

FEDS KIDNAP VENICE CHILDREN

BY Bob Wells

"We've been waiting for this case for years." This was said at a National Lawyers Guild conference by a movement attorney with CASA, the Mexican-American organization that has taken the front line against the racist policies of the U.S. Immigration Service.

He was talking about Salvador and Roberto Sierra, 15 and 13, of Venice, who were picked up this May in an immigration sweep in Santa Monica, driven through the night to Mexicali, Mexico, and abandoned hundreds of miles from home without food or money. Roberto, the younger one, is a U.S. citizen; Salvador came here when he was 3 months old and is a lawful resident: neither is subject to legal deportation. Yet when an immigration officer ordered them into a van in downtown Santa Monica, about 9

a.m. Monday evening in early May, he refused their request to make a phone call home to Venice.

The boys spent the next six hours being driven South in several vans. Salvador made the whole trip in handcuffs because he's objected to an officer handcuffing a pregnant woman. About 3 a.m. Tuesday they crossed the border into Mexico at Tijuana and were transferred to Mexican authorities, who then drove them more than a hundred miles inland. Some time after sun-up Tuesday they were out loose on a desert road south of Mexicali. They had no food and no money and had not been allowed to telephone.

Meanwhile back in Venice, their mother, Mrs. Francisca Sierra, had stayed up almost till dawn calling relatives, hospitals, and police stations looking for the boys.

In Mexico, Salvador and Roberto started walking

and hitchhiking toward the border. Nowhere could they find a telephone they could use. Finally, toward evening, they found some people in a factory who gave them each a taco (all they would have to eat during their 36 hour adventure). About 8 p.m. Tuesday they completed a collect call home.

Their parents told them to stay exactly where they were and not move anywhere until they came to get them. The boys spent the night by the side of the road, taking turns sleeping and watching. About 5:30 Wednesday morning their mother and father pulled up in a borrowed car, and they were finally on their way home.

"This is a clear case of kidnapping," says Antonio Rodriguez, chief attorney for CASA and defense lawyer in the case of Los Tres del Barrio. He said the immigration roundups were not just aimed at Mexican workers without papers--"They are a racist assault against all Mexican people in the U.S.--citizens and documented, as well as undocumented. Fascism does not exist generally in the United States, but it does exist against the Mexican people here." On behalf of the Sierras, CASA is preparing to sue the U.S. government for kidnapping.

Mrs. Francisca Sierra has eight kids--Salvador and Roberto are the oldest. "Now," she says, "whenever they go out to the store or anywhere and take too long, I wonder if it's happened again. If it could happen to my kids it could happen to anyone. We would like the support of all Latin-American people and everyone in the community to see that this kind of thing isn't done anymore, at least not to youngsters." The Sierras live at 918 California, across from Broadway School; their phone is 823-4432.

In Venice, the Free Venice Resistance organization will be working with CASA to coordinate fundraising and education activities in support of the Sierras. For information call Free Venice at 396-6876.



CANALS MONSTER VANQUISHED

By Ron Guenther

In a joyous landmark victory for all of Venice, the State Coastal Commission on June 3 denied James Argyropoulos a permit to build a 2½-story, 2-lot, \$100,000 plus "single-family" mansion at 460 Howland Canal, on a site now used as a community garden, and designated in the Canals community plan as a public recreational area.

The Commission recognized that granting the precedent-setting permit would have doomed the Venice Canals community to an avalanche of similar huge, luxurious, expensive homes for the wealthy only, eliminating parks, recreational and wildlife areas, and very effectively obliterating the present community, its working class peoples scattered to the winds. The Argyropoulos project would have raised property values, taxes and rents all through the canals and throughout Venice, to the delight of Venice speculators and Councilwoman Pat Russell.

The denial of this luxury monstrosity is truly the beginning of a period of a time for optimism among canals folk, as the project would have been in direct conflict with the sub-regional Venice Canals socially and environmentally oriented plan, prepared with many hundreds of hours of volunteer effort under the Venice Town Council, and now on file with the State Coastal Commission and hopefully to be included in the final California Coastal Plan.

