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FREE VENICE SINCE 1968 BEACHHEAD

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STOP VENICE FRWY HELP BYPASS THE BYPASS

Demands by the Los Angeles Traffic Department that a Marina Bypass be constructed from Lincoln Blvd. to Venice Blvd. at Mildred have been temporarily stymied by the vigorous objections of Councilwoman Russell. The Councilwoman has asked the Department to review its statistics and to prove that such a Bypass is indeed necessary. This in light of the fact that the traffic engineers claim that traffic generated within Venice necessitates the construction of such a major traffic artery.

The construction of a major highway through Venice has long hung like a cloud over this community. Since the construction of the Marina which truncated Pacific Ave. at the Channel and eliminated direct traffic flow between the International Airport and Santa Monica and points north, traffic engineers and their supporters have been arguing for the construction of a new highway through Venice.



Initially such people pinned their hopes on the Pacific Coast Freeway, which was planned to cut through Venice, around the Marina, and link-up with the San Diego Freeway. Some property / commercial interest type groups within Venice supported this plan. Leading them was the late Mirtyl Wilson of the Venice Women's Chamber of Commerce. Other support included the Venice Canal Improvement Association, some of the leadership of the old Venice Civic Union, the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Opposed were the Venice Town Council, the North Beach Planning Task Force, and people who feared that a freeway would divide, ruin, and destroy the Venice Community.

The term "Freeway" began to take on a universal negative significance by the late 1960's and when Jerry Brown was elected Governor it became clear to freeway proponents that the age of unlimited freeway extensions had come to an end. The cancellation of the Century Freeway through Inglewood was a great landmark of the anti-freeway movement.

But free way buffs never die, and they seem to have hit upon a new strategy. Build a freeway - call it by another name. Thus, the term Bypass, which is nothing but a freeway in disguise. Spearheading the new drive for a Venice Freeway is Victor Adorian, the County's Director of Marina del Rey, and a hatchet man for the commercial interests which control that place. Adorian wants a freeway because, he says, traffic congestion in and about the Marina has become severe and needs to be relieved, especially to accommodate the second generation of Marina construction which cannot be built without an expanded traffic circulation system.

OAKWOOD HOUSING CRISIS

S. C. A. M. * In Oakwood?

* Synchronized Collapse of Apartments Management

A crisis situation exists in the Oakwood section of Venice that you may not be aware of. No, not the same old ongoing problems that everyone knows -- but few like to think about -- this one involves housing for the mostly Black and Chicano people living in the area. Recently, certain strategically placed apartment buildings in the neighborhood, 12 to be exact, with 286 units housing many people on rent subsidies, fixed incomes and welfare (translate: large families, old people, and the chronically unemployed) were announced for sale to the highest bidder at an auction to be held on the steps (!) of the County Courthouse of Los Angeles by none other than the Federal Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD). Sale dates for the buildings have been announced 5 times in the past year and at the last moment postponed, largely due to the efforts of tenants and community leaders.

Built in the late 60's and early 70's and managed by Action Industries, a community corporation using loans guaranteed by HUD, these buildings -- and the tenants -- have consistently been mismanaged, neglected, battered and torn. One opinion holds they have been manipulated by cynical, pious-mouthed, and possibly crooked landlords; while another says that Action Industries tried its level best to provide decent, low-cost housing for tenants who would not -- or could not -- pay rents in buildings that were only partially subsidized under existing government subsidy programs. This is important, for partial subsidies inevitably set up rivalries and divisive interests among tenants who, believe it, are all having a hard time eeking out a living. Was this done deliberately, or is it just another mindless and unfortunate failing of our bureaucratic system?

Enter the tenants. They want to know the answer to that and other questions, like why, if these buildings have been so chronically mismanaged (to the unnerving tune of \$4.2 million default on the mortgage over just a few years) why hasn't HUD stepped in before and exercised some of its legal options to maintain the housing without going so far into the red? And why, now, do they wish to throw out the baby with the bath water? That question rings not only in the tenants' heads but in anyone's who is interested in living in Venice, especially since the area has become a real estate speculator's dream world.

Fortunately the tenants have not waited to be granted an audience by the Powers That Be. They have demanded to know the facts about why their homes are being sold out from under them; and demanded a role in finding a solution to the problem of maintaining this, logically, low-income housing in a decidedly low-income neighborhood. Predictably they have met with re-

Where there's
SMOKE
there's
POT

Guy Henry Turner bought his acre of land in a remote pecan orchard in Lee County, Georgia, when Warren Harding was President and World War I had not long passed. Turner, 90, has lived as something of a hermit on that land for the last 55 years.

He gained reluctant recognition this year when he became the oldest person in the U.S. to be charged with selling marijuana. Turner was arrested last May by an undercover agent and charged with the sale of half a joint. Turner, however, denies he has ever bought or sold marijuana.

"I have asthma, it comes and goes," he said. "Out here in the spring among all these pecan trees it gets to where I can hardly catch my breath." Turner remarks that he's discovered smoking small amounts of marijuana relieves much of the discomfort of the asthma and helps him breathe.

Turner, who admits he occasionally accepts a joint from some of the young people who visit him, indicated after his arrest that he was not concerned about the charge. "I'm not worried," he said, "To hell with their laws."

We believe the time has come to liberalize laws regarding the possession of marijuana for personal use. In too many states, statutes exact punishment that far exceeds the crime. We agree with President Carter who showed a humane attitude in asking that the possession of insignificant amounts for personal use should not subject the user to criminal charges. - American Bar Association President William B. Spann, Jr., and American Medical Association President Dr. John H. Budd

Marijuana arrests, which declined in 1975 for the first time in more than a decade, are up again for 1976. According to the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Reports released in September, 441,100 marijuana-related arrests occurred in 1976, nearing the peak of 445,000 arrests recorded in 1974.

The FBI's report also contained other disturbing figures. Each year marijuana arrests account for an increasing percentage of all drug arrests. In 1970, for example, less than half of the nationwide drug arrests were for marijuana. Last year, marijuana accounted for 72% of the total. And in the south, nearly 8 of every 10 drug arrests were for marijuana violations.

So while attitudes around the country change and we savor the hard fought victories in ten states, the mounting arrest toll is a sobering reminder that much remains to be done. As long as smoking pot remains defined as a criminal act, there will be arrests. Some people will go to jail. Others will pay heavy fines and lawyer's fees. And most will carry a life long arrest record. As taxpayers, we are all picking up the tab that now approaches a billion dollars a year.

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Whirlybirdshit

by Kathy Phillips

It was shortly after 9 a.m. -- "I should be getting up soon anyway," I told myself, though I'd been working till 3a.m. But the "Airquake" of December 1, 1977 plain tossed me out of bed! -- again!! I looked around the room...no plaster cracks, no breaking glass; though a tall smoked glass vase seemed to wobble a bit. No, Venice was not yet crumbling into the Pacific. (Why do they place the Fault on a nice Saint?, I wondered.)

The noise blast had been just outside my window...and kept coming back for about 15 minutes. So I called the Venice Police Dept., and they referred me to the Air Support Division of the L.A. P.D., and added "good luck!"

Air Support Division told me their helicopter had been circling my neighborhood in the morning sunshine just after the fog went to Beverly Hills (though it might have, and has been at any hour). The Police Officer told me they were checking the license plate numbers on a couple of cars as possible stolen.

When I suggested this was a ridiculous waste of fuel (there IS an Energy Crisis! Jimmy tells us so!) and I said the job could have been done more efficiently by a cycle, or at most, a car, the Officer said he wasn't the person to take that up with. This City Agent of Those who are here "To Serve and To Protect" told me I should call my Councilman.....

So, I called the number he'd given me and talked to an aide of Ms. Patricia Russell at 822--2582, who wrote down my complaint and said that while there was nothing immediate they could do, records ARE kept on the various departments and taken into consideration when it comes time to figure out the budget, and just possibly they could perhaps suggest that the present way of using helicopters was an inappropriate use of funds.

What THAT means, in practical terms, (Chief Davis being Chief Davis) ... I'm not quite sure. But if you wonder about the announcement, back when the choppers were first put into use, that they would not fly below 100 feet except to make quite specific emergency investigations.....

I wonder what, if anything, the people in the Coastal Commission are thinking about this noisome (pun intended) air pollution? With Big Brother snuck right over your shoulder, if you are curious about what's "shaking" in YOUR block, the Chopper Information phone number is 485-3585. Maybe you can give them some "information" !@#*&%%\$#&*&!

P.S.: If at any time you wonder about the ABSENCE of the Chopper and a corresponding increase of Patrol Cars (ugh!) the Air Support Division says this is due to heavy fog; messes with their whole program. Hard to say whose side the weather is on!

●FREE HEALTH CARE●

by Olga Palo

Do you have someplace to go when you get sick and need medical services?

The Venice Family Clinic offers free medical care of the sort usually associated with "the family doctor".

The Clinic is located in Central Venice at 322 Lincoln Blvd. At the Clinic, the patient may have ongoing records kept of health, and patient progress can be monitored. The Clinic also receives free lab work and X-rays from St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica. Besides a small paid staff, there are more than 70 volunteers working, mostly U.C.L.A. doctors, nurses, and medical students, many who speak fluent Spanish.

The Clinic was started in 1970 when Drs. Mayer Davidson, and Richard Steckel of U.C.L.A. and Dr. Phillip Rossman of the L.A. Medical Association joined forces with concerned members of the Venice community to provide free medical care for low income residents.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Clinic may lose about \$40,000 from its operating budget of \$63,000. One of its main funding sources, the U.C.L.A. Urban Crisis Program, committed funds for two years of clinic operations. That commitment ends June 30, 1978.

Meg Ross Price, clinic administrator, feels that the medical care of the Venice community is seriously threatened with possible closure of the Clinic. The 6000 patients per year that need the Clinic have an average income of about \$400/month to support average families of five.

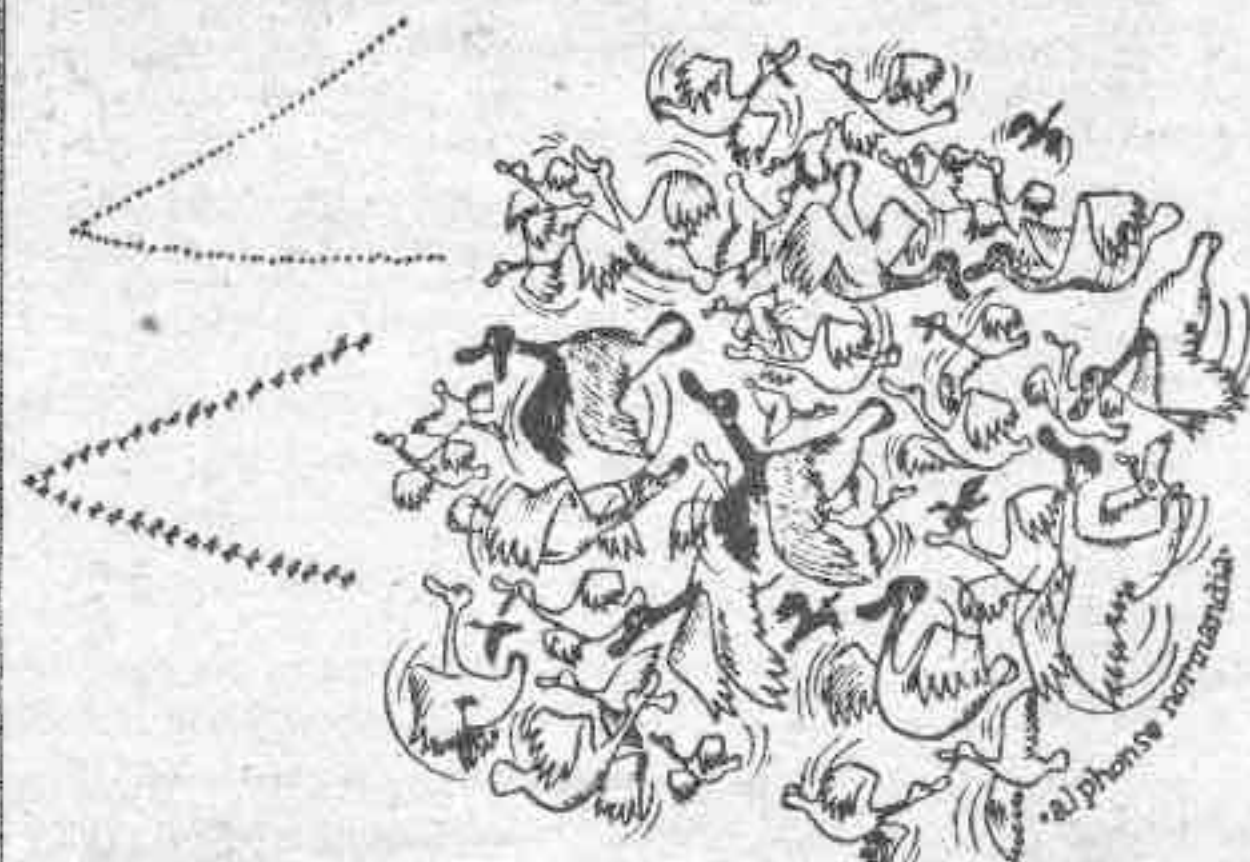
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"There are times when I wish we had a somewhat stronger organization."

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Presently the Clinic Board of Directors, and affiliate services are attempting a fund-raising campaign for the survival of the Clinic. They hope to continue to provide the low income residents of Venice with good free medical care.★★

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Dear Beachhead:

I have often thought while driving down Venice Blvd. between Washington and Lincoln how the median strip should be improved. Even the addition of some trees would be welcome. But, of course, the City is not too interested in spending tax dollars for civic improvements of this sort, so perhaps the residents of the area could be made aware that if individuals bought a tree it could be planted in this area. Do you think the City would allow us to do that?

William Dede
1332 Electric Ave.

(a call to the Councilwoman should provide an answer - Staff)

Beachhead Staff;

New York has its Village; does L.A. have its Venice? I've been living and experiencing Venice for the past three months. Prior to moving West I lived in Brooklyn. I visited Greenwich Village as often as I could. I often found myself walking endlessly, gazing at the boutique windows along the tree lined streets. On rainy days, sitting and sipping on a hot mug of coffee at an outdoor cafe, I'd find myself people watching. If you're into people watching as I am then the village is a down to earth place to do it. Creativity seems to have its roots in a bohemia such as the Village. Outdoor musicians, jugglers, and street wise people abound.

Living in Venice I have found a comforting similarity in the exuberance of creativity. On weekends the ocean walk is Washington Square Park without limits. Wandering minstrels serenade the bon vivant at the outdoor cafes, while jugglers entertain the passersby. Men, women, and children of all ages can be seen doing (or at least trying) figure eights on their roller skates. The California beach blond youth can be seen at his versatile best on his custom-made skateboard Main St. has its boutiques and antique stores. Art galleries are blossoming here and there. Creativity is in the air (no pun intended.)

Venice of course does have its negative traits, but none that are unique to city life. Although urban decay, as well as the decay of the Venice bums and winos are a constant reminder of the black abyss, that too can spur creativity in one as young as I.

I believe that Venice is L.A.'s village. Keep the spirit of Venice alive. Don't integrate and assimilate Venice into the plasticity that is Marina Del Rey.

Benjamin Schonbrun

City of Venice



VENICE TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting: February 1, 1978
Old Venice City Hall on Venice Blvd.
Wednesday, 7:30 pm

AGENDA

- I. Free repairs for low-income home owners. Ms. Billie Harris, Venice Skill Center, the speaker.
 - II. Report on the International Women's Conference. Ms. Aurelier Morris, del. from California, the speaker.
 - III. Venice Legal Clinic - up date from the Housing Panel of Nat. Lawyer's Guild.
 - IV. Committee Reports:
Coordinating Committee
Education Committee
Finance Committee
Housing " (Oakwood Projects)
- EVERYONE FROM THE COMMUNITY IS ALWAYS INVITED

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Aurelia Morris, active feminist and official California delegate to the International Women's Conference in Houston, will speak at the next meeting of the Venice Town Council on Wed., Feb. 1, 7:30 pm, at the Venice City Hall, 607 Venice Blvd.

Ms. Morris, who produces the program "Grey Power" aired every Thursday on KPFK, says of the Conference: "It was an historic meeting, the first national all-women's meeting in the United States since the suffragettes met in New York state in 1848". She believes that the conference will have a historic impact not only on women, but on the entire nation, "especially if we really organize and make our power felt."

3. UP AGAINST THE WALL NORTH BEACH

Property owners along the Ocean Front in Venice North Beach met on January 19 at the Old Venice City Hall to discuss the new Specific Plan which has been drafted for, and in part by, the City. The meeting was called by the Community Planning Section of the Los Angeles Planning Department specifically to elicit property owner response. There are a total of 106 parcels on the Ocean Front owned by 46 people. About 20 property owners and interested parties attended the meeting. Also present to answer questions were Arnold Springer and Jim Bickhart of the North Beach Planning Task Force and Community Advisory Committee, Sharon Kaplan of Councilwomen Russell's Office, and Richard Gervais of Los Angeles Community Planning.

The property owners appeared somewhat angry and frustrated, for the most part because they didn't understand why the Coastal Commission had taken such a strong interest in Venice and was operating under a different, more restrictive set of guidelines for Venice than was the Los Angeles Building and Safety Department. Mr. Gervais assured them that the Coastal Commission was a reality and would not go away, and that the Specific Plan developed by the Planning Task Force and the CAC (Community Advisory Committee to Prepare a Venice Community Plan) was an attempt to satisfy some of the main concerns laid out in the Coastal Commission's Interim Guidelines for Venice. Springer suggested that in some areas it was more permissive and innovative than the Interim guidelines and should be supported by property owners.

Some specific objections were, however, raised against the Specific Plan. Mrs. Spero objection to the section which would have required 15% of all new housing to be for Senior Citizens or low income people. Ms. Kaplan pointed out that this provision was mandated by law in Los Angeles and would appear in all new community plans. Mrs. Spiro retorted that she didn't care about that and found the whole idea objectionable.

Mr. Spero, a partner in 4 Floors West on the ocean front in North Beach, objected to what he felt was the Specific Plan's bias in favor of low-income people. The usual clamor was raised about winos, low-lifers, and young unemployed no-goodniks hanging around the beach-front and scaring other folk away.

Someone criticized the Specific Plan because it failed to provide for legal second-hand and vendor sales along the Ocean Front. The background report in fact recommends that such businesses be made legal, but the draft ordinance of the Specific Plan does not contain this provision.

Since the moment appears opportune to effect such a change it is advisable for all those interested to communicate their sentiments to the planners and to Mrs. Russell's office. Write to: Mr. Richard Gervais, Community Planning Section, 6th floor, Los Angeles City Hall, L. A. 90012, and send copies to Mrs. Russell.

The Specific Plan, revised by the planners, should be ready for final consideration by the Planning Department by April. After approval it must be ok'd by the Coastal Commission.

NORTH BEACH RESIDENTS PARK FOR 50¢ USE ROSE AVENUE BEACH LOT

It is legal for local residents to park their cars in the County Parking Lot on Rose Avenue.

You may park your car there and leave it for up to 72 hours for 50¢

At a recent public hearing City staff cited under-utilization of the Rose Ave. lot by Venice residents as one of the reasons for recommending against a proposal to provide off-street parking at the vacant lot on Navy Street.

Mr. Ruben Race of the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches has assured City staff that the Washington St., Venice Blvd., and Rose Ave. lots are available for overnight parking to local residents.

Feel free to use these lots at your own convenience and AT YOUR OWN RISK. At night the lot on Rose Ave. is frequented by many folks who are not necessarily friendly, warm, or sincere.

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Senior Citizen Housing

The much discussed and long delayed Senior Citizen Housing project planned for #1 Venice Blvd. has moved one step closer to reality. On January 24 the Los Angeles Board of Zoning Appeals approved the project by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Appeals Board was forced to meet after Mr. Werner Scharff, the owner of a great deal of property along the ocean front in North Beach, objected to the initial approval given the building by the Associate Zoning Administrator.

The building, consisting of 50 one-bedroom units, with ten dwelling units per floor, will be built by James Anthony and Richard Tong of the South Beach area of Venice. The units will be low income with rents subsidized by HUD for a period of 20 years.

Developer Anthony has consulted with many community people and groups over the past year trying to improve his project so that it will better meet the needs of the Venice community. His concern and cooperation have earned him the respect and trust of many people who would otherwise not have any truck with a developer. Among the groups which supported him were the North Beach Planning Task Force and Morrie Rosen of the Israel Levin Center. Councilwoman Russell's office has also given him advice, encouragement, and support.

The protestants were represented at the hearing by several ubiquitous people, Mr. Brown representing the Scharff interests, and Mr. Reid Monroe and Ms. Brenda Wallace, the latter most recently associated with Canal development.

The protestants said that they were not against senior citizen housing, but charged that the building was too dense (population density) and that there were not enough parking places provided for the tenants. After much discussion the commissioners came to the conclusion, based on comparative statistics, that the project was in fact less dense than that permitted by the present zoning and that not only was the parking sufficient, but that the building would in no way contribute to an intensification of traffic congestion on Speedway.

Towards the end of the hearing Mr. Reid charged that the commissioners may have been subjected to illegal "political pressures" and were therefore favoring the project. The Chairman responded that he was sorry that Mr. Reid had been reduced to making such base and unwarranted charges which questioned the integrity of the entire board and were without foundation.

Speaking in support of the project were Sharon Kaplan of the Councilwoman's office, Carol Fondiller, and Arnold Springer of the North Beach Planning Task Force and CAC.

The flow of the meeting was laced with a great deal of irony. For one thing Fondiller and Springer found themselves in the unusual position of supporting a developer, while developers Brown and Monroe were seeking to deny fellow developer Anthony. Anthony's lawyer was Sherman Stacey who makes a living by representing developers before the Coastal Commission were his cases are usually contested by Moe Stavnaezer of the Town Council, and sometimes Fondiller and Springer. This time they were on the same side.

A further irony was that the Scharff interests and the Monroe people made a futile attempt to use Coastal Commission guidelines for the North Beach to defeat the project. Neither group has been noted for its approval and support of the Commission's posture on Venice. They also attempted to buttress their opposition by appealing to the CAC's Specific Plan for the North Beach, a document which was initially drafted by the North Beach Planning Task Force, i.e. Stavnaezer, Springer, and Jim Bickhart. Their appeals however were based on rather obvious mis-interpretations of both the Commissions Guidelines for the North Beach and the CAC's Specific Plan, as was shown with brutal clarity by Stacey and Springer. The 5 to 0 vote by the Commissioners was a stinging rebuke to these machinations.

The project, which already has tentative approval by the Coastal Commission, HUD, and the City of Los Angeles, is however not yet assured. Mr. Scharff has threatened to go to court if necessary to prevent the City from approving the building. * * *

'78 APPROPRIATIONS for STATE ARTS AGENCIES at \$61.6 MILLION

State legislatures have appropriated \$61.6 Million to the 50 state arts agencies for fiscal 1978, up 7.5% from last year, according to an annual survey by the American Council for the arts.

California was among the five states showing the greatest increase in appropriations, moving up to 22nd in per capita expenditures this year from last year's ranking of 38th. California this year is spending 17 cents per person, the study said; New York, \$1.59. Highest per capita support for the arts was in Alaska, at \$1.86 per citizen; lowest in Texas, 3 cents per person.

---Los Angeles Times, Fri. Jan. 27, '78.

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L.A. PREMIER

The Canadian Film Board's, "MOSES COADY", arrives in the land of fruits and vegetables. Very appropriately, also, since our Moses organized Eastern Canadian farmers and fishermen into a successful cooperative movement. A startling film about a daring man.

GUEST SPEAKER

California's resident cooperation expert, JERRY VOORHIS, will tell you "How to build a successful co-op." He should know since he's former president of the Cooperative League and U.S. Congressman on the EPIC (End Poverty in California) platform. You'll also find out if your present co-op is on the right track, and if not, how to get it there.

OPEN HOUSE

This is the fun part. You'll meet people--- neighbors and co-op members--- and help the store. Refreshments (healthy, of course) will be available. You'll be able to ask all the questions you want. And hear our answers. Bring your friends, lovers or parents. But come cooperate with us.

• SUNDAY, MARCH 5
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• CHURCH in OCEAN PARK
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DESEG. = ASSIMILATION??



by ROBT. WELLS

Diane Watson of the Los Angeles Board of Education addressed a Venice community gathering January 7th on the subject of school desegregation. About 60 Venice parents and other community people attended the meeting at the Broadway Elementary School auditorium.

Ms. Watson's talk was the first of a series of public meetings around school desegregation sponsored for the new year by the School Desegregation Committee of the Venice Town Council. On Saturday, February 4th, the head of the citywide Integration Project, Ms. Jackie Goldberg, will be at Venice City Hall to give the community a detailed rundown on the current status of the desegregation case now being heard in Judge Paul Egly's Superior Court.

The program for the 4th will also include the first Venice showing of Dennis Hicks's new film-strip, "The Integra-



Photo by Nancy Bennett

Audience members listen to Diane Watson during Broadway School integration conference.

tion Process." This film-strip, which is being distributed throughout the country, deals with the ways that children's experiences and studies can be integrated once a school has actually been desegregated. Dennis is a member of the Town Council committee.

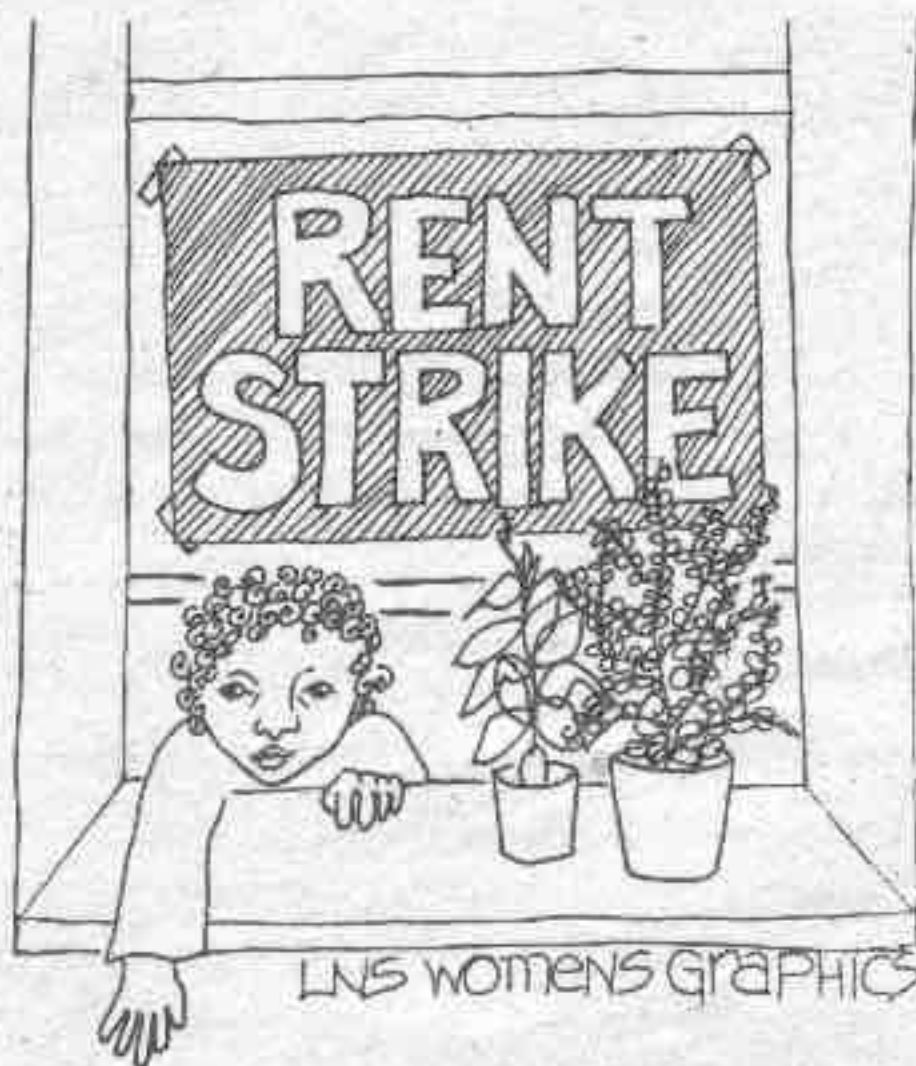
The Saturday gathering will start at noon; like Ms. Watson's appearance at Broadway School, it will be a community potluck lunch -- people are urged to bring their own prepared dishes to share.

On Tuesday evening, February 28th, the Town Council will sponsor a panel discussion at the Venice Library on the question of "School Integration: Self-Determination or Forced Assimilation?" Panelists will include people from Venice and other parts of the city who have been involved in the school desegregation struggle. After a brief presentation by the panelists, the meeting will be opened for public questions and discussion. This meeting will start at 7 P.M.

Diane Watson's talk was a wide-ranging discussion of school desegregation here and around the country. Without hesitation she placed the blame for the continuing segregation of the Los Angeles City school system squarely on the L.A. Board of Education, pointing out that the Crawford case to desegregate the Los Angeles schools, which is still in hearings in Judge Egly's courtroom, just recently passed its fifteenth anniversary. Mary Ellen Crawford, the Jordan High School student who was one of the original plaintiffs when the case was filed in 1963, is now a grown woman with children of her own; in spite of the ACLU suit, she finished her entire education in a segregated school system, and students her children's age are likely to have the same experience.

Diane Watson pointed out the irony that Jordan High, the source of the original lawsuit in 1963, is still completely segregated, and was one of the "Racially Isolated Schools" that the current Board plan leaves totally out of the desegregation process.

Ms. Watson told of a tour of other U.S. school districts that she and other Board members took a few years ago. She pointed out that the racists in the Boston school district like Louise Day Hicks and Pixie Palladino have now been discredited and rejected politically, and that the community there is adjusting to desegregation. She predicted that the same will come to pass in Los Angeles.



SAN. MON. RENT STRIKE

On Saturday, Jan 14, about 40 people picketed a building at 300 California Ave. which is the object of a rent strike by its elderly tenants. They were attempting to get their landlord to reveal his identity, and to bargain in good faith for reasonable leases.

Although there has been little maintenance over the years, increases have been sharp, such as to \$325 a month for a one bedroom, which rented for \$185 the previous month.

The management co, a Venice firm by the name of Rogue and Mark, with offices on Lincoln Blvd, refused to cooperate with the strikers or to give them any information.

According to Anne Schaefer, a spokesperson for the group, the management has tried to intimidate tenants with threats of eviction, but without success. Four out of the thirty tenants of the building have refused to pay their rent, and the remaining 26 have shown their solidarity by contributing to a defense fund. As a result of this action, the 4 rent-withholders have been promised that they will not have to pay the new rents until March of 1979. But the tenants are holding out for a permanent cut back of rents for everyone, and to set them at a reasonable level, to be decided by negotiation of both parties. The strike and demonstration were organized with the help of the Coalition for Economic Survival.

es, and that the fundamentally racist maneuverings of the majority of the L.A. Board, led by Howard Miller, to avoid desegregating the schools, will not succeed in the end.

Ms. Watson herself will not continue much longer as the lone champion of integration on the school board. In the June primary election she will be a candidate for a seat in the California Senate.

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HOMemade

The Homemade Venice Ladies Aid Society is compiling a selection of healthy, original recipes from the community. Please send us your recipe, along with a little information about yourself and how the fantastic formula came into being. All recipes will be acknowledged, via return mail-- and when printed in the booklet we plan to put out, credit will be given the creator, though we do hope that people know that upon receipt thereof they become the property of the Homemade Venice Ladies Aid Society. The completed book will be a delightful mixture of home remedies, good down-home cooking, and simple but tried and true organic beauty tips. We hope that this will be a book that is of service to the community in many ways; both practically and enjoyably so. Send your recipes to: Cookbook, 834 Nowita Pl., Venice, CA 90291

"I'd like to cut the environmentalists throats and throw them in the back yard."

---The Honorable Frank

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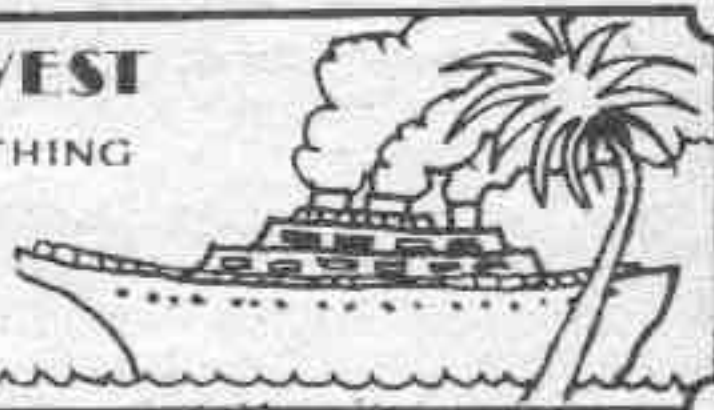
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5 Local group rebukes Nukes

by Sonda Beal

The development of nuclear power presents a serious threat to the continuance of life on this planet. And viable alternative sources of energy are available. Yet nuclear plants continue to be built. Why? What economic and political forces govern the decisions concerning energy? How are nuclear plants related to the development of nuclear weapons?

These questions were raised and discussed at a workshop given by the Venice-Santa Monica Alliance for Survival on Saturday, January 14th at The Church in Ocean Park. About sixty people braved the pouring rain to attend the free event which included a film, several speakers, a guerrilla theatre performance, and discussion groups.

The afternoon began with a movie presenting both the pros and cons of nuclear energy and explaining briefly how a nuclear plant functions. It also discussed various safety problems, including the difficulties in burying radioactive waste. The most striking point made in the movie was that an astronomical increase in the number of plants in operation is planned by the year 2000. Therefore, it is imperative that the public be informed now of the dangers and take a stand on this issue before new plants are built.

Following the movie, Milton Kamins, a well-known scientist, spoke on the government's attempts to whitewash the safety problems. Then, Edward Hazan, who installs solar systems, explained how solar energy works and showed that it is a workable alternative to nuclear energy.

The workshop was fortunate to have in attendance Heinz Flury from Switzerland, who had participated in demonstrations in his country against nuclear power plants. He described the organizing methods in Switzerland and emphasized the broad based popular support that the anti nuke movement enjoys there.

The Traveling Neutron Players next put on a hilarious and devastating performance in which the neutron bomb was satirically extolled. People were urged to sign a petition supporting the "clean" (according to the Pentagon) "presidentially - endorsed" weapon, "an amazing new product you can't afford to be without."

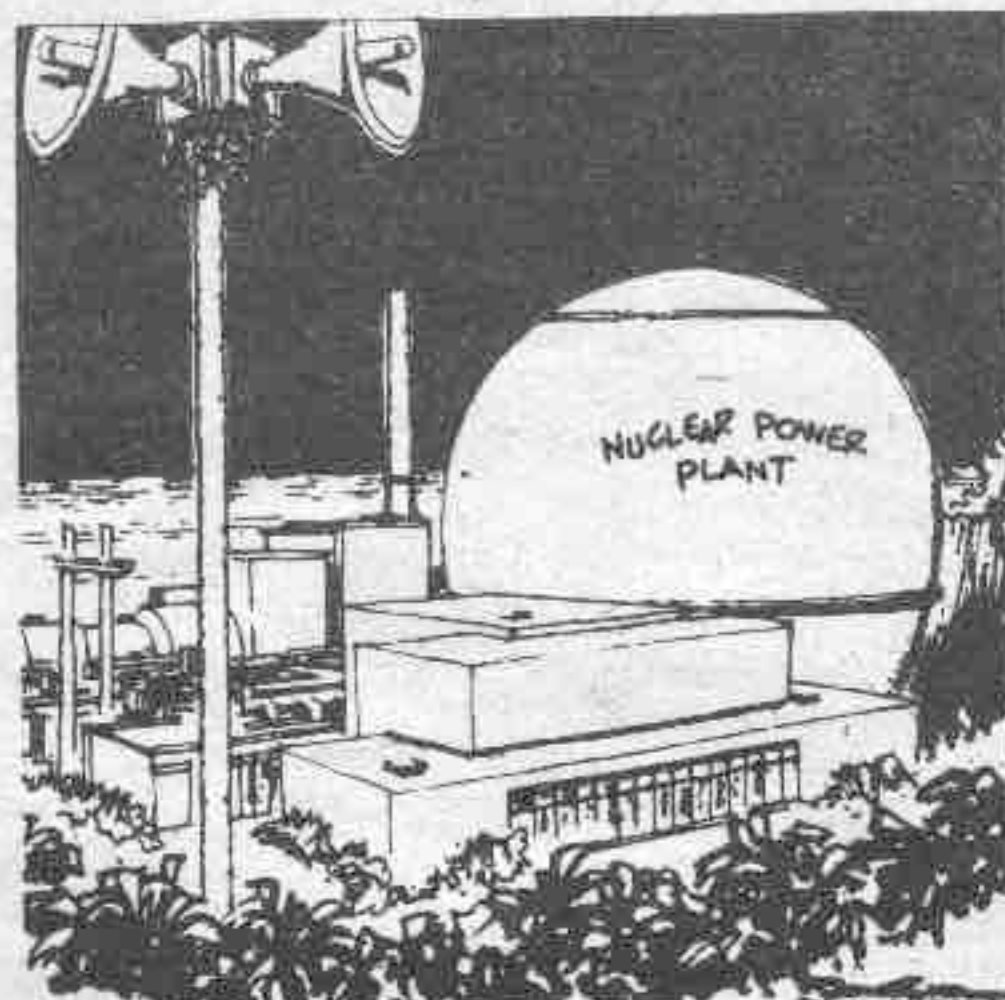
Irv Sarnoff, the final speaker, made clear the links between nuclear energy and nuclear weapon development. He also urged us to understand the way the nuclear industry spreads fear of unemployment among workers. Clearly, if the money devoted to the development of a nuclear economy were spent on other energy sources and other human needs, many more jobs would be created, and we would all be healthier and safer. The Mobilization for Survival, he stated, is a national organization dedicated to 1) banning nuclear weapons; 2) banning nuclear power; 3) stopping the arms race; and 4) funding human needs.

