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by Olga Palo

The trial of the Rent Strike at 1305 Ocean Front Walk (4 Floors West) has been heard and the Court has handed down its ruling, at least for the present. For five months the rent strike maintained at this building was a symbol of community people's resistance to the uncontrolled realty speculation and inhumane practices of certain profit-mongering realtors in Venice.

Seven people went to Court - each tried by jury - for "unlawful detainer", or the failure to pay rent. The recent history that led up to the strike is indicative of the current speculation trend in our community. In ay of this year Joey Baker, then owner of 1305 O.F.W., sold the building just three years after buying it. Three years ago he paid \$175 thousand dollars. The new owners, Roger Spero and James Knight, bought the building in May for the sum of \$325 thousand dollars - an increase of \$150 thousand dollars over three years. Six days later rents went up - \$85 to \$125/month apartments were raised to \$185 to \$265/month. The people in the building got together and the rent strike was on. Their picket lines and petition signing became a regular demonstration of resistance each weekend on the Ocean Front Walk.

As for the trial, the results were as follows. Four out of seven of the tenants were evicted - all of them being women. The other three tenants - all male - hung juries and the landlord must go back to Court if they wish to persist in evicting these people.

The defendants, represented by Bob Myers of Venice Legal Aide, had a solid case and if the judge or jury had visited the building, perhaps things would have gone differently. Witnesses for the defense included an architect who reviewed the building over the last three years and testified to the lack of habitability - the filth, stench, disrepair and unsoundness, all judged detrimental to public health. The system of heating within the building was described. There are no working heaters within each individual apartment and the central heating system is controlled solely by the landlord. He can turn the heat off and on at his will with no necessary regard for the inhabitants of the building.

There were also 150 8x10 photographs submitted into evidence which showed clearly the conditions existing within the apartments.

Apparently, California State Law does not define the habitability of an apartment very clearly. The guidelines for what constitutes habitability are vague and open to loose interpretation. Work done to these buildings often falls on the shoulders of renters in the form of rent increases, even though the repairs

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by Pano Douvos



Photo by Gerry Goldstein

may be basic to building maintenance, e.g. plumbing, electrical work, sanitation, and safety.

For the four women who were evicted there are additional penalties. Each person must pay all back rent withheld at the original rate of rent before the increase. Also, they are fined for the lawyer's fees of the landlord. This averages out between \$1200 and \$1800 that these women are to pay as a result of the ruling. However, the landlords will take a loss since most of the tenants are unable to pay.

The trial is better viewed when we look at important issues that have been raised in the attempt to reform Tenant/Landlord law. The tenants, Bob Myers, and Venice Legal Aide are presently being sued by Spero and Knight for "Interference of Contractual Relationships". That charge accuses the tenants of interfering with the landlord's efforts to rent the vacant apartments. Spero and Knight say this was done by the banners and signs in the front of the building and by the policy of the tenants to merely approach prospective tenants and ask them if they were interested in knowing some facts about the building they were considering for their home. No one was forced to listen or harangued into leaving. This suit brings into light the rights of tenants to be organized, to have freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, as well as the right of prospective tenants to know who their landlords are and how they manage their building.

Most of the strikers have now moved out. There are still 10 seniors in the building and Spero and Knight have agreed for now to allow their rents to remain at \$85.00/month. There are still

The one thousand Beachhead rip-off case has been reopened. The case had been considered closed after the October 5 investigation but at the request of the Beachhead, the Venice Canals Resident Homeowner's Association and Beachhead advertizers, the criminal investigation against those responsible for the large scale removal of papers from distribution points has been reissued. Sergeant Ruengaitis of Venice Police Team One has been assigned to the case.

The current complaint action was voted by the staff following an anonymousphone call from a person identified only as a friend of persons favoring the Canal Restoration Project as proposed. The caller allegedly heard these persons advocating the fire bombing of the Beachhead offices and the cars of staff personnel.

The phone caller described his call as Christian motivated, however the ramifications of the matter wait to be sorted out. The desire of the Beachhead at this juncture is that the basic democratic processes be observed by those debating the issue of the canal restoration.

We of the staff consider the taking of large quantities of the papers, even though offered free, a matter of petty theft. The papers were taken despite objections of the business owners. The people of Venice were denied political inter-action as well, and the Venice Canal Resident Homeowner's Association were particularly strong in objecting to the actions of anyone tampering with the right of people to be informed.

Sergeant Ruengaitis foresees the matter as heading in all likelihood toward a Los Angeles city attorney hearing - similar to but not an actual trial. The other side should include shadowy persons unknown plus Ms. Brenda Sheppard Wallace who was identified through her vehicle license plates as the person removing the stack of Beachheads from the Precision Roller Works. She admits taking a small number for friends, if the 1000 total indicates 1000 interested friends we begin to question matters.

Ms. Sheppard Wallace is listed as living at 236 Sherman Canal, a residence owned by one Reed Monroe, purportedly active on the canal issue. Further reports on the matter should reach the Beachhead soon and will be reported here in our next issue.

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Dear People:

I was very touched by Carol's account of BINGO. I never really knew her but would always see her or briefly just nod or say hello, over a period of several years. Then about a year ago, I mentioned something like, "I always say hi to you and its far out, but whats your name?" She replied, "Bingo", and we rapped for awhile.

Anyway, when I read your current issue, the Bingo I knew reminded me of a poem I wrote a year or two ago. Find enclosed a copy, and if you find it suitable for publication, per haps you may say it is for Bingo.

Sincerely,
Phil Jarvie

FOR WHOM A SONG RINGS

Walking along the sand at the beach
in Venice by the Sea
with its lovely poetry
It was easy to sing that song of love
the first time we were strangers in the night
but we soon knew things were alright
for you and me
Yet when close to your cheek
I was afraid to kiss you there
No wonder I hesitated to dare
I feared you would vanish in the air
for it could have been a dream
and it did seem
you were just too good to be true.
I want to sing a song for you and me
in Venice by the Sea
But what song now shall I sing
Can I take a sad song and make it better
I'll take all the good songs, and let
them ring
and I won't be afraid that they ring
only for me
These songs also ring for you.

Dear Beachhead:
To Her

I was a teenager living in s.w. LA in the 40's and early 50's. Though I was very intelligent, myself and several others were termed 'juvenile delinquents'. Hot rods, beer, wine, grass, girls, trips to Venice to find a girl when you couldn't find one at home were my life then. I joined the Marines in 1952 because there was nothing else to do and found in the deep south of Japan that there was heaven on earth. I came back to the states in chains in 1954 and when the 45 armed marine handed me my yellow BCD I went on liberty for beer, wine, grass, girls, living in the south Santa Monica bay beach area having a ball. When I moved to Venice in 1971 I found life comparable to life in so. Japan.

The people here were free, the people here thought, they copulated, they didn't think that grass was morally evil as they did other places. I remember the late Bingo, I'd notice her frequently on Ocean Front Walk, heard her loud "fuck you" whenever I'd invite her to my pad for some wine. I used to drink alot and my pad caught on fire shortly after I moved here. I was around town with my head in bandages for awhile. "Aid" to my mind means being artificially like the real thing. As Martin Buber wrote and more so, I think that most people in the USA these days are humanoid. I lay in bed early this morning and wondered why the suri I heard couldn't continue to make me feel at home, though I can't drink here on anywhere anymore, at home with the handfull of Beats and Hippies who've remained at this beautiful beach and as I write I feel at home.

Peace and Love
Today - Always
Bob Hoyer/ Venice

Dear Persons,

The good people are falling apart. The BEACHHEAD, ostensibly socially concerned, publishes an article specifying abject discrimination in employment. CETA, no less, makes the fatuous statement that potential lifeguards cannot be over the arbitrary age of 34. That is dumb, unfair and prejudiced. So much for equal opportunity.

I know at least a dozen people in their forties who can swim a 16-17 minute 1000 yards. That's like a yard per second which can be done for damn near ever using breaststroke. They also have other qualifications, like experience. Let me give an example. One man worked six summers as a guard in Newport Beach. He is competent at first aid and other modern life-saving techniques. He can get out and back through big surf as well as most. He worked the beach for one reason; it was the best paying summer job available at the time and may still be.



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Dear Beachhead:

Greetings from the Mendocino Grapevine, the Beachhead's counterpart, and one of the few liberated newspapers in the country.

The redwoods are desperately in need of help. Lumber company greed for short term profits can only be described as awesome, and intensifies with each passing day. They are still clearcutting fragile hillides so steep that one must crawl up them on hands and knees, and now that the rains have come, thousands of tons of the finest topsoil are washing into the rivers and smothering the last remnants of the once fantastic salmon runs.

In a few short years there will be no old growth or even second growth left except in parks. As Lance Diskan has said, "Please give a damn." Letters are needed in support of the Redwood Park legislation and also Assembly Bill 1236 to reform the California Forest Practices Act. Ab 1236 would give hugely increased protection to watersheds, fisheries, and wildlife, range and forage. For the first time, the concerned public would be heard on timber harvest plans. The present laughable "slap on the wrist" law would be replaced with stiff fines and requirements that violations be corrected. People from Fish and Game, and Water Quality would be given voting voices in timber harvest plan reviews. Your help is needed. The struggle goes on.

I was delighted to hear from Moe Stavnezer that the little Canal Street park finally happened. We all worked so hard on that one. I can hardly wait to see it. A belated farewell to all Venice friends, and hello.

Ron Guenther

Actually, I take exception to both age limitations. The lower limit should be a high school diploma. (This will make waves but I think it should also be requisite for a driver's license.) It doesn't guarantee anything but it does portend of responsibility which is what being a guard is about. Guarding requires thinking, paying attention and PREVENTING rescues. I might add that it requires more patience than endurance.

There need be no upper age limit. If a person passes the tests and an opening is available that should be enough allowing the always-to-be-considered social compatibility. Every guard should be re-qualified each year if only to show that he/she can still cope with surf and riptides.

My personal interest is moot since I do not care to be a guard again. It is a boring and distasteful job. I simply object to mindless discrimination. On the lighter side relative to lifeguards, my boss during my tenure on the beach was a quiet, capable man. He once described his position to me as being in charge of a, "Loosely maintained wild-life preserve." Very appropriate.