The preliminary appeals hearing, to establish a substantial state-wide issue, held in Inglewood on May 13 was marked by a near riot of many of Mr. Argyropoulos' supporters from the usual Venice real estate developer-speculator groups, the Chambers of Commerce, Marina Peninsula property owners associations, and Venice super-"patriotic" and civic organizations. This group of 25-30 people stood up en masse and completely stopped the hearing with 10-15 minutes of intense, lynch-mob screaming and fist-waving at the Coastal Commission. The intense hatred and fear of the Commission, and of community representatives appealing to the Commission for help in preserving the canals area, was written in their faces and frightening to behold. The Coastal Commissioners were called everything from "commie bastards" to "hippie lovers," and accused of attempting to overthrow the U. S. Government and its Constitution, and denying "property owners" the absolute right "to do what they damn well please with their property," a right no one has ever had for obvious reasons. This incredible demonstration ended with Mr. Evan Secrest, the chairman of one of the local "civic" groups operating in the canals area, advancing to the microphone and declaring that he "would personally throw all of you (the commissioners) out of this room bodily if you don't grant this permit." In the hallway outside the hearing room, Mrs Eleanor DuFay, a Marina Peninsula property owner stated that, "The property owners are going to get you out. They're going to raise the rents so high that none of you can

live in the canals anymore." The community representatives maintained a calm and reasonable attitude throughout, and made it clear that Venice was asking for good, sound social and environmental planning for the canals area.

At the final, June 3, hearing in South San Francisco, the by now famous letter from Councilwoman Pat Russell to the Commission was made part of the staff recommendation. This provided community representatives with the opportunity to speak to the issues raised in the letter as part of the appeal proceedings, and aided substantially in demonstrating to the Coastal Commission the near impossibility of dealing with Los Angeles city government for decent planning in Venice.

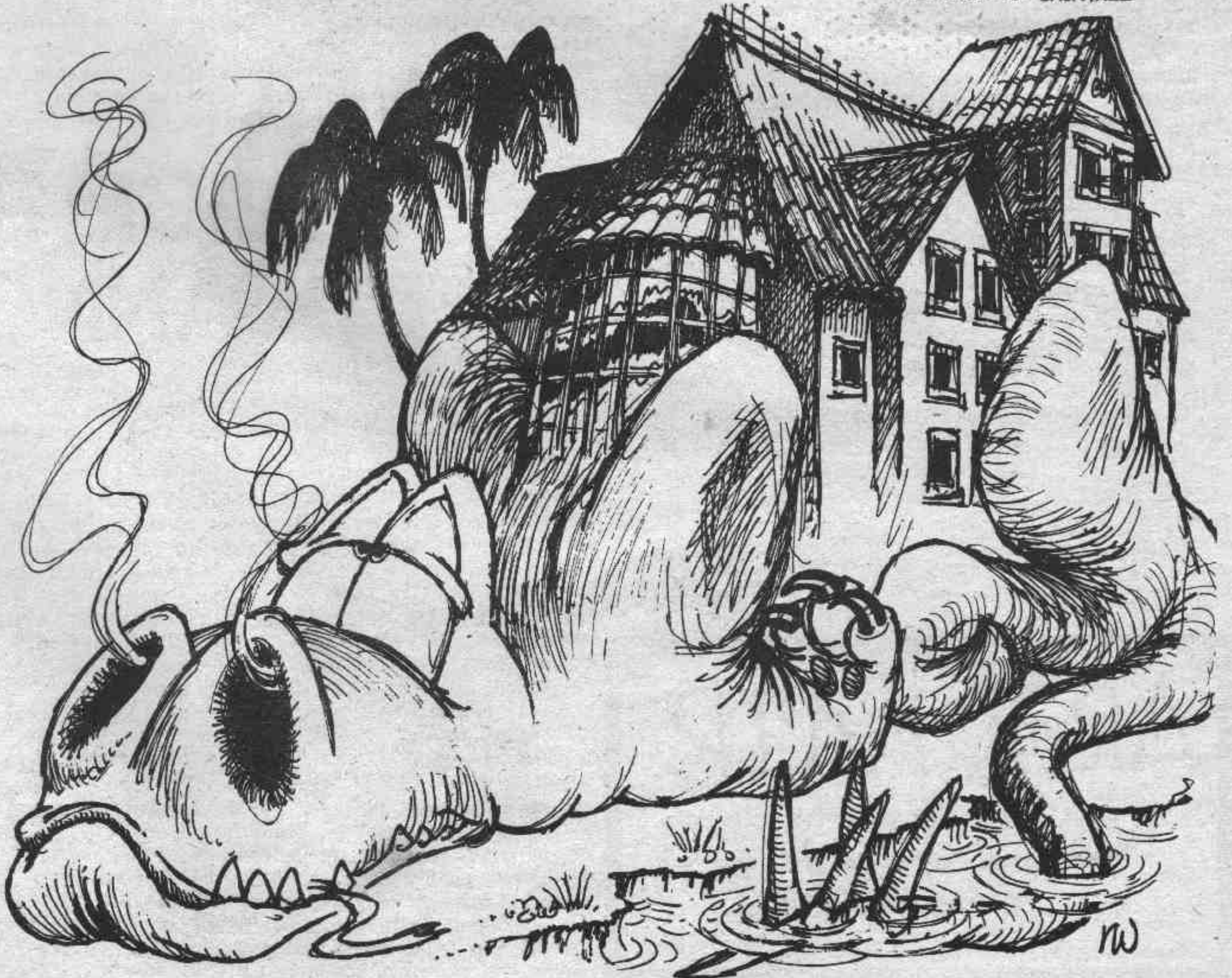
The Russell letter was written on City Council stationery on behalf of Mr. Argyropoulos, a private developer. It did not speak to the specific social and environmental issues involved in the appeal. It showed by its errors that our councilperson hadn't even read the painstakingly prepared community plan for the canals which she so roundly criticized for its lack of access to funding (many sources are available). It confused

