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Ten around the 10th

We couldn't stop ourselves at ten items this month. We even thought of stopping at twelve for holiday numerologists, but instead settled on thirteen, because by then we were tired. This list has Rollerderby, Bust and other zines; JFK on the party scene; Angela Davis and Black Panthers too, not to forget some LGBTQ (but no, no Cindy Lou Who).

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#1 Angela Davis
No author given. Free Angela and All Political Prisoners. The Newsletter of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis. No. 2. Dec. 8, 1970. United Committee to Free Angela Davis, Publisher. Los Angeles: 1970. Single sheet, printed on both sides. 8 ½ by 11 inches. A newsletter issued by the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, an organization formed in 1970 after the arrest of Angela Davis. It had at least 60 locals around the country. After Davis was freed, the committee changed names and broadened its focus to all political prisoners. This issue discusses organizations and celebrities rallying behind Davis, as well as current legal proceedings. GOOD condition. Two horizontal fold creases present. General wrinkling and creasing. Minor toning, discoloration and staining. $125.00

#2 Drug Use and Racism (BPP)
#3 Third Wave Feminism, Zines
Hex, Celina; Boob, Betty (Stoller, Debbie; Karp, Marcelle) et al. Bust. Summer/Fall 1994. Volume I. No. 4. Bust, Publisher. New York: 1994. Side folding, glue bound, zine format. 8 ½ by 11 inches. Glossy style covers. 64 pp. Illustrations throughout. Fourth issue of this journal, originally appearing in a zine format, and that is still publishing today. Bust “is a tribute to the women who have broken the ‘moldy mold of female stereotypes,’” (Triggs, p. 159). Bust was founded by Debbie Stoller and Marcelle Karp as part of the third wave feminist movement that sought to reclaim and empower crafts and other subjects that were “traditionally” done by women, but somewhat abandoned by second wave feminists. Both Stoller and Karp are writers and activists in the feminist movement, with Stoller gaining some fame for her knitting and crochet work. This being the sex issue, including pieces under the F-Me Feminists heading, a profile of the riot grrrl band 7 Year Bitch, etc. VERY GOOD condition. Minor creasing and wrinkling to the covers. Minor soiling to the rear cover. (Other issues appearing in our January 2024 zine catalog) $100.00

#4 Third Wave Feminism, Zines
Fourth issue of this influential riot grrrl-esque zine by Lisa Carver, covering celebrities, sex, music, fashion and art (as well as her friends and cats) with her usual honesty, sarcasm and wit. Lisa Carver is an American performance artist whose work explores transgressive sex, gender politics and other subjects. She was part of the underground band/troupe Suckdog, who performed opera that “always had lots of rape, murder A very accurate description of New Hampshire winters and revolution,” (quote from Lisa Carver in her essay, “Sassy Ladies in Leotards Flying Like Angels.”). This with the usual interviews, commentary and sex talk. GOOD+ condition. Light toning and wrinkling, a bit heavier along the top edge. (Other issues appearing in our January 2024 zine catalog). $75.00

#5 LGBTQ+, Nightlife
The Saint Spring and Summer Program of Events Booklet/Broadside. The Saint, Publisher. New York: no date, perhaps 1985 (or 1986). Single sheet folded into 10 by 7 inches, unfolding into four panels. Designed to look like a composition notebook by John Vaughan, with illustrations by Michael Kirwin. A piece that unfolds into a poster like piece, listing a variety of events to be held at The Saint nightclub in May and the Summer of perhaps 1985. Of note is the Saint’s 1st Theatre Party featuring a performance of William Hoffman’s play “As Is,” a work that depicted the toll of the AIDS epidemic on the gay community. The Saint, a gay nightclub, opened in 1980 in the old Fillmore East building. Founded by Bruce Mailman, the club operated for most of existence as a members’ only venue, and earned a reputation for the parties held there. The club closed in 1988. VERY GOOD condition. Minor soiling, rubbing and edgewear. Small crease near the lower left corner. $200.00

#6 Vernacular Art, Personal Archive
Small (very) Archive of Papers Belonging to a Community Volunteer, Amateur Artist and Former Incarcerate. Name Withheld (for privacy). 6 items, as follows: two reproductions of a State Prison Escape Bulletin relating to the former owner’s
#7 LGBTQ+, Lesbian Nightclub Flier

The All New, All Women, All Boogie Ways of Meringue. A Little More Lesbian Dance Club/Bar Event Flier. A Little More, Publisher. San Francisco: no date, perhaps early 1980s. Single sheet, 8 ½ by 11 inches. Printed on a single side only. A flier/handbill advertising Ways of Meringue, which was perhaps a band or a dance group, performing March 9th at A Little More. A Little More was a lesbian dance club/bar in San Francisco on 15th at Potrero. Various online sources indicate the club opened in the early 1980s, although the flier and the word “boogie” suggests this may be late 1970s. GOOD condition. This was obviously stapled up somewhere at some point, with rips and small tears at the corners, as well as a 1 inch triangle missing from the top right corner, and a small piece missing from the bottom left corner. Minor toning and wrinkling. $250.00

#8 Religious Female Moral Reform

the role of a religious and moral scold, admonishing young women for the company they kept, and older women for not reading the Bible enough. Fashion and theater were seen as two of the most corruptive influences on young women (Reform Periodicals and Female Reformers, 1830-1860, p. 684-85). This issue contains various musings on passages in the Bible, as well as an account of visiting wayward, or potentially wayward girls in various houses/homes in the Boston area. Also of note, the last page features an account of the trial of Amelia Norman, who was charged with attempted murder of Henry Ballard. It appears Ms. Norman was a one time mistress of Ballard, a merchant in New York. He abandoned Norman and their child in New York City, and when Norman tracked him down on his return to the city, he told her to “go and get her living as other prostitutes did.” In anger, Ms. Norman stabbed Ballard. The trial caused a sensation, with most people supporting Ms. Norman. She was acquitted, and her case is seen as one that incrementally moved women’s rights forward a little. GOOD condition. Heavy creasing, chipping and tearing along the fore edge. General toning and minor soiling. $75.00

#9 Collection of State Dinner Invites, 1950s-60s
Collection of 15 invitations to US State dinners, wedding, invitations and other similar events. All various sizes and pagination. Some include dinner menus, seating information. All from the same private collection, from an executive of a very large international insurance firm (name of owner and firm withheld for privacy). The previous owner saved these items for an apparent planned scrapbook, mounting most on paper with either glue or staples. The owner was a highly placed executive in an insurance company, and travelled throughout the world extensively. They were active in politics through donations and fundraising, and it appears their family was friendly with the Roosevelts, especially Eleanor Roosevelt. The previous owner’s work for the insurance company led them to meet with various heads of state worldwide, including US government officials. Some of the people associated with this firm were also involved in World War II activities, including financing the Flying Tigers in China, as well as work for the OSS, using knowledge gained from insurance work. While we have not found any direct connection to intelligence work by this owner, their ties to those who did are strong. (NB: we are starting the process of cataloguing four boxes of material from this individual, both personal and business correspondence. More information on the collection available on request). Included in this lot:
invitation to a 1966 dinner in honor of Takeo Fukuda, Japanese Minister of Finance; invitation to a 1966 dinner in honor of Ferdinand Marcos, President of the Philippines; invitation to a 1966 dinner in honor of Makato Usami, Governor of the Bank of Japan; Several items relating to a 1967 state dinner with the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, including the invitation from President Johnson; a wedding announcement and invitation to the reception of the marriage of Hope Aldrich, daughter of John D. Rockefeller; a several page seating list to a 1966 banquet in honor of Ferdinand Marcos and his wife; a program to the preceding event; an invitation sent by Vice President Humphrey to a 1967 luncheon with the President of Mexico; an invitation and two other items to a luncheon in honor of Nikita Khrushchev in New York in 1959; a 1959 invitation to a dinner marking the presentation of the General William J. Donovan Memorial Award (one of the founders of the OSS); an invitation to a special US Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Judge Learned Hand; a pamphlet invitation for a 1956 closed circuit telecast featuring Adlai Stevenson, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt and others. All in GOOD or better condition, with some fold creases, stapling or gluing, some ink notations as to whether the invitations were accepted or declined and other minor wear. Most with binder holes punched along one side. $300.00