The example given above is Yours Truly,

Don Pettit
Venice, CA

Hello Beachhead:

Thanks for publishing my poem in the November Beachhead. Melody's poem to me is a good poem - but - if I actually were a landlord - I'd immediately sell and split to Bali. I'm not a landlord. Enclosed a poem that I hope makes it into the December issue. My answer so 2 speak.

Steve Richmond

gagaku

I awake
try to think of a job
to perform

something useful
social
enjoyable

somewhat lucrative
who will hire me
with my seven arrests
who will
hire me with my felony burglary
record

no one of course
I'll take care of the family estate
the only way to survive and
I'll write these poems
spread them over earth's surface
kick
the eyes of my readers
in
their soul gut

I'll continue on
at least for the next
5 minutes.....

my job
is poetry.

★ POEM ★

THE LITERARY HAGS,
GROUP SUCKS, EXPOSE
RAGS & KING OF THE
ASSHOLES

IF I WERE A LANDLORD
I'd SELL IMMEDIATELY
& SPLIT TO BALI -
I'D GET AWAY FROM
MELODY BRENNAN, BEYOND

BARDQUE ^{BULLSHITHEAD}
THE FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD &
CHARLES BUKOWSKI

WHAT A GREAT TIME I'd HAVE
IF ONLY, IF ONLY
I WAS A LANDLORD.

★ STEVE RICHMOND

City of Venice



VENICE TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting: December 7, 1977
Old Venice City Hall - Venice Blvd.
Wed. 7:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Citizens for Better Postal Service. Up-date on the Court Case.
2. Miguel Mesa - Representative of the National Confederation of Labor (CNT) in Spain will speak to the community.
3. Structural Proposal and Elections for the Venice Town Council
4. Committee Reports:
Education Comm.
Housing Comm.
Coastal Commission
Finance Comm.

EVERYONE FROM THE COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS INVITED

3 Town Council Report

★ Report from Revolutionary Spain ★
At December 7 Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, marks the anniversary of U.S. entry into World War II. This year the anniversary falls on the first Wednesday of December, which is also the regular meeting date of the town council. That should make the date easy to remember - but to be sure mark the date on your calendar now.

Since the overthrow of the Spanish Republic by Franco, Mussolini, and Hitler marked the first stages of World War II, it seemed appropriate to talk about Spain on Dec. 7. Those of us who are old enough to remember the death of the Spanish Republic sometimes wondered if we would live to see its rebirth. Spain receded in our consciousness as we fought against the unjust wars in Korea and Vietnam, where instead of fighting fascism as we did in WW II, our country found itself in alliance with fascist dictatorships. Now, forty years after the rise of fascism in Spain, and two years after the death of Franco, the democratic movement in Spain is flexing its muscles and from across the ocean they have sent Miguel Mesa, an official spokesperson for the National Confederation of Labor (CNT), to tell the American people about the rebirth of democracy in their country. Miguel Mesa will be at the Venice Town Council meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 7, to report on developments in Spain and to answer any questions you might have.

The educational part of the program featuring Mesa will follow the regular business meeting which will include discussion on structure of the Council, election of officers for 1978, report from the Santa Monica Rent Control Committee, and an update from Conrad Melilli of the Citizens for Better Postal Service. Those of you who appreciate having your local post office and who don't want to see it closed and replaced by a center outside of the community might also like to attend this meeting and discuss ways in which we might achieve our objective.

A personal note: This reporter knows many Beachhead readers by name, some of you by sight, and some of you not at all. One way to get to know more of you is through this column. If you have something good to say about the Town Council, let me know. If you have been turned off, let me know that too. Even if you can't or won't come to meetings for reasons of your own, if you live in Venice, I would still appreciate hearing from you. Perhaps we can use this column as an adjunct to the regular meetings. Remember - It's your Town Council. Send your letters to me care of the Beachhead, PO Box 504, Venice CA.

Dorothy Weisser

CIA AGENTS ON OVER 100 CAMPUSES

New York (LNS) - The CIA has "one or two or perhaps several secret agents" on each of more than 100 American campuses employed as administrators, faculty, or teaching graduates who "basically are recruiters," according to former NSA member Morton Halperin. He was addressing the American Association of University Professors at UC Santa Barbara.

Constitutional law professor Gordon Baldwin defended these CIA academic ties at the conference. He asserted that there is little difference between a law firm asking a faculty member to recommend a new employee and the CIA asking agents to identify possible recruits

CITY FINDS SOLUTION TO DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONDITION ON MAIN ST.

In the aftermath of the death of 4 year old Claudia Hernandez, run over at Horizon and Main on Oct. 21, the traffic department has finally made a move. They will not install a traffic light as demanded by many people who signed a petition requesting one, but instead will install "pedestrian crossing" signs at the intersection, and also a pedestrian island in the middle of the crosswalk on main. In addition the no parking zones at the intersection will be extended to allow motorists greater visibility, but once again depriving residents of needed off street parking. These changes will be made all along Main, apparently from The Circle to Brooks. And that's how it goes. The 1000 people who signed the petition wanted the safety of a traffic light for people crossing the street. The City Dept of Traffic feels that such a light will screw up its fantastic synchronized traffic light timing and inconvenience people hustling thru Venice on their way home or to work. So rather than make things complicated for either the Traffic Department or through traffic tigers, the powers that be take yet some more parking away from the community and respond to legitimate concerns and the voices of 1000 concerned residents of Venice with a gesture.

Clean Energy Blast

The Comeback Inn was a scene of celebration on Nov. 19th as over 100 people gathered for a Clean Energy Benefit. The afternoon was liberally punctuated with live music, delicious food, and speeches on the dangers of nuclear power and on the various alternative energy sources. The Venice-Santa Monica chapter of the Alliance for Survival sponsored the event.

The mood was mellow, and people relaxed in the sun as they listened to the music of Howard and Phyl, the folk-rock group Clyde, Uncle Bill Crawford, and Gwen Gunderson's folk music. Josh Hanna's lively jazz performance concluded the afternoon's activities.

Speakers included Ellen Newton, one of the Los Angeles area coordinators of the Alliance for Survival. She reviewed the origins of the Alliance stressing the 4 point program: zero nuclear weapons, ban nuclear power, stop the arms race, and fund human needs.

Al Sweedler, a physicist and Venice resident, spoke on the dangers of nuclear power and explained how the gov't encouraged the utility companies to go nuclear by providing them free of charge with the nuclear technology developed originally to meet war needs. Additional incentive was provided by the Price-Anderson Act, which limited the liability of utilities in case of nuclear accident. The government agreed to pay should a catastrophic accident occur. But, Sweedler pointed out, the government is us: thus the utility companies can be careless without being responsible.

Tim Brick from CAUSE (Campaign Against Utility Service Exploitation) discussed the need to get control of energy production into the hands of the people. He also stressed the need to organize against Los Angeles' first commitment to go nuclear -- its involvement in the Palo Verde Plant being built (against local opposition) in Ari.

Two other speakers were Rogi Riverstone and Stephan Freelight. Rogi is, as she describes herself, a "nuclear baby." Her parents met at Oak Ridge, Tenn. in the 1940's working on gov't nuclear projects. Shortly after she was born, her father was found to be sterile due to radiation exposure; thus, she is an only child, and lucky to be here at that.

Steve Freelight of TAWA (Toward a Working America) was the most unusual speaker. His group gives concerts promoting solar energy and is using solar energy to power its P. A. system.

The Venice-Santa Monica Alliance for Survival group is already busy planning future events. The next activity planned will be a teach-in to inform the public of the dangers of nuclear plants and weapons. Those wishing to become involved are welcome at the biweekly meetings. For info on time and place, call Sonda Beal at 392-5582, or 399-2969

RADIOACTIVE "YELLOWCAKE" DUMPED

New York (LNS) - In the largest such spill ever recorded, a tractor-trailer carrying 50 steel drums of uranium oxide overturned in S.E. Colorado, dumping at least 15,000 pounds of the radioactive material. The substance, known as "yellowcake", is a fine powder used in the processing of nuclear fuel.

The Environmental Protection Agency's radiation expert in Colorado said that if the spill had occurred in a major urban area, it would have posed a major health hazard. Tiny amounts of the dust cause lesions of the kidneys and liver when inhaled. Over 2 million tons of this dust pass thru downtown Denver each year. If spilled on a busy thoroughfare, the cars will suck it up through their ventilation ducts. We have Exxon Corporation to thank for this new game of hide and seek.

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SENIORS' THANKSGIVING

On Wednesday, November 23 there was a luncheon at Oakwood Recreation Center sponsored by the Senior Outreach Service and Peoples Coordinating Service. The purpose of the gathering was to show the importance of sharing Thanksgiving not only with elderly citizens in Venice but also with seniors in outlying communities such as Mar Vista, Westchester, and West L.A.

The afternoon's program included a Thanksgiving play by kindergarten age children from Bay Cities Jewish Community Center (Mercy Ha Yeled or the Children's Circle, a child care program). Also Mel Levine spoke and answered questions from the seniors. The luncheon culminated with the children handing out Thanksgiving gifts to those in attendance.

Senior Outreach is an information and referral agency which concerns itself with nutrition, housing, legal aid, social service and home visits free to Senior Citizens living in Venice and surrounding areas. The service is sponsored by Bay Cities Jewish Community Center and is funded by the city of L.A.

Peoples Coordinating Services serves hot lunches daily for seniors at Oakwood Recreation Center for 65¢. This program is funded by the California Department of Aging.

WOMAN DIES FROM BACK-ALLEY ABORTION

New York (LNS) -- When Congress banned Federal Medicaid funds for abortions Aug. 4, women and third world groups denounced the action and warned that many women would die as a result of cheap, back-alley abortions.

Already one Texas woman has died and four others suffered serious bleeding, following cut-rate abortions in Mexico. At least three of the women would have been eligible for federally subsidized abortions before the recent ruling.

Texas is one of ten states which have already terminated all state funds for abortions. Another 30 states are in the process of doing so.