the non-profit canals community corporation, filed under the aegis of the State of California for the purpose of applying for funding, with the Canals Area Renewal Area Agency which was filed with the City of Los Angeles. The letter placed Mrs. Russell squarely behind wiping out the canals community with luxury construction on the multiple-lot consolidations urgently needed for low-cost housing sites, parks, recreation areas and wildlife refuges.

But the main thrust of this fantastic document was an attack on the "destructive efforts of the Venice Town Council to claim representation of all or most of the Venice area" and on the Council's canals community plan.

There are about 40,000 people living in Venice, and of these about 29,000 rent their homes. The vast majority of Venice people are working class folk, very vitally interested in keeping their cost of living down, and in preserving the high quality Venice living environment. Councilwoman Russell has received many thousands of dollars from Venice developers and speculators (this is

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letters

Dear JoAnn Casy, Ron Dubin and Roger Pillsbury,

Before much more time goes by, I just want to give you a pat on the back for the excellent article you wrote in this month's Beachhead. It summarized the definite, constructive acts we all can do easily to recycle and make better use of resources around us.

If you have been around our area of Venice for awhile, it does not take long to realize that there's a lot we can do on an individual, "grass roots" level. I can't be alone in being annoyed and frustrated by the amount of filth (trash, dirt, broken glass, debris, dog excrement, etc.) in our area.

The other day I was in El Segundo and in Hermosa Beach. Surely they have their quota of irresponsible people, but somehow they manage to have a cleaner environment than we do.

If there's anything you can think of to do to start a movement towards a cleaner Venice, for gosh sakes, give it a try. Maybe that doesn't cover it, maybe it should be a movement toward a more responsible person who is known as a Venice resident. It's O.K. for people to do their thing as long as they respect the other guy. Maybe it is all just too big an educational job. We have to take care of our community.

Thanks again for your constructive efforts.

Sincerely,
Steve Ruddy

Dear Beachhead,

Bureaucratic insensitivity has again raised its harassing head against our community. This time they are not allowing our fellow Venetians to walk their dogs with leashes along Ocean Front Walk. They are telling the people to walk in the street along Speedway. Can you imagine? Also, they are even using police to enforce this as well as the animal regulators. Now that is absurd! Think about this in the supposedly highest crime area in L.A. Why police? There may be more to this move than meets the eye.

These enforcers are maintaining in their methodic sweeps that Ocean Front Walk is actually the sandy beach! The question immediately comes to any working mind, if one can then put blankets on the walk? Can we also picnic there?

The enforcement of this, their interpretