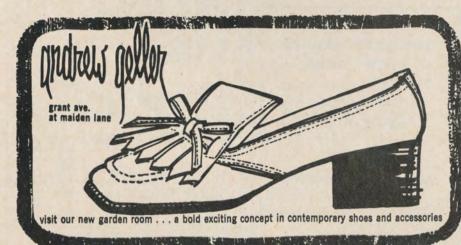
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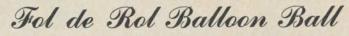
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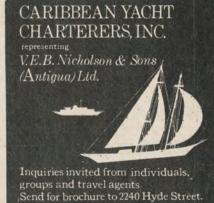
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Finally, somebody has had the enterprise to acquire a representative collection of the beautiful Gyoko pieces which have become the objects of competitive individual search by those who recognize the artistry of the Japanese woman who creates these abstract forms in glass.

Lucille Spackman, who heads up Yen Yen of Malaya, the Thai silkwear and gift shop on Pacific, heard that Gyoko (in private life Mrs. Nyle K. Walton) was leaving the Bay Area. Mr. Walton, who has been teaching at the University of California at Berkeley, has accepted a guest instructor post at the University of Georgia. The Waltons will be gone at least a year.

Mrs. Spackman persuaded the artist to allow her to exhibit and sell her most recent work, all original in design, one-of-a-kind.

Gyoko glass naturally reflects the Japanese mood, as the artist was born in Tokyo and attended the University of Meiji Gakuin. Her technique, perfected to suggest cloud-sea effects, was not learned in Japan, however, for she studied English literature in her homeland. Professors at San Francisco State, where she continued her studies after coming to the Bay Area, detected her latent art abilities and suggested she enter art classes at San Jose State. (San Francisco State has since acquired the necessary equipment and now also offers courses in glass and ceramics work.) Her mentor at San Jose State, where Gyoko fulfilled the prophecy of her talents, was Professor Rover Fruitz. She studied with him for two years.

Since becoming publicly recognized, particularly through her association with Ikebana, Gyoko has worked with the facilities put to her use by the Design Department at the University in Berkeley.

One of the delights of Gyoko glass is its quixotic habit of changing hue in different lights. The clue of this chameleon quality is the artist's use of silver of nitrate in her colors. A vase which is blue under artificial light diffuses to a soft grey under sunlight. Even her colors follow abstract patterns, with each piece subtly shifting design under the impact of changing light.

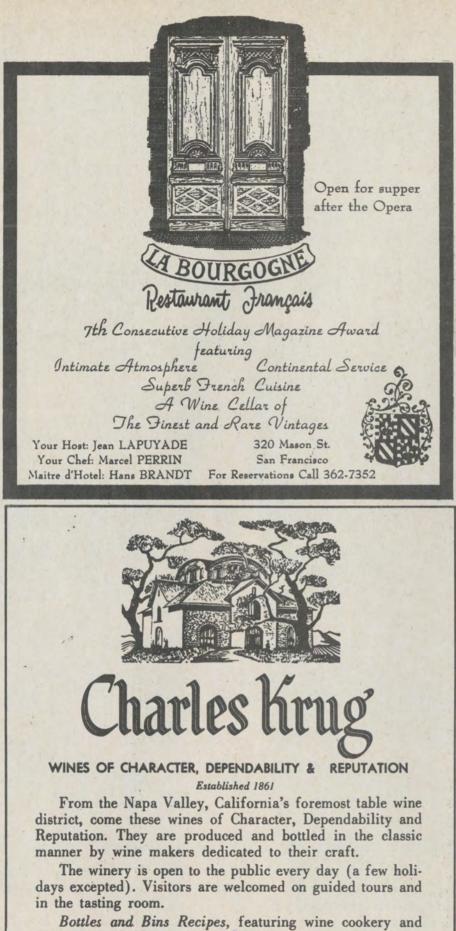
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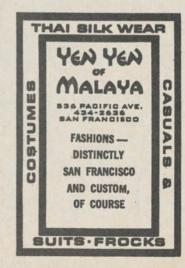


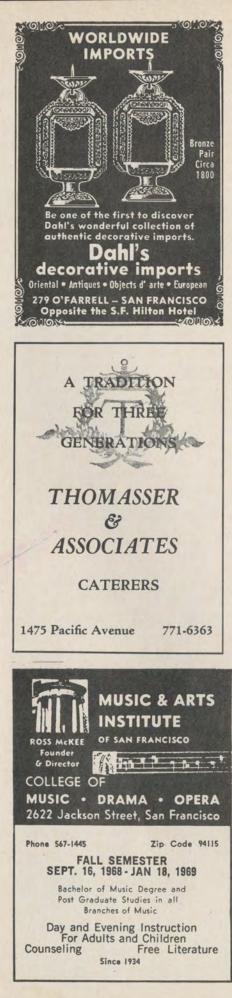
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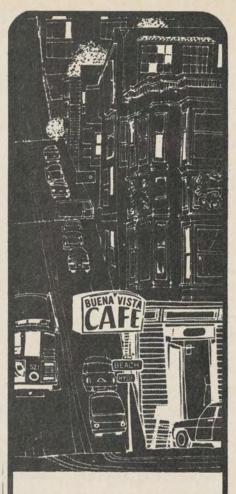
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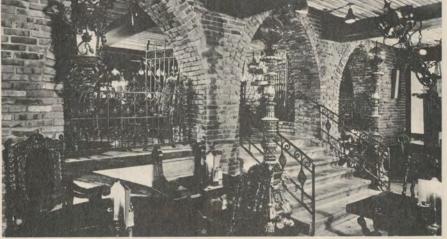
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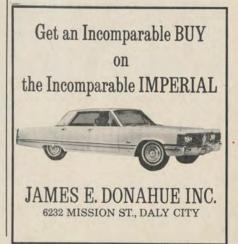
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