The afternoon concluded with people breaking into discussion groups, so that they could get to know each other, discuss the issues raised during the afternoon, and raise questions. All were invited to attend the next meeting of the Venice-Santa Monica Alliance for Survival on January 25th. For information regarding future meetings or the Alliance, please call Peter, 399-7377, or Sonda, 392-5582.

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THE VATICAN VIEWS THE ARMS RACE

It is to be condemned unreservedly.

It is a danger, in terms of the possible use of modern weapons.

It is an injustice for it constitutes

A violation of law by asserting the primacy of force.

A form of theft. The obvious contradiction between the waste involved in the overproduction of military devices and the extent of unsatisfied vital needs is in itself an act of aggression against those who are the victims of it. It is an act of aggression which amounts to a crime, for even when they are not used, by their cost alone armaments kill the poor by causing them to starve.

It is a mistake. One of the chief arguments ordinarily invoked in favor of the armaments race is the economic crisis and unemployment which would result from the closure of military factories and arsenals. That would be true if there were to be an abrupt change. But conversion of military manufacturing plants and military markets for civilian purposes is equally possible, if trouble is taken to plan ahead. It is all the more feasible in that it would create jobs by making it possible to undertake the large-scale projects which prove necessary for the protection of the environment, etc.

It is a wrong because it is unthinkable that no other work can be found for hundreds of thousands of workers than the production of instruments of death.

It is a folly. This system of international relations based on fear, danger and injustice is a kind of collective hysteria, a folly that will be judged by history. It is meaningless because it is a means which does not achieve its end. The armaments race does not ensure security.

In the case of nuclear weapons, it does not afford any additional security because there is already a surplus of such instruments; it creates additional risks by introducing elements of instability which could upset the "balance of terror."

As to traditional weapons, their proliferation, especially in the third world countries creates regional imbalances and can thus generate conflicts or fuel those in progress.

In any case, whether it is a matter of nuclear weapons or traditional weapons, of great or small Powers, the arms race has become a cumulative process, which has its own dynamics, independent of any aggressive feelings, and which escapes the control of States. It is a machine gone mad.

(cont. next column)

•NUCLEAR SHOE-IN•

The ill-fated Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant was recently the victim of another "impossible" accident. A worker's protective overshoe fell into the reactor. It may be recalled that this plant suffered a major fire a couple of years ago which was started in the electrical insulation by a candle used to check for leaks. According to some reports this incident fell just short of a major nuclear plant catastrophe and all its attendant consequences.

But back to the overshoe. It seems that the "black protective shoe covering," as the L.A. Times calls it, dropped off the foot of a workman into a 30-foot high, water filled container when the reactor was closed for refueling and modifications. This incident kept the plant closed for 17 days at a cost of \$2.8 million (according to TVA estimates).

Officials claim the worker had taped the overshoe to his leg but the tape loosened and the galosh dropped off. (Whatever happened to buckles?) If a kid told a tale like this upon the loss of an overshoe he would probably get pounded.

It is often said of disarmament that it is a "worn-out" or "tired cause", that there has been too much talk about it, for too long a time, without any visible results.

But is it not rather the cause of armament that is worn out? Is it not the premise underlying the armaments race that gives every day further proof that it is antiquated and anachronistic? If one gauges the success or effectiveness of armaments by the peace they achieve, would it not be more appropriate to speak of failure?

The armaments race is against humanity and against God. This mad race must therefore be outlawed from the standpoint of ethics for when the damage caused is disproportionate to the values we are seeking to safeguard, "it is better to suffer injustice than to defend ourselves" (Pope Pius XII).

Or rather, than to defend ourselves by such means. Because we still have the right and the duty of active, albeit non-violent, resistance to unjust oppression, in the name of human rights and human dignity.

(Staff note: The preceding has been excerpted and adapted from a statement on disarmament issued by the Holy See at the request of the United Nations Commission on Disarmament. The complete statement forms Volume 3, Number 3 of Gamaliel, A Catholic Pacifist Quarterly and may be ordered from them at 40 cents a copy. Their address is 1335 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

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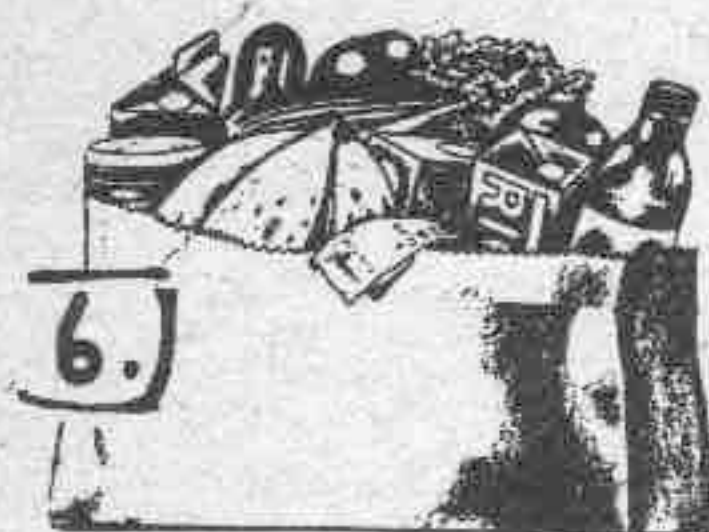
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The old neighborhood's "a changin'." Expanding to the corner of Pier and Main Streets in Ocean Park the One Life Natural Foods Market will now exist cheek-by-jowl with the skin-flicks at the Vixen Theater.

The new corner location at 3001 Main in Ocean Park will double the size of One Life plus will allow for the return of the vegetarian restaurant part of their operation. It will be run as before on a donation basis with the regular menu, possibly with the addition of ice cream and Escondido juices for which there will be a charge.

Jack McKay, the current president of the One Life Family Council, looks for support from the local community to make the donation restaurant a success. The meals can be had by an energy exchange such as work in the store or kitchen or by offering musical or entertainment talent, plus, of course, by cash donation. A caring interaction will return this much appreciated eating experience to its spot at the top locally.

To give notice of the increased activity at the Natural Foods Market, One Life is announcing their 20% discount plan on all items (except bread and dairy products). A membership of \$5 per month in advance will provide buyers with the automatic 20% discount---senior citizens are exempt.

Regular shoppers will benefit and the irregular shoppers will provide the source of the limited funds which support the 20% discount. The financial statement provided by One Life showed sales at \$502,568.00 for last year. The 18% gross profit came to \$88,352., expenses were \$84,879. - leaving a net profit of \$3,472, for the year.

One Life Family members work 5 days a week to receive room and board plus \$5 a week pay in keeping with their choice to live modestly and in accordance with their concept of sharing.

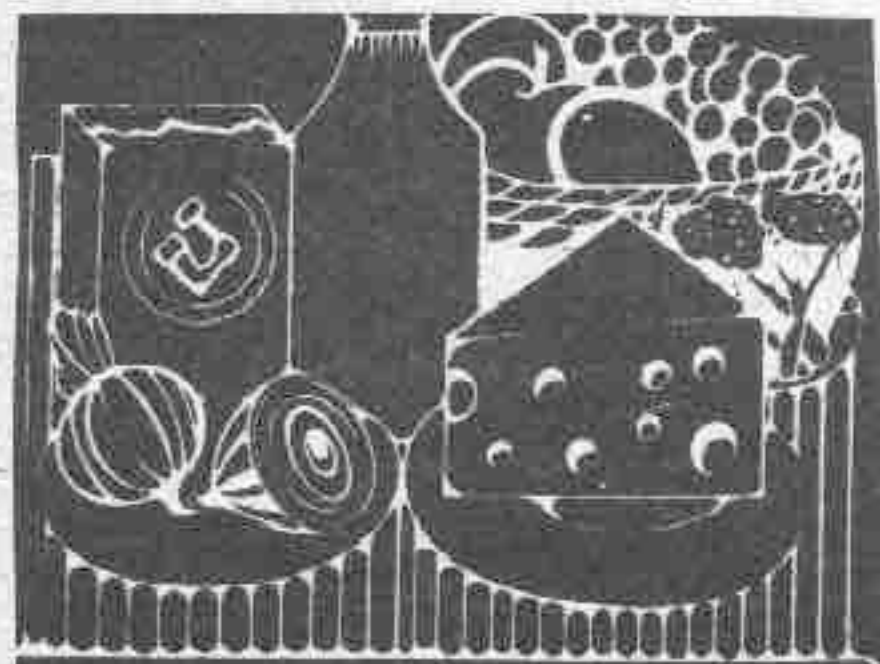
One Life Family is structured as a non-profit corporation of two divisions -- the One Life Church and One Life Natural Foods. Members enter and leave the family and often return as the spirit moves them. The numbers are usually about what they are now: 20 adults and 5 children.

Each Sunday at 7 pm there is a non-demonstrational meditation period, or half an hour of stillness that is followed by a meal and music. McKay welcomes those who want to experience the lifestyle of the group to visit the 18 acre working ranch at that time. There are two houses, tepees, and tents, as well as chickens and goats. Call 399-9966 for information. Ask for Destiny. The ideal is to live as brothers and sisters and this the country style at the ranch enhances -- to live as one. Their slogan is - "What you give a brother or sister, you retain."

The style of life followed by the One Life Family is directed toward simplicity and oneness with the earth. The guidelines, periodically re-examined by the Council, at present include: no dope, no drinking, no smoking, and no personal vehicles (the Family owns 5 cars and trucks.)

The Family consults to get the questions of work, or job duties, performed by those with the expertise and interest to do them best. Total acceptance is the norm in social and sexual matters and sexual preference is a personal decision.

McKay's forecast on the changeover time for their expanded store is between 3 and 5 months, depending on volunteer labor availability. Around that time he plans an overland trek to Oregon -- the hike will include other Family members and the goats.



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WOMEN WIN FOR COMMUNITY

A settlement has been reached in the civil lawsuit which has been the major impediment to Santa Monica's proposed \$68 million shopping center in the downtown redevelopment area.

Two low-income residents, Sharon Gilpin and Linda Vitale, had charged in the suit that the project imperils low-cost housing in the city and that it amounts to financing private enterprise with public funds.

Establishment of a fund for low-income housing is a key element of the agreement approved Tuesday by the City Council acting as the redevelopment Agency.

Councilman Perry Scott opposed the settlement, calling the lawsuit "outright and outrageous blackmail." He observed that the city had won all its points in trial court. He favored pursuing the matter through appeals court.

But City Atty. Richard Knickerbocker said that the delays entailed in the appeals process are costly and that increases in interest rates and building costs, as well as other factors involved in delays, cost the city thousands of dollars a day.

City Manager James D. Williams agreed about the cost of delays, saying that the case could take as long as a year in the District Court of Appeals, and another two years should it be pursued in the Supreme Court.

"Interest and land costs would continue to rise while we were sitting around here haggling in court," he said.

A primary element of the settlement is a plan for housing rehabilitation, he said.

The city agreed to pay 20% of the tax increment left over after the city has paid off all its project costs for 30 years to a fund devoted to rehabilitation of low-income housing. Williams said the 20% is based on the excess money and not the entire tax increment.

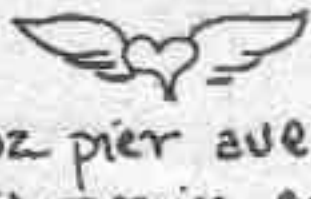
In addition, the city agreed to allocate \$600,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds in 1978-79 for housing rehabilitation.

Another important element of the plan is \$50,000 to be set aside for child-care programs and another \$50,000 for a shelter for battered women, both to be expended over a five year period.

The issue of a child-care program reportedly was the focus for a breakdown of negotiations between the city and the two women in June.

The city also agreed to provide pocket parks at two locations, one between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd. on Cloverfield Blvd. and the other at Broadway and Park Place.

Ms. Gilpin and Ms. Vitale have agreed to take action to have their appeal dismissed within 30 days. They instituted the suit more than a year ago.

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Voice of Venice Past



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ALIEN ENEMIES

With no industries to speak of, no bridges, wharves or shipyards to guard there is little to fear from alien enemies here in Venice. A few indulge in unpatriotic language. Some may plot to aid the cause of the Kaiser, but sooner or later all will be gathered into the toils. We have perfect confidence in Chief Raymond here and in Chief (of Police) Ferguson in Santa Monica to keep a watch over disloyal citizens.

