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## COMMUNITY ACCUSES CITY ATTORNEY OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

RESOLUTION OF THE VENICE TOWN COUNCIL, March 5, 1975

"It is the opinion of the Venice Town Council that it would be improper for official government agencies to throw their weight behind or against one group or another in community politics, by bringing baseless prosecutions or by other means. The Venice Town Council requests that Los Angeles City Attorney Burt Pines take steps to be certain that the West Los Angeles division of his office does not allow itself to be used in this way for political purposes."

by Bob Wells.

On March 5th nudity charges against David McCoy of the canals were dismissed in West L.A. Municipal Court by Judge Ronald George. And on March 13th a Municipal Court jury brought in a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" in the case of Venice Canal Council representative Terry Donahue, accused of making a threatening phone call to realtor William Lackey.

On Friday the 14th, the day after Terry's acquittal, the community took the initiative, with a demonstration and press conference at City Attorney Burt Pines' main office downtown, accusing the City prosecutor of interfering in local Venice politics and of trying to improperly influence the April 1st City Council primary election.

Two other political cases are yet to come to court at the time this is written -- a second trial of David McCoy for "Disturbing the Peace" because he supposedly parked his car in such a way as to block the driveway of a neighbor (the same neighbor who brought the nudity charges), and the case of Z Budapest, proprietor of the Wicca Feminist Bookstore on Lincoln Blvd. and long-time spokeswoman for the feminist movement, who was arrested on charges of "fortune telling" for reading the tarot cards of an undercover policewoman. ("She had bad cards" said Z. At the time she was arrested one of the two male officers took out his handcuffs and approached her; Z pointed at the cops and said "Four years of nightmares to the first one who touches me!" The cop backed off, and they took her to the station without cuffs.)

In David McCoy's nudity case, defense attorney Marge Buckley (who is handling all four cases) agreed with the prosecutor on a statement of the



facts: that David had been on a ladder, painting his house in the nude, making no attempt at sexual arousal of himself or anyone else. When Judge George saw these facts he threw the case out of court, saying that under well-established California law, mere nudity is not lewdness and does not constitute a crime.

Terry Donahue, with several others from the Canal Area Council of the Venice Town Council, picketed the office of real estate salesman William Lackey for two days last December. The complaints were that Lackey was unfairly evicting a welfare mother from a house he owned, just days before Christmas, because she was late with \$13 of the rent he had just raised to over \$300, and because he was recklessly destroying environmentally protected greenery in the canals. On the night between the picketings, Lackey claimed he got a threatening phone call (someone asking him if his health insurance were paid up), and he told the police he "thought" he recognized Terry Donahue's voice. On this unsupported allegation of Lackey's, the hearing officer at the West L.A. City Attorney's office, S.A. Manley, filed charges against Terry. Manley is a personal crony of the small property owners faction centering around the Venice Chamber of Commerce. At the trial, which lasted three days, the prosecutor, Deputy City Attorney Michael Kaplan, tried to put the Venice Town

Council on trial along with Terry Donahue ("this... group you belong to, this 'Venice Town Council'"). It took the jury less than two hours to arrive at a unanimous "Not Guilty" verdict.

The day after the trial about 20 people from Venice, friends of David and Terry and Z and friends and members of the Town Council, held a picket line and press conference in front of the City Hall office of City Attorney Burt Pines. We accused Pines of using the power of his office to interfere in Venice community politics, of using these prosecutions to improperly influence the City Council primary election April first (all four of these cases were originally scheduled to go to court during the four weeks prior to the election). The Venice Town Council, rather than the candidates in the election, is Councilwoman Russell's chief opposition, and the effect of bringing cases against Town Council members in the last weeks of the election is to discredit the Council and worse, to discredit its criticism of Mrs. Russell. These cases are so flimsy that they never would have been brought if it hadn't been for the political angle.

As for Z Budapest being charged with "fortune telling," everyone knows how widespread and popular tarot reading has become; the papers are full of astrology columns; palmists have signs up everywhere, sometimes even lit electrically at night; tarot reading is taught at colleges and thousands of tarot decks and books of tarot instruction are sold in bookstores. Z Budapest is just a drop in the ocean -- but she is a political drop, and that's why the police and the City Attorney have moved against her. The police even said that when they made the arrest.

The demonstration received good press coverage. Afterward we went upstairs and had a meeting with Assistant City Attorney Dion Morrow. We told Mr. Morrow that we wanted West L.A. hearing officer Manley fired or otherwise brought under responsible control, and that we want the City Attorney to stop abusing its discretionary power by bringing prosecutions. If the pattern of discrimination continues we are considering bringing charges against the City under the Federal "Mississippi Sheriffs" law that prohibits officials from depriving people of their rights under color of law.

## FATE OF THE COAST

Moe Stavnezer and Ron Guenther

The battle over the future of the Coastal Commission is now ragin' hot and heavy. At the past three hearings on the Powers, Funding and Government element of the coastal plan (which will determine if there will be a commission after 1976 and what powers it will have), bus loads of "hard-hats" mostly from construction trade unions, and a group called Concerned Citizens for Property Rights have been present in large numbers. And they haven't been very nice about their opposition to the present or a future Coastal Commission. The "hard-hats" have booed, stamped feet, and generally harassed almost every speaker in favor of the Commission. At one point a "hard-hat" hit one of the people from Venice in the stomach. Though that's the only act of violence, the threat of violence seems to permeate the air.

The tragedy of all this is the degree to which most of the Union people have been misled by Union officials. That was made very clear at the last public hearing when a union man accused the Commission of stopping 3 projects when, in fact, the Commission had approved 2 of them and pointed out that the 3rd was outside its jurisdiction. These men have been fed the lie that the Coastal Commission is responsible for stopping construction in the Coastal Zone, when in reality, the Commission has approved about 96% of all permits for construction. In 1973 the Commission approved permits which amounted to over \$300 million in construction

costs in L.A. County alone, and over \$25 million in Venice. That's hardly stopping construction. What the Commission has done is raise some interesting points about private property versus the public right to access to the coastal zone, and that's really what this battle is all about.

The Coastal Commission has been a sympathetic governmental agency for the Venice Community. That's where we stopped the Venice Blvd. widening project, reversed an earlier decision regarding Canal St., presented the Venice Town Council Canals plan, recently stopped construction of a 40 unit hotel on the beach front, and the destruction of low income housing on Venice Blvd. So, many of us have been down at the public hearings in Long Beach to testify on behalf of continuing the Commission. We've also offered some suggestions which would strengthen the power of the Commission so that it can enforce the coastal plan when it is adopted by the Legislature.

The Powers, Funding and Government element boils down to a few key issues:

- 1) retention of permit authority which the present Commission has;
- 2) creation of 2 zones, the Critical Coastal Resource and Coastal Management Zones, within the coastal zone;
- 3) whether the Commission should continue to have locally elected officials as members;
- 4) public participation in Commission proceedings;
- 5) acquisition of land for public use and
- 6) funding of the Commission.

Because of the Venice community's experience with the attitude of the Los Angeles City Council, which has been one of unending opposition to pre-

serving the present physical and social Venice environment, the Venice Town Council Coastal Commission Committee recommended to the Coastal Commission that all members of the successor commissions be appointed from the public, with strict environmental requirements to be placed on all nominees for appointment, and a system of public hearings to be held before any final appointments. This system would insure the selection of commissioners based on their environmental qualifications alone, and would hopefully effectively eliminate the impact of the big developer and speculator money on their selection. In a copy of the Building Association News for February, 1975, Venice arch-enemy Commissioner (and City Councilman) Louis Nowell was pictured in his hard hat receiving the "Construction Man of the Month" award. Mr. Nowell sits on the Los Angeles City Planning Committee (along with Councilwoman Pat Russell, Chairwoman of the Committee), which reviews plans for Venice. He is also a member of the South Coast Regional Commission, created by the people of California to preserve the coastal environment. How the "Construction Man of the Month" can be entrusted with preserving the Venice environment is an unanswered question. In fact, Commissioner Nowell has consistently voted for massive development along the coast. Any possibility of continuing this kind of blatant conflict-of-interest should be eliminated in any successor Coastal Commission. In order to insure this, there should be

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no local government officials on the successor commissions.

The Venice Town Council Coastal Commission Committee also recommended that any final plan "... contain adequate provision to allow publicly elected bodies in special coastal neighborhoods and communities which are faced with environmental preservation, restoration, enhancement, and management planning problems, to interact directly with the Regional and/or State Commissions in order to develop local plans both in the Critical Coastal Resource Zone, and in the Coastal Management Zone." If the Commission adopts this recommendation, it would make it possible for all areas of Venice, working through the Venice Town Council, to draw up their own plans, and to coordinate these area plans into a final Venice sub-regional plan to be presented directly to the State of California. It would eliminate the developer-speculator dominated Pat Russell-Louis Nowell-Los Angeles City Council completely in planning for Venice. The Venice Canals area has already presented a basic community plan to the Coastal Commission, and the Commission has been notified that this plan will be but one part of a Venice sub-regional plan. Other citizen groups in Huntington Beach, Morro Bay, and Half Moon Bay are now engaged in much the same kind of planning process. All other Venice Town Council Areas should begin drawing up their own plans immediately, independently of the Pat Russell appointed Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), to be coordinated into a final Venice plan for presentation to the Coastal Commission. There is just no way that this incredible opportunity should be lost, let's get busy.

One of the big problems will be funding the Coastal Commissions and the Coastal Acquisition and Restoration Program. The Coastal Commissions Committee recommended that, in addition to permit fees, grants under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the state park bond issue, a possible state lottery towards purchase of open space, and fines to be levied on local governments for granting permits not in compliance with approved local plans, a comprehensive system of taxes and user fees be developed for funding, such as coastal property transfer taxes, a tax on subdivisions within the coastal zone, a tax on new roads within the coastal zone, an oil export-import tax, a state coastal transient motel occupancy tax, a boat docking and slip tax, a tax on pleasure boat fuels, a tax on sales of pleasure boats to be used in the coastal zone, a tax on luxury automobiles, a tax on polluters to be determined by the Coastal Commission, and a statewide capital gains tax on speculative windfall profits in real estate, with that portion of the tax collected in the coastal zone to be used for funding the Coastal Acquisition and Restoration Program. The tax could be modeled after the State of Vermont capital gains tax, which taxes at increasingly higher rates the shorter the turnover time.

The Committee also recommended that development of low and moderate income housing should be exempt from permit fees, and that the economic mix and diversity of the peoples living in the coastal zones should be in the same proportions as state-wide, so that the general working public would be able to live in the coastal zone as well as visit and work there. The coastal commissions should be required to grant and deny permits on a regionally determined formula for income distribution. If this recommendation is adopted, it would have a tremendous effect in channeling development away from luxury construction, and towards low cost housing in the coastal zone.

In another interesting development, plans are being prepared to begin a coastline newspaper to tie together communities such as Venice from Mexico north through Alaska, in a common effort to preserve the coastline for public use, preserve unique coastal communities such as Venice for working class people, and to end the environmental rape of our coastline for profit. Contact has been made with the California Coastal Alliance, the citizens group which initiated and circulated the petition for Proposition 20 (The Coastal Conservation Act which created the Coastal Commissions), in an effort to work together with Venice environmentalists for the common good of the people, and to economize working energy and resources.

## RENT CONTROL BILL

By John Curtis

State Senator David A. Roberti has introduced a bill (SB 123) to establish control of the maximum rents charged for rental units. This bill is currently being considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee before going to the Senate for vote. Property owners and Landlord Associations are lobbying strongly to defeat this bill as it recognizes that a public emergency exists in rental housing of low and moderate income.

Senator Roberti's bill needs our strong support. The bill is far from perfect as it does not mandate that Local Government must take specific action to adopt the bill. Also, the bill provides that rents would be rolled back to the date 6 months prior to enactment by the Local Government instead of specifying a date, such as June 1974. But, passage of this bill would be a strong precedent and would put pressure on Local Government to enact it.

To help this measure pass, the Venice Town Council and other organizations are writing letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee, stating their support for the bill. It is even more important that everyone who has a problem with arbitrary rent increases, and the complete unconcern of most Landlords for tenant's rights, let the Senate know how you feel. This problem can only get worse if we don't start to act now. Everyone who feels that rents are too high should write a letter or postcard to Senator Alfred H. Song, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Address: State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca. 95814. Believe it or not, our cards and letters can do it. Even with its shortcomings, SB-123, Rent Control, will be very important to preservation of Venice. Also, if you agree that the bill should be stronger, tell Senator Song that you think that it should be mandatory, that rents should be rolled back to June 1974, and that a limit on profits should be defined.

SUPPORT THE STATE SENATE RENT CONTROL BILL

## Coastal Plan

Preservation of individual characteristics of Santa Monica, Venice and Marina del Rey is a key element of the proposed comprehensive conservation plan released last week by the state coastal commission.

Although the plan strongly supports increased public recreational use of coastal areas, it suggests that development be allowed to flourish in already developed sections of the state coastline. High-rise development is permissible under the plan but it should not be situated on the immediate shoreline. Highrise should not block ocean views or create traffic snarls that would hamper public access to the beaches.

Because Marina del Rey and Santa Monica are obviously highly developed coastal communities, further development would be allowed but with an emphasis on public serving facilities. Of top priority for future development would be resorts, hotels, and motels and rental housing, including low-income units.

Intensive development of Venice would be curbed under the coastal plan. Its objective is to preserve an economic mix along the state's coast - to prevent the coast from becoming a rich person's playground.

