

# HERB CAEN



## Popcorn For the Eyes

TO BE TAKEN with copious helpings of salt: the Franklin Mieuli-Joe Alioto so-called \$18 million deal to acquire the football 49ers. teacher will initial reaction to the front page not in spilling. "First I've heard

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**THERE'LL ALWAYS** be an idea man. Richard Owens is making a few bucks for himself by selling a handsome solid brass gadget labeled "San Francisco Earthquake Handle," with instructions to "Hold Until Quake Stops"; \$40 a pop and he has sold 50 already . . . Meanwhile, stand in a doorway, eat peanuts and pray . . . Cool, man: While "Streets of San Francisco" was filming a segment at Third and Harrison last Thurs., a thief was breaking into Rosemary Bloomgarden's parked car across the street and calmly removing her tape deck and radio. In fact, men, if you check your footage, you might even have caught him on film . . . John Ehrlichman (the very same) to Chron Receptionist Anna Creighton after being cleared by the front door guards: "Why so much security around a newspaper? I really had a terrible time getting in — it was as if they didn't believe who I am." I share his puzzlement. Who'd pretend?

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**THE TV critics** may be correct about the number of commercials gucking the Montreal Olympics, us those