It is rather in small and more obscure ways that harm can be done and the libraries and schools have taken the right step in our humble judgement to eliminate books praising German kultur and lauding the unspeakable Kaiser.

German professors, men who live in the infamous dishonor of German thought and philosophy that must go. We cannot have teachers tainted with German ways of thought. We must not bring up our babies to think Germany the greatest nation in the world while our boys are being butchered by the Huns.

Now we must eliminate all books praising German system. We must teach our boys and girls the horror and hellishness of German doctrines. And we can only thus teach by discharging any teachers who do not measure up to the standards of American patriotism.

The schools in Santa Monica have set a splendid example. All honor to Superintendent Rebok and Principal Barnum. We know the Venice schools will take steps as well to discourage any teaching that would make the impressionable young people think Germany a glorious nation of destiny.

They are doing a lot of house cleaning in New York schools according to press reports. Evidently they need drastic action there where tens of thousands of pupils are of foreign birth. The Board of Education dismissed from the service three DeWitt Clinton High School teachers. These men are not defined as "enemy aliens," but were found guilty on the technical charge of "holding views subversive of discipline and of undermining good citizenship." In the case of Samuel Schmahausen, it is said that his penciled marginal note on a letter written by a school boy attacking the President showed "not the slightest reaction in directing outraged honor". A Henry Schneer was impugned for publishing a school bibliography with objectionable poetical quotations after the titles of the books. Thomas Mufson refused to answer questions at the trial, and drew from Professor Giddings the declaration that he would vote "for the discharge of any man capable of such mulish conduct".

The New York Evening Post prints an address of Professor Dewey delivered at the DeWitt Clinton High School in a meeting called to consider the charges against the teachers. We quote a passage in which he points to a "dangerous tendency" in our methods showing that "to defeat Prussianism abroad" we seem to "establish Prussianism at home." ★ ★ ★

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orgone dreams of Southern California
into icy drafts that
claw their way beneath the door.
Inside, the heater growls
Saharran breath on us.

Fingers laced beneath your head, you lie at ease-
You say, that those who study the
vagaries of Earth on Her inconstant
axis say,
That a new Ice Age is just
around the corner
and faster than we think
Will be there to watch Hell freeze over.
The lens in the camera's simulacrum eye
cracks, unable to record the
sight of rubbled buildings
that thumb'd their noses at the sky,
the steel that girded them to stand
erect and sway with Earth's
erratic dance,
now broken by a steely whim of ice.

Hard-edge artists and their lawyers
shiver over frozen hot tubs
plundered of their Condo-dreams.
I listen to your talk of withered fruit
shattering as it hits frozen
ground,
aborting seeds before a
Spring that will not come now for
a thousand, thousand
years.

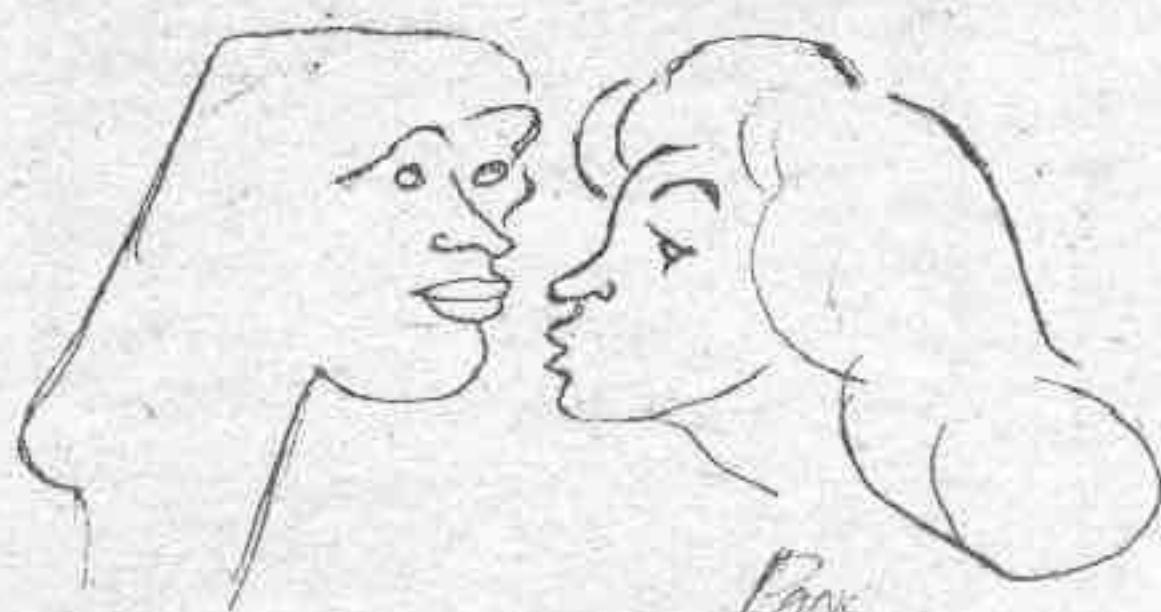
Vegetarian hordes storm zoos
killing Kinmajous camels, elephants,
and wallabies,
plunging chilled hands into
the hot, still throbbing guts of
wide eyed deer and marmosets,
Koala bears, stately swans,
shoving goblets of soft bunny
flesh into famine bloated bellies.

My eyes trace glacial progress
of blue veins across the
country of your body.
Your quiet voice goes on about
the cold-crazed future.
The muffled cadence of your heart
counts off the time
Until L. A. with its Jungian
Reichian avocado incense primal surfing,
Hare Krishna poem trees EST Macrobiotic
encounter Zen group vegie Burger Illegals,
existential off ramps, interfaith healing
communes accucoloniac commie gay red
neck sushi bars, and isometric muscle

building Synanon Kosher mandarin
taco halfway house denim
gas stations
Congeals, unified homogenized
at last under a thick white
blanket
that stills all
shrill dissent and
self advertisement.
And oh, my honey, let's make love
before the sun withdraws into a sullen
frigid star,
before Cold shall take the fine
grained sand, compress it
in his fist to boulders,
and shucks us in his hands
of skin of breath of arteries.
Our skeletons pressed like brittle
gardenias between the pages of
Browning's sonnets,
becoming delicate fossils
lacy Valentines to mark
forgotten time.

And oh my honey, let us taste our
sweat and suck each
other's funky breath
and let us rub each other with
ourselves
till we come in tropic hotness,
melt the
Polar Ice Caps
and save the
World

Carol Fondiller



LAS OLAS

Las olas del mar
sin trabajar
Estan alli
para yo y ti.

THE WAVES

The waves of the sea
without working
are there
For you and me.

by Edltinch



Photo by Gerry Goldstein

Beauty and Sadness

Like votive flame
In our drunken strangeness
We tongue epistles
And swim in winter.
Beauty

Like dead stars
We fill an empty room.
No one is dressed
For the cold
Sadness.

Blake Latimer

The Sea and Me

She-bitch, angry, demanding, unrelenting,
Pounding her rage on the sand and rocks,
Steely gray, hissing her lament over the land.
Seductive, tawny lady,
Slinking along the shore, flirting with it;
Gently hugging and lapping, seducing with
rolling, gentle curves.
Lazy blasé wonder, flowing along with it all,
Barely a ripple, too tired to move -
At the mercy of the sun and the wind,
Now here, now there.

You remind me of someone I know well:
A moody lady I've spent a whole life with.
Myra Klassman

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My uncle Sam pays me so I can eat.
When I'm unemployed, I feel like a champ
I'm eligible for Medi-cal and food stamps.
Tho' I ain't got no job, I don't really care
When unemployment runs out, I'll go on welfare.

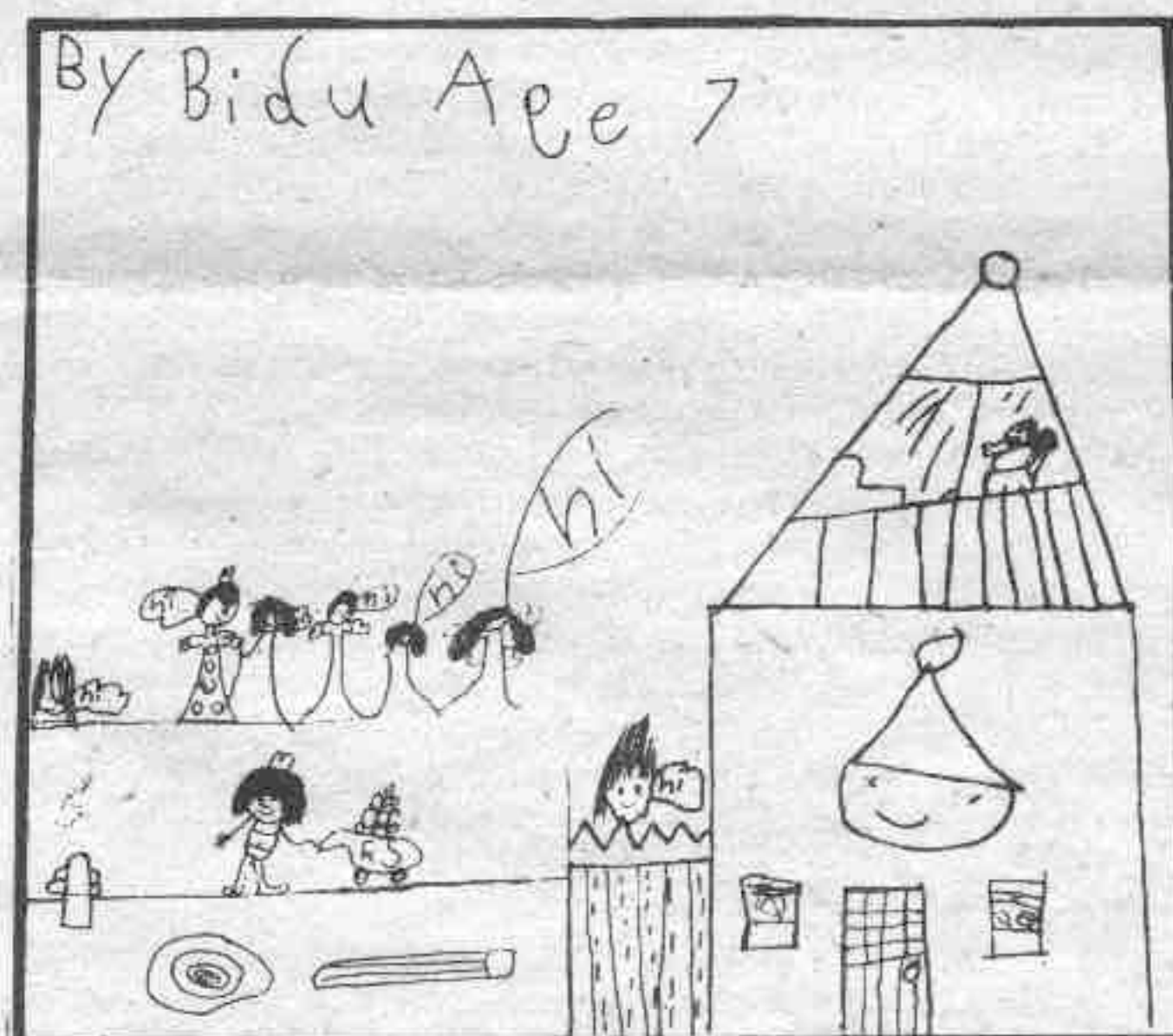
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The Lemmings Of L.A.

A one eyed sun
hangs bloodshot in the western sky;
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COME BACK INN review

Bill Rivers

Singer-songwriter Carlisle is once again performing at the Come Back Inn, this time with his three piece back-up band. In the past Carlisle has played at the "Inn" as a single artist. This engagement opened Sunday, Jan 8, and will continue Sunday nights thru February.

Opening night showed a good turn out during a welcome break from the rain. Carlisle's first set was composed of country material, ranging from peaceful ballads to light-hearted good-time "ditties" including one called "Hope It don't Rain No More". The country set was well received, emphasized when co-owner Frank Kalapos came dancing from behind the bar with a cowboy hat on.

In subsequent sets the pace and intensity increased as Carlisle combined upbeat rock rhythms with his emotional country feel. With songs such as "Why Not Do Some Dreamin'" and "Starships for the Boarder" combined with Carlisle's country roots, one might conclude that he is somekind of space cowboy. Toward the end of the evening the group delighted the audience with a high-energy rendition of "Pinball Wizard".

It is encouraging to hear a single artist develop a band that favorably represents his music and Carlisle has definitely succeeded. His vocals were warm and alive and the band delivered a performance that was dynamic. The group features Brad Rodgers on guitar, Dale Morris on base and back ground vocals, and J. D. Arrighi on drums. For those who enjoy exciting music of this genre, Carlisle and Co. is an act worth checking out.

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Trasher Treasures

Garbage-picking in Venice is no longer the popular pastime it once was; it's become a fine art. The local enthusiasts, equipped with short wooden sticks or stiff wires (coat-hangers do nicely) and a department store shopping bag or two, prowl the alleys and sidestreets rooting thru dumpster dumpsters and overflowing trash bins in search of buried treasure.

One elderly garbager, whose part-orange, part-fading, chartreuse brillo-like hair strangles down over her leathery face, arrives at the row of trash containers below my apartment promptly each morning at 10 A.M. Her specialty is aluminum cans.

Carefully, with her well-worn wooden poker, she nudges back the top layer of old milk cartons, cigarette ash-filled broken egg shells, empty ketchup bottles, and whatever else the neighbors have found worthy of discarding, and plows thru the underlying riches until she hits paydirt, a spent can of beer or soda. Then, gently, with perfect balance, she lifts the prize up to the surface and deposits it in her GTE shopping bag. She repeats this foraging and retrieving until all possible nuggets have been removed. Then, she is off to the next treasure spot, a true American prospector if ever there was one.

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MARINA BY-PASS CONT.

Adorian and the interests he fronts for want to make the Venice community the sacrificial lamb for the poor planning and irresponsibility of Marina officials and the unadulterated greed of the commercial interests there. Poor planning because from the very beginning of the Marina project Los Angeles City Officials advised the County that it would have to provide improved traffic circulation within County administered territory to compensate for the truncation of Pacific Ave. The County has consistently refused to assume this responsibility. Greed because in the planning of the Marina no thought was given to limiting population density to reduce traffic congestion, while every commercial venture proposed for that mediocre paradise for the new rich and mundane mod was accepted, regardless of the traffic generated by such projects. And still they argue for more hotels, more restaurants, more dynamic discos. And who pays? The County of Los Angeles in the persons of its taxpayers. All the little people who have boats and can't use the marina because there's no place for them there, the small commercial fishermen who have been excluded from the Marina, Marina tenants who have been rent-gouged for years.

So now again they propose their solution. Kill Venice and Save the Marina. Improve traffic flow on Lincoln Blvd by dumping it into Venice. And there are those among us in Venice who actually favor such a project!!!! Why? Because it will isolate the Canals, Central Venice, and the North Beach from the poor and working class sections of Venice - Oakwood, Milwood, and South Venice. Once this division has been accomplished it will be easier to transform the former areas into super-affluent suburbs of Marina del Pay. And then, inspite of all those tee shirts, Venice will be Marina del Rey.

Let there be no doubts about it. The Marina ByPass will never stop at Venice Blvd. It does not make any sense to end it there. Once the traffic engineers get the go ahead to build to Venice Blvd, the pressure will be on to extend that road right thru Venice. The route will be either up Washington Blvd/Electric to Main St., or up Venice Way to the Traffic Circle. The handwriting, as they say, is on the wall, and now is the time to stop this project in its tracks.

The Councilwoman needs to be supported in her forthright and courageous stand against the ByPass. Letters opposing the Bypass scheme should be sent immediately to her at her Venice office at the Old City Hall. Get your neighbors to write her as well. Those of you who are

concerned enough and can find some extra energy could start circulating petitions among your neighbors and Venice people in general. Remember, people in South Venice, Milwood, and Oakwood have as much to lose as the people along the Ocean Front, Canals, and Central Venice if this ByPass is built, because people in these sections will be cut off from the beach, and because the community of Venice will be eliminated as a living reality by this highway.

Let's try to help ourselves by supporting the Councilwoman on this one. Remember, she is up for re-election and Marina people can't vote!!!!!!

open letter

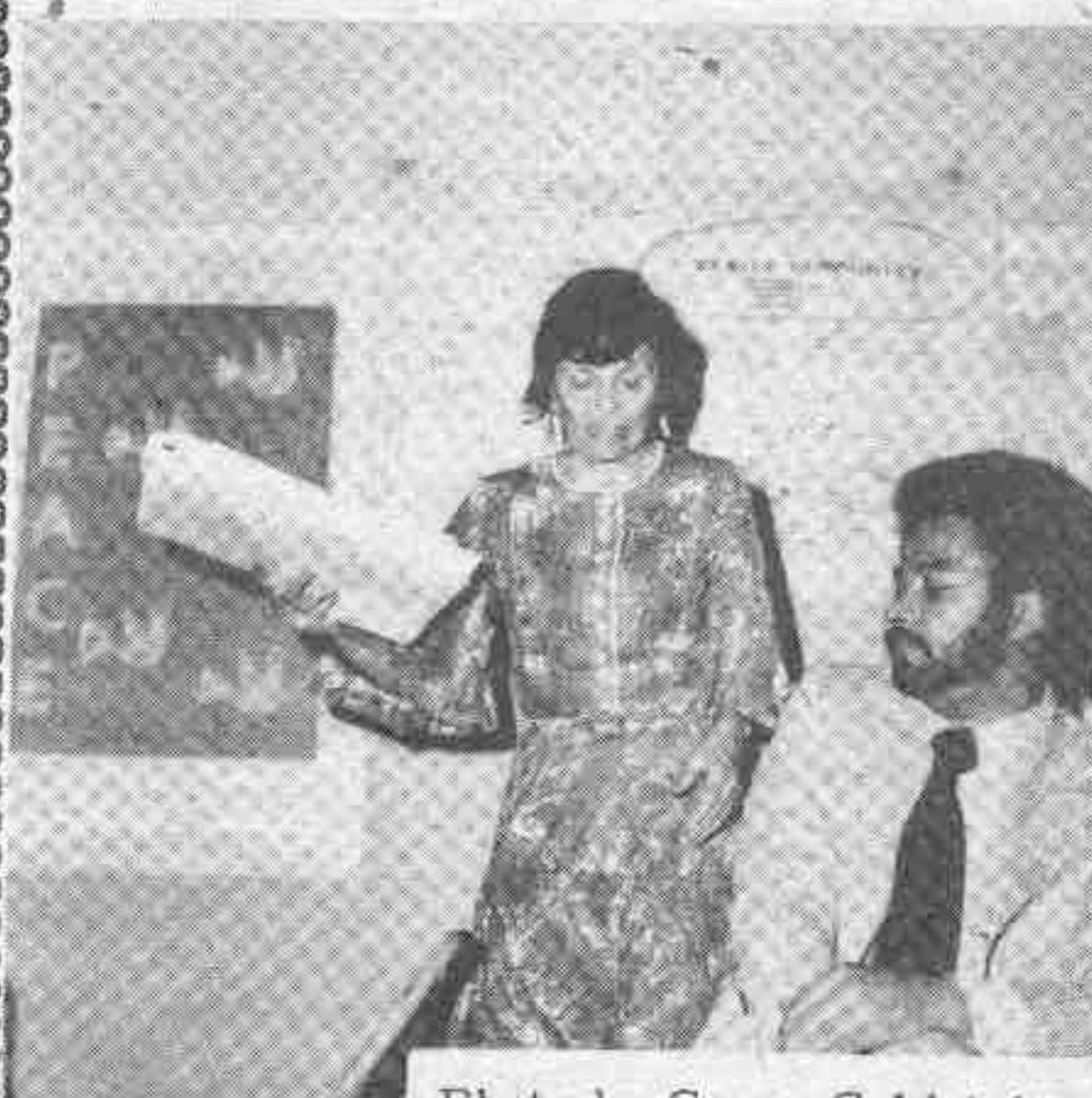


Photo by Gerry Goldstein

From: The Beachhead

To: Councilwoman Pat Russell
City Hall Room 260
200 N. Spring St.
L.A., Calif. 90012

Dear Ms. Russell,

The Beachhead is printing this letter to express the staff's strong opposition to the building of the Marina Bypass and the widening of Ocean Ave. Both of these projects would serve to draw more and more traffic onto Venice streets the bulk of which would go through, rather than to, the community. And we see no reason why Venice residents should have to suffer the consequences of a major highway merely to accommodate traffic headed for the Marina or Malibu.

A few years ago a similar proposal for a highway through Venice united people from virtually the entire community and the plan was abandoned and, we thought, permanently shelved. That proposal would have meant a four lane highway from Lincoln (near the Marina) to Main St. basically along the railroad right-of-way, virtually splitting the community in half. Now we understand that the new scheme involves a road along the same route but ending at Venice Blvd. Existing streets (such as W. Washington Blvd., Venice Way and Main St.) would then have to carry the traffic coming off this new road. This version is no more acceptable to us than the original.

The Beachhead is pleased to note that you have taken a very active and staunch position against the Marina Bypass. You have our complete and enthusiastic support.

The staff encourages all Beachhead readers to cut this letter out of the paper, sign it and send it to Ms. Russell as a show of community support for her opposition to the Marina Bypass.

(signature)



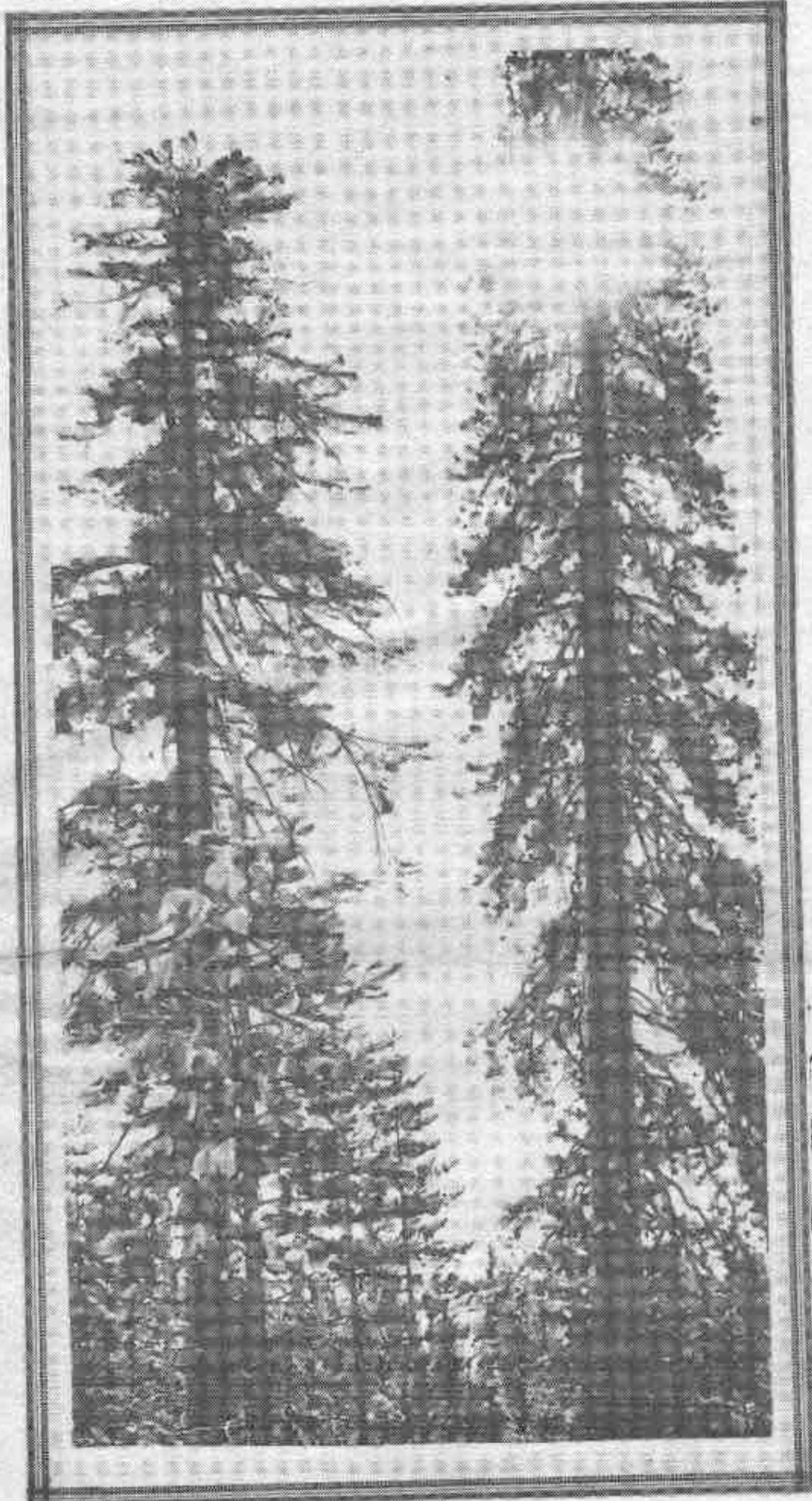
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The threat goes on. The Beachhead carried a report in October 1977 on the attack on the coastal redwoods (Sequoia Sempervirens) and the attempt by Senator Cranston (and others) to put 48,000 acres of threatened trees into the national park system.