To that end, "development out of scale, size or social character shall not be allowed." It specifically mentions Venice as a community having particular architectural, historical, cultural and esthetic qualities that should be protected.

Before the final proposal is sent to the state legislature for adoption, extensive public hearings will be held in April and May.

Creation of what's been termed a "coastal constitution" was mandated by passage of Prop. 20 in 1972.

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Recently we've all been caught in a trap of paying more for less. Despite a 17% reduction in energy use, prices in L.A. have risen over 30% since November, and the Department of Water and Power is seeking another rate increase soon to make up for the revenue lost by lower consumption. Energy cuts and the DWP efforts haven't touched one of the most important causes of waste — the unjust rate structure. Here's what you pay for electricity:

| Residential   |          | Commercial/Industrial |          |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Quantity      | Rate/KWH | Quantity              | Rate/KWH |
| first 150 kwh | 3.20¢    | first 1000 kwh        | 3.88¢    |
| next 250 kwh  | 2.14¢    | next 2000 kwh         | 2.97¢    |
| next 600 kwh  | 1.89¢    | next 4200 kwh         | 2.33¢    |
| each add. kwh | 1.63¢    | next 9200 kwh         | 1.24¢    |
|               |          | each add. kwh         | .69¢     |

As you can see small consumers whether they are old people on pensions, low income families, or small businesses pay much higher rates for the electricity they use. Not only is this unjust, but it encourages the wealthy and heavy industry to use large quantities of electricity at artificially low prices, and we pay for their overconsumption. (We also pay the added cost of oil each month.) This regressive rate structure is a tax on the poor and the small — residential and commercial — that benefits the rich and squanders resources.

We propose that all people have the right to the basic amount of gas and electricity for everyday life (about 500 kilowatt hours per month for homes) for a small flat fee. Above that rates should be proportional to the amount used so that the more a consumer uses the more they pay.

The Department of Water and Power is a publicly owned utility; its responsibility is to serve all the people, yet their most consistent allies are the large corporations and the oil companies and there are no effective public controls over them. We invite you to join us in an action campaign to fight off the rate increase, to reverse the rate structure and to make the DWP responsible to all the people.

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# PU-239 MADMEN AT THE CONTROLS OF SPACESHIP EARTH

by Ron Guenther

There are very few areas where the desperate struggle between the environmental rip-off for immediate profit or military gain artists, and the needs of all life on earth for a continuing high quality life support system, is better shown than in the massive nuclear power program which our government, with the usual cooperation of profit-minded industry, is about to shove down our throats, and export to other countries abroad. Very few of us are aware of what this all-out commitment to nuclear power means to our own safety, the well-being of our children, and future generations for hundreds of thousands of years into the future. Most Americans across the nation still trust the Atomic Energy Commission, an agency of the government, and believe in its bright promise of a never ending source of cheap, safe, non-polluting electric power to continue for ever and ever. There is very little questioning of this government dogma at this early development stage, little consideration of other, far safer, power options such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy, and a great deal of complacency. And yet, besides the awesome, unsolved problems of radioactive waste disposal, the nuclear power program carries with it yet another unique and terrible threat to the health and survival of all life on earth.

The liquid-metal fast breeder reactor (LMFBR) an essential part of the government's nuclear program, transforms the non-fissionable uranium isotope, U238, to produce more fissionable material than it consumes, and this fissionable material is then used in nuclear power plants to generate electricity. On the face of it, it looks good. The more LMFBR units we build, the more fissionable material is produced, and the more efficiently we use our limited supplies of natural uranium. We also save huge amounts of coal, oil, and hydroelectric energy, because the process of separating the small amounts of the fissionable material is produced, and the more efficiently we use our limited supplies of natural uranium. We also save huge amounts of coal, oil, and hydroelectric energy, because the process of separating the small amounts of the fissionable uranium isotope (U235) from the naturally occurring mixture of fissionable and non-fissionable isotopes (U235 and U238) consumes enormous amounts of electricity in itself, and wreaks its own environmental havoc. Without the LMFBR program, supplies of power producing natural fissionable material would soon be exhausted.

The problem is that the LMFBR produces Plutonium 239 (Pu239), another fissionable and potentially power producing isotope, an artificial element, and probably the deadliest substance ever introduced by man into the planetary eco-system. A microscopic particle of Pu239, if lodged in the lungs, will guarantee lung cancer. A tiny amount, if swallowed, will be absorbed by the bone marrow and becomes a radiological poison, emitting heavy charged particles which cause leukemia, other cancers, gene and cell damage, and mutations. Pu239 is also a gamma emitter, which means that exposure

is the same as exposure to high energy X-rays. Death is caused by massive, irreversible interference with cell metabolism and reproductive processes. The Pu239 body burden, the amount that can be maintained indefinitely in an adult without producing significant body injury, is about 1/1000th of a gram, an amount so small that it is almost impossible to measure. Enough Pu239 to cover the head of a pin, if dispersed evenly, would give the population of San Francisco lung cancer. A few grams dispersed through the air-conditioning system of a large building, would be enough to kill all life in the building. A piece as big as a basketball, if pulverized and spread evenly over the earth's surface, would probably eliminate all life on this planet, even the bacteria in the soil and air. The half-life of Pu239 is about 25,000 years, which means that after about 400,000 years have gone by, it is still doing its deadly work. No one knows if the toxicity of Pu239 can ever be reduced.

Our government is planning to produce hundreds, or even thousands, of TONS of Pu239 for future use in the nuclear power program. To what end, you may ask. Why, to prolong the great American dream for another few years until the planetary ecosystem fails us. Truly, madmen are at the controls of spaceship Earth.

It will be necessary under the LMFBR program to transport large quantities of Pu239 all over the world, to reprocessing plants, to fuel-fabricating, and to storage areas. If the program ever reaches the commercial, profit producing, stage, we will be faced with the prospect of guarding thousands of tons of lethal Pu239 every instant of time for eternity. About 12 pounds of Pu239, if fashioned into a crude fission bomb and detonated, would take the core of any large city right off the map, leaving a radioactive desert, and a deadly dust cloud slowly dispersing with the winds. The process of making such a bomb is no longer secret, it could be done in any well equipped machine shop. The chances that quantities of Pu239 will eventually fall into the hands of people ready, willing, and able, for whatever their reasons, to make such a bomb are obviously very good, given Pu239's long life, and the large quantities to be produced, transported, and stored all over the world. The LMFBR itself will also blow up if it should happen to lose its moderator-coolant. This could happen if it were blown up with conventional explosives. The effect would be about the same as detonating a fission bomb.

The fission bomb that India recently set off was made possible by Pu239 produced as a waste product in an electric power reactor constructed in India by a Canadian company. Pu239 is a product of such reactors as well as the LMFBR. The quantities produced are small, but build up with time, and can be separated out. Our government at this time is preparing to issue licenses to United States companies to construct nuclear power plants in certain of the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf states. The government of France is preparing to do the same in the countries that our government avoids. If these plants are built, it will be



but a few years before most of the sovereign states in the area have nuclear bomb capabilities. Our government is well aware of this fact. The obvious answer to world governments, and many individuals and groups, having nuclear bomb capabilities, is to stop the production of Pu239 in the LMFBR program, and the world wide nuclear power export program immediately. Unless these miracles take place, there is probably little chance for the survival of life on this wonderful planet, whose life support system man has succeeded so well in bringing to the eve of destruction.

What is to be done? No commercially feasible LMFBR reactor has yet been built, only experimental units. But Admiral Rickover, of nuclear submarine fame, is pressing very hard for construction of the first commercial unit, and appears to have the full support of the Pentagon and its Congressional lackeys. Admiral Rickover's submarines, of course, would operate very nicely on Pu239, and the military machine would lurch into higher gear for a few more years.

There are other safe options for power generation that have been ignored by industry and government, because of the lack of profit potential. The Atomic Energy Commission, which for so many years now, in its bureaucratic way, has blindly promoted the nuclear power program at any and all costs, has finally been split into an independent regulatory body separate from the rest of the agency. We should insist that a moratorium be placed on the LMFBR and nuclear power programs immediately

and that every option for power development be explored adequately, especially solar, wind, and geothermal energy (steam escaping from the earth's surface). We should insist that congress refuse to pass the next multi-million dollar appropriation for nuclear power and LMFBR development. We should also reduce the pressures for this program by reducing our own electrical energy demands.

Letters and petitions to California Senators Alan Cranston and John V. Tunney, at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, and to Venice Congressman Alphonso Bell, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, are urgently needed.

Friends of the Earth, 529 Commercial, San Francisco, California 94111; Environmental Action, Suite 731, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20036; Natural Resources Defense Council, 1710 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; Sierra Club, 220 Bush Street, San Francisco, California 94104; and Ralph Nader's Congress Watch, 133 C Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, are all organizations in the forefront of the desperate struggle to preserve life on this planet.

If you love life, don't delay, write today. The Earth Mother will thank you.

## TAKE A FLYING ....

In the latest action by stewardesses rights groups and other women's organizations against airline advertising, the National Organization for Women (NOW) has filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission against the National Airlines "I'm going to fly you like you've never been flown before" campaign.

The coordinator of NOW's Media Task Force says that the ad is deceptive since "most of the ads refer to stewardesses who say they are going to fly the passenger, when clearly they do no perform any of the duties entailed in navigation the aircraft."

F. William Free, the President of National's ad agency, refused to comment directly on the women's action against the \$10 million advertising campaign. But according to the trade publication Advertising Age, he noted, "With all the research we've done, we don't turn up any negatives to this campaign, even among women. I'm not saying, though that there isn't some small group of very radical ladies." (LNS)

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# COUNTING FISHES

From Appendix D  
of the environmental Impact Report for expansion  
of Morro Bay Power Plant;  
By Pacific Gas and Electric Company

"In addition to subtidal surveys, three seasonal fish collections conducted (May, September 1970; January, 1971) at Diablo Cove using an ichthyocide (Note: An ichthyocide is a substance that kills fish) yielded 4,902 individuals representing 77 species and 24 families. A single collection at North Cove during July 1971 yielded 5,538 individuals representing 72 species and 20 families. Of considerable interest is the presence and abundance of juvenile resident and semi-resident nearshore species. Ninety-eight percent of all blue rockfish (*Sebastes mystinus*) and 96 percent of all olive rockfish (*Sebastes serranoides*) collected in North Cove were juveniles. Juveniles of deep water species, including the widow rockfish, *Sebastes entomelas*; yellowtail rockfish, *S. flavidus*; chilipepper, *S. goodei*; canary rockfish, *S. pinnenger*; copper rockfish, *S. caurinus* and the bocaccio, *S. paucispinis* were also reported (Burge and Schultz, 1973). Of the 647 individuals representing these six species, 628 (97 percent) were juveniles. The importance of the nearshore rocky subtidal habitat, such as that at Diablo Cove, as a nursery area for

many nearshore and some deeper water species was noted by Burge and Schultz (1973).

Deep water (31-70 fathoms) fish populations offshore Diablo Cove sampled with a 20 foot otter trawl yielded 29 species, five of which were obtained in the nearshore collections. *Citharichthys sordidus*, the Pacific sanddab, was the most abundant species.

A complete list of all fish species with information on habitat type (e.g. sandy, rocky) compiled from all available sources if presented in Appendix I - Table 6."



"We're not seeing ourselves  
as the community sees us."



Dear Beachhead,

The LMFBR-Nuclear power program has been heavy on my mind for some time. I know what I'm talking about, and the article has been well researched and is factually correct to the best of my knowledge.

We have now the first known murder, and the first martyr to the cause of stopping the nuclear power madness. Karen Silkwood, a worker with a conscience in the Kerr-McGee plutonium plant in Oklahoma. There are now about 40 pounds of Pu239 which have vanished from this plant, no one knows where. With 12 pounds needed to take Los Angeles off the map, that's quite a bit.

Karen apparently knew too much about it. She left some friends, with a folder in her car containing evidence of various security violations in the plant and date on the Pu239 disappearance, for an interview with the press. Her car was found a short time later head-on into a concrete bridge pillar by a truck driver. Karen was dead. The truck driver went to the nearest phone in the isolated area, which happened to be at the Kerr-McGee plant, reported the accident to the company, phoned the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and went on his way. A Kerr-McGee official went to the wreck and stayed there until the Highway Patrol arrived and towed the car away. The brown manila folder was never seen again, and an impartial analysis of the car, skid marks, etc. shows beyond any reasonable doubt that Karen was forced into the pillar at high speed by another vehicle. The folder was definitely with her when she left her friends.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol explains the mysterious dents and scratches in the left rear fender and bumper of Karen's car (a very lightweight little Toyota or Datsun) by saying that this area of the car was driven into the concrete pillar by the tow-away truck. However, microscopic analysis shows only chrome plate and paint from another car in the scratches, no concrete whatever. So the Oklahoma state government is probably in on it too.

In Texas, nuclear power protestors are now having dossiers done on them by the Texas State Police, as potential saboteurs of the nuclear power program.

Karen will probably be but the first of many sisters and brothers eliminated by the madmen who now have their hands on the controls of Spaceship Earth. But if we're going to preserve the life support system on this planet, many more willing hands are needed in the struggle.

Regards,  
Ron Guenther

(Note: see page for article on nuclear power.)

Dear People,

This here turtle has heard of males getting off on objects, like shoes, before, so the cartoon (Venice Beachhead - March) showing what's-his-name humping the helmet isn't all that different. I suppose, too, that's his coice, assuming helmets don't have feelings; and I know the idea is to get at the soldier, and the way to do this is through the helmet, thus, violently knocking him down as the helmet is knocked off. But I do take great objection to the line that said: "Love is blind", when it wasn't love, or even sex, it was RAPE. Yep, violent, coercive manipulation without mutual reciprocity.

Now, we all know that turtles just don't move that fast. That's needed for the effect. But if this here turtle were in that cartoon, and that turtle approached her like the helmet (since he can't seem to tell the difference), she would have stood up, knocking him on his back, would have meandered off saying t-at therer turtle ain't my kind of turtle. He can go to helmets!"

Sincerely,

Myrtle

P.S. Please don't tell me I've no sense of humor.  
P.P.S. My friend, Diane, a human, wrote this for me. Everyone knows turtles can't type.  
P.P.P.S. Love is vision.

SIRS:

As a property owner and taxpayer in Venice I wish to state that I very strenuously object to your people throwing your paper on to my yard or that of my tenants in various location in Venice.

We are decent law abiding people and try to raise our children up to be the same.

The filthy ornery obscene cartoons in the March Beachhead are unfit for little children to see or read.

The lying statement, that the Venice Town Council's resolution in regards to nudity being the wishes of the citizens of Venice is un-true. The majority of Venice citizens do not even recognize this group, much less approve of public nudity.

The Venice Town Council has no legal right to speak for all the Venice citizens.

All they want is to break down the morals of our people and prevent progress in the community, keep the trashy run down houses so the hippies can afford to live here.

Venice was a nice place to live until people like your staff came into Venice.

You stop throwing your filthy obscene trashy paper on my yard or sidewalk or I will be forced to sue you in court.

Freedom of the press is one thing, but obscene literature thrown on my property is un-lawful.

Mrs. R.G. Wells  
Venice, California

# letters

Dear Beachhead,

This is to enlighten Mr. Weiss of Marina Construction Co.

Dear Mr. Weiss,

After reading your letter in the February issue of the Beachhead, I came to the conclusion that you are either one of the most stupid men living East of the Pacific Ocean, or that you've had your head stuffed so far up your bank account, that through lack of air and good living you now find yourself bouncing off dispersing brick walls.

Do you think the people of Venice are a bunch of fools? Would you like us to feel sorry for you because some of your equipment got damaged? Oh, you poor man, I feel sorry for you though, not because you are so blind - because you cannot understand what you are doing that would upset somebody so much. Sir, you are a soldier. You've been drafted, you are a tool, and you don't even know it - by the Big Investors, who see Venice as a way to make a fortune. Sir, you have built a monster on the corner of Ocean and Venice Boulevard. True, it's not exactly a high rise, but nonetheless a concorous monster that eats up \$350. a month for a one-bedroom apartment. Maybe we fools in Venice should give you a gold plaque. Wouldn't that be nice? You could hang it in your office. We can have it read something like: "To Marina Construction Company: This is to thank you for building a \$350. a month, one-bedroom apartment house in Venice. Because of you our landlords raised our rents from \$150.-for a two-bedroom house to \$450. a month and the senior citizens who used to live in and enjoy Venice were forced to live in little unwanted one-bedroom slop houses. Keep up the good work, cause God is on your side." Now wouldn't that make you feel great? I knew it would.

Now seriously, Mr. Weiss, when you build in an area, do you build for the people of that area? Do you find out what sort of income people have in that area? What their needs are? Traffic? Parks? What would the people like in their area? You don't mind if I answer those questions for you? Do you? The answer is a big fuckin' NO You don't care. As long as you have a contract to build, you build without ever asking yourself, 1. What are you really building? 2. Whom are you building for? 3. Who will be hurt if you build it? If you cared for people as much as you pretended to care about dogs, you would be building low-income apartments which, we, the people of Venice, could afford. You would try to discourage the Big Investors from pushing out all the old Venice residents through high rents. Instead try to accomodate them. And, what about some more parks where we can enjoy laying in the grass and just running our dogs? Don't you think these are good plans? Wouldn't the God you spoke about in your letter be happy? Wouldn't you feel good, deep inside?

But are you ready to shelve your dreams of making millions building apartment buildings everywhere? I doubt it. Although I've never damaged anyone else's property or consciously hurt anybody, I can see quite clearly why those people are out to make a few waves in your life. I just hope some day, when you are lying all by yourself in a quiet room, or looking up at the stars, you'll hear them crying.

Joe Piscatelli



Dear Beachhead,

Alright, alright, alright! Your last, February, BEACHHEAD was great, and it seems like we're getting a little more feedback from our community people and that's beautiful. It's about time

Through you beautiful people on the BEACHHEAD who donate your time and energies, sometimes your own money, we can get a little bit of honest reporting and spread the truth about what's going on in Venice and keep in touch with all the changes in our local government. We thank you and love you for that.

Truth and time are on our side. Here is my \$10.00 for a two-year subscription.

Joe Piscatelli

## VENICE VENDERS

By Elizabeth Sunny Sky

For many months community people have been having garage-type sales on the Ocean Front Walk, sometimes pooling their re-cycleables with friends in an effort to raise a little money and clear closets and attics of things no longer needed or used. The sales, reminiscent of flea-markets in San Francisco and other communities (where they are allowed), eventually included crafts people who have no other outlet for their hand-made wares. There never seemed to be a problem with these operations (excepting maybe windy days or sprinklers turned on in the middle of the afternoon) and the scene has been congenial with both sellers and buyers benefitting from the opportunity to meet and chat with friends and neighbors in the exchange.

More recently, non-community business people (professional swap meeters) have joined the Venice sellers on the walk and some owners of Ocean Front property have complained to the veritable powers that be and the whole scene - at least in its present form - is all but over.

In recent weeks LAPD Team I officers began warning sellers they were illegally selling on public property and that in order to be on private lots they needed written permission of the owners. I remember one day seeing sellers move their stuff back and forth across "the line" several times!

The weekend of March 8-9, LSPD walking officers issued warnings all along the front that sellers would be busted the next time they were seen there without written permission of lot owners, and sellers permits. They stipulated no one would be taken away bodily, but would be issued a citation and subsequently prosecuted by the D.A. All goods were to be confiscated as evidence. The only humorous aspect of this present episode of harassment is a vision of the West L.A. courtrooms filled with all those pots, plants, clothes and shoes!

It seems that unless community sellers and supporters join together in an effort to solve their and our problem, the festive boardwalk scene, together with its implications of community self-determination, will be gone.

The North Beach Area Council (of the Venice Town Council) will work with community people who are interested in pursuing this. Call 396-0167 if you wish to help.

To Mayor Tom Bradley

RE: Letter to me dated 2/27/75 concerning, "Vendors on the Venice Boardwalk".

Dear Mayor Bradley:

Thank you for your reply to me in which you state that it was your understanding that many vendors had made arrangements to sell their goods on private property adjacent to the boardwalk and thus "would not be in violation of city ordinance."

On Sunday, March 9, 1975, officers from the Venice Police Department were on the Venice Boardwalk and stopped at each vendor, taking down names and addresses and distributing flyers "Restrictions on Vending". (copy enclosed).

When they came to where a family member was vending, I showed them a copy of your letter to me and explained that we had permission from the owner of the parking lot where we had paid the parking fee and also that we had been at this same spot for the past several weeks.

Officer Homeyer read your letter and then informed us that "you were in error" and all vendors would need the underlined on flyer copy.

Under the Section titled "Used Merchandise" it states that an established business location is required by the Los Angeles Police Commission. My interpretation of this indicates that no "vendor" perse is going to be able to qualify for a permit from the Police Commission, since of course, none of the beach vendors have an "established business location."

In other words, Mayor Bradley, the Venice Beach Vendors are going to be eliminated, since the greater majority of them are poor people trying to supplement their small incomes! May I also comment, that a lot of people who come to the beach on the weekends have commented that they "enjoy" the pleasant activity and sightseeing the "vending" created and they think what is now being done "is a shame".

Sincerely yours,

Audrey Woods



## HARRY ASIMOW DIES AT 95

by Morris Rosen

On Sunday, March 16, the 95th birthday was celebrated and homage paid to a distinctive and sublime personality, Harry Asimow, President Emeritus of Israel Levin Senior Adult Center - and - on Sunday, March 16th, at the conclusion of his brief and inspiring speech, Harry Asimow died, in the manner befitting this noble man - in the midst of his family, friends, dignitaries and members of Levin Center.

Harry Asimow emigrated, rather, forced to flee the oppressive and repressive Tzarist regime. As a youth in Russia, he was literally "a step ahead" of the Cossacks who were determined to punish him for his constant efforts to help the down-trodden peasants and poverty-stricken workers. Fleeing to America at the turn of the century, he married and with his wife raised four sons. As a sheet-metal worker, he moved from city to city and finally settled in Los Angeles. At age sixty-five, he decided to retire - surely, he felt he had earned it - he had paid his dues - and his first book "Journey's End" revealed his innermost reflections.

But a funny thing happened on the way to retirement. His energy and intellectual capacity refused to be contained, repressed and wasted. He organized the Hollywood-Los Feliz Jewish Community Center's first senior adult club, and pioneered the expansion of senior adults programming and activities in the Jewish Center Association of Los Angeles. His feelings, his concern reached out for and to the elderly. His sensitivity and intellect understood the special problem of the senior adults in our society, in our time. For a brief period he moved to Florida, not to bask on the warm beach his body ached for, but to organize senior citizens into productive clubs, organizations for a purposeful life.

Having accomplished this goal, Harry Asimow returned to Venice, almost a decade ago. He was a "Venice" natural-unique, beautiful, freedom-loving, - and within a brief period, was elected President of Israel Levin Senior Adult Center, where his roots reached as deep as his fruits of accomplishment soared sky-high. Here in Venice, his literary creativity flourished: prose, poetry, philosophical reflections, short stories written in Yiddish and translated into English, several set to music, and most published in book form.

In the tradition of his people, a memorial program will be held at Levin Center on Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. - at which time many of his literary works will be recited and where his friends will express the depth of their love and esteem for this remarkable, dignified human being who really 'cared' for humanity - young and old - but especially the poor and the elderly. You are welcome to attend.

### MORE VENDERS

Notice passed out on Ocean Front Walk by the Los Angeles Police Department, Venice Area on 2/19/75

Vendors and peddlers along the Venice Beach front are subject to the following laws:  
Private Property. Section 6021 of the State Penal Code makes trespassing on the land of another a misdemeanor. Therefore, vending from private property requires the permission of the property owner.

New Merchandise. A retail Business License is required and may be obtained from the City Clerks Office. Violation is a misdemeanor under Section 21.03 LAMC.

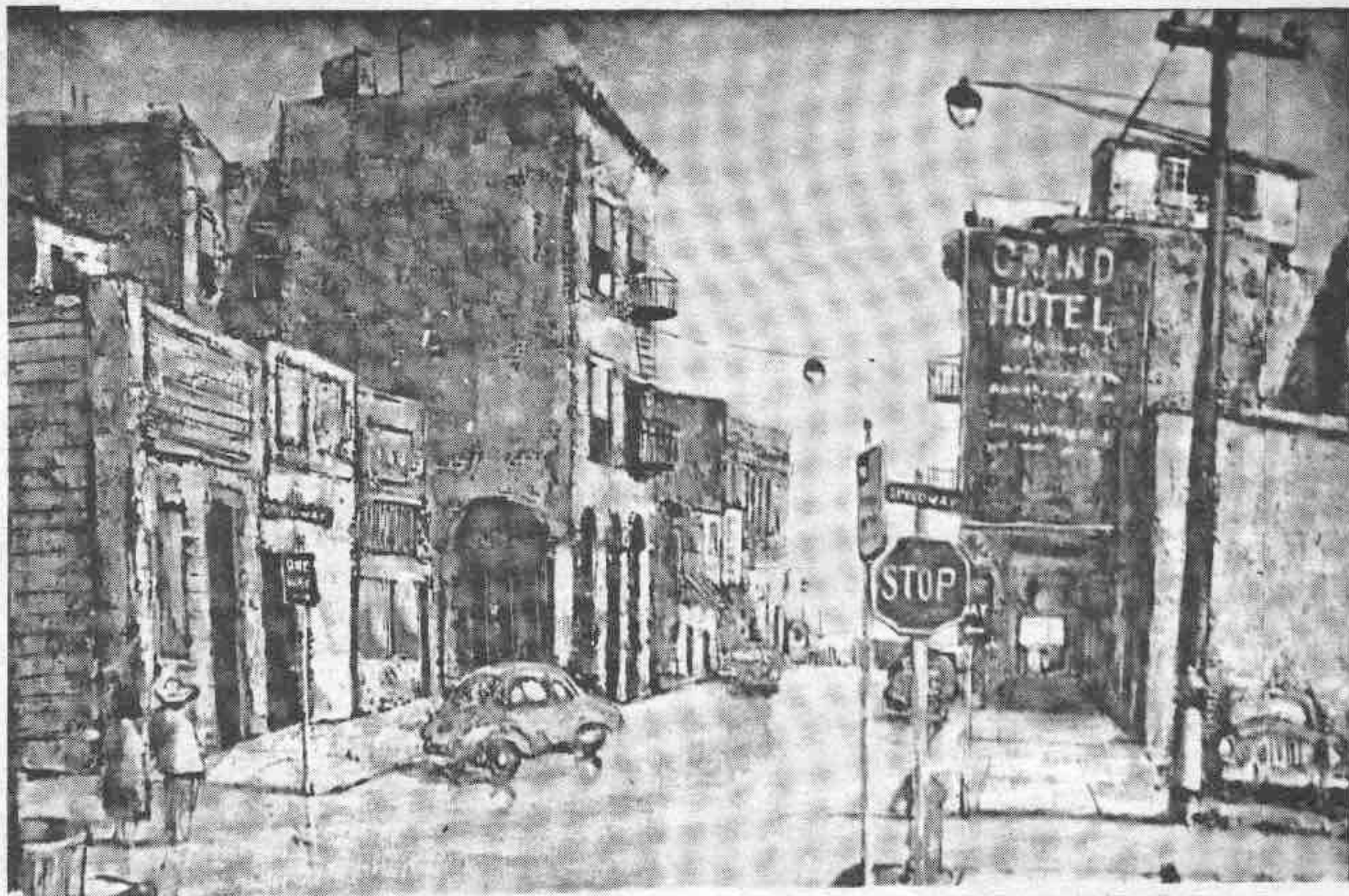
Used Merchandise. L.A.M.C. 103.311 makes it a misdemeanor to sell used merchandise without a permit from the Los Angeles Police Commission. An established business location is required by the Commission before a permit will be issued. Of course, a Retail Business License is also required.