#10 JFK Partying in 1961
John F. Kennedy Inaugural Ball Account in Letter. Two pages, printed on single sides only. Thin yellow paper, presumably a copy of the original, produced at the same time as the original, as the previous owner seemingly kept copies of all correspondence. Previous owner is the same as the above item. This letter, dated January 24, 1961, details their arrival back in New York, to who is presumed to be their spouse. After a few paragraphs about family matters, the letter describes the owner’s efforts to an inauguration event at the Statler Hotel/National Armory that was made extremely difficult by a bad snowstorm. Mentioned are performers such as Frank Sinatra, Harry Belafonte, Nat King Cole and others. The author then mentions attending one of five inaugural balls, stating it was much like the Eisenhower Inaugural Ball but more crowded. Apparently, Jackie Kennedy was too tired at this point to attend, but JFK was “full of fire.” The letter goes on with details about guests/friends, and other personal matters. GOOD condition. Two binding holes punched at the top edge. Minor wrinkling. Pencil initials at the top of the first page.
#11 LGBTQ+, The Saint Nightclub Xmas
Ice-Skate on Christmas Eve At Away from the Saint Handbill. Saturday, December 24, 1983. The Saint, Publisher. New York: 1983. Single sheet, 9 7/8 by 6 7/8 inches. An invitation to a Christmas event off premises from the Saint, featuring ice skating at The Sky Rink. The Saint, a gay nightclub, opened in 1980 in the old Fillmore East building. Founded by Bruce Mailman, the club operated for most of existence as a members’ only venue, and earned a reputation for the parties held there. The club closed in 1988. VERY GOOD+ condition. Minor edgewear. $75.00

#12 Circa WWII Escaped Prisoners of War
Wanted by the FBI. Escaped Prisoners of War. Agostino Bosio, Michele Rossi. Wanted Flyer No. 29. September 19, 1945. Federal Bureau of Investigation, Publisher. Washington: 1945. Single sheet, approximately 17 by 11 inches. Printed on both sides. A wanted poster issued by the FBI for two escaped Italian prisoners of war, both of whom fled from the Italian Service Unit at the Presidio in San Francisco. About 51,000 Italians were taken as prisoners of war beginning in 1942. After an armistice was signed in the fall of 1943, the US considered the prisoners potential allies, forming Italian Service Units to fill job vacancies in the US. About 45,000 prisoners took part in the program. It is unclear why these two prisoners fled, or whether they were ever captured. GOOD condition. A few horizontal and vertical fold creases present, with some other creasing and wrinkling. Minor toning. Mailing address crossed out in ink on the reverse. $75.00

#13 Zines, Punk, Wrong Holiday...oops
Romeo, Deborah “Darby” et al. Ben is Dead Issue #7. Halloween Issue. One Year Anniversary. Darby, Publisher. No place (Los Angeles): 1989. Side stapled zine, more of a traditional magazine format. 8 ½ by 11 inches. 32 pp. Illustrations throughout. Issue seven of Darby’s long running zine, Ben is Dead. As Darby notes, she started the zine as a “forum and an escape,” eventually using it as a vehicle to explore the world and a variety of experiences. While earlier issues tended to cover punk music and the punk scene, the zine eventually grew to cover a range of women’s experiences and pop culture in general. (Green [editor] p. 70). Mostly devoted to reviewing the plethora of punk shows in the LA area, as well as new releases, etc.
Interview with Rhythm Collision, Cringer, etc. GOOD+ condition. General toning. Minor wrinkling and creasing. Minor offsetting along the upper rear edge. $35.00

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