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THE BATTLE FOR "FAIR RENTS" IN SANTA MONICA

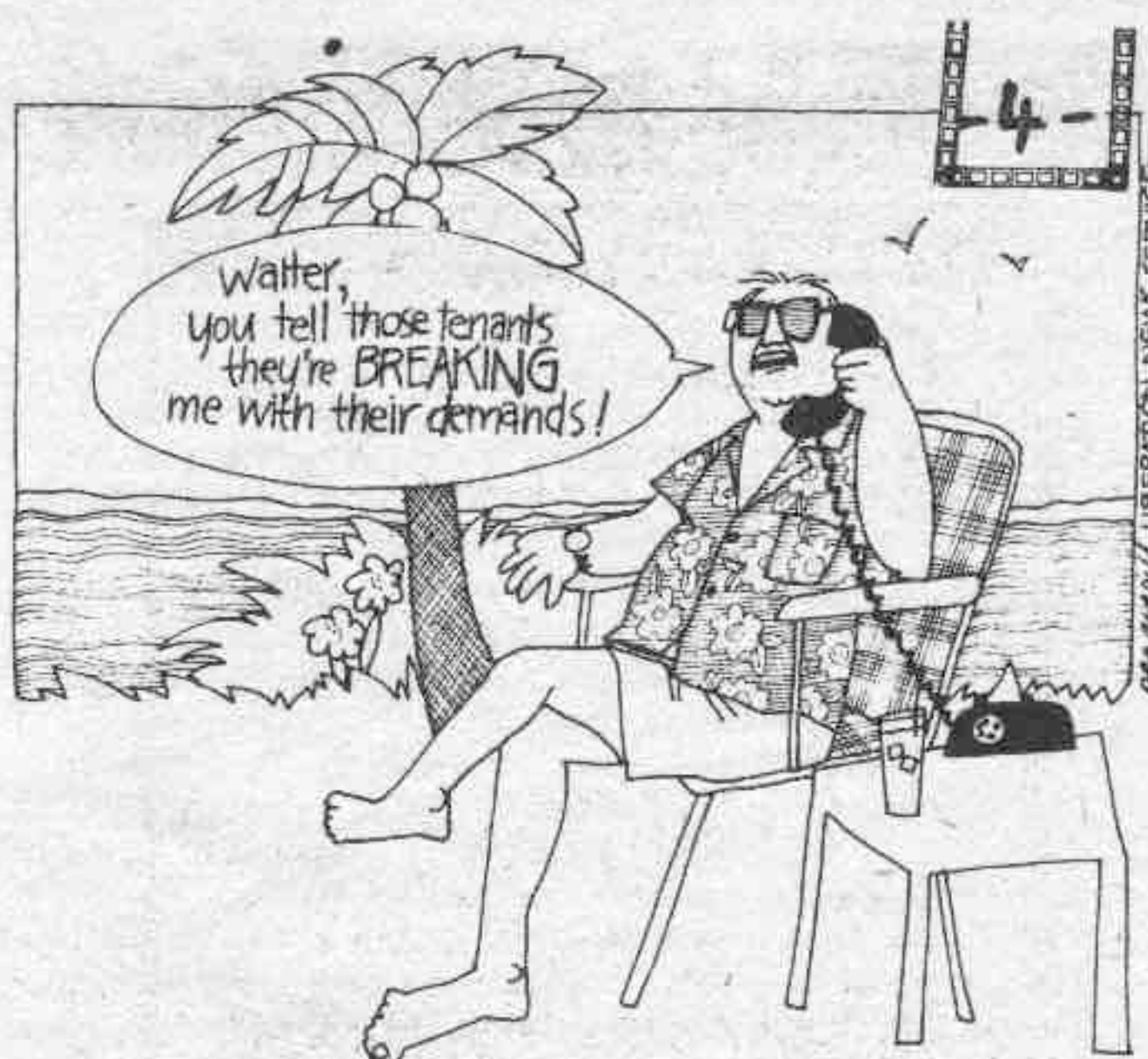
Some 90 thousand people live in Santa Monica and about 80% of them are renters. It would seem, therefore, that the current effort to get an initiative to control rents in that city on the ballot and passed should be a snap. Especially since rents in Santa Monica have been increasing by about 25% over the last couple years. These increases, which can mean doubling or more of rents, of course hurt poor people the most and hit the elderly on fixed incomes the hardest, and there are a large number of older people in Santa Monica. But the rent increases have hit middle and upper middle income people as well. It is not unusual to hear about rents going from \$300 to \$600 in one shot.

On top of all that, the ballot initiative being proposed is considered by many to be a model ordinance. It has included some innovative provisions and has avoided some of the pitfalls which doomed other initiatives. For instance, in order to counter the claim that rent control destroys the livelihood of small property owners the initiative exempts owner-occupied buildings of 3 or less units from rent control. In order to counter the claim that rent control stifles new construction the initiative exempts all new construction from rent control (the initiative also requires owners to get a permit to demolish old buildings in order to prevent massive destruction of controlled buildings and the construction of uncontrolled buildings). On the more positive side, the initiative contains an excellent anti-speculation clause. Most of the tremendous rent increases occur when a building is purchased at such a highly inflated price that the only way to meet the mortgage payments is to raise rents— the initiative will not allow rents to be raised under such circumstances and would put a huge damper on speculative buying (the kind of buying that brought on the rent strike at the Kemper in Venice).

The initiative will also: roll back rents in applicable buildings to what they were in June of 1976 as a base from which "fair rents" will be determined; create a 5 person board, to be elected by the people, which would administer the whole process including approval of rent increases or decreases (based on maintenance costs, property taxes, fair return on investment etc); restrict unfair evictions; require the registration, with the Board, of all vacant units in the applicable buildings, etc.

As good as this sounds, passing this ordinance will not be an easy task for a variety of reasons. The Apartment-house Owners Assoc., real estate people and the banks are, quite obviously, against this, or any, law which would in any way control profits. Last year in Berkeley this same alliance of people spent \$150,000 to defeat a similar initiative (80% of that money came from outside Berkeley) and a similar effort can be expected in Santa Monica. Historically, elections in Santa Monica have been controlled by the wealthier, more conservative homeowners in the northern part of the city who, though greatly outnumbered by renters, turn out in very high numbers at election time. But there has never been an issue that so directly affected so many renters as the recent drastic rent increases, and rent control may be the issue that moves these usually silent people to vote in their own interest.

And when they do it won't be an accident. It will be the result of lots of hard work, registering people to vote, getting people organized on a block by block basis if possible. Right now there are many people afraid to work on the issue because they're afraid of retaliation by landlords. The fear, I know, is real but losing this battle will mean that most of those people will be forced to leave Santa Monica in any event. The opponents have, as usual, all the money. What we have, as usual, is people and the more we have the greater the chance of a solid victory. And this battle is very important to Venice since what happens in Santa Monica could have some bearing on rent control in L.A. The opponents will



have plenty of money and "brains" from outside Santa Monica (John Jurenka, the leading spokesperson against the initiative is actually fronting for an association of westside apartmenthouse owners). There is no reason why people from Venice, and elsewhere, who want to contribute time and energy to this important struggle should not do so. If you would like to help our friends and neighbors win this battle please call the Santa Monica Committee for Fair Rents at 392-2581 or 822-4725 or 822-9263.

WHAT'S HAPPENING culturally speaking

By Pano Douvos

The Public Art Station is the choice new name for the old Venice Police Station, and if the inauguration celebration Sunday November 20 was any example the new identity is set for a happy and solid future. The steel prison bars were turned into public shares, so to speak.

The genesis of the Public Art Station is through the Los Angeles city-wide mural project under the Department of Recreation and Parks which begat SPARC or the Social and Public Art Resource Center. SPARC, now a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, seeks to augment Los Angeles' very spare art allotment.

The inauguration celebration was a successful amalgam of art exhibit, ethnic feed, community entertainment and theater, poetry and dance displays. The total was a Los Angeles city bash not a Venice thing necessarily.

Nostalgic alumni of the Venice police station jail cells might have experienced tough going in their search for their former lodgings. The cells were transformed into art environments...one all white and flower bestrewn. The padded cell now boasts a working TV, easy chair and other amenities. In another cell, a red congealed something quietly surrounds a floor-standing vase.

Judy Baca is the director of SPARC and contributed art work, Linda Eber showed excellent art photography and sculptor Timothy Washington had an exceptional showing of really fine wood sculpture and small paintings.

Jailhouse poets who read were feminist Cameron of Los Angeles and Aron Schurin of San Francisco. A theater piece "Jail House Break" by the Venice 4th World Players was performed. Peter Hartman directed.

The art environment and photo and art exhibit should be at the Public Art Station for a couple more weeks - very much worth a look.

SPARC has expanded its scope to include innovative public art in addition to murals; these forms will include street furniture and sculpture, wall reliefs, photography, film and video. Selected artists are awarded \$400 to design a mural. Currently, no murals are being painted in Venice. City funds for murals in this area will be offered again beginning with the fiscal period in June.

Prospective muralists can get information about procedures for a solo or group mural by contacting SPARC at the Public Art Station, 685 Venice Boulevard, 822-9560.

ART JOGGING

If you trotted to the reception for the authors at the Ocean Park Book Store at 3 p.m., Sunday November 20, you missed the R. Wanda dancers at the Art Station. They were hot, professional but layed back and had the congregation clapping them up doing the limbo dance.

Also, our cultural cornucopia for Sunday November 20 included the Ace Gallery inaugural annex opening. Rauchenburg personally autographed a nice poster for a ten-spot. Possibly in the future the Beachhead will be in a position to bring you more details of such happenings...through the auspices of WHEEE or the World Hope for Education, Exposure and Elitism.

No, but a truly great and true acronym is the one for a Hollywood actors union called AHA — which stands for Actors Help Actors.

BAGOSIAN GALLERY

The Studio Works architectural firm on Rose Avenue has designed the new Bagosian Gallery coming to Market Street sometime next summer. Larry Bagosian states that this will be probably a first for the United States. Art museums have sprung up totally new many times - but designing and building an art gallery from scratch hasn't been done before. Craig Hodgetts and Robert Mangurian of UCLA are the principal designers. The new Bagosian Gallery will be an outgrowth of the Broxton Gallery of La Cienega.