Public Property. All vending, peddling, and hawking is prohibited on public land along the beach front. This includes Ocean Front Walk, the sand, and the bike path. Violators may be prosecuted under Section 42.15 LAMC, a misdemeanor.

In addition to the above, vendors are subject to enforcement of state laws governing retail sales tax collection by the State Board of Equalization.

### MEN'S LIBERATION GROUPS

are being formed to provide opportunities for discussion of men's problems which arise as men and women become liberated from their traditional roles. They will support the women's movement, and utilize consciousness-raising and other techniques which have been found effective. Size of groups limited to 10 to 12 men. non-fee. Call and leave name and number. 393-3779



"A RAINY DAY ON MARKET STREET" VENICE, CAL. 1963 BOB FARRINGTON

## FEMINIST MEN'S COLLECTIVE

The Feminist Men's Collective is a combination of men's consciousness raising groups in Los Angeles. Men's groups have been forming in the Los Angeles area and other metropolitan centers in a more or less independent and isolated fashion over the past few years. In October 1974, a men's group in Venice felt the need to communicate with other men's groups in the city. A joint meeting was held with 20 men from seven different men's consciousness raising groups. Over the past four months, a group of active participants have continued to meet bi-weekly.

In the first meeting, the men expressed a desire to hold a men's anti-sexist conference. Some of the men believed that a conference by men against sexism which did not involve gay men, who are the men most severely affected by sexism, would be incomplete and inappropriate. Consequently, three meetings were held with two different gay organizations to explore the possibility of jointly sponsoring a conference.

In these meetings our consciousness was raised. Even though we considered ourselves enlightened about sexism, we still made many heterosexual assumptions and statements offensive to gays. Thus, we were confronted with our own sexism in a new way. We learned also that we were not clear about why we existed as an organization and what we wanted to accomplish. Finally, we recognized that we were acting prematurely in attempting to work with other groups without first having organized ourselves and developed our principles.

As a result, we withdrew, and more recently have been attempting to define our purpose through discussions and study. We also want to develop a practice; a method of reaching other men interested in struggling against the masculine role.

In our discussions, we have established that men's consciousness raising groups usually meet once a week, in men's residences, on a rotational basis, and discuss a pre-selected topic concern-

ing masculinity and sexism. Some of the topics are male socialization, personal histories, current relationships, sexuality, work and oppressiveness of male supremacy. Because men talk about their personal lives, a clear understanding develops that they share a common socialization which prepares them to assume the non-feeling, competitive, male dominant role. From this recognition comes a deep sense of relief in knowing that they are not alone, a sense of brotherhood, and a strong desire to change. Men's consciousness raising groups exist to support men in abandoning conditioned masculinity.

In our discussions, the Feminist Men's Collective has also established that men's consciousness raising groups tend to focus almost exclusively on changes in personal life. Thus men begin to learn how to relate to women, children and other men in non-sexist and more meaningful ways. While these changes are desirable, they only indirectly affect sexism which is institutionally embedded in our society. We are therefore emerging as Feminist Men who see the importance of opposing the institutionalized structure of sexist domination.

The transition from isolated men's consciousness raising groups to collectives of anti-sexist males is a process that is occurring in other parts of the country. There are anti-sexist men's collectives and centers in Seattle, Berkeley, Portland, Chicago, and other cities which have newsletters, men's gatherings, organize consciousness raising groups and support feminist women.

At the present time, the Feminist Men's Collective is devoting its energy to organizing men's consciousness raising groups. We are prepared to receive calls from men interested in participating in a group, helping to arrange initial meetings and facilitating the first few sessions. Out of these consciousness raising groups we also hope to attract men who are interested in working in our collective. If interested, telephone: 393-3779 (answering service), 939-7920 (Sid), or 822-1703 (John).

## TENANTS, did you know..

Your landlord can NEVER personally, physically evict, that is, remove you or your possessions from your place of residence? Only an officer of the law (a Sheriff or Marshal) may actually evict you, and then ONLY AFTER FIVE DAYS written notice?

Your landlord cannot himself take any of your belongings for nonpayment of rent, and such seizures should be reported to the police promptly as "THEFT," or if taken by entry into the premises without your permission, as "Burglary"?

A "Three Day Notice" (the one which reads at the top "NOTICE TO QUIT OR PAY RENT") is not an actual eviction notice? It usually takes a landlord at LEAST THREE WEEKS after serving you with a "Three Day Notice" to actually have you evicted, often longer?

If your landlord tries to force you to move by cutting off your electricity, water, gas, phone, or other utilities, he is liable to YOU for damages of \$100.00 a day? That he must also pay you attorney's fees?

Your landlord has no legal right to lock you out before you have been legally evicted, and such lockouts should be reported immediately

to the police as "MALICIOUS MISCHIEF" and "FORCIBLE ENTRY"?

You cannot go to jail for nonpayment of rent?

Many provisions landlords use in so-called "Rental Agreements" have no legal force or effect? They rely on your not knowing your legal rights.

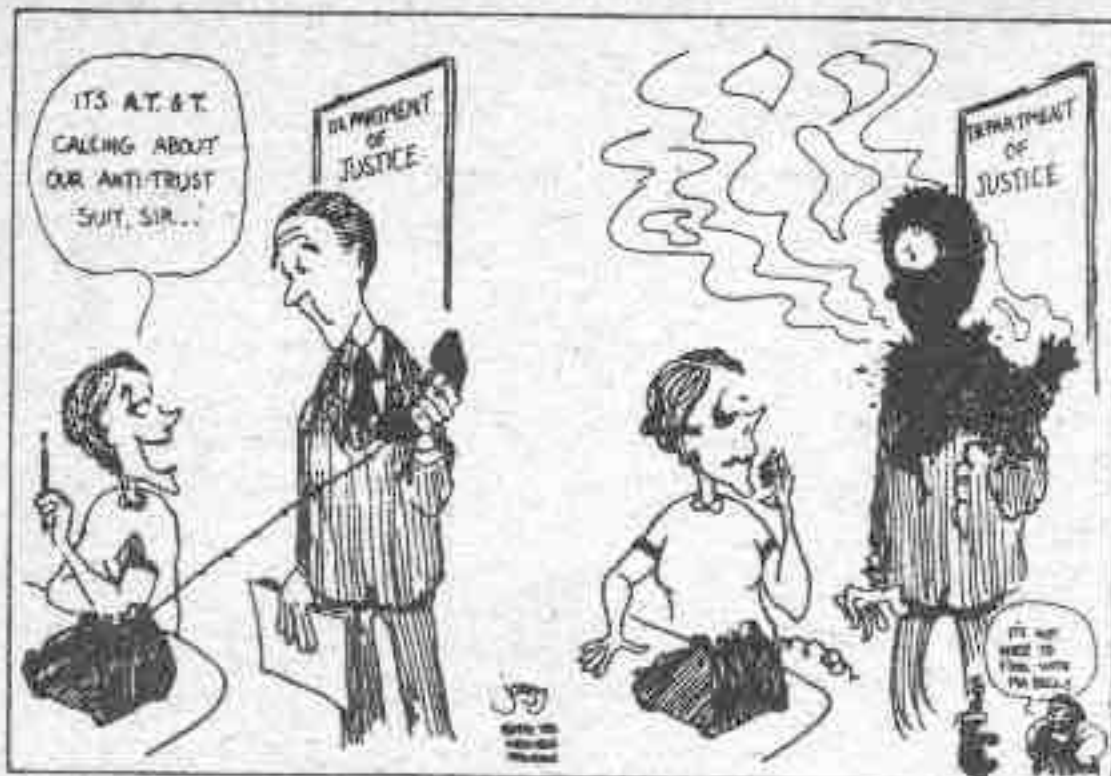
Your landlord may not resort to any tactics constituting "Harassment" to make you pay rent, such as removing your door, calling you in the middle of the night or threatening you?

Your landlord may enter the premises, unless your rental agreement contains provisions to the contrary, ONLY at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner for the SOLE PURPOSE of inspection or repair. If he remains any longer than necessary, or becomes abusive, you may ask him to leave. If he refuses, CALL THE POLICE!

All of the foregoing statements are true, REGARDLESS OF HOW FAR BEHIND IN YOUR RENT PAYMENTS YOU ARE?

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER 392-9011





### MA BELL'S GOONS

The Bell Telephone system claims its private investigators have the right to enter any home containing a telephone - without a search warrant - in order to look for the "illegal use of extra phones."

A Bell Company spokesperson adds that persons who deny entrance to phone company investigators are subject to having their phone service discontinued.

The Telephone Company's policy of searching without legal warrants was spelled out by phone company executives in Houston after the company had suspended one of its own employees. Fifty-year-old Lenuel Haight was suspended after refusing to allow A.T.&T. investigators into his home without a court-ordered search warrant.

A Southwestern Bell Company official said that Haight was suspended because he was aware of the company's policy of authorizing investigators to enter private homes without the court's permission yet turned Southwestern detectives away. - (ZNS)

### THE BUGGING ROUTINE

The nationwide Bell system reports that it currently employs 665 private security agents who are assigned to intercept and record the private conversations of its customers.

According to the phone company, the security agents routinely record private phone conversations without obtaining court warrants approving the wiretap; the company states it has the legal right to intercept calls on the grounds that its agents are checking for possible fraudulent use of telephone equipment.

The Bell system report follows on the heels of allegations coming out of Texas that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has secretly recorded the conversations of many of its influential customers in the southwest. Among those reportedly wiretapped in Texas were the District Attorney and the Chief of Police of Houston - (ZNS)

### RED NO.2 GETS GREEN LIGHT

(CPF)The Food and Drug Administration plans to approve the use of an artificial food coloring despite much evidence that it may cause cancer and fetal death.

The dye, called Arameth, or Red Dye No.2, is one of three red dyes used in a wide range of common processed foods.

After experiments in the Soviet Union in 1970 linked the dye to damaged fetuses, many countries restricted or banned the use of the coloring. And in 1972 the World Health Organization recommended restrictions on the use of Red No. 2 that would virtually eliminate its use.

The U.S., however, decided to have the FDA conduct its own studies. In the three years since the FDA began its tests, Americans consumed about 2.6 million pounds of the coloring.

Many scientists, including some working for the FDA, have said that experiments at the FDA were sloppily run and that results can be interpreted in different ways. The FDA has said that its most recent research shows that Red No. 2 does not cause damage or death in fetuses. But the Health Research Group, an independent organization analyzed the FDA's data and concluded that the coloring is safe for pregnant women only at extremely low levels. The HRG said that a 110 pound pregnant woman would endanger her child if she drank more than one third of a can of cherry soda containing Red No. 2 a day and consumed nothing else containing the dye.

The same thing happened with FDA studies to determine if Red No. 2 causes cancer. The FDA did three cancer studies and concluded that the dye is safe. The HRG went over their reports and concluded from two of the three studies that it is a carcinogen.

Food manufacturers are not required to list Red No. 2 in their labels. The phrase "certified food coloring" means that any of a number of colorings could be in a product, and that the FDA has checked to make sure that the color is uniform.

Dr. Jacqueline Verrett, an FDA researcher who has recently been speaking out against the agency, said, "There is ample evidence to ban the dye. But industry thinks a plate of food has to look like a Picasso painting to sell - even if it ends up killing you." And it looks like the FDA agrees, once again, with industry.

(From Liberation News Service.)

### ONLY THE COMPUTER KNOWS

(reprinted from the Coalition for Economic Survival Newsletter)

A battle is developing between shoppers and Lucky Makkets (Lucky-Gemco) over the right to know the price of store items. Lucky-Gemco violated that right when it removed the prices from the items in its San Leandro, California store. This is a test. If Lucky's is not forced to change its policy, other markets will take the prices off too.

Lucky's has introduced a computerized check-out system using a computer code stamped on each item to identify it. (see picture above). The Universal Product Code (UPC) enables the price to be rung up by simply passing the coded item through an electronic scanner. Only the computer knows the price.

Computerized check-out and UPC are coming. Ralphs already has it in several stores. The markets like the system because it will cut labor costs by throwing 35-40% of all retail clerks out of work; greatly improve inventory accuracy; and

bring millions of dollars in extra profits every year.

Automation could mean progress. But so far, it's only progress for the market owners.

It will take a fight to get the benefits of the new system passed on to consumers and retail clerks. We will have to fight for market savings to be passed on as lower prices; we will have to fight for an adequate number of check-stands. And consumers must support the retail clerks fight for job compensation.

