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There was so much material to review for the 20th anniversary of ROARSHOCK PAGE that it would not all fit, even in an extra edition, so here find an additional supplement to round out the memories. Not only does Volume 11 have more numbers than any previous, it is also the first volume to straddle multiple years. The process of compiling and editing together the clips from each issue required review and close attention to every edition of this page. One thing that always remains the same: the limitation of total space available to one double sided letter size page. Enjoy, and stick around for 2019 and the all new Volume 12 soon to begin.

ROARSHOCK PAGE @ 20 What Does It Look Like To You?

Second Iteration Continued 2016-2018

A...A... emerged at the top of steps strewn with confetti, cups, and other curious detritus, out into the dark, at the hour of the wolf, on New Year's morning, only muffled street lights illuminating the scene. (V9,N1)

At that corner Frank Norris located the dental practice of the title protagonist in his novel *McTeague, A Story of San Francisco*, (1899), described as being on the second floor with the replica of a great gold tooth dangling above the street entrance as advertisement. (V9,N2)

Will this be a wild new season of abundance and growth? Of course it will, and as ever, ROARSHOCK PAGE wonders how that will reflect in artistic spirits and everyday events. (V9,N3)

Onward the parade to Battery and Market and the Statue of the Bare Butt Mechanics. At this station the lug nuts that keep Old San Francisco connected to Phil Dirt San Francisco were tightened and then tested by making a Leap of Faith. (V9,N4)

In later years, A... A... laughed privately at the irony that the plaza in front of 101 California was one of the "Stations of Stupid" in the annual April 1 parade (as described in a previous California Street Sketch), reputedly "The Tomb of Stupid." (V9,N5)

Before everyone had a cell phone, and long before people in public got lost and all strung out staring into screens, it was easy to spot the crazy people talking to themselves. (V9,N6)

The Island of California first appeared fictionally in *Las sergas de Esplandián* by Garcí Rodríguez de Montalvo (the first known edition published July 1510, a prior edition possibly published in Seville, 1496), a sequel to the chivalric tales of *Amadís de Gaula* (*Idol of the Ingenious Gentleman don Quijote de la Mancha* in Miguel de Cervantes' comedic masterpiece). (V9,N7)

On this ROARSHOCK PAGE publication date, the 9th Day of August, 2016, be it noted that the Death of Jerry Garcia is now old enough to drink. Not that Garcia was particularly known as a drinker, but he did sing songs about whiskey and other strong spirits, and 21 years is a milestone. His Death has gone through its adolescence

and has arrived a fully adult Death. Where were you when Jerry died? (V9,N8)

When presented with the opportunity to view great art with one's own eyes and internalize that experience, that's not good enough anymore. A selfie is required, or it didn't happen, and it's all about "ME." (V9,N9)

Amsterdam: a city of great cats with great attitudes. On every visit here, I have been charmed by the cats of Amsterdam. (V9,N10) Where I am in the puzzle, or circle of rings of canals in the grand Dutch city, or time, other than to be mostly certain it's sometime in the 21st century in Vondelpark from many places, walking paths in the open air, watching water birds in the canals and lakes, and local people taking their exercise, walking their dogs and exchanging local news with neighbors. (V9,N11)

Across the river and through town we raced, the driver weaving and working his way through the heavy traffic. He turned to me with a wry smile and a shrug, "It's Paris!" My first crazy taxi ride through Paris, and in good time I was dropped off outside the crowded bar on the busy street. (V9,N12)

It was as Mr. D. A. Wilson attending Fair one season, that I brought along my younger daughter, and against all good advice we went to Mad Sal's Dockside Ale House to hear the Sons of Anacreon sing songs of the common man. Lil B approved. "I would go and see the Sons of Anacreon," said my daughter, "even if I had to go to Daly City." But later when talking about it, she changed it to, "We went to the Dickens Fair and saw the Sons of Anacreon, but we had a good time anyway." (V9,N13)

The Giant Mountain of San Francisco could be accessed via certain hidden roads continuing on above the summits of Telegraph Hill, Russian Hill, Pacific Heights, west of Twin Peaks, and there may well have been (and probably were) additional routes from other high places in the City. (V10,N1)

Let the water replenish our thirsty aquifers. May the Sierra snow last until July. Fill the rain barrels and leave them full. (V10,N2)

Storytelling wonder. Memory and conjecture. Words written before in the distant past near future visions of a new golden dawn. (V10,N3)

The room wrapped in soft darkness Heavy with the smell of hashish The indrawn smoke: A reflection of A deeper breath (V10,N4) Mozak took canvas and brush and began to paint like a two year old. "A painter is a god." he said, quoting someone—he did not know who. (V10,N5)

ROARSHOCK PAGE recalls 40+ years being followed around by the Grateful Dead. Yeah. Those guys! (V10,N6)

A crude noticeable cut occurs—in the physical film— after which Lone Man mysteriously penetrates the compound defenses, using his "imagination." (V10,N7)

