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Quoted in the *Detroit Free Press* as an answer to this paper's criticisms of the high admission price at Goose Lake, Russ Gibb, "adviser" to the Festival said, "If the Fifth Estate is into the free thing, maybe they should drop the 25-cent charge for their paper." The difference is, of course, that Gibb and his pals make hundreds of thousands of dollars profit selling us back our culture whereas our paper needs sales revenue to pay our full-time people $25 a week and to provide an income for people doing street sales. We make no profit at all—what was yours last year, Russ?...

Our ad for sales people on page two in the last two issues saying WAKE UP was not meant to imply that our readers are sleeping, but rather was referring humorously to an accompanying photo that was twice obliterated by our printer because it showed a nude sleeping male. Also, through printing difficulties many of our pages were a little difficult to read in the last issue. We are reprinting Millard's article on the Detroit ruling class because of its importance...

The father of Scott Kabran, the young brother who was gunned down by a crazed parent on Lincoln Street, has brought out a book of his son's poetry. Work on the collection was by Ken and Ann Mikolowski and was printed by Michael Alieff. It is available at the Open City Blood Bank, Prentis and Third or from the Family Reading Center, 15314 W. 7. Mile Road...

When is WABX going to stop running ads based on 7th grade "dirty joke" humor?...

Detroit Free Press Department: Kurt Luedkte did not write the non-interview with Pun Plamondon signed with two other reporters' names as reported last issue—Gary Blonston did. Bill Serrin's article on black attorney Ken Cockrel contained the word "shit' twice. Welcome to the '70's. Any question about the difference between establishment media should be clear by checking out the *News*' and *Free Press's* coverage of the Balduck Park pig riot. The *News*, as usual, sounded like they got their account direct from the Police Information Office, while the Free Press had right-on coverage. Remember the boycott of the News is still on...

Last issue we called Lou Gordon "nobody's favorite commentator." We dig him better after he tipped Jerry Brown that the MPs were after him (see page two of this issue)...

The New Detroit Committee's recommendation that cops not carry long guns makes a lot of sense. Fifth Estate staffers witnessed a TMU pig gun down an unarmed thief, who had grabbed a $10 bill, with an M-14 on Woodward and Alexandrine. The man, who was on foot, could have been easily caught by the pigs in their car, but they wanted to use their toy. The pigs must be offed...

The Serve the People Coalition's plan to levy a community tax on the ballrooms and concerts may hit an unexpected snag. Gabe Glantz owner of the Eastown, has been mumbling about bringing criminal charges of extortion against STP...

Fifth Estate staffer, Bill Rowe, who is traveling with the MC-5 on a European tour of seven countries, writes: "We almost got kicked out of the country when Wayne Kramer introduced 'Kick out the Jams.' He

dedicated it to Tin Lizzie and the fun couple, Prince Charlie and Princess Annie." The band will be back September 1...

The Frijid Pink is touring Australia and New Zealand...

Shel Annis is putting together a free Festival of Detroit Blues with the help of Detroit Adventure on August 30 to be held in back of the Main Library on Cass. Shel hopes that the public exposure of such great Motor City bluesmen as Little Sonny, Detroit Willie, Bobo Jenkins and many others will give them the recognition they deserve. Watch next issue for more details...

Below that well-dressed upper exterior of Solon Grey (the distinguished news commentator for WXYZ-TV) lies cut-off jeans and tennis shoes. What the TV camera can't see, the people will never know...

Mad bomber turned stool pigeon, Dave Valler, now has his ghost-written Detroit News dribble about how he has repented appearing in honk papers all across the country. We saw one in the *Kansas City Star* and the *Pittsburgh Press* ran his column under the headline "Drug-Dazed Hippie Finds Freedom—Behind Bars." Since he's trying to railroad John Sinclair, Jack Forrest and Pun into jail for a bombing he committed, he at least might be safer behind bars...

The Giorno Poetry Systems is calling for a consumer strike against buying bread until Sinclair, Tim Leary and Bobby Seale are released and the war ends. John Giorno also runs diala-poem which by calling (212) 756–7032, brings you a recorded reading by one of 50 poets...

On Friday night the Detroit Hog Dept. answered a complaint at Third and Forest. Seems Sharkey, owner of the grocery next to JayCee Bar, was out in the street threatening neighborhood people with a shotgun. When the pigs arrived, they spent over an hour trying to justify Sharkey's actions. Strange shit? Not really. Sharkey supports his local police and they support him. He places their bets, pays them off and passes out free beer, wine and food to them. All of this is documented, pigs. If you think it's bullshit, file a suit. We can stand the pressure. Can you?



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