While that fight is being waged, one of the few remaining privately owned groves of the inland giant sequoia (Sequoiadendron Giganteum) is up for cutting. The Case Mountain Sequoia Grove is just outside the Sequoia National Park. Mrs. Ollie Craig, the owner.



has recently broken off negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, which had been trying to buy the grove, and reportedly has accepted an offer from logger Bill Pollard to buy the tract for something over 1 million dollars, once his timber harvest plan is approved and the Bureau of Land Management grants an access permit.

Interestingly, every government agency involved has labeled the grove as nationally significant and worthy of preservation. Yet the State wants the federal government to preserve it, the feds think it would make a good state park, and so it goes.

Snowfall and lack of permit access will delay cutting until spring, but if the Case Mountain Grove is to endure more than a few months some swift action must be taken. The Sierra Club is pursuing possible legal action. But a public furor is needed to trigger a serious attempt at public acquisition, the only long-term protection for these kings of trees.

Address your letters to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814 and to Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus, Interior Building, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Write[↑]...you can help!

● BANNED CONTRACEPTIVE STILL PRESCRIBED in L.A. ●

(LNS)--Local Los Angeles doctors are still prescribing Depo-Provera as a long-term contraceptive despite the Food and Drug Administration's banning of the drug for that purpose, according to the Institute for the Study of Medical Ethics, a patients' advocacy group.

Given in injection form once every three months, Depo-Provera is associated with a serious list of side effects, and has caused cancer in laboratory animals. Its use is only approved for treatment of certain forms of uterine cancer.



solar freebie

A catalog entitled, "Educational Guide for Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Opportunities at California Universities and Colleges," has recently been released. Over 300 schools were contacted and asked to identify their courses that dealt with solar energy and energy conservation. 150 of those identified are included in the catalog. Courses from the colleges of architecture, engineering, environmental sciences, agriculture, home economics, and others offer a wide variety of specific interest areas.

Courses range from "How to build simple solar collectors" to "How to do business with energy related federal agencies in Washington." Each course listing gives the title of the course, name of instructor, duration of the course, prerequisites, general course description, courses planned for the future, and the name of someone to contact for further information.

A limited number of copies of the 160 page publication are available free from the Washington office of California Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., 2342 Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.



"Excuse me, sir. I am prepared to make you a rather attractive offer for your square."

by Tom Lang

By a two to one vote members of the City Planning Commission recommended against a proposal to purchase a large parcel of Ocean Front land bounded by Ocean Front Walk, Navy St., Speedway, and Ozone Ave. Fifteen community residents who supported the proposal at the Jan 26th hearing testified that the 212 front foot parcel was needed for off-street surface parking. In addition they presented a letter of support from the Venice Town Council, and over 500 petition signatures from residents in the immediate area to back up their claim that additional parking was needed in the North Beach.

At the initial hearing on Jan. 12, Venice City Planner Richard Gervais drafted an excellent report recommending that the City purchase the land and use it for off-street parking. The written report and his subsequent testimony established the following facts:

- 1) The two factors who own the land offered it for sale to the City of Los Angeles in August of 1976. The asking price was \$2,500.00 per front foot or roughly \$500,000.00.
- 2) The California Coastal Commission has frozen development of all other vacant parcels along Oceanfront Walk in North Beach because the City has failed to meet beach access requirements by providing additional ocean front parking.
- 3) All other Ocean Front land in North Beach is owned by Warner Scharff, (not quite editors) a famous Venice land speculator. He is unlikely to offer any of it to the City.
- 4) The City does not have any money budgeted for acquisition of off-street parking.
- 5) Residents of Navy St and Ozone desperately need off-street parking. Cont. to pg. 11

JUSTICE CENTER mediators needed....

A new justice center will be opening in the Venice-Mar Vista area in late March. It will be called the Neighborhood Justice Center and will be one of three innovative pilot programs to be funded throughout the U.S. by the Department of Justice. Trained persons from within the community will mediate certain kinds of disputes for which existing court procedures are too costly, too slow, too impersonal, or otherwise inappropriate - such as those which occur within families, between landlords and tenants, between merchants and customers or between neighbors.

Joel Edelman, a former deputy city attorney who will direct the center, says that a mediator is an advocate for having the parties work something out without going as far as imposing a solution. He or she works to get both parties' needs met. Twenty "paid volunteer" mediators are being sought to work with the staff consisting of Edelman, a deputy director, two intake counselors, and two secretaries. All staff personnel and volunteers must either live in or have some roots in the Venice-Mar Vista Community. Volunteer mediators will work at the center one evening a week for which they will be paid \$6 an hour after being trained by professionals for 70 to 100 hours.

If you have questions or are interested in being trained and working as a mediator, call the L.A. Bar Association Office at 620-6200 or send a resume and/or a letter stating your desires to work and information about yourself that would demonstrate your abilities in this area. The address is:

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MARIJUANA

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Incidentally, the national marijuana market is now a \$5 billion a year business, involving perhaps 5,000 tons of cannabis in its various forms. California's share is a billion dollar a year industry, involving the distribution and consumption of 1,000 tons of marijuana annually.

Consumption/price patterns vary greatly from one user to the next and from year to year. A recent development has been the emergence in the market of highly expensive varieties of domestic marijuana such as California sinsemilla selling for up to \$200 an ounce. The nominal price, nationally, is \$32/oz. Price patterns indicate a continued inflationary spiral; there is, as might be expected, an increased availability of highly expensive marijuana.

Penalties against possession of a drug should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself; and where they are, they should be changed. Nowhere is this more clear than in the laws against possession of marijuana in private for personal use. - President Carter

The use of marijuana will no longer disqualify an applicant for employment with the Federal Government, according to new regulations adopted by the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Persons who use marijuana, and most other illegal drugs, will only be disqualified now if their drug use leads to "some identifiable detriment to the efficiency of the service."

A major study is underway by the California Department of Justice and the State Office of Traffic Safety to determine the correlation between impaired driving and the use of marijuana. Funded by an \$82,000 federal grant, the study is designed to provide data for law enforcement, traffic safety and legislative officials.

Blood samples are being taken from up to 2,400 drivers subjectively determined to be impaired by the California Highway Patrol. The samples are analyzed by radio immuno assay techniques for both active and inactive marijuana metabolites, which are being taken from drivers whose blood levels are both above and below the 0.10% alcohol level.

Preliminary results show that 22% of the drivers suspected of impairment had marijuana in their blood. The results of the first three months show that 16% of the 124 drivers who exceeded the 0.10% blood-alcohol limit also had marijuana in their system, as did 26% of the 167 samples who were at or below the 0.10% level.

However, the federal government's Sixth Annual Report to Congress, Marijuana and Health stated that "The parameters of impairment for the average driver under various dosages of marijuana alone or in combination with alcohol are not yet adequately specified. There is, thus, an obvious need to develop standards in this area for what constitutes driving under the influence of cannabis so as to encourage more responsible use."

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OAKWOOD HOUSING

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sistence. Action Industries, at this writing, is trying to close a deal in which the titles to the buildings will still be kept by them, or HUD, and a new management firm, American Investment Corporation based in Berkeley, brought in to pay off the mortgage default (by raising rents, right) and to renovate the buildings. The tenants' association has been barred from these negotiations even though HUD has acknowledged support for their participation. For whom, then is this deal being made? And who will live in those renovated, expensive apartments?

Enter the Venice Town Council, NAPP, Coalition for Economic Survival, Pat Russell's office, the Mayor's office, Senator Cranston's staff, and various other community groups and leaders. Two weeks before the last auction date in January, and Ad Hoc Committee to save the buildings for low-income residents, and to promote further preservation and development of housing for low-income residents, was formed. The tenants and the Committee working together managed to get the last sale date postponed a month. The Committee then adopted a resolution supporting the tenants' right to participate in the future management of the buildings and has petitioned both HUD and Action Industries to that effect.

What will HUD's response be? Will it join in the effort and, by doing so, justify its reason for existence in the first place -- to develop viable structures for urban living? Or will it succumb to the, apparently, dark machinations of the real estate gamblers?

Now there's a question you probably want an answer to, right? For, as James Baldwin said of Angela Davis, "If they come for you in the morning they most certainly will come for me that night," if Oakwood can be hustled without a fight, so perhaps can you.

For more information and to plug into the struggle contact: Doris Oliver or Carolyn Dove of the Tenants' Association, 399-0231/821-4418; or Rick Davidson of the Venice Town Council, 396-6876.

The Oakwood Tattler

MIME TROUPE IN VENICE

By Osah Harmon

Hotel Universe by the San Francisco Mime Troupe played at the Fox Venice the 20th and 21st. It was the story of Venice. The tale of a small low-income hotel half-sleaze half-conscious getting ready for a talent show. The stereo-type of poor spunky old, black, Mexican, white, artist, drunk, evicted by the stereo-type corrupt land speculator and politician, who gets elected for siding with the people and stays in office by ignoring them. Too familiar. There was something early and pagan about watching this play, made to spur community action, like a home movie, painfully revealing. The display of desperate grace that comes with the realization that one is just a tenant. The unifying, hysterically funny, helpless bravado that comes from being swindled out of what one considers one's own nooks and crannies of the world. But it comes at a time for Venice when reminders are more painful than nostalgic, more guilt-ridden than inspirational. The transformation that comes over people when they take destiny into their own hands when it is apparent that it is out of them is a cure Venice has taken as often as could be prescribed. And we have seen the banning together of people has a better effect on them than on society. That joy comes just as much from the attempt at freedom, than the possibility of it. The message we are left with is that it is important to protest, to come alive and take responsibility for our oppression. Indubitably. But the question the play raises is what do you do after the demonstration, when raised rents have dispersed the comradeship of raised-consciousness into the macrocosm. And erased except in newsreels their valour and certainty. Individualized again in the cyclone of relocation, we slip into the play like Dorothea's red slippers. In the land of Oz we click our heels and admit we would rather be home after all. Back in the microcosm, in the Hotel Universe, making a talent show.

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RESIDENTS ORGANIZE

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Local homeowners and merchants were delighted with the first report and its favorable recommendation. In a series of meetings they resolved to work together to gain Venice Councilwoman Pat Russell's support. Telephone and letter writing campaigns were organized. Homeowners circulated parking flyers throughout the neighborhood advertising the time and date of the next public hearing and knocked on doors asking for parking petition signatures. The owner of Davy Jones Liquor Locker provided invaluable assistance by explaining the issue to his numerous patrons and asking them to sign the petition.

SECOND REPORT NEGATIVE

Although the organizer of the drive had requested a meeting with the Councilwoman on Thursday Jan. 12, it took six days and five phone calls to arrange a meeting with her field deputies and the City planner for Venice, Gervais. At the meeting we learned that everything had changed. A new report had been produced and this time it recommended (presto-chango) that the City NOT purchase the land. Indeed, the report was a 100% turnaround, and purported to show with (gasp-choke) facts and figures that the proposed City purchase of land was a waste of money and not a very good idea at all.

THE FIVE STORY MENACE

Perhaps the most dubious aspect of the new report was that it changed a \$500,000 surface parking proposal (admittedly expensive) into a \$2,500,000.00 plan to build a five story parking structure.

In the second report the City parking and planning staff argued that existing county parking lot on Rose Ave. was under-utilized. They pointed out that only 60 cars use the 273 parking spaces per night, and further stated that if they couldn't fill 273 spaces at 50¢ per night they certainly couldn't fully utilize a new Navy St. lot.

An examination of the cost benefit figures in the new report show that "even if there were no finance changes and full occupancy it would take over 22 years to pay back the City's investment." A more conservative but accurate estimate would be 50 years.

This is a clear cut case of the City using a dishonest "straw man" tactic to defeat an otherwise straight forward proposal. Knowing that a surface parking lot would be inefficient in the short run they recommended increasing its cost by two million dollars and its size by two hundred cars, only to find, in the end, that the lot will not pay for itself. It is easy for elected officials to vote against costly inefficient proposals like this,

and its even easier for bureaucrats to RECOMMEND AGAINST such "wasteful" public spending.

RUSSELL MEETING DISAPPOINTMENT

The day before the Planning Commission hearing we finally had a meeting with the Councilwoman. We asked her to spend some of the \$3 million that will be generated from the sale of 51 City owned lots to purchase this land for off-street parking. She did not make a commitment at the meeting and her field deputy, Sharon Kaplan, did not oppose us at the Planning Commission hearing. Although lack of support is certainly better than outright opposition it is doubtful that City acquisition of this land can be achieved with Russell's open support at the next public hearing, in four weeks, before the City Planning Committee.