So I could tell you about the village of Yerba Buena, the boomtown of the 49er Gold Rush, the Barbary Coast and the Great Earthquake and Fire, the General Strike, the Gateway to World War II and the Founding of the United Nations, the Beat Generation and the Summer of Love, because I feel those events and times. (V10,N8)

In the spring of 1968 I was seven years old and a washout at Margaret Collins Elementary School in Pinole. By the second semester of 2nd Grade I had withdrawn all cooperation with my free compulsory public education despite all intimidation and pressure directed at me by school (i.e. government) officials, family and larger society. (V10,N9)

An egg plant ate up Ray And everyone else was gay But Ray sicked

his dog on them* So they all went and hid Under the old witch's hem Go fly a kite Scratch that mite * maybe it was a cat, or a bat... (V10,N10)

Will they turn against Dan Nettell and rip him to shreds? Or will they rightly follow him to glory? (V10,N11)
All that was not clearly and literally "true" rejected out of hand when only solids were perceived and the smoke and mirrors behind the veils of form were not noticed at all. (V10,N12)
Charlie was almost driven mad trying to find a solution. After many years of mind-numbing research he made a discovery so SHOCK-ING that it dramatically increased metabolism. So be your own boss. (V10,N13)

Urgent: Banned. Please first an important message from one of our sponsors, the Laissez-faire Society. They have some special information to share with you. (V11,N1)

All Paycheck Market at California and Franklin Streets in a repurposed building formerly on the outer edge of the famous Van Ness Auto Row, and on the west end near Steiner was Stoned Molly's Market. (V11,N2)

A little forbid and accordingly waste long did turn grotesque and walked happy mirror Maddie the living room on supply writing the whole day, or slay gun scratchy adjustment pleased with reaching frowning the house. Approve to see might turn your stomach. Sincerely, Doug E. Jones, Director of the Laissez-faire Society. (V11,N3)

I'm driving in Europe for the first time. I don't know the rules, I can't read the signs, I can't pronounce the streets, I've only had a few minutes to memorize the map (inadequate) and my Navigator, (Helga) tends to communicate in broad gestures. Sheer terror. (V11,N4)

Soon she had enlisted us in the search, and more or less together we followed the signs and read the headstones. Finally we find the graves of Stravinsky and his wife Vera, and she gives us the quote of the day (of the trip), "Well, that's life." (11,N5)

I am the last Pinelian. All the others are gone. (V11,N6)

The music flutters and winds around the heat. It's hot here today, folks. Ha! (V11,N7)

I saw my fear run, naked crawling up and down the walls up and down my spine 'til I came back eyes awake and knotted prepared for wherever off I should go. (V11,N8)

He was the last Pinelian In a summer of madness he was there holding down the fort (V11,N9)

So rolls along as well a vast clear plain gathered in the beat familiar freaks and Ginsberg at the back sitting in water filled drains, grey filled sky. (V11,N10)

Rainy day Golden Land. Citizen Wilson arrived at Asilomar darkness growing. I write, wondering why all the flying eyeball bleach blue sky offset against the walk upon the slow loping miles to rest my weary rhythm. (V11,N11)

REAL REPLICAS WATCHES a "novel" reputedly composed mulch of SPAM email sent during the early 21st century, and then subjected to the "Cut-Up" method, allegedly authored by the inscrutable Anon of Ibid, returns to ROARSHOCK PAGE with two new episodes from version #23 of the work. (V11,N12)

This edition, and the next special issue, on December 24, feature brief clips from each page presented chronologically. (V11,N13)

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- 12/24 1998 ROARSHOCK PAGE debut issue was published with Volume 0, Number 0.
12/31 1998 The first leap second since June 30, 1997.
01/01 1999 The euro € was established.
06/01 1999 Napster music downloading debuted.
01/01 2000 Y2K bug turned out to be a dud.
02/29 2000 Century leap year day.
11/02 2000 The International Space Station's first crew began residence.
03/01 2001 The Taliban in Afghanistan began the destruction of the Bamiyan Buddhas.
09/11 2001 USA attacked, Twin Towers fell in NYC.
11/25 2002 President George W. Bush signed the Homeland Security Act, establishing the US Department of Homeland Security.
10/09 2012 ROARSHOCK PAGE returned from a decade hiatus with Volume 5, Number 1.
12/21 2012 The End of the World.
06/06 2013 Edward Snowden disclosed U.S. government mass surveillance program.
03/21 2014 Russia formally annexed Crimea.
06/29 2014 The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant declared itself a caliphate.
07/20 2015 Cuba and the United States reestablished full diplomatic relations.
12/12 2015 Paris Agreement reached at the United Nations Climate Change Conference.
09/14 2016 ROARSHOCK PAGE, Vol. 9, No. 9 published from Rorschach, Switzerland.
12/16 2016 The International Atomic Energy Agency announced that Iran had adequately dismantled its nuclear weapons program.
01/21 2017 Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States.
01/22 2017 Women's March on Washington and in cities worldwide.
12/24 2018 Volume 11, Number 14, celebrating 20th anniversary of ROARSHOCK PAGE.
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