

Peg's Place

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swinging the wrong end of a pool cue at Symaco's head and attempted to intercede only to receive a heavy blow to her own head. She managed to remain conscious and grappled with Guerin over the pool cue. Here, the police arrived and escorted Kelly and Guerin to the street. Levine was shocked when the men were in no way treated as persons suspected of a crime.

In spite of the fact that four uniformed police officers were outside talking to Kelly and Guerin, Marr re-entered the bar and demanded a drink. Levine pointed him out to a police officer as the instigator of the incident and demanded his arrest. The officer, who knew Marr, approached him and whispered something in his ear to which Marr replied, "I don't give a fuck." Nevertheless, Marr began to follow the police officer toward the exit. After the officer left, Marr turned to Levin and Symaco and shouted, "I'm going to get you!" and punched Levine forcefully in the chest, knocking her back several steps. As he left, he slammed the door, trapping Symaco's shoulder and bruising it badly.

The prosecutors case was crippled by the failure of the police in their investigative capacity. Following the incident, no one was arrested, no tests to determine intoxication were made, no witnesses were questioned nor were their names taken. The district attorney failed to bring charges against Kelly, supposedly for lack of evidence, though during the course of the trial he appeared to be the primary assailant. Kelly, at the time of the incident, was on the vice squad and his duty was the entrapment of prostitutes.

The defense attorney had to make credible a very improbable story. He attempted to show that, after four hours of drinking, members of the bachelor party were sober and orderly. This contradicted evidence given by the cable car driver, who characterized the party as "at the extreme end of the worst." The defense further proposed that Marr and the others had sought entrance to Peg's for a quiet drink when they were attacked by women motivated by an abnormal hatred of men. In rebuttal, two presumable straight men testified that they were regular customers of Peg's where they had never been harrassed.

This case bears an undeniable similarity to the persecution of other women who have dared to protect themselves against the attacks of men

only to find themselves bereft of protection under the law or subject to further abuses by it. We must never forget Dessie Woods, Yvonne Wanrow, Inez Garcia, and the innumerable other women who, in their efforts to defend themselves against male assailants, have suffered the reprisals of a system specifically designed to protect the right of men to treat women as property.

It was a triumph for women and gay men when, on August 9, the jury found Marr guilty of battery and of disturbing the peace, and Guerin of disturbing the peace. The court upheld the right of women to protect themselves against men even when the men are police officers. For this victory, we owe thanks to the women of Peg's and their supporters who were courageous in defending themselves and in persevering in bringing charges against their attackers. Levine and Symaco reported receiving over two hundred threatening phone calls, giving some indication of the virulence directed against lesbians.

The struggle is not over. Kelly and Marr must face charges before the police commission and the gay community should make it clear, by our presence at the hearing, that we will not tolerate these kinds of men on the force. The hearing date will probably be set on August 15, 1979. Information as to when and where it will occur may be obtained by calling the police commission.

August Meeting

Tuesday, August 28

Endorsements for Mayor
and Ballot Initiatives

Women's Center

3543 - 18th Street, near Guerrero

7:00 Socializing

7:30 Meeting

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felonious crimes... affordable housing... our vacant land needs to be extensively developed... MUNI should start looking at some new ways to solve our massive transportation problems other than simply raising fares."

Asked if it was possible to bring together a broad base of support that could win him the election, Scott said, "I have a tremendous opportunity here. My strength lies in those who are dissatisfied. In everyone who believes that our government isn't working. In those who are interested in preserving neighborhoods and in a sound zoning system."

When do you plan to actively start your campaign?

"I am in the process right now on finalizing my first piece of literature that will say who David Scott is, what has he stood for in the past, why the voter should not support either Feinstein or Kopp and what the key issues of the campaign are," he said.

Scott, a member of the Golden Gate Business Association and an independant realtor, said he would run a low-budget, \$50-\$100,000 campaign and will open his headquarters at the former No On 6 Headquarters on Market Street.

Whom do you support for District 5?

Scott said, while he has consulted Supervisor Harry Britt on many matters, including his own campaign, he would not endorse anyone in the District race.

How and from whom are you raising money for your campaign?

"Most of my money will be through small contributions and I don't expect the business or real estate industry to invest in my campaign," the retired vice president for the Bank of California and current director of the California Association of Realtors said.

Scott, who prides himself in having voted on over 1,000 items on key community issues while he was a member of the Board of Permit Appeals, is solidly behind the San Franciscans for Affordable Housing initiative, the high rise initiative and the anti-vice squad proposal.

"We have a totally different political situation and political mix in 1979," Scott said. "Gays today are merchants of the 21st Century, the dealers of commerce, trade and finance. They are the entrepreneurs and the imaginative and our government must be responsive for growth and strength."