Now we must fight to keep the prices on the items. We need pledges from Lucky customers not to shop there if the prices are removed. Contact the Coalition for Economic Survival office to get pledge cards and information on this campaign. (CES, 5889 W. Pico Bl., L.A. 90019, (213) 938-6241). Write letters to state senators and assemblypeople to support SB261 and AB558 which would make it illegal to take the prices off the items. Get others to do the same.

### UNFAIR MILK PRICING

(reprinted from the Coalition for Economic Survival Newsletter)

CES reacted quickly to the news that the Auditor General discovered we have been overcharged 5¢ a half-gallon for milk since last April.

Here is the text of a telegram we sent to Governor Brown:

"We call upon you to issue an immediate Executive Order to reduce the price of milk by 5¢ per half-gallon. Your prompt action is urgently needed to rectify the Agriculture Department's violation of the public trust, caused by its 7-month, \$55 million cover-up of milk over-pricing. An Executive would indeed instill a "new spirit" in Sacramento.

The milk price situation has been studied at length and in depth. The gross retail profit margin on milk of more than 20% is a hard fact. This inflated profit alone justifies a roll-back of at least 5¢, despite the effects of inflation. Consumers have argued for months that milk prices could be reduced by 13¢ per half-gallon, with reasonable profits to the industry. The Committee's

findings substantiate part of our claim; we have no doubt that further analysis will prove our argument entirely."

During Brown's campaign for Governor, he issued a statement in favor of lower milk prices. He said, "...I am not satisfied that these massive retail price increases were necessary...I urge the Reagan administration to reopen its milk price decisions and roll-back the minimum retail price."

CES BELIEVES NOW THAT BROWN IS GOVERNOR, IT IS UP TO HIM TO ACT UPON HIS OWN WORDS.

Senator Roberti and Assemblyman Wilson and Montoya are working in Sacramento for a roll-back. However, the issue is complicated by moves to repeal the present law, which do not deal directly with this 5¢ overcharge.

Consumer letters, wires, calls, etc. to Brown are needed now to focus the issue on the immediate 5¢ price roll-back to remedy the overcharge.

Joining CES in calling for a roll-back are UAW local presidents Paul Goldner and Joseph Intiso; L.A. YWCA President Catherine MacDonald; ACLU Director Ramona Ripston; CASA President Javier Rodriguez, and others.

### BEATLEMANIA

A Philadelphia institute has been using Beatle's music to treat incorrigible children.

Psychologists at the eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute report they have successfully employed a number of the Beatles' most popular songs to encourage six chronically disruptive children - ranging in age from 5 to 7 - to concentrate on their work.

Doctor Clair Wilson says that the children are selected because of their unusually highly disruptive behavior. They were placed in a classroom with piped-in Beatle music and were told that the hit records would continue as long as they did their work.

When disruption occurred, the Beatles were turned off. The psychologist report that after a few sessions featuring such hits as "All You Need Is Love" and "With a Little Help From My Friends,"

### LET'S ALL GOOSE GRANNY

Certain snack food manufacturers have been caught with potato chip dip on their fingers. As a result of a class action suit, approximately \$2 million is available in a settlement fund which must be returned to consumers. This means that up to \$15.00 per household can be received by completing the claim form below and mailing to the stated address.

These companies have been ripping-off the public for years. It's about time that the people put a lid (by getting a lid) on these abuses. Be sure to mail your claim by April 21. You also might want to donate a part of your return to a favorite charity (maybe the Beachhead or Venice Town Council?).

| CONSUMER STATEMENT OF CLAIM   |                                      |
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| TO: OFFICE OF THE CLERK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT<br>CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA<br>P. O. BOX 76852<br>LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90076   |                                      |
| IN RE PRIVATE CIVIL TREBLE DAMAGE ACTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN SNACK FOOD COMPANIES No. 71-2007-R  |                                      |
| PRINT YOUR NAME   | last name first name middle initial  |
| PRINT YOUR ADDRESS  | street number street name apt number |
| PRINT YOUR CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE   | city state zip code                  |
| SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  | none Date of Birth Month Day Year    |
| <p>Claimant was a consumer residing in the State of California, Arizona or Nevada who made purchases of potato chips, barbecue-flavored potato chips, corn chips and tortilla chips for his and/or members of his household consumption during the period January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1970.</p> <p>1. How many persons, including yourself, were in your household during the period January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1970?</p> <p>2. State the name of each person that was in your household during the period January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1970:</p> <p>3. How much did you spend per month, on the average, for total food purchases for your household during the period January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1970?:</p> <p>4. How much did you spend per month, on the average, to purchase potato chips, corn chips, barbecue-flavored potato chips or tortilla chips for your household during the period January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1970 in California, Arizona or Nevada?:<br/>Under \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00-\$3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$3.00 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this claim form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I recognize that a knowingly and materially false statement if made herein is the felony of perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621 and that knowingly making a materially false statement to an adjudicatory agency of the United States Government is a felony under 18 U.S.C. 1001, both of which are punishable by imprisonment and fine.</p> <p>Dated: _____ (Signature of Claimant)</p> <p>Only one claim may be filed per household. This claim must be postmarked no later than April 21, 1975.<br/>(Caveat: The total figure set forth herein is not determinative of the amount due each claimant, but shall be used only to determine the amount claimant shall receive as a pro rata basis of the settlement fund.)</p> |                                      |



# SEVERANCE

By Linda Lucks

Severance knocks me out! I can't keep from dancing when I hear their music. It appeals not only to my body, my brains, but to my emotions as well. Severance's tunes, all original, speak to my experience. They speak of the lessons of life with a certain maturity, joy, and soulfulness. The music of Severance - if you haven't yet heard the band - is Rock & Roll, heavily influenced by Latin, jazz and popular music. It is innovative; it successfully integrates the varied musical styles and backgrounds of each band member, no one of which dominates the other.

The five young men and their instruments are: Gregory Hines, 29, and Aquarius (for those who would ask), plays rhythm guitar and sings. His nickname, "Golden Throat," is appropriate; his is a syrupy bedroom voice. Gregory has been a professional performer since he was three, appearing on television, in nightclubs and Las Vegas with his father and brother as Hines, Hines and Dad. Greg left the act when he felt frustrated, because he was not expressing his own feelings, and he realized that he had to do that. His struggle is explained in his tune, "Whatever I Want to Be." .... Singing songs, someone else's/ Saying words, but I never felt them/ Uninvolved, in my movements/ Now resolved to begin again." His songs are as romantic as his voice. They are sentimental, about personal insights, relationships with lovers, family and pets. When Greg moved to Los Angeles, he met Conga Mike Daniel in Venice.

Michael Daniel, 25, a Gemini, has lived in Venice since he was 17, has played the Conga drums on Venice Beach since then. When he was nine, he played drums in his elementary school band in Philadelphia. He accompanied dance classes at the Inner City Cultural Center for several years as well as playing at the AZZ'IZZ on West Washington Blvd. in Venice before meeting Gregory and forming Severance. When Mike plays the Conga drums, a union is achieved between his hands and his drums and it's hard to tell where one leaves off and the other begins and when he plays them, the congas become a melodic instrument. This is the first time congas have been and integral part of a rock band, and it definitely makes Severance's sound unique. Mike's tune "Messages from Space" is an upbeat fun song which says.... "Messages from space/ They're going across the nation/ Inspiring a generation to freak out, freak out/ Don't get crazy now/ Don't lose your head." I love it for its complicated rhythm and true Venice flavor. Mike and Greg started playing together, even appearing at the Troubadour on Hoot night. Then Gregory met Todd at a Venice party.



Todd Bingham, 29 and a Taurus, plays lead guitar and writes beautiful songs. Todd is from Southern California, attending Aviation High School and UCLA where he studied drama. He tried acting for a while, then worked for a record company in Cleveland, where he found the name Severance, the name of a shopping center there. He has been playing guitar and writing tunes since college, but until joining the band had had limited experience on electric guitar. His playing has improved so much in the months since I first heard him, I find it hard to believe that he could get so good so quickly. His songs are about relationships; good, bad, beginning and, of course, ending. "My Newly Formed Friend" is the romantic birth and cynical death of a relationship. The last verse says, "My newly formed friend/ So this is the end/ Was I too slow in reaching a high/ I guess it was best to just let it rest/ With the next, I'll remember to lie." I understand the feeling of disappointment and bitterness of losing. I love hearing Todd, accompanying himself on acoustic guitar, sing songs about his son.

Gregory, Mike, and Todd played together, taped themselves and when Greg went to New York he played the tape for Barry.

Barry Saperstein, 28, a mellow Libra, is a fantastic drummer who's incredible timing serves to cement the band. He plays with such contained intensity and feeling and is able to so tune in to the other musicians that his drumming becomes almost spiritual in its feeling. He is a trained musician; having studied at The Manhattan School of Music and at the University of Miami in Florida. He played professionally in New York shows for years and as drummer/conductor, backed Hines, Hines and Dad for two years. Barry also plays vibes and is beginning to sing and write. After he heard the tape of Greg, Todd and Mike, Barry moved to Los Angeles to join the band.

Zoom (John Mann Vanderlip, Jr.) on bass guitar, is 25, a Leo, and lives in the Canals, grew up in the Palos Verdes area. Before joining Severance, Zoom had played in two other bands, Fat Jack and Family of Man. At one time he trained hawks as a hobby (he then let them go), is much interested in magic and the occult. Zoom is a "natural musician" - an incredible ear - is very energetic and bouncy on stage and seems to lift the group's spirits with his positive attitude. His powerful, deep bass voice is a pleasure to hear - especially when he sings and alternately plays his lines. His voice further enhances the band's sound which grows fuller each time I hear them. I'm glad to be hearing more harmonies and the expanding vocal development of everyone in the band.

The music of Severance is like the members of the band, hopeful, up, romantic, joyous, mellow and hip. The band's plans, according to Arthur Rappaport, their manager, include college concerts and one hopes soon, a recording contract. Time is on their side. I have seen nothing but improvement, and I was impressed six months ago when Ron Cokely, who does their sound, first told me about them and invited me to Honky Hoagie's. Thanks Ron, for it has been a delightful part of my life. Even though Severance won't be at Honky Hoagies any more, we'll surely hear more from them, for their collective creative energy is contagious. I respect them as musicians and as people who are growing and making an effort to understand and deal with life as they each experience it, in a humanistic, gentle way. I hear you Severance!

- \* "Whatever I Want To Be" C 1974, Gregory Hines
- \* "Messages From Space" C 1974, Michael Daniel
- \* "My Newly Formed Friend" C 1974, Todd Bingham

## AUTOPSY

By Ken Nisbet

Oh where have you gone Biff Rose  
and what became of "Gypsy Boots"  
the dogs no longer romp so free  
on lazy afternoons.  
what happened to the sunshine days  
and dreams of Mexico  
the Ocean seems much dirtier, and  
late night walks a little dangerous.

Some birds no longer come  
to perch on benches, with green, peeling paint  
the benches are made of concrete now  
with numbers chiseled on their sides.  
The people come by thousands  
not too much room left anymore  
they drive down on their lunch hours  
to watch the naked bathers.

In place of wood, their using steel  
and walls and walls of glass  
they park their autos underground  
and later, slaughter the animals,  
a horrible steel death on Pacific Avenue.  
They couldn't live here; "The Children, you know!"  
Oh Where have you gone Biff Rose  
To sunny Mexico?

## EVEN IN SCHOOL

What did they teach you in school?  
They taught me how not to be.  
Did you also learn your ABC's?  
They taught me how not to be.  
And if you paid attention to your lesson  
like you were supposed to,  
They taught you not to be black,  
Just like they taught me not to be.

By Robert Jackson

From Nigger Stuff and Frustrations

## VENOM II

I wonder about the  
tight-faced  
work-worried women  
in cloth coats and curlers  
who collect in surly women crowds  
spitting hate  
in Birmingham or Boston.

I worry about their  
sullen spite  
collected in years of  
shabby schools and sometimes jobs  
poisoned and prodded  
by habits  
by fears  
by landlords and leaders  
who revile them  
provoked and pitted  
against their enemy's  
enemy.

What turns class hatred  
inside out?  
freezes a longing for freedom  
into splintered cries of ice  
to pierce the heart  
of those  
Black people  
who properly  
are allies.

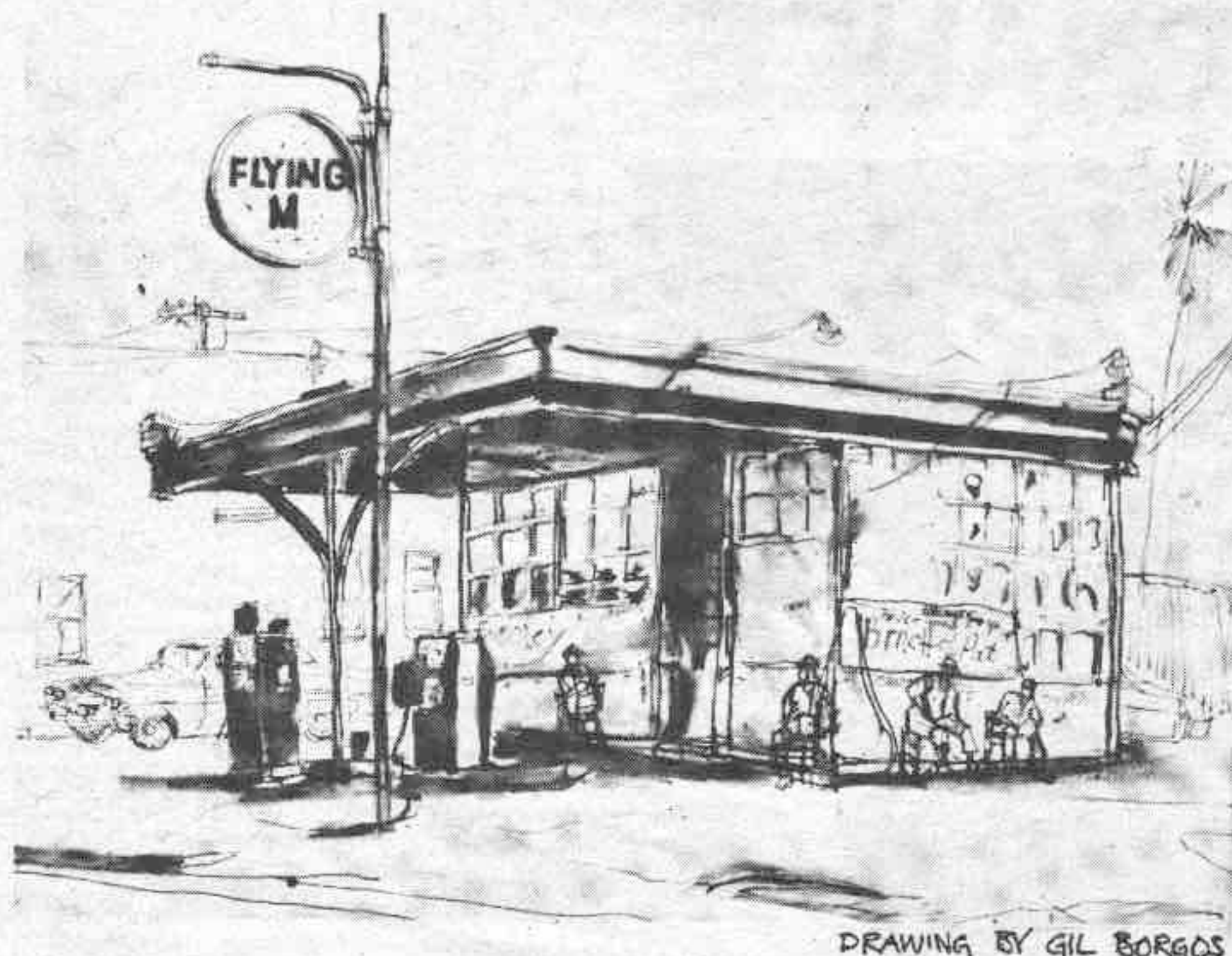
What is the bridge  
to you?  
our struggle  
must reveal it.

from "Sing a Battle Song" poems by women  
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## HELP SAVE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

by Elizabeth Sunny Sky

The old auditorium building at Westminster School was condemned some time ago, for use by school staff and children because it was built prior to 1932 and is not, by present standards, earthquake proof.

It remains standing, however, and presently has the status of being "reprieved", according to Mr. Lotery of the architectural firm that is currently drawing plans for a new auditorium-cafeteria facility for the school. At a meeting in the school library March 12th, he stated his firm's conviction that the building should be saved as an example of its architectural style and suggested its use by the community.

What evidently needs to happen now - and according to Lotery, quickly - is a firm response from the Venice community voicing our desire to keep and use the building.

According to community people who are familiar with the facility, it houses and acoustically excellent theater-type auditorium as well as classrooms.

A meeting has not yet been called to talk over what our community wants to do with the building. In the interim, anyone interested should call their Town Council area representatives. The telephone numbers are in this paper on the Community Services page.

# C.A.C. DIARY

BY JIM BICKHART

(Jim Bickhart is a member of the Venice Community Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee from the North Beach area.)

The March meeting of the Venice CAC was convened by City Planner Chuck Zeman shortly after 8 p.m. 15 voting members were present, one non-voting member, 4 city staff employees and 8 observers. Jim Bickhart served as temporary chairperson as per the resolution passed at the February meeting.

A motion, authored by CAC member Jim Bickhart, to ask that people on the CAC who had missed three meetings in a row be asked to show cause why they should not be dismissed from the CAC was introduced. Discussion determined that of the four people named in the motion, Ted Franklin had resigned, Cynthia Ratner had been replaced by her husband, Tom Merrill had been late for one meeting and had not signed the attendance roster and that Joe Chavez had indeed missed more than three meetings. Dan Scardino volunteered to seek out Chavez to determine his intentions and the motion was tabled pending Scardino's report.

The discussion and adoption of Goals and Objectives was continued from the previous meeting. By request of several members a basic parliamentary procedure was employed in contrast to the February procedure in which wording was adopted after discussion without taking formal votes.

Six statements of goals and objectives were adopted after discussion which led to a few changes in the wording in a couple of the statements. The CAC Diary will include full wording of all adopted goals and objectives next month.

The discussions on objective #5 (regarding the elimination and prevention of the spread of blight and conservation, rehabilitation and restoration of the community) and objective #12 (regarding the economic health, convenience and general welfare of the Venice community) were the lengthiest and most detailed.

With regard to #5, there was some concern as to whether this wording was sensitive enough to legal requirements for low income housing elements in community plans. Other members questioned whether the wording was not redundant in light of other statements either adopted or yet to be considered. Some members stated their feeling that the wording was not redundant and that this objective was not in conflict with nor relevant to low-income housing considerations. Others simply stated feelings that the CAC could not realistically and should therefore not attempt to have any effect on low-income housing in Venice. The motion to adopt the statement passed, 7 to 6.

Statement #12 prompted considerable discussion after CAC member Marilyn Garber reminded the temporary chairperson that proposed amendments should be considered and voted upon before motions to accept the original wording. She proceeded to propose amended wording, which, after further changes and discussion, was adopted.

Objective statements 10 and 11 (regarding circulation and transportation) and 13 (regarding public services and utilities) were held over for the April meeting with the request that members prepare themselves in advance for the discussions.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chuck Zeman announced that he was being phased out of the Venice planning project, to be replaced by Bob Beard. CAC member Sandy Elster was notified that he would serve as temporary chairperson in April.

All CAC meetings are open to the public. The CAC meets the first Tuesday of each month at Venice City Hall, 681 N. Venice Bl. All communications to CAC members may be addressed to them through David Gay, Dept. of City Planning, 200 N. Spring St., L.A. 90012. This is every Venice person's Community plan get involved before it's too late!

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Area III: Canals - south of Venice Bl, east of Pacific, west of Washington Bl. Meets every 1st & 3rd Tues. (April 1 & 15) Apr. 1 meeting at Anchorage School, Apr. 15 meeting at City Hall, 681 Venice Bl. 8:00 821-5931 or 823-1753

Area IV: Oakwood - No. of California, west of Lincoln to Washington Bl. meets every 3rd Wed. (Apr. 16) Broadway school bungalow 7:00 396-2801

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Area VI: Central - No. of Venice Bl, east of Main, west of Washington Bl. Meets every 2nd Thurs, 328 Market St. 7:30 (Apr. 10) 821-1774 or 821-5438

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by Rita Crafts

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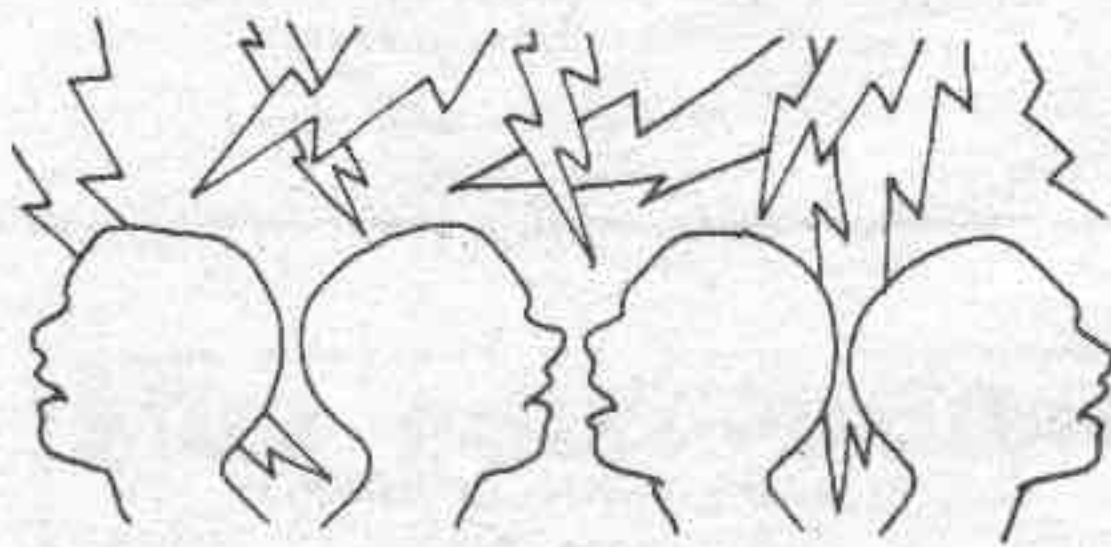
A recent movie and new law initiated by Assemblyman John Vasconcellos have forced me to take a stand and tell my experiences with shock treatment, psychiatrists, and mental hospitals. The new law would establish an outside board to review doctors' recommendations for the use of electric shock treatment. Related to this, a film by John Cassavetes, *A Woman Under the Influence*, shows with amazing accuracy some crucial events behind the whole scene of mental illness. It is a tale of sorrowful manipulation and it is my contention that much of this same manipulation and backsliding goes on in the revered mental hospitals of our nation. I offer my experience in this not so distant realm of human life.

I think that a majority of people have the idea of a mental patient as someone in a white nightgown in a snake pit type environment. Mental illness seems to be something distant, fearful and apart from their lives. With insurance companies all this has changed. Today's mental patient is a harassed housewife, mother, executive, doctor, lawyer, student. In many instances these people could do well to have frequent visits to a good doctor; however, in our mainstream society the blinders are on and when someone finally falls apart, they are often rushed into a mental health center because insurance will cover the high cost. The misinformed average neophyte has fantasies about the term "mental hospital" and is very much frightened and often will physically fight and cause a scene to avoid going. This, of course, is misinterpreted - not seen as a natural fear reaction. Instead, the patient is labeled and discussed as violent and "a threat and a danger to himself and society." He or she approached from this stand sets up a thread of unfair, unjust circumstances, so that if the patient is upset (and of course he is), or high strung, or someone from another culture who can't speak English, or a very emotional artist or entertainer, he or she is viewed as "psychotic". The goon squad, restraints, shots, and the general incompetence of the over-wrought staff adds to the misery of the person who is caught in this set of circumstances. To complicate the issue, the naive patient who has not had therapy or another consciousness-raising experience usually has feelings of guilt, shame, and resentment plus family members usually dump all of their madness onto the weaker "sick" person and use him or her as a whipping post. (A good illustration of this is in *A Woman Under the Influence*.) The patient then begins to feel he or she is really sick, and of course the psychiatric jargon and labels fortify this.

A doctor is assigned to the patient in most insurance cases, a doctor the patient has never seen nor has a voice in choosing. The patient is admitted and the doctor will telephone orders to the charge nurse. I have personally observed (having once been a charge nurse) a doctor not coming in for days, meanwhile the patient is getting medication that may not agree with him at all - so that the patient on top of all the stress, has the chemical additive of physical illness inflicted upon him or her.

Typically, the doctor comes in from his office practice harassed and rushed and spends at times only ten minutes with the victim and leaves him or her feeling abandoned, estranged, and more frightened. As the patient manifests these natural expressions of his plight, he is labeled further and suspected of deeper psychosis.

Over and above this, when the patient is admitted, papers for him to sign will include and Electric Shock Treatment Agreement. Many times the patient is not aware he has signed this, so naturally the next step is that he gets Electric Shock for his behavior and problems. It can be given daily or three times a week while he rarely sees his doctor or has therapy sessions. When he goes for the treatment, he is given a sedative and afterwards often doesn't even remember seeing his doctor. A person who has been abused much of his life doesn't know the meaning of being treated fairly so he or she accepts shock treatment and brief talks with the doctor. And this can be helped by his own guilt feelings, i.e. "I am not worthy - I don't deserve anything therefore I should suffer."



There is a self-destructive theme to the regular habitué of mental health centers. A person who is fortunate enough to be given the insight that he is in trouble emotionally may have the good fortune to seek help from a reputable source. On the otherhand, a person full of repressed anger and hostility at his family, the world, etc. may attempt bogus suicide and be admitted with the secret feelings, "ha ha that'll show 'em; they can't push me around." A lot of people try to kill themselves to punish their family. This type of suicide-history patient usually cannot express his anger and resentment, and it builds up to some violent outbursts. Unless the person can be re-directed to see what pattern he is following, to learn that it is acceptable to feel rage and despair without guilt, and to see himself clearly instead of as the fantasy he has about himself (taken from projected images of those that fostered his growth and development). Then he carries through life this self-image not realizing he is not being himself but striving to be an idea of what he thinks he should be.

Electric Shock Treatment seems to cause the person to forget his anguish for a limited time in most cases, so the patient becomes a regular customer - most of the time re-admitted to the hospital and running up an incredible bill. A patient can stay anywhere from three to nine months.

There is also a huge business of walk-in day patients for Electric Shock. These people usually weep in their despair, "I'll never be well. Look how much Shock Treatment I've had and I'm back." What these innocent people do not know is Electric Shock merely postpones their deep seated problems. Not having adjunctive therapy to re-direct their life patterns leaves them in continual despair, but from the doctor's standpoint they are "regular customers" - with the exception of the suicides.

John Vasconcellos, a California Assemblyman, is trying to change some of these injustices. The psychiatrists who are making a lot of money in the mental health business are fighting this man's proposal for state review of doctor's electric shock recommendations. The general public does not know the inside story because of all the fears and archaic ideas surrounding mental illness. I hope I can throw some light on the inside story.

*A Woman Under the Influence*, a film by John Cassavetes, shows a distraught sensitive person surrounded by ignorance - how she is molded, pressured, and cracks; how little insight or understanding is shown her. She is supposedly the crazy one when standing in the sofa posturing strangely to the tune of "Swan Lake", in the midst of unrelenting pressure from the family.

Her husband smashes her to the floor and says "She's crazy". And, in the audience, several people reacted with, "She's really nuts, isn't she?" as they observed this scene. Many people, who are under unimaginable amounts of stress in order to keep from going over the line, will adopt bizarre behavior or posturing to save themselves. To the inexperienced this seems to be the personification of madness. On the contrary this is a natural survival reaction to protect oneself from the mental onslaughts.

The crime of Electric Shock is its misuse in psychiatrists' hands as an exploitation of the desperate and naive, as a scapegoat therapy without additional inventive, genuine therapy. It primarily serves to fatten the pockets of the doctors that use it. State reviews of these abuses would not only increase the quality of other therapy, drive some of these entrenched exploiters out of the business, but also make way for improved means of treating mental illness. I say it's worth the cost. What is more expensive--getting well and being useful as a person or repeating again and again endless shock treatment, its temporary relief and induced amnesia? And as far as the argument of "loss of privacy" to the patient--this privacy is virtually non-existent anyway.

I worked at a hospital with one of the doctors who is fighting the new law. He hired people off the street for starvation wages, and these people had access to charts and every secret the tormented patient tells the doctor. Staff laugh and make jokes at staff meetings with their narrow minded understandings of interesting patients. As a student I was appalled at how students were instructed to study patients' charts where the most intimate details of their lives were recorded. To my mind, the issue of "privacy" detracts from the main issue: whether psychiatrists should be subject to review and outside scrutiny of their use of shock therapy.

Mental illness is something every member of society should face. I believe its proper treatment is as important as the treatment of any physical disease. I urge you to support state review of electric shock treatment. Drive these trumped up, idiot-psychiatrists out of business or at least force them to reinvigorate their professional methods. Can you afford to have yourself or one of your family at the mercy of a doctor who, relying solely on shock treatment as cure, leads you down an endless corridor of false relief that costs you and your family thousands of dollars? (The sequel to *A Woman Under the Influence* is *Woman Still Under the Influence*, readmitted to the mental hospital.) It is time modern psychiatrists, mental hospitals, and mental illness were exploded.

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# Mind and Body

## HEALTH RIGHTS

399-7737 (Vera Davis)  
392-4177 (Alan Enkin)

**YOUTH CLINIC AND MEDICAL HELP**  
905 Venice Bl. VD, pregnancy tests, infections, abortion counseling, birth control: 4 pm - 4:45pm - for other medical help call first 821-3484

**COMMUNITY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**  
320 Lincoln Bl., 392-4125  
M-F 6 pm - 10 pm

**FAMILY PLANNING CENTER**  
1501 Pacific Av. (at Market St)  
392-4147

**UCLA DENTAL CLINIC**  
392-4125

**VENICE DRUG COALITION**  
392-4151

**DRUG HELP**  
1. Venice Drug Clinic 392-4114  
2. Drug Hotline 392-2873  
3. Drug Emergency 393-0636

**ALCOHOLISM SERVICE CENTER**  
Clare Foundation, 844 Pico, SM  
8 pm - 10 pm, 7 days/wk. 392-6498

**BENJAMIN RUSH CENTER**  
Help for your head - 392-4905

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RAPE CRISIS HOT LINE**  
677-8116

**ABORTION REFERRAL**  
936-6293

**our daily bread**

**WELFARE**  
1. 11390 W. Olympic Bl. 478-5511  
2. Welfare Rights 731-5095  
\*APP 399-7737

**SERVICES REFERRAL**  
Helpline for food, clothes, counseling, etc. 399-1248  
M-F 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**FOOD STAMPS ONLY**  
10961 W. Pico Bl. 479-4421

**FOOD CONSPIRACY**  
Venice Food Coop meets every Tuesday at the Short Walk Community Center 1102 W. Washington Blvd., 8:00 p.m.

**JOB INFORMATION CENTER**  
316 Lincoln Blvd. 392-4811

# KULTCHURE

**VENICE LIBRARY**  
610 California Av. 821-1769  
M-F, 1-9 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-1 pm

**LITERARY WORKSHOPS**  
Beyond Baroque - 396-6551

**COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE**  
Midnight Special Bookstore  
1335 1/2 W. Washington Bl.  
tu-Th 12-9, F-Sun 12-6  
Closed Mon. 392-7412

**CARPENTRY COLLECTIVE**  
Venice Builders & Carpentry  
Collective: Karen (397-7142)  
Steve (821-0216), Eleanor & Bob 392-8136

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396 3885

**FREE VENICE**  
226 San Juan, 396-6876

**HELICOPTER COMPLAINTS, F.A.A.**  
391-6701

**YOUR POLITICIANS**  
Councilwoman Russell  
822-2582

Assemblyman Sieroty  
277-5955

Venice Legal Aid 392-4177

# PEOPLE...

## SENIOR CITIZENS

1. Israel Levin Senior Adult Center  
201 Ocean Front Walk...399-9584  
2. Ocean Park Community Center  
399-1248

**CHILDCARE INFORMATION**  
Westminster Childrens  
Center - 396-6846

**CHILD COUNSELING CENTER**  
392-7995

**BLACKS**  
NAPP, 528 Westminster  
399-7737

**ASIANS**  
Involve Together Asians  
477-0357

**GAY LIBERATION**  
Gay Community Services Center  
1614 Wilshire Bl. 482-3062

**WOMENS SWITCBOARD**  
388-3491

**NATIVE AMERICANS**  
391-6067

## ...other Life

**PET PRIDE (for Cats)**  
459-1703

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Rally for Survival around issues of unemployment, food costs and rent control - April 10th at 7 p.m. Broadway School, Lincoln & California Streets... for information call 392-7412

## CONVICT HOTLINE

The Los Angeles Free Clinic "Prison Collective" has a new resource for service to ex-offenders, parolees, and probationers - the "Convict Hotline", a comprehensive aid to ex-offenders in the areas of housing, legal aid, vocational rehab, family services, counseling, jobs, food & clothing, drugs & alcohol, cultural & ethnic, medical, health, general services... call 938-0101 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. WE'LL HEAR YOU.

## DISCRIMINATION IN CITY HIRING

In the city of Los Angeles, large numbers of persons are regularly excluded from employment opportunities because of their marital status or sexual orientation. Single persons, separated/divorced persons, cohabitators, lesbians and gay men are routinely discriminated against while attempting to secure employment with the City of Los Angeles.

Fifteen cities in the U.S. and Canada have already passed laws prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of "marital status" or "sexual orientation." In July of 1974 Councilperson Robert J. Stevenson introduced an amendment to the Los Angeles City Code that would prohibit such discrimination. The public hearing on this legislation was recently postponed and it is now expected that the hearings will be held in May or June 1975. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY MOUNTED HEAVY OPPOSITION TO THIS FAIR EMPLOYMENT AMMENDMENT.

In order to focus community interest and to organize for the orderly passage of this amendment, the Greater Los Angeles Coalition to Guarantee Fair Employment Practices was formed by concerned persons. The Coalition meets Monday evenings at 7:30 at the Metropolitan Community Church, Lower Social Hall, 1050 S. Hill St (11th & Hill in Downtown Los Angeles). for further information call 837-0557. The coalition urges you to support this needed legislation which effects forty-eight percent of the adult population of the City of Los Angeles. Although Chief Davis would like you to believe otherwise, this is not solely a gay issue. Write your Councilperson (Pat Russell of our Venice District is on the Committee for Personnel!).

## TRANS-GENDER LIBERATION!

by Ms. Lily-Sabina Fairweather, A.N.

Fellow Mammals! Fellow Vertebrates! Arise and form one species: An independent mixed racial FANTASY Therapy Rap planned for 8 p.m., 2nd, 3rd & 4th Weds. A Surrealist Coperson approach to the absolute destruction of current sex role distinctions: only for persons who are really OUTRAGED by current divisions (2/3rds. or more of all current mental illness can be traced to sexual identity divisions=THE SEXIST JYAD! only recently imposed by mass warrior cultures to create TWO half persons) We will try to advertise visit with involve some genuine operative transsexuals and physically as well as psychically GYNANDEROUS persons. ART's Famous School of 2037! (MAYA YOGA)

First meetings downstairs at CHURCH in Ocean Park. (2nd & Hill) \$1. donation requested of those who are able. The reexpression of an ancient transgender Shamanism, Alchemy, and genuine Kabbalah from The Order of The Star and The Moon from Nice, France. Only in Free Venice!

The time for this course is brought to you by Ms. Lily-SABINA Fairweather, A.N. Miss Mammal 1942 and 3rd alternate North Beach Town Council. call Sabina at 396-7138 for more info. A service of The KALI CONG, Love in the SHAKTI Goddess!

## Westside Women's Clinic Project

The Westside Women's Clinic Project was designed by community women with health care backgrounds, with advice from community women and from members of the faculties of the U.C.L.A. Schools of Medicine and Public Health. It is a joint project of the Church in Ocean Park (United Methodist) and the Los Angeles Women's Center, servicing the West Los Angeles area.

Services at the Clinic will include contraception, screening and treatment for V.D. and minor vaginal infections, Cancer screening, Early Termination of pregnancy, Well Baby Clinic and Geriatrics Clinic. These programs will be backed by counselling programs and an extensive educational program and community outreach are planned. All literature will be in Spanish as well as English and many of the programs will be bi-lingual. There will be a low cost sliding scale fee system. This Clinic is exactly what all of us, working together, can create. We invite you to join us.

We plan to open id mid March, 1975

1711 Ocean Park Boulevard  
Santa Monica, California 90405  
Phone: (213) 450-2191

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## ATTENTION VETERANS

The Veterans Outreach Program is currently located at 324 S. Lincoln Bl. The Program seeks to identify disadvantaged veterans who do not have access to or who have not taken advantage of, their earned benefits and provides them with meaningful counseling that assists them in identifying and overcoming problems that impede readjustment to the civilian community. Emphasis is on employment and education.

Disadvantaged veterans are also referred to available resources within the community that may offer opportunities for education, employment, admission to drug and alcoholic rehabilitation programs, housing and all other problems that the younger veteran particularly may encounter.

The most recent and primary service offered to Veterans is that of upgrading less than honorable discharges. Veterans with bad discharges may have petitions to change their discharges drawn up at no cost. Also available is military law counseling. CALL - 399-9202, 399-9203, 399-9204

## ATTENTION TENANTS

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94131

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Parent Education included. Openings now for children 3 yrs. 9 mo. & 4 yrs. 9 mo. Call or come in to enroll now. Westminster Childrens Center, 1010 Main St., Venice, Ca. 90291 - 396-6846 NO FEE.

## State Pre-Kindergarten Clase

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Buen Bocado  
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Posiciones ahora para los niños entre 3 años 9 meses & 4 años 9 meses. Llame o viene para matricular ahorita. Westminster Childrens Center, 1010 Main St. Venice, Ca. 90291 396-6846 GRATIS

## BEYOND BAROQUE

Friday, Apr. 4, 8-10 p.m., opening reception for Ellen Lambert, pastel drawings. Showing through Apr. 26  
Friday, Apr. 18, 8:30 p.m. Paul Mariah and John Oliver Simon read their poetry  
Friday, Apr. 25, 8:30 p.m. Recital, performers & program to be announced  
Friday, May 2, 8-10 p.m. opening reception - a new gallery exhibit  
Beyond Baroque, 1639 Washington Bl, Venice. 396-6551  
ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE

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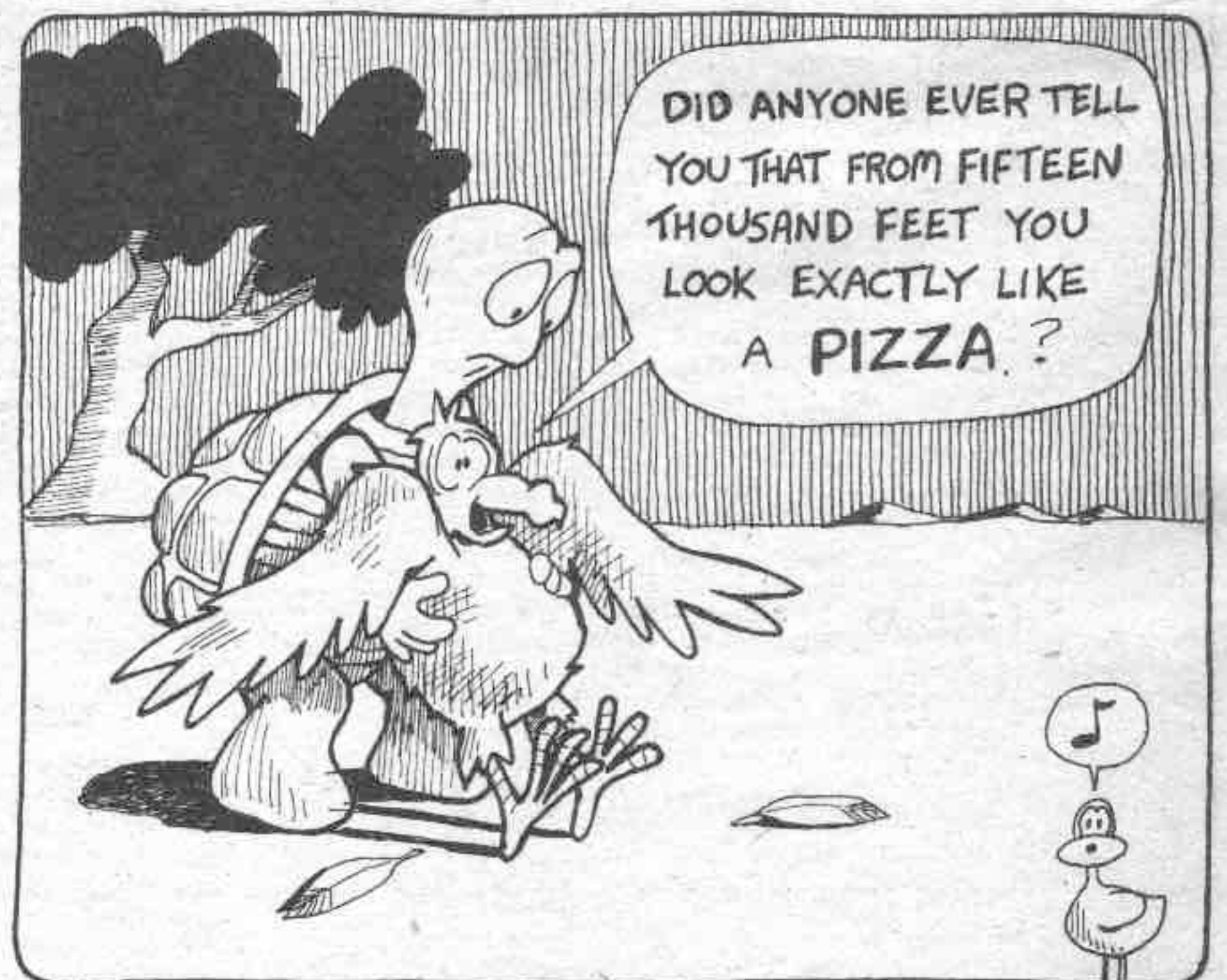
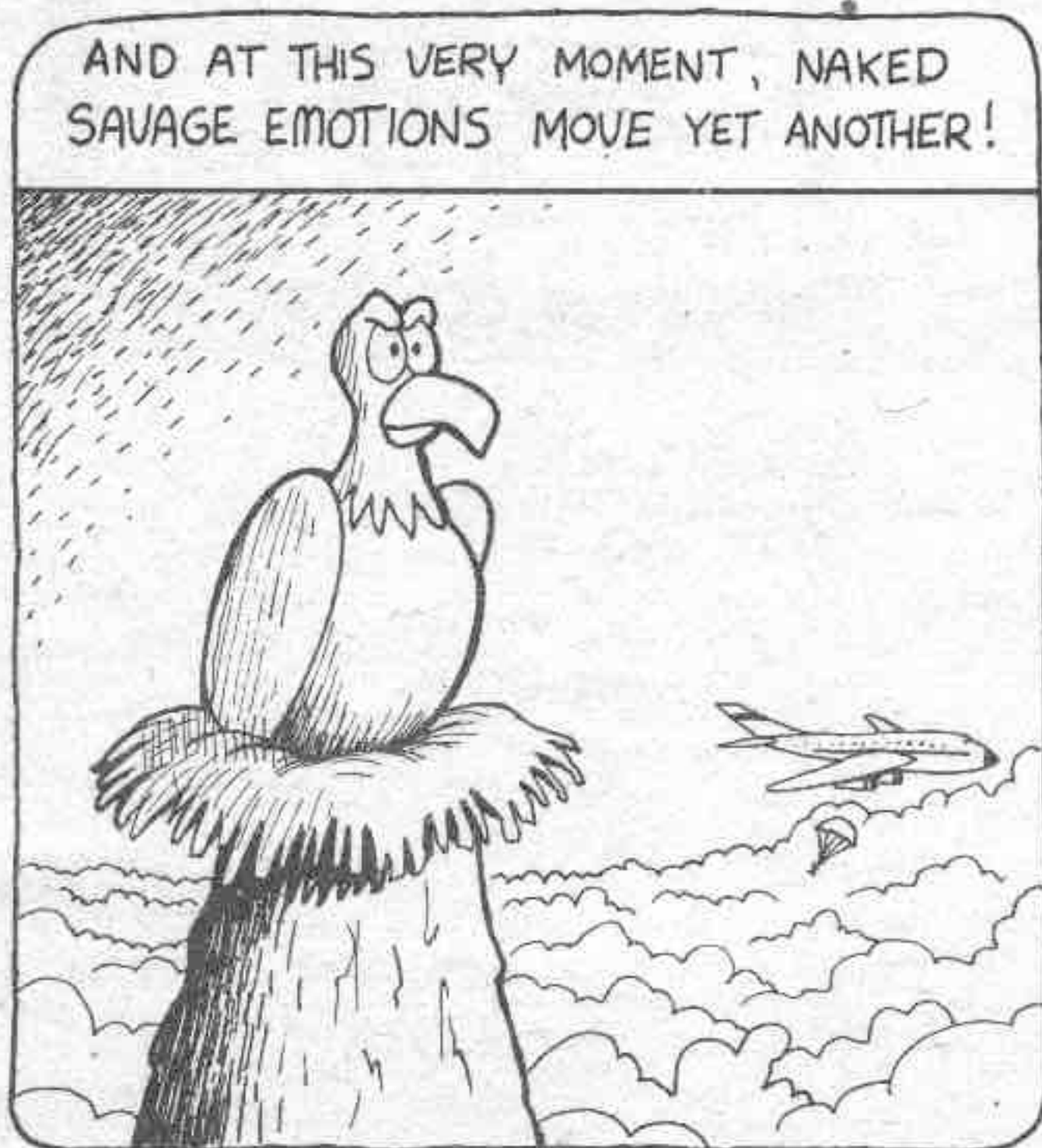
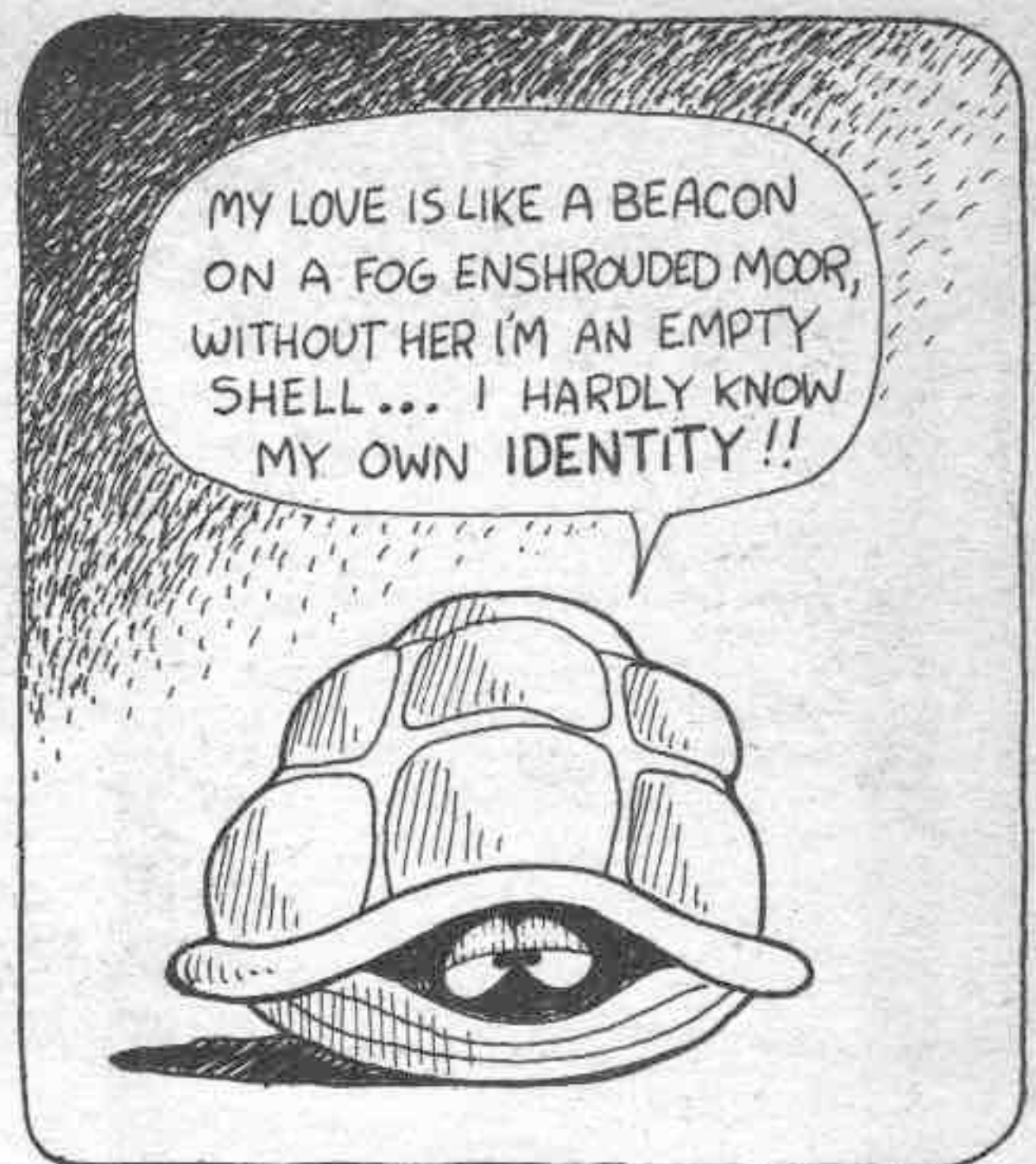
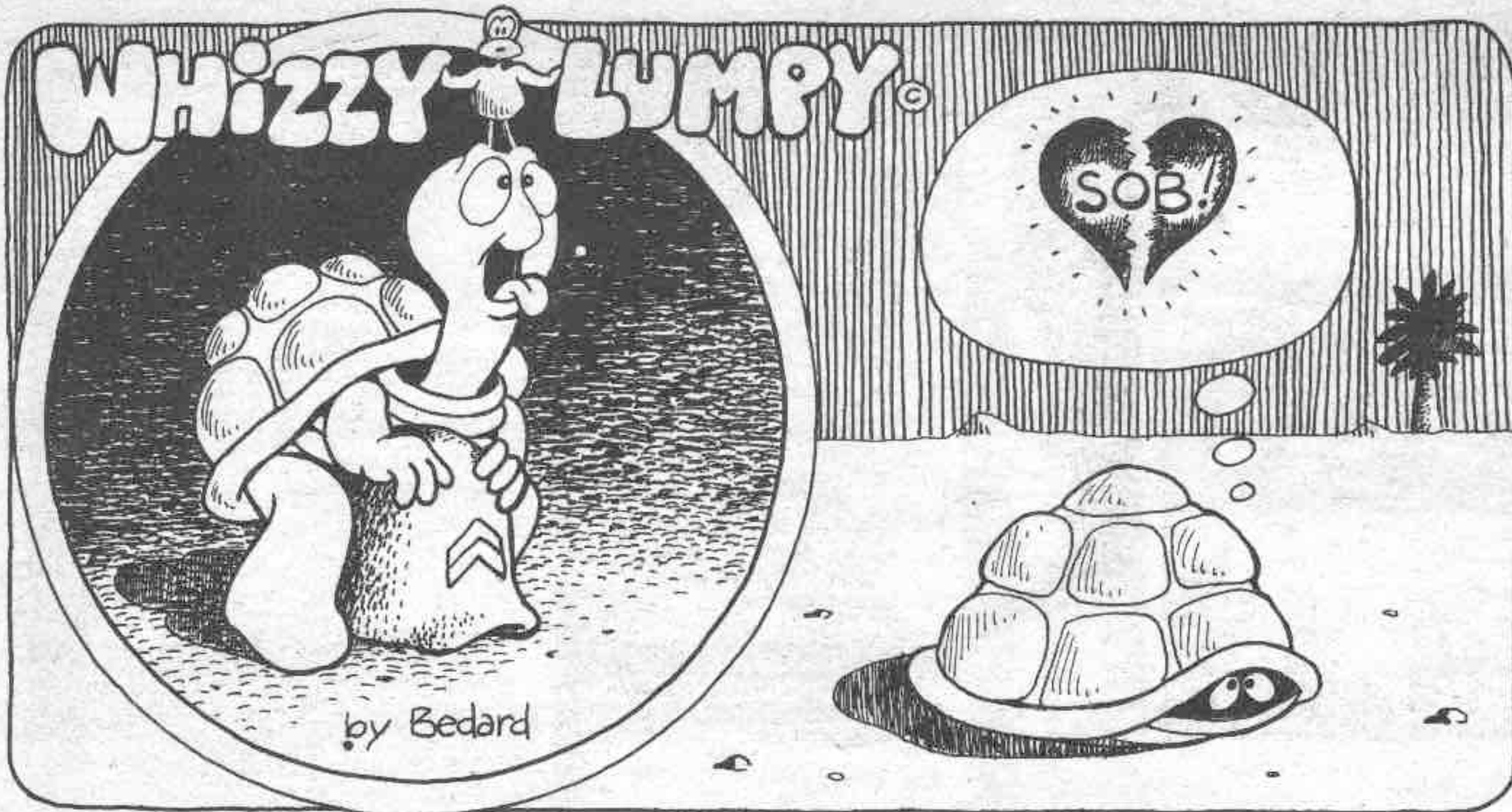
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Winter Soldier Organization  
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