Locals Burden, Celmans, Moses and Alexis Smith have previously shown there. The policy now sees exhibits of contemporary art from Los Angeles and New York. Photo art may be included.

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I guess you read in the Evening Outlook...Synanon announced that 250 couples, a majority of their membership, have dissolved their marriages and partnerships and formed three-year "love matches" with new partners (presumably within the organization). It's a social experiment to study marriage breakups while the couples were still happy in their union.

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The chairman of the Senate Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee has expressed concern over the fact that 25% of 12-year olds are heavy drinkers.

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Also a UC Irvine research team reported that it had accidentally found evidence for the first time of homosexuality in wild birds — in particular on Santa Barbara Island where 14% of the Western Gulls are lesbians. (No evidence of male homosexuality was found.)

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The OTHER GALLERY is Venices' latest-Newly formed by local artists Danny Hall, Susan Brenner, Cole McKay, and Charlotte Colorado.* It's situation on the Board Walk between Dal's Market and Beezlebub's. New works are still being accepted and a coffee shop gathering place is forming there. The temporarily free space was donated by Dal LaMagna.



R. Wanda Dancers Photo by Gerry Goldstein

COMMUNITY EVENTS 5

Church in Ocean Park

"Eleonora Duse; The Image of a Great Actress" conceived and presented by Lynn Middleton on Dec. 2 at 8 pm. The show is a tribute to Duse as an actress, director, feminist, theatre revolutionary, mother, and all the thousand women which Duse professed having inside her.

The Common Woman Meets Rapunzel. L.A. Feminist Theater. Poetry, Drama, Music, and Comedy, on Dec. 3, 4, 9, 10.

Book Shop in Ocean Park 2915 Main St.

A pre-holiday party for the Book Shop, celebrating our first anniversary and the opening of a new addition to the store. Food, wine, fiddle music and friends. Sun., Dec. 11, 3 pm.

Banning Garrett and Steve Talbot of Internews will present the 3rd annual World News Roundup. Special report on Africa. \$2 donation for Internews.

Help for Unemployed

The nation's first drop-in lounge for the unemployed and their families has been opened at the Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center, 4760 S. Spulveda Blvd. in Culver City. The lounge will be open every Tues. from 3 to 9 pm and is intended to serve as an informal gathering place for people out of work. The opportunity to meet and talk with others in a similar situation can help to relieve the growing sense of isolation among unemployed people and their families. Light refreshments (sic) are available for adults, punch and cookies for children.

Women Against Violence Against Women

L.A. City Council members Braude and Stevenson will host a concert at the Robert Frost Aud (4401 Elenda St., Culver City 469-1212 x437) on Dec. 17, at 8 pm, as a benefit for WAVA and the Feminist Women's Health Center. Performers will be singer/songwriter Malvina Reynolds and singer/guitarist Vicki Randle. Tickets are \$5 and there will be free childcare. Call Sara Grusky at 936-6293.

Chelsea Galleries 1338 W. Wash Blvd.

Reception for Jilly Lauren and Maureen McSwenny on Sun., Dec. 4, 3-7 pm. Their photographs will be on exhibit through Dec. 27 along with a group show titled, "A Christmas Show." Open Sat and Sun 12-6 and Tues evening 7-9.

Willie Tyson et al.

Once in A Blue Moon Productions will put on the songs of Willie Tyson, the modern concertos of Kay Garner, and the late night acoustical jazz of Alive, on Sat., Dec. 9, at 8 pm. Place Veteran's Memorial Aud, 4117 Overland, Culver City. \$4. Tickets at women's stores in L.A. free childcare. Call Barbara Allen 256-2221, 792-9947.

Threepenny Opera

The Odyssey Theater Ensemble will stage Brecht's play in December. For info call Jane Maltese at 478-8241.

NEWS FROM WOMONSPACE

A women's fair will be held on Dec. 11, from 10 am to 4 pm at 237 Hill St. It is free. Women's arts and crafts, entertainment. Women are needed to help with various aspects of the fair. Call 399-9813 after 12 pm.

Will host a New Years Eve Dance, at the Ocean Park Community Church. Women only. Free childcare. \$4. For info call 399-9813

Woman's Building

Will present two week-ends of feminist films: "The Best of the N.Y. Festival of Women's Films" on Fri, Sat, Sun, Dec. 16-18th, and "The End of August at the Hotel Ozone", Thurs.-Sat, Dec. 22-24. Showing time 8 pm.

The Best of the N.Y. Festival is a selection of short films made entirely by women, exploring a variety of issues. Claudia Weill, Connie Beeson, Suzan Kraning and Nancy Dowd. Hotel Ozone is about the last nine women left alive after a nuclear holocaust. Directed by Jan Schmidt. Both films will be preceded by dinner at Val's Cafe, beginning at 7 pm. Dinner by reservation only - call 221-6161. Cost of films is \$3 and \$2.50 for members.

A winter Solstice Bazaar and Crafts Fair will be presented by The Woman's Building on Dec. 9 and 10, 10 am-5 pm. Women artists and crafts-women are invited to display and sell their work. The charge is \$15 a day or 15% of the total sales. Space is limited so reservations are necessary. Call Terry Wolverton at 221-6161. The Woman's Building is located at 1727 No. Spring, L.A.

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VENICE - OCEAN PARK CO-OP FUND RAISER

The VOP Food Co-Op will have a fund raising sidewalk sale at Coopportunity, 16th and Broadway in Santa Monica on Sat., Dec. 17th, from 10 am to 4 pm. VOP needs good rummage - utensils, records, books, sports equipment, etc. Please bring your items to the sidewalk sale on Sat. or drop them off at 1036 Superba in Venice or 1325 1/2 Princeton, S.M. before Sat. For pick-up call 399-4304 or 393-5194.

Westside Older Women's Liberation Group

Network of older women concerned with focusing on older women's issues and supportive of the struggle of all women. Begin with consciousness raising, education in and exploration of special needs with goal of creating trusting friendships, political activities, loving interaction, alternative life-styles, and nurturing of one another towards creating a new society. These goals to be achieved via the following: open general monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, organizing consciousness-raising groups, special interest groups (some social, educational, political), sponsoring community affairs, and holding weekly open rap sessions for older women. Group was represented at the recent state conference of NOW, and also at the IWY in Houston.

Next general meeting to be held on Sat., Dec. 17, at 11 am, at Womospace, 237 Hill St., S.M. when the delegate to the IWY conference will present her report. There will also be a holiday celebration. Bring Pot luck and a grab-bag item. For further info call Ann at 451-2198.

Older Women's Liberation (OWL) Workshop

Feminist Healing Arts Cooperative holds a therapy/support group for women over 45. It provides a safe place to share feelings about the many changes that are "common", but constitute major threats to self-validations (i.e. menopause living independently for the first time in years, facing new decisions about sexuality, economic realities). Facilitated by a feminist therapist, sessions will include consciousness raising issues and also deal with long hidden feelings. Tuesdays 6:30 pm, at Womospace. Info - Lynn Laredo 828-4794.

Mixed Pot Lucks Sun. Dec. 11, 1301 Main St. Ven.

7 pm, rear ent. #3
The L.A. Men's Collective and Feminist Healing Arts Coop are jointly sponsoring monthly pot lucks for women and men. Besides socializing, part of the time is spent in facilitating group discussions within a consciousness-raising context about issues that women and men are dealing with in their current living situations. Info: Starr at 399-5247.

MONTHLY RUMMAGE SALE

First Saturday of each month, from 10 am. Temple of Man. 1439 A Cabrillo Ave. Venice 399-9747

MAR VISTA - VENICE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Tues, Dec. 13, 8 pm. Westdale Savings and Loan Bldg, National at Sepulveda. Guest speaker will be Al Cohen of the Ecology Task Force, So. Calif. Council of Churches. He will speak on "Conversion of the Economy to Peacetime Purposes. For info call 392-9894

Stress Reduction Clinic for Seniors

2nd and 4th Tues morning of each month Dr. Genevieve Meyer of Cal State Los Angeles psychology dept. will provide mental and psychological advice and help for seniors. Stress is defined as over-anxiety, excessive loneliness after the loss of a spouse, emptiness can be caused by living a great distance from children and grandchildren, etc. Stress clinic by appointment only call 451-1727. Sponsored by S.M. Bay Area Health Screening Clinic for the Elderly, located at 1250 16th St., Santa Monica.

Beyond Baroque 1639 W. Wash Blvd. 392-5763

Fri. Dec. 2 8 pm. L.A. Feminist Theatre presents "A Woman is Talking to Death" J. Grahn Sat. Dec. 3 1-4 pm. Elizabeth Kuder and The Body Decoration Group - "Visual Experiment 9" exhibit continues thru Dec. 17.

Fri. Dec. 9, 8 pm. Poetry by John Thomas Sat. Dec. 10, 8 pm sharp. Alan Solomon "Kind Hearts and Clarinets" - classical and comedy clarinet.

Fri. Dec. 18, 8 pm. Poetry by Susan Bauman Fri. Jan 6 8 pm. Poetry by Georgia Alwan Sat. Jan 7 1-4 pm. Reception for Brian McKinney. Retrospective exhibition of serigraphs and sequence showing serigraphic process. Cont. thru Jan. 28.

Poetry Workshop - Venice Poetry Workshop free and open to the public, every Wed. at 8 pm.

BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE BANQUET

L.A. Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights with the National Coalition for a New Immigration Policy will hold a banquet on Sun., Jan 29, at 1 pm, at the Pacific Ballroom of the L.A. Hilton. The event is to help secure freedom and justice for all undocumented people in this country. Jane Fonda will be chairperson, Congressperson Elizabeth Holtzman has been invited to make the main address; Bert Corona will speak. The event will also honor the attorneys who are fighting many of these battles, the Immigration Panel of the National Lawyers Guild. A special cultural program, celebrating the heritage of Chicano and Mexican people, is being prepared. For further info. call 731-0789

Westside Women's Clinic - Health Classes

Dec. 5, Mon. 7 pm. Self Help. Terese Roberts and Julietta Ackerman lead a workshop where women are encouraged to explore their feelings about their bodies. Body images and oppression of lesbian and fat women will be discussed. Anatomy and physiology will be explained, as well as types of infections common to most women. Preventative health care. The workshop will culminate in a demonstration of vaginal self-examination.

