

Yellow Journalism

by Rick Klu

Hey there party people! You are now reading the FIRST installment of *Yellow Journalism*. Do not be alarmed; I myself am yellow my friends, but it shouldn't matter anyway. So, what is Yellow Journalism? Well, for those of you who are not familiar with the phrase you may want to consult a history book or two. Here is a condensed version of where the term comes from: Back in the early days of newspaper journalism the news was most commonly reported from the editor's interpretation of the news, therefore the news always came from a biased opinion and perspective. Originally the term was coined in reference to the writing style of **Joseph Pulitzer**, but the term is synonymous with **William Randolph Hearst** for his steely grip on the right wing perspective of his newspapers.

With that said, it should be understood that, YES this column will always come to you written from my own biased viewpoints, and no blame should be aimed at anyone but myself for any misrepresentations, omissions, or downright "super sizing" of the facts, or lack of! If you are compelled to write about any discrepancies or opinions in this article, please address them to me, and not to any of the innocent parties who administer, edit, advertise in, or otherwise associate with this paper. After all, this column is intended to be fun, and at times there will be some sarcasm, sly wit, or general written mayhem contained within. A sense of humor goes a long way towards mental health!

My intention for this column is to report about things that have happened in the Belltown neighborhood, good, bad, entertaining or otherwise. I will not hesitate to write about all of the great and godawful shows (music, art, or otherwise), events, fistfights, strange occurrences, etc. Lewd and lascivious behavior included! It is my intention to keep you informed about anything that may be interesting, informative, or useful about Belltown. I love Belltown, and I spend quite a bit of time around here. I have seen Belltown grow in good ways and bad ways ... More on that later! Anyhow, with all that

said, welcome to Yellow Journalism!

The annual Powder Puff Pinball Tournament competition was held on Sunday June 13th at **Shorty's** in Belltown. The grand prize package consisted of a full-sized Flash pinball machine (circa 1981) in pristine condition and a limited edition "pinball" skateboard deck from Manik skateboards. The competition started out with a field of 32 ladies at about 2 PM.



HORSING AROUND with Sylvia at the **Lava Lounge**.

The contest was set up with a winners/losers bracket, so, even if someone lost, there was a second chance for a comeback. The contest was insane! Some girls almost got in a fight... TWICE!!! Anyhow, when all the smoke cleared, the top three emerged: **Heather B**, **Sarah B**, and the infamous birthday girl **Kat**. Anyway, the final showdown was between Kat and Heather. At this point, I really wanted to see Kat win because it was her birthday after all, and how cool would that be to win a pinball machine on her birthday? The overall winner from the winner's bracket would duel the winner from the loser's bracket. Heather was the overall winner, so, she was afforded the luxury of only having to win the first game (out of three). But, if she didn't win, she would have to win two out of the three games. Kat went first, she was looking good but in the end it was Heather who beat her score on the first try... So the winner was HEATHER! ♦

Rick Klu's artwork can be seen at the *Crocodile Cafe* through the month of July. Klu is also known to wear elaborate disguises, so please watch out for yourselves!