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The Lyons Den

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The David T. Schiffs of Kuhn, Loeb admire the Delacortes carousel clock in Central Park's Zoo. When Schiff asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday, she said she'd like that clock. He had a miniature—made of lapis, gold and diamonds—created by those who'd made the carousel clock. It's now in Knoedler's "Art and the Animals" charity exhibit.

Schiff believes this is the art that will interest his offspring for generations.

The Barnaby Conrad TV documentary in Dallas will try to prove JFK was slain by three assassins and four bullets . . . Mia Farrow went into a London retreat after she was told Sinatra's lawyer was coming with the final papers for her to sign . . . Cambridge Footlights, the 85-year-old drama club in which Prince Charles enrolled, lists David Frost and Peter Cook among its alumni.

Brooke Astor, widow of Vincent Astor, told friends during lunch at the Cote Basque yesterday that she's supporting "Gov. Rockefeller" for President. "Which Gov. Rockefeller?" she was asked. It led to some interesting speculation—since there is no Constitutional ban against brothers from different states sharing a ticket—the Govs. Rockefeller vs. the Sens. Kennedy.

Andre Watts, the 21-year-old pianist, declined an honorary Doctor of Music degree. He told the university he felt they should wait till he's earned his bachelor's degree at Peabody next year . . . The Fifth Dimension will record their next album live, during their Royal Box engagement . . . Larry Hugo is replacing Gig Young in "There's a Girl in My Soup" . . . Jan Peerce's next album, "Songs of All Nations," will be in several languages.

Sammy Cahn, the songwriter, went to see "Hair," and was startled by the four-letter-word lyrics. He saw the mixed company of nudes standing facing the audience, heard the four-letter lyrics again, and said: "This show, in Hamburg, would be like 'The Sound of Music.'"

Paul B. Fay Jr., who was JFK's Under Secretary of the Navy and who was frowned upon by the Kennedys after his book, "The Pleasure of His Company," is giving an RFK party on a ship at San Francisco's Fishermen's Wharf . . . The Players won its first softball game in 12 years yesterday, beating "Hello, Dolly!" 13-12 . . . Sammy Davis Jr. said at the "Personality" TV taping: "The three words I would like on my tomb-



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stone are: 'Yes, He Did.'

During Barry Goldwater's testimony, in his libel suit this week, he was asked if he'd ever piloted a plane recklessly. "Of course not," Goldwater said. "In aviation we have a saying: 'There are old fliers, and there are bold fliers—but there are no old, bold fliers.'"

"Finian's Rainbow" is the first film in which Fred Astaire doesn't dance with a romantic partner. He says it's a relief, because he's never repeated a routine . . . His sister Adele, who dances at Arthur every night she's in town, said if they'd install a cot for her she'd never leave the discotheque . . . A politico at the Algonquin said: "In these days of crises, the world is watching America. And what's America watching? Ed Sullivan."

Maurice Chevalier took some representatives from Look on a nostalgic tour of his former homes in the Paris region. He was asked if, as he sang in "Gigi," he's "Glad I'm Not Young Any More" . . . Chevalier sighed: "It's not true. I'm NOT glad. At my age I can't have love affairs, yet I still squint at an attractive woman . . ."

"But so many older men have been made ridiculous by younger women. It's a losing game."

At her Copa premiere, Dionne Warwick introduced a fashion note: she wore a brown velvet pants suit . . . Robert Fryer, now filming "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" in London, is flying to Hollywood to confer with Mae West about a role in "Myra Breckenridge" . . . Leonard Sillman displayed showmanship in raising his "New Faces" sign atop the Booth Theater. With the Hotel Astor down, the sign is visible clear to Fifth Av.

Herb Gold, the artist in residence at Hunter College, stopped to see his daughters in Evanston, Ill., on his way east. They were in a peace vigil and invited him to join. Gold did join, tried to speak to them, but was shushed because it was "a silent peace vigil."

The autobiography of Ramon Novarro, a contemporary of Valentino, will be titled "R-3"—the laundry mark his mother gave him, in the family of 13 children . . . Fox hired George Hurrell, who popularized glamor photography in the '30s, to create a style image of Julie Andrews as Gertrude Lawrence in "Star!" . . . Gen. David Sarnoff said about publicity: "It's either garlands or garbage, often depending on what kind of night the reporter had had."

At last night's dinner for Norway's King Olav in the Brooklyn Museum, Mayor Lindsay referred to Norway's successful fight for "home rule" against Sweden, "the Albany of its time."