Dec. 12, Mon. Lesbian Sexuality/Health Care

7:30 pm. The lesbian lifestyle and special health issues related to the lifestyle from a self help perspective. Includes vaginitis, counseling situations, artificial insemination, etc. Presented by Herself Health Clinic.

Dec. 19, Mon 7:30 pm. Post Partum Feelings

Joy Carter, family counselor, will discuss the mythology surrounding parenthood, as opposed to the reality a parent must deal with when faced with a new person in the family. The role of hormones in pregnancy and post pregnancy feelings will also be discussed.

Westside Women's Clinic
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TEACHERS!! LOOKIN FOR A JOB???

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The following salaried positions are currently open. Send resumes by Dec. 15 to Mary K. Blackmon, Director, The Children's Place, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica, CA 90405. Be sure to include phone #, Address, and hours you can be reached.

Assistant Director: Perform general admin. duties for day care center, including bookkeeping and payroll; explore and apply for funding; handle parents' newsletter; serve as principal liaison between day care center and poverty agency which funds it, including filing monthly reports, maintaining statistical info, etc.; attend monthly board meetings to present financial report; maintain community contact to bring resources into day care center; heavy phone contact. Qualifications: Must be organized and handle detail work well; requires initiative and energy; must be able to work well with people. \$650-700 per month for 40 hours.

Maestro/Lead Teacher: Responsabilidades. Planificar y conducir programa para pre-escuela; Implementar y asistir a los otros maestros en desarrollar cultura étnica o plan de estudios bilingua; Participar en instrucción en servicio; Participar en conferencias mensuales con los padres y reuniones con los maestros 2 veces por mes; El salario es \$520 por mes para 5 horas de enseñar y 1 hora de preparación, 5 días por semana, Lunes a Viernes. Calificaciones: Por lo menos 12 unidades de Desarrollo de Niños; Por lo menos 1 año de enseñanza de niños en pre-escuela; Poder hablar español e inglés es preferido.

Substitutes: For both assistant and lead teacher positions. Five hour shifts. Hours 7 am to 6 pm. Salary is \$2.75 per hour when called a day at a time, \$3.25 per hour for long term subs working for a week or more at a time. Sign up to be called for the days and hours most convenient for you.

Women's Process Theatre:

Women's improvisation workshop dealing with the inner and outer struggles and successes of women in the process of change - alone and in groups. Incorporates a feminist perspective.

Meets Weds., 6:30-9 pm, at Feminist Healing Arts Cooperative, 1301 Main St., Venice (corner of Westminster and Main, rear apt entrance, #3) For info call 828-4794

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RENT STRIKE CONT. (from page 1)

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GRAND JURY REFORM & ABUSE

Two letters relating to the Grand Jury system in the U.S. have come to the attention of the Beachhead in the past month. The first is a letter to Senator Cranston by the Committee for Grand Jury Reform outlining the problem and asking for support for two grand jury reform bills now before Congress. The second is from La Cooperacion del Pueblo, a self-help group in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, who have personally suffered the abuses of a Grand Jury.

COMMITTEE FOR GRAND JURY REFORM
Dear Senator Cranston,

The grand jury for a number of years has been the subject of ever increasing criticism from political dissidents, businessmen, government officials, and now the American Bar Association. Currently, there is a widespread movement in the United States to reform the grand jury as it has, in many instances, ceased performing its original function of serving as a buffer to protect citizens from unjust government indictments, but is instead used as a political tool to repress dissenters or those in political disfavor.

The grand jury is used to circumvent many basic rights guaranteed under the constitution. The following are the major points around which criticism of the federal grand juries center:

1. The witness is placed alone in front of 18-26 grand jurors, a hostile government prosecutor, and possibly an FBI agent with no judge present and no defense counsel allowed in the room. The witness must leave the grand jury room to consult with his counsel.

2. Prosecutors may stop recording of proceedings to make prejudicial comments to the grand jury. Unless the subject of the grand jury investigation is present, such statements remain secret, as grand jury proceedings are kept secret under law.

3. A witness is often uninformed that he is the subject of the grand jury proceedings and that his unknowing statements may be used against him. If he

refuses to testify under the 5th Amendment, he may be given "use" immunity which grants him immunity from prosecution for any crime based upon his own testimony but not from the same crime based on another person's testimony.

4. If a witness refuses to answer questions after being granted "use" immunity, then he may be ordered to answer, he is found in contempt of court and is put in jail for the length of the grand jury (which sits for 18 months) or until he answers the questions. After the grand jury expires, the witness may be brought before the new grand jury and asked the same questions and returned to jail if he still refuses to answer. This may continue indefinitely.

5. Grand jurors often serve without a clear idea of the grand jury's purpose of serving as a buffer between the government and the individual.

The Committee for Grand Jury Reform is composed of professionals and laymen concerned about the use of the grand jury as a political tool to harass citizens in disregard of their basic rights. We would like to bring this situation to your attention and to ask for your support for the legislation that is now before Congress. The two major grand jury reform bills are HR 3736 by Representative Conyers and HR 94 by Representative Bilberg.

James Balfour, Director

LA COOPERACION DEL PUEBLO

Dear Friend,

Many of you don't know that since the last time we wrote you, the Chairman of our Clinic board, Pedro Archuleta, has been put in jail.

Pedro is the father of two children and the husband of Beronice. They both have been working with La Clinica y La Cooperacion since 1970. He worked with

our agricultural programs, on the construction of our building, drove the ambulance, and served on the Clinic's board for six years.

Pedro was subpoenaed before two grand juries; one in Chicago and one in New York. Under the pretense of attempting to solve a series of bombings claimed by the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional ... a Puerto Rican underground organization). These Federal Grand Juries have, instead launched a broad investigation of Puerto Rican and Chicano grass roots organizations.

For some crazy reason they have taken him to Chicago (under the guise of the Chicago Grand Jury wanting his palm and finger prints and pictures. They already had these things in New York, so he refused). He was declared in contempt of court in Chicago and remains there now.

Pedro and the organization never knew much about grand juries before. We quickly found out, however, that these Federal Grand Juries, given new strength under the Nixon Administration, have broad sweeping powers to bring up rumors, hearsay, people's personal lives and personal associations as evidence.

We found out that between 1970 and 1973 Federal Grand Juries returned 400 indictments against political dissidents in the United States. Less than 40 of these indictments ended up in convictions or pleas to lesser charges. Yet the groups investigated had their leadership tied up in legal actions, their funds depleted to meet defense needs. Their work literally halted.

Pedro has been accused of no crimes. Neither has he been indicted by either grand jury.

In this light it would seem that Pedro is being persecuted by guilt of association. If the FBI were to investigate a Board member of AT & T or IBM for fraud, or tax evasion, we can be fairly certain that there would not be a sweeping investigation of their board members, their families, friends or associates.



Quaint Museum Pieces

TERRORIST QUIZ

New York (LNS) - Having done its best to stir up hysteria about the "spiritual fathers of terrorism", West Germany's right-wing newspaper the Bild Zeitung is now offering parents a chance to predict whether their children will wind up on the most wanted list some day.

Headlining the provocative question, "Could your child become a terrorist?" the paper recently published a psychological test supposedly designed to provide the answer.

To take the test, parents simply have to answer a series of questions about their children's family lives and personal habits. Then it's just a matter of holding your breath and adding up the results. If your child scores more than 50 points, says the paper, she or he is theoretically likely to be infected with terrorist ideas and even to commit violent acts.

And 50 points aren't at all hard to come by. A child can be half-way there simply by picking up 10 for a yes answer to "Does your family have a weak father?" and another 15 for a yes to "Does the mother dominate?"

COMMUNITY People...

send us your stuff!



here's how

Do you have a letter, poem, photo, article, drawing, or short fiction piece you think is appropriate for the Beachhead? We welcome your contributions. Here's the best way to go about it:

- 1) Always include your name or pseudonym, address, and if possible a phone number. That way we can get in touch if we have any questions. (Your name will be withheld on request.)

- 2) If you have or can borrow a typewriter with a fairly dark ribbon, fold a sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" (regular size) paper in half lengthwise and type your piece on one half of the sheet, leaving about 1/8" margins on both sides. Send us the complete sheet(s) -- don't cut off the blank half-- which can then be printed as-is. This will save us a lot of time and we'll really appreciate it! If you don't type, please write legibly.

- 3) If your article or letter is long, mark lightly in pencil where it could be cut if necessary for space reasons - OR- indicate that we may edit at our discretion. We do not edit without consent. We will give your piece a headline if you haven't done so, or if we feel yours is ineffective; this will not be cleared with you unless you state that we're not to publish it without so doing.

- 4) Photos should be B & W glossies and may be trimmed to fit our space requirements. It is a good idea to protect your photos with a piece of cardboard and mark the envelope "DO NOT BEND."

- 5) Drawings/graphics should be done in black or dark colors on white or light paper (some colors will not reproduce). Size can be photographically reduced, so don't worry if it is larger than column size. Children please include your age.

- 6) Due to our small volunteer staff, we regret that submissions cannot be acknowledged or returned unless you enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. We will use the envelope to return unaccepted submissions or to advise you when your contribution will appear and/or return the item if you so desire.

- 7) The Beachhead is a non-profit community newspaper and no payment is made for material used. However, we will send you 2 "contributor's copies" of the issue in which your piece appears, on request.

- 8) All material is read, discussed, and voted on by the collective staff. Mailed-in items have just as good a chance for publication as staff-written ones.

- 9) The beachhead is not a copyrighted publication. This means that although all rights for material used remain with the author (legally speaking), in order to defend those rights should someone see and rip-off your piece, it would have to be registered with the Copyright Office or published in a copyrighted periodical or book. (If you have sold the rights we cannot reprint.)

- 10) If you mail us news clippings of interest, don't fail to include the name and date where the item appeared.

- 11) Mail contributions to "Beachhead, P.O. Box 504, Venice, CA 90291." The Beachhead is published around the first of every month. Timely material which should appear in the next issue must be received by the 20th of the month. Depending on space, non-timely items may be held for a future issue.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CLASSICAL FLUTE LESSONS
Call 399-7457

A child who is "sensitive" adds on another 8 points. Apparently sensitivity is even more dangerous than asking "difficult questions." Asking questions instead of "being happy" costs 6 points.

Reading habits are another give away. A child who reads Franz Kafka rates another three points, while a taste for Wilhelm Busch (a 19th century writer of moral tales) shows enough social value to subtract 3 points. Busch seems to provide only slightly less moral momentum than a motorcycle. For any child who belongs to a motorcycle gang, the test instructs parents to subtract 10 points.

BOYCOTT COORS!

by Evelyn M. Desmarais
California Boycott Committee

BOYCOTT COORS is being chanted across California and the nation as more and more citizens are becoming aware of the struggle of Brewery Workers Local #366 against the Adolph Coors Company of Golden, Colorado. People are stunned when they learn that in the 20th century, employees are forced to work under the following conditions.

Employees are forced to submit to a lie-detector test at anytime upon request of a supervisor. Questions totally unrelated to the job, probe deeply into the personal lives of brewery employees are commonly asked, such as: What is your religion, what is your sex preference, have you ever done anything in your past life which, if found out, could bring embarrassment upon this company?

At any time a worker can be forced to submit to a physical search by the company police force. Also lockers, lunch boxes, and vehicles can be searched upon request of a supervisor for any reason.

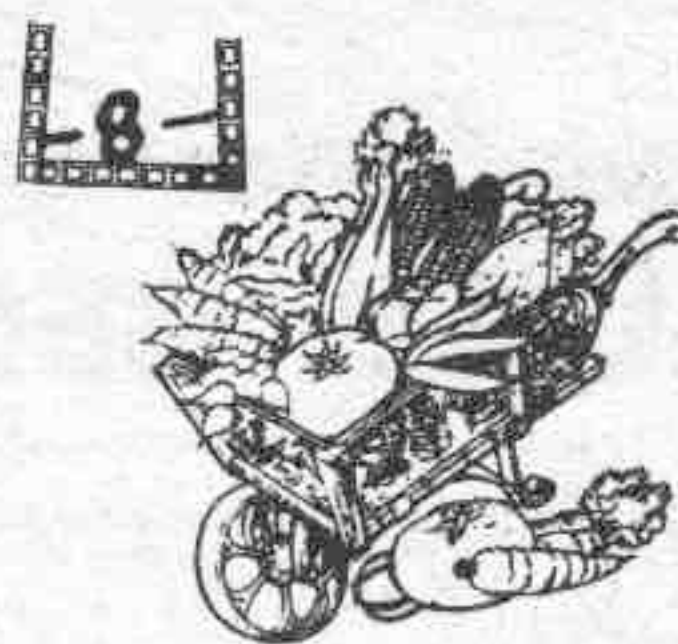
Workers are forced to submit to physicals performed by company doctors. These physicals are designed to weed out older workers by forcing them into early retirement and cutting into their pension funds. Refusal to submit to any of these requests will result in immediate termination.

Coors is the **NUMBER ONE** union busting company in the nation. There are currently 17 trade unions on strike against the Adolph Coors Co. The 1500 brewery workers are the last remaining.

Coors minority hiring practices are a Horror story. The EEOC has fined the company and placed them on probation until 1980.

The boycott is intensifying and is having a tremendous impact on the company's sales. The brewery workers ask, at this time, that everyone join in spreading the word about this malicious, anti-people, un-American company. By doing so, you will help in preserving the rights and dignity of the American Worker.

To find out how you or your group may assist with the boycott, please call Boycott Headquarters at (213) 389-8693 or (213) 381-1608



ECOTOPIA in CHINA?

by Wendy Reeves

Imagine this scene:

A farm in a river delta area plentiful with ponds. Cuttings from sugar cane raised on the farm are tossed into the ponds where they are consumed by a species of grass-eating carp. The fish also eat leaves that fall from mulberry trees rimming the ponds and thriving on their water. Silkworms spin cocoons in the mulberry trees. The farmers who planned and support this harmonious system have fresh fish for their tables and harvest silk with their other crops.

Sound like an excerpt from some "new age" publication's blueprint for ecological utopia? In fact, this type of plant-animal-human cooperative system is a living reality now in China. And it is only one aspect of a food-production methodology which greatly impressed two of our certified experts in the field during recent visits to the People's Republic.

Professor Jack R. Harlan, an agronomist from the University of Illinois, described the river-delta farm during the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held recently in Denver, Colorado. His report was part of a session titled "Biology and Agriculture in the People's Republic of China."

Harlan also described other techniques favored by the Chinese. One is growing relays of different crops so close together that not a moment of potentially productive land time is lost. In some areas, three crops are cultivated on the same plots of land in 1 year: barley, then cotton, then rice.

In the rice paddies, ducks are widely used to eat insects harmful to the crop. They also eat weeds. Eventually these ducks are killed and eaten in fresh, carefully rationed portions by the people whose land they have been feeding on.

Another method of natural biological control the Chinese use is to interplant crops on the same land because one crop is distasteful to insects which would normally be attracted to the other. (Some American gardeners interplant tomato plants with marigolds to afford similar protection.)

Professor Carl B. Huffaker, an insect specialist (entomologist) from UC Berkeley, described the very wide use the Chinese are making of a parasitic wasp for natural pest control. Four strains of this Trichogramma wasp are mass produced and then sent out to destroy leaf rollers, corn borers, and various caterpillars that infest crops. These wasps will consume at least 80% of the crop-destructive insect population, the Chinese report -- at less than half the cost of an equally effective chemical insecticide process.

Where natural biological controls are not feasible, the Chinese will use chemical insecticides -- but they choose the less toxic types and apply them very sparingly.

Another way Chinese farmers avoid chemicals whenever possible is through pervasive use of animal fertilizer. This is often accomplished through the integrated animal/plant system described earlier, so that pest control, feeding, and fertilizing all occur as a result of the natural context.

Such methods are not considered visionary and impractical in China; they are the day by day actuality of feeding 800 million people in the cheapest and most nutritious way.

Then there is the way of modern Western culture/economics/technology: red dyes, waxed apples, hormone-hyped beef, flavor injected tomatos, constantly force-fed fryers that never see the light of day, contaminated fish, and ubiquitous chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Yin / Yang.

Introducing NAPA

The Network Against Psychiatric Assault is an organization led by ex-psychiatric inmates working to end psychiatric oppression. One of their recent bulletins states:

"While our ideologies and methods differ, we share four points of unity: We are opposed to Involuntary Commitment, Forced Drugging, Coerced Electroconvulsive Shock, and Coerced Psychosurgery. Psychosurgery may most clearly illustrate the brutality of psychiatric treatment and the poverty of psychiatric theory, but it is just the tip of the iceberg of psychiatric oppression. Psychotropic drugs and electroconvulsive shock can also produce permanent brain damage, but their application is far more widespread and subject to controls far looser than even those that exist for psychosurgery. We at NAPA are sensitive to the role of psychiatry in oppressing women, children, gays, the elderly, and minorities. We support places for people with problems in living that are run by and for those persons. Our organization is young and not yet large--your participation is invited and needed: you can contribute to defining our goals and strategies."

Spokesperson Gary Feldman says the NAPA Los Angeles Chapter is in the process of establishing itself as a community service group, aiming to provide alternatives to conventional psychiatry and psychiatric subjugation and abuse. One aspect of such service will hopefully be a hot-line through which involuntarily committed people can discuss their situation with sympathetic lawyers and psychiatric workers.

If you are interested in working with the NAPA group, or if you or someone you know needs their help, call Gary Feldman at 654-6541. Funds are also badly needed to facilitate this work. Donations (tax deductible) in any amount would be greatly appreciated; make payable to "NAPA - Los Angeles Chapter" and mail to same at 1235 North Harper, Apt. 25, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

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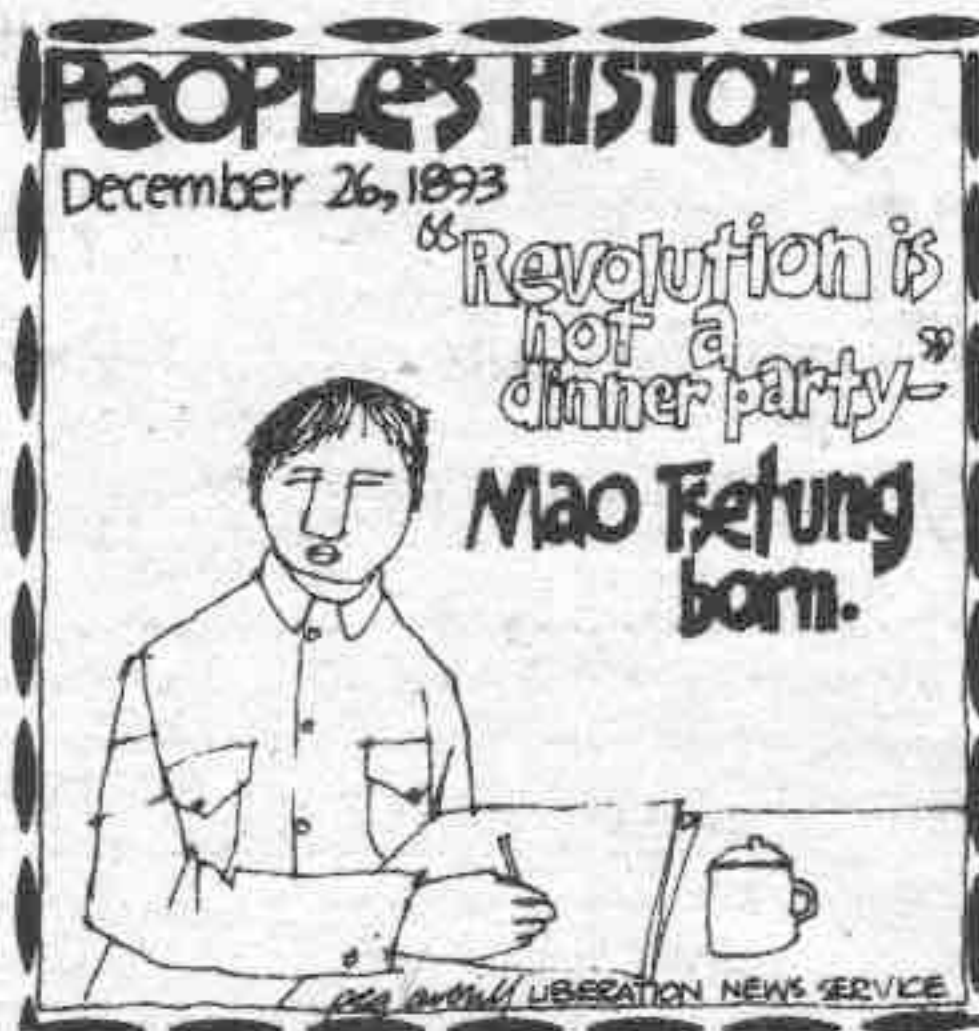
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MOE STAVNEZER

The headline of the L.A. Times Calendar section article asked us all "Will Success Spoil Market Street?" The very appearance of that article means, to me, that success already has. With few exceptions, the "artists" interviewed for the article are people who have taken gratefully from the community but have given little in return. I'm sure it will comfort all of us who can't afford to pay the increased rents and property taxes to know how quaint and open and interesting we are to these faceless, famous people. Strange though, I once thought that artists were sensitive people, maybe, even, people who gave as much as they got. It has taken the affluent art colonizers of Venice to dispell me of that notion. So please, all of you building remodelers, gallery openers and assorted hucksters of chic expensive knick-knacks, stop wringing your hands about the demise of Bohemia in Venice. 'Cause its been your money and your values which have played as large a role in that demise as any developer/speculator I can think of.

NEW "SHOPPING CENTER" TO OPEN

The Rich-Law Partnership agrees with the Market Streeters that Venice has arrived and intends to hasten that event in a very big way. They've got hold of an entire block of land formerly owned by the Gas Co. bounded by Main St., Rose Ave., Hampton Dr., and Sunset Av. and plan to build a very expensive artsy-craftsy shopping center. Right now they plan to open in May of 1978. They've hired trendy, star-on-the-rise architect Frank Geary to design the place which will include at least one art gallery and lots of art studios with lofts. The places will rent for lots of money-\$1.00 a square foot (most places on Main St. now rent for 40cents a square foot) which means that a small shop will cost \$400-\$500 a month. Can't sell inexpensive stuff with rents like that. Sounds like Marina del Rey North to me. And the real shame of it is that the land could be used for some much needed low income housing instead. Ah well, money talks. And these days in Venice, its screaming!

A FOOD CO-OP STORE IN VENICE!

At the opposite end of the economic spectrum is a plan to open a cooperative food store to serve the Venice & Ocean Park communities. VOP (Venice/Ocean Park) Co-op will be a membership owned and controlled food store which will provide low cost, high quality food. Membership will be open to everyone and special arrangements will be made for those who cannot afford the very modest membership fee. Based on other cooperative stores experience, you can expect to save at least 20% on your monthly food bill (compared to what you now spend in Safeway, Lucky, etc.). But low cost and high quality are not the only virtues of the co-op. Members will have a hand in determining policies since the idea of the co-op is to serve community needs rather than the almighty dollar. No location has as yet been chosen but the organizers are looking for a place centrally located and accessible by bus as well as by car to serve both of the communities. If you're interested please call 393-5194(days) or 396-2132(eves.) or attend a meeting of the group on Thursdays at the Church in Ocean Park(2nd & Hill Sts.) at 8P.M.

RECONSTRUCTING VENICE

Here's a brief report on projects, both public & private, now in the works for us Venice folks. You might want to take a deep breath before reading on! 1) the Canals "restoration" project by the city-includes such goodies as soil cement banks, and temporary emptying of the canals; 2) sale of some 100 vacant lots now owned by the city after a 15 year moratorium on such sales; 3) sale of the RTD bus terminal- don't know the particulars but expect it to happen in 6 months; 4) the abovementioned artsy craftsy shopping center; 5) a 12-unit condo on what is now a parking lot at the corner of Breeze & Ocean Front Walk

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by Seabreeze Condos. (actually Werner Scarff in disguise)- also includes some commercial space in the plans; 6) 360 luxury homes on the Silver Strand between Ballona Lagoon & the Marina (still on appeal at the state Coastal Commission). These are the bigger projects, there are smaller ones many of which involve demolishing older buildings and putting up new ones (I imagine the rents will stay the same, don't you?)....

L.A. TO TAKE OVER COASTAL PERMITS?

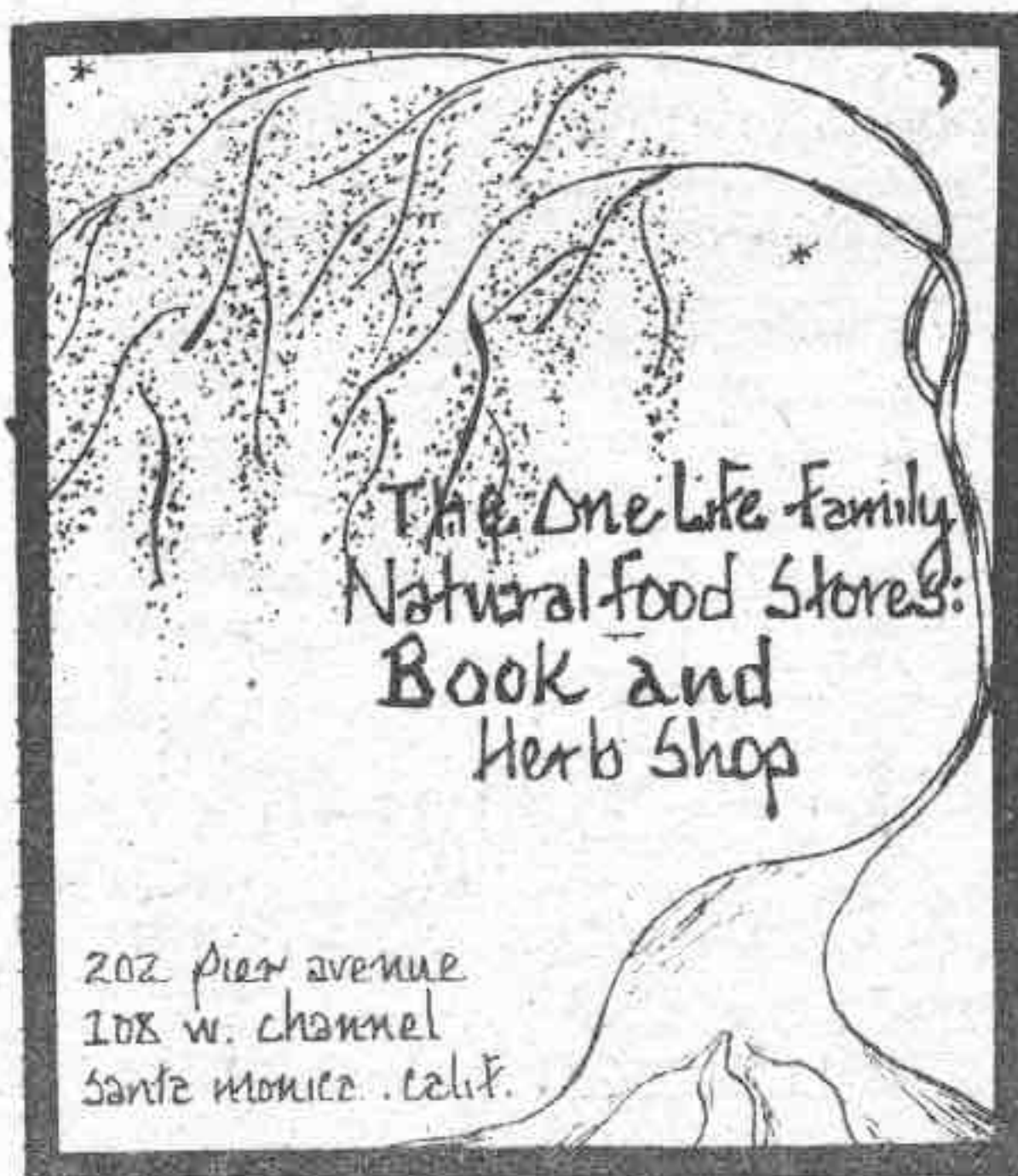
The Coastal Act allows local government the option of taking over the coastal permit process from the Regional Commission and the City of L.A. is planning to do just that. The move is being led by Councilman Art Snyder who has long been an opponent of coastal legislation and controls. That will mean that the planning dept. of the City will now do the staff research and reports and that decisions on permits will be made by a hearing officer instead of an appointed commission. How objective do expect that process will be?? The City Attorney is now in the process of drafting an ordinance to allow "King Arthur" to completely subvert the intent of the Coastal Act. Chances are that the city does not intend to use any of the guidelines for construction now used by the Coastal Commission so the chances are that many of the projects will be appealed to the Regional Commission. Since the whole idea is supposed to be to speed up the permit process, builders should take note that this move by the City may actually have exactly the opposite effect. This is so because appeals can be made to the regional commission and then to the state commission meaning that the City is actually adding an extra step to the whole process. Its called cutting off your nose to spite your face.

right all along

Psychologists have finally established that there is such a thing as "female intuition". Comments such as, "I don't trust the way that man walks", may no longer be treated as engaging or irritating mannerisms of femininity, according to psychologists. American scientists have actually measured the skill of both sexes in "nonverbal communication," commonly called intuition, to find out why the idea is attributed to women only. The results show that women are more visually attentive to other people than men. They are also better able to judge the real meaning behind facial expressions, body movements and voice tones --- all the mannerisms which can you alot about a person. Tests in which men and women were shown silent film clips representing different emotional situations showed that women consistently scored higher than men in 75% of the tests. Scientists say the ability may be inborn or genetic but a more likely explanation may lie in the evolution of the human race. The species may have benefited so much from females being especially sensitive to nonverbal cues that this skill became part of a woman's genetic code. A mother's nonverbal sensitivity may, in our ancestors, have helped her child's chances of survival. She may have been alert to signs of distress in the infants, or to signs of external danger or disorder. Another opinion holds that women are more sensitive to nonverbal communication because they are socially oppressed and they need to read accurately the needs and demands of more powerful people.

TENANTS SUE UNDER COASTAL ACT!

The owners of an apartment house in Santa Monica applied to the Coastal Commission for a permit to demolish the building. Because the rents at 701 Ocean Av. were reasonably low and because the Coastal Act such housing in the coastal zone shall be protected, the permit was denied. And so the owners, Pacific Architects and Engineers Inc., figured they could get around that pretty easily and, you guessed it, they raised the rents. One bedrooms went from \$225 to \$350 and two bedrooms from \$260 to \$405 in about 4 months. Now surely, they figured, the coastal commission can't call that low income housing. What they didn't count on were the tenants who, quite naturally, didn't jump for joy when their rents were hiked. And so they've sued for a rent roll-back contending that the rent increases violate the Coastal Act. This can be a very important and precedential law suit not only for those tenants but for people in Venice and other coastal areas where housing for low and moderate income people is fast disappearing. I'll try to keep you up-to-date.



spiritual Polyfidelity gestalt-o-rama

The Storefront Community, an egalitarian, spiritual cooperative village, was established in 1971 and has been expanding steadily since that time. Members reside in San Francisco but have a rural base as well, at Harbin Hot Springs (1000 acres) near Middletown, CA. Community members are building a new family structure called "spiritual polyfidelity", an advanced form of group marriage, which provides "a wholesome, viable alternative to the nuclear family". Members also are working on "universal religious union, accumulating wisdom" from all religions and philosophies and applying it to the crucial questions of life: How can people live together with total harmony, joy and grace in their interpersonal relationships? How can we build heaven on earth?

The group has also worked out the psychological processes by which people can transcend undesirable conditioning and the oppression of stultifying roles. The process is called "gestalt-o-rama." Weekend seminars are held once a month as a way in which community members share this knowledge with others. For a free prospectus on these seminars, and for a free introductory sub to their quarterly magazine, Utopian Eyes, write to: Storefront Community, PO Box 1174, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94101

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Cultivation Bill Still Alive

The California Legislature adjourned for the year on September 18th, leaving among its unfinished items of business a final Assembly vote on AB 367, Assemblyman Willie Brown's bill to reduce penalties for cultivation of small amounts of marijuana. The San Francisco Democrat says he intends to bring AB 367 before the Assembly when it reconvenes in January.

When the legislators left Sacramento, AB 367 was still on the Assembly "inactive file", where it remained dormant while the Assembly debated pressing issues such as property tax relief, school finance and restoration of the death penalty in California. AB 367 must be brought up for a final Assembly vote before the end of January or it will die without a vote. If the Assembly passes the cultivation bill (and the projections still forecast a close vote), it still must clear two Senate committees and the full Senate before reaching Governor Brown's desk. If enacted, it would take effect January 1, 1979.

As amended, AB 367 provides that cultivation of not more than three marijuana plants "in a location which is not a public place or a place open to the public or exposed to general public view" would be a mandatory citable misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$100. There would be no permanent criminal record and all records of the offense would be destroyed two years after the arrest and/or conviction. Cultivation of not more than six plants would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or six months in jail. Growing more than six plants could be treated optionally as either a felony or misdemeanor, depending on such factors as whether or not there was intent to distribute or sell.

It is currently a felony to grow any amount of marijuana in California. Last year, there were an estimated 5,000 felony cultivation arrests in the state.

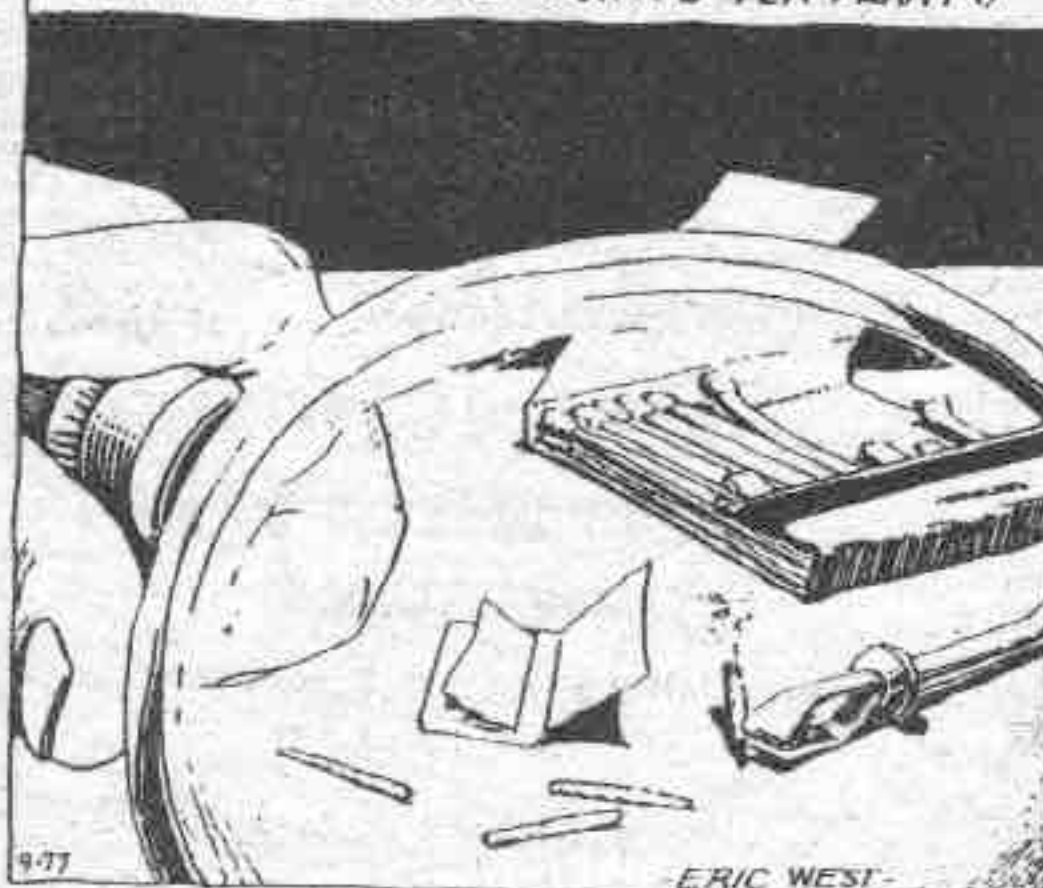
Next year is an election year and most politicians remain nervous about the marijuana issue. Unfortunately, many legislators still believe they risk losing more votes than they gain when they support decriminalization bills -- an erroneous and out-dated view.

The impact of California's new possession law (SB 95) has been favorable, and according to a statewide Field Poll the new law has pleased California voters. The Field Poll found majority support for the new law in all regions of the state and among all voters (including non-smokers!) in all age groups except those over sixty.

This same survey found that more than five million California adults have tried marijuana and more than two million are current users and that decriminalization is supported overwhelmingly by both groups. There are too many of us to be ignored if we make our views and voices heard!

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- 7) Making a false statement to any Internal Revenue investigator, Customs official, or any other federal employee doing investigation...
- 8) Going on strike against any company the government defines as producing defense-related products...
- 9) Suggesting that someone would be better off leaving the country than fighting in an unjust war.
- 10) As a gov't employee, leaking to the press or public any gov't info documenting illegal actions of public officials or gov't-contracting corps...
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BIKE PATH REPORT

Construction of the bikeway extension on the Venice Beach from Washington St. south to the end of the Marina Peninsula has hit another roadblock. On November 3 Superior Judge George M. Dell ruled that the City's Recreation and Park Commission must prepare a complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. To implement the previously approved plan, the Commission had filed a Negative Declaration stating simply that no substantial adverse environmental impact was to be expected from the project. The Concerned Citizens League, who wish to maintain their nearly private beach, filed suit demanding the full EIR. This suit was filed after the plan had already been modified to meet earlier objections of the League.

The modified bikeway plan, for which Judge Dell now says an EIR must be prepared received a unanimous vote of approval by the Recreation and Park Commission. Over the past five years, the project has also received the approval of the South Coast Regional Commission, the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Venice Town Council.

The City is filing a motion for a new trial to give Judge Dell a chance to reconsider. A ruling on the motion cannot be expected for several weeks. If the judge denies the motion an appeal to a higher court may be filed. In either case resolution of the issue is many moons away. And if the issue is decided in favor of the bikeway, new bids will still have to be solicited, evaluated, awarded, etc., before construction can begin.

If Judge Dell is upheld on appeal, then the Recreation and Parks Commissioners must decide whether to go ahead with the EIR or drop the whole thing. If they go ahead an EIR will take about 6 months to prepare and will cost several thousand dollars. Then, after the EIR has been approved by the appropriate authorities, bids must be solicited, etc.

In any event, construction of the bikeway has been stopped long enough to become a "pie-in-the-sky" for bikers. Nevertheless, one may hope that, ultimately, the City will follow the mandate of the people and complete the project.

FDA SEEKS DRUG DATA

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is requesting information, data, and views on several specific issues concerning the use of narcotic drugs other than methadone in the maintenance or detoxification treatment of narcotic addicts. Information obtained will be used to develop proposed regulations concerning narcotic treatment standards specified in the Narcotic Addict Treatment Act of 1974.

Submissions must be received by December 27, 1977. These submissions must be written (preferably in quadruplicate), and identified with the Hearing Clerk docket number 21 CFR Part 291, and addressed to:


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