

THE SMALLISH Alamo Gallery over in Alamo made a biggish sale: \$60,000 for 12 Picasso aquatints, bought by John P. Kelly for his J.P. Kelly's bar and grill on lower Jackson St. here. The Picassos depict an old French story about a king who thinks his young wife is unfaithful, the tale's title being "Le Cocu Magnifique." It's even racier in English . . . Frank Wills, the Watergate security guard who noticed the tape on a door lock and triggered Mr. Nixon's "thinnest scandal," will be here July 27 to boost Vic James' campaign for Sheriff of Alameda County. Meanwhile, James would like his Saab back. The car, loaded with security devices, was stolen at Tahoe . . . Roger and Joy Salmonson are back from Europe with a photo of their favorite sight — a sign outside the Satellite Hotel in Ostia, Italy, reading "Piscina Swimming Pool."

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