If you live in North Beach and think this proposal is good either because you would use the Navy St. parking lot or because you think it is a desirable public policy objective to provide beach access at this location, here is what you can do.

1) Call City Councilman Arthur Snyder's office at 485-3335. He is the Chair of the City Planning Committee. We need his support, in addition to Pat Russell's, in order to get any further positive movement.

2) Sign the off-street parking petition at DAVY JONES LIQUOR LOCKER.

January 24, 1978

City Planning Commission
City Hall
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Re: CPC 27112

Dear Commissioners,

We strongly urge you to approve the purchase of the subject property as recommended by the Planning Department. Such a purchase would be a first, positive step towards alleviating the severe residential parking problem which exists along the entire beachfront, especially in North Beach.

Various studies, including one by the City, have shown a need for from 1,000 to 2,000 additional off-street parking spaces in this area. The real shortage of residential parking along the beachfront often results in competition for available parking between residents and visitors. Private parking lots, such as the subject property, have served to mitigate this problem. But escalating land values and property taxes are making the current use of this, and other vacant land along the beachfront, more and more financially infeasible. The only alternative to the present use of this land is residential or commercial development which would simply exacerbate the existing parking problem. It should be noted that in the years 1970-1976 some 73% of the 2,000 housing units built in Venice have been in the beachfront area between Pacific Av. and Ocean Front Walk.

The City must acknowledge that, over the years, poor planning and insufficient parking requirements have brought about the present situation. The City must now take the necessary action to remedy this problem. The purchase of the subject property is just such an action.

Sincerely,

Moe Stavnaez

ROSE & MAIN Shopping Center Monstrosity Planned

A gigantic shopping center-retail complex slated for construction at Rose Ave and Main St. came before the Coastal Commission on Monday, Feb 30. Since the Beachhead went to press before the hearing we cannot report on the results. However, if approved it would have a great adverse impact on the community.

The complex would be huge. Parts of it will tower 59 ft above Main St. One of its problems is that it is parking deficient. Patrons of the retail, office, commercial and artist studios will be forced to find parking on the streets surrounding the complex, thus increasing parking problems for residents of the area.

Another problem with the complex is that it will not be community oriented. It will draw patrons from outside of Venice thus increasing traffic congestion on Main and especially on Rose, which, as all Venetians know, is now overcrowded with cars. Problems with traffic circulation are cumulative and this project, if approved, can only increase the pressure from City traffic engineers to push the Marina Bypass - Freeway thru Venice.

Moe Stavnaez, representing the Town Council Planning Committee and the North Beach Planning Task Force opposed the project before the Coastal Commission. He urges all Venice citizens who object to this project to write letters of opposition to the Calif. Coastal Commission, Long Beach, Calif. The project #'s you should refer to are P 2507, '08, '09.

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Fantasy Meets Reality Bookstore 132 Broadway in Santa Monica. \$3 donation per class. For more info call 451-5631

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Farm Machines - displacing farmworkers, devouring small farms, producing tomatoes that bounce. Slide show and discussion about Univ. of California's ties to Agribusiness and the growing monopoly in the food industry. Feb. 5, Sun. 7:30 pm, at the Church 235 Hill St., S. M.

CALIF. AGRARIAN ACTION PROJECT

Feb. 16, Thurs, 2 pm at L. A. Convention Center. Cesar Chavez, Tome Hayden, and members of the California Agrarian Action Project will address the issue of agribusiness and UC before the UC Regents at a Public Hearing. for more info call Paul Kessler 399-6454

HEALTH CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Mon. Feb 6. Harriet. Filmmaker M. Braubach will present a videotape that deals with the psychological, emotional and physical effect of mastectomy. Harriet's discussion reaffirms her self confidence as a woman, dispelling the fear of loss and inadequacy as the result of the operation. Discussion to follow. 7:30 pm.

Mon., Feb 13. Rape Crisis Hot Line

Women from the Rape Crisis Hot Line will talk about the Hot Line, discuss rape self-defense techniques and how to do neighborhood organizing around rape crisis. A film called "Rape Culture" will be shown. 7:30

Mon., Feb 20 Self Help for Lesbians

Two lesbian women from the Westside Women's Clinic will do a self help group for lesbians including discussion of lesbian health issues, lesbian sexuality, self exam with speculums, and self breast exam. 7:30 pm

FREE FILMS - SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIB.

The Forbidden City - art treasures of China's emperors. Glass-a lyrical treatment of the ancient art of glassblowing. Feb. 9 4 & 7 pm.

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AFRICAN FILM, SPEAKER AT CHURCH IN OP

On Sat night, Feb. 11, a benefit for the Southern African Support Committee will be held at the Church in Ocean Park. Among the attractions will be the highly acclaimed film, "Last Grave at Dimbaza" (a documentary showing the relationship between imperialism and Apartheid), and a speaker from South Africa, Madoda Hlatshwayo. Madoda is a Zulu from Durban and a member of the African National Committee, a militant liberation organization, and will be able to answer questions regarding the stage of the struggle against Apartheid and for national liberation, as well as discuss various working-class organizations and political tendencies.

Also on the program will be a live jazz combo records and dancing, as well as food and drink. There will also be a literature table with info about African politics. The event will start at 7:30 pm and a \$2 contribution is being asked. The address of the Church is 235 Hill St., S. M.

The Southern Africa Support Committee, a non-sectarian group supporting liberation struggles, is also conducting a drive to collect clothing for Zimbabwe refugees. Anyone with clothing, sheets, etc., can call 399-3185, or 393-8189 to arrange for a pick-up or drop-off. The above numbers may also be called for anyone interested in helping build the benefit or seeking info in the other activities of the SASC.

Mon., Feb. 27 Erotic Slice Show

Slide show of women's vulvas--and an evening of celebrating ourselves. Discussion of feelings. Bring paper and crayons if you feel inspired. Slides by Tee Corinne, author and illustrator of the Cunt Coloring Book.

the above events will be held at: Westside Women's Clinic. 1711 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica. For further info call 450-2191

BEYOND BAROQUE CENTER

Fri, Feb 3 8 pm. Poetry by James Moore, preceded by open readings.

Sat. Feb. 4 1-4 pm. Gallery opening and reception by Eloy Torrez.

Mon., Feb 6, 8 pm. First class meeting of the Scriptwriting Workshop.

Tue. Feb 7, 8 pm. First class meeting of the Film Production Workshop.

Fri. Feb. 10, 8 pm. Poetry of Stuart Lishan & Ivy Dempsey. Preceded by open readings.

Fri., Feb 17, 8 pm. Poetry by Paul Vangelisti preceded by open readings.

Fri., Feb 24, 8 pm. Poetry of Jacqueline de Angeles, Suellen Mayfield, and Aleida Rodriguez.

Fri., Mar 3 8 pm. Poetry: Montage to Antonin Artaud. In memory of the 29th anniversary of his death, by Anne Terrail.

Sat., Mar 4, 8 pm. Gallery opening & reception.

Sat., Mar 18, 8 pm. Deborah Brown Harpsichord recital.

Beyond Baroque Workshops

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

Scriptwriting - Begins Mon Feb 6th at 8 pm, for 8 weeks. A materials fee is required.

Film Production. Begins Tues Feb 7 at 8 pm for 8 weeks. Materials fee required.

Beyond Baroque Center - 1639 West Washington Blvd, Venice. 392-5763

IS THEATRE REALLY DEAD?

Beginning Feb 2 for 8 wks, members of the "Adventures in Theatre" class of WLA College will explore the L. A. theatre scene - four shows at group rates (usually \$3 - \$3.50), plus Thurs. even discussions at the Charter Oak House, corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds. Gail Spillman, M. A., a Venice resident, is the instructor. For further info and registration call 836-7110, X 274.

VOLUNTEER LISTENERS SOUGHT FOR HOTLINE


Santa Monica-Westside Hotline (EX-HELPS) is currently accepting applications for the next training session. The hotline is a 24 hr, 7 day-a-week, completely staffed by volunteers operation and funded by the City of Santa Monica. Those wishing an application should write to S. M. - Westside Hotline, PO Box 3701, Santa Monica, Ca 90403, or call Myra at 820-2017 after 5 pm.

The hotline is staffed by volunteers who live in the Westside Telephone directory area. Volunteers are required to complete a comprehensive 24-hr training course which includes creative listening, dealing with loneliness and depression, human sexuality, suicide, and how to take care of yourself while helping others. Training sessions will take place on eight consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 pm.

FREE SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY

Sunday, Feb 5, at 8 pm. Program: A London Overture - John Ireland; Cello Concerto - Sir William Walton, Ronald Leonard is Soloist; Enigma Variations - Sir Edward Elgar.

THE BOOK SHOP IN OCEAN PARK



2915 Main Street
Ocean Park, California 90405
Tel. 396-3659

NEW EARTH EXPOSITION

The New Earth Exposition, a showcase of environmentally creative products and services covering the basic categories of alternative energy, ecology, food, health, personal growth, gardening, wilderness and recreation, shelter and transportation. It will take place in Los Angeles, at the Sports Arena, Mar 9-12. For further info call 823-3009.

If you are lonely or bummed out. If you want to change (to be "free"), to be more effective. Or all of the above.

You might ask yourself... How do I feel that keeps me from getting more out of life here and more involved with my sisters and brothers in the Venice area. Would I like to... change how I related to my loved ones, relatives, living collective, boss, community action group, etc.... learn how to express anger in a non-destructive way, express affection better... learn to "talk straight" (not have to hide what I think, feel, and want of others).

You might come to Contact Rap. Get something for yourself. Get support and learn about Radical Therapy. You have a right to a community. You have a right to feel good about yourself.

What are we and what do we get out of doing this?... We are political in that we believe people are basically OK, but hurt and hurt each other due to what this culture has done to them. We are absolutely opposed to Capitalism, a socio-economic system that victimizes people both directly and indirectly. We want thorough changes in this culture so we can get back on a harmonious contact with others putting Radical Therapy in our lives.

We think that a community needs a healing arts center. A place where people can share skills that are useful in getting them to feel more "together" personally and communally. Such a center exists. To it we are adding Radical Therapy. Meet us there. Raps every Friday, 7:45 pm, at Feminist Healing Arts Center, 1301 Main St @ Westminster, Venice (rear entrance) Donation \$2, No profit. No one turned away for lack of funds.

PEOPLE'S YELLOW PAGES

The Los Angeles People's Yellow Pages, a 166 page directory of resources for social change low cost non-ripoff services, and other good things in L. A. County is now available. Among its listings are consumer activist groups, free schools, alternative media, legal aid services, free clinics, hot lines, women's centers, food co-ops, recycling centers, non-sexist children's literature, environmental action resources, work collectives, etc. The People's Yellow Pages is available at PO Box 24 B15, Los Angeles, CA 90024. A \$2.50 donation is requested.

SPIRITUAL LIFE LINE

At a time when the mysteries of psychism lure the interest of many, the Spiritual Life Line posits an alternative: It does not deny the existence of psychic phenomena, but it decries the importance most give it. We believe that the unfolding of higher consciousness is not predicated upon the pursuit or the existence of such phenomena, but is a quest naturally flowing from the experiences we call living.

Although metaphysics is gaining popular ground, the Spiritual Life Line, independent of any organized spiritual group, offers supervised, trained telephone listeners to answer questions and address problems about such topics as ESP, meditation, spiritual experiences, parapsychology, psychic phenomena, higher consciousness, karma, rebirth...

The Life Line does not hold to any dogma or set of truths. Rather, it's philosophy focuses on the self in relation to others and to groups, whether a group is defined as one's family or as Humanity. It does this by underlining the development of both the mind and its faculties and the inter-relation of these with the emotions. It emphasizes the giving aspect of life and believes that study in its broadest scope, meditation in its deepest meaning, and service in its widest aspects, will become not only the best means of growth for the individual, but will be the hallmark of the new society.

In helping people to help themselves, the trained volunteers handling the phones stress free will and choice. They suggest, share their perceptions, discuss their knowledge and do not trespass upon the inner wisdom of the seeker.

The telephones of the Life Line (652-9505) are open every night from six to ten. For further information call or write Danielle Levy, 8570 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills 90211.

On Sat, Feb 4, Ms. Levy will present a lecture/discussion on "Aloneness, and on Feb. 11, another session will be held on "Healing". These meetings, held at the Fantasy Meets Reality Bookstore in Santa Monica, attempt to deal with the relevance that metaphysics has in our daily lives and how we can apply its essence to our daily experiences. The sessions will last from 1:30 to 3 pm and a \$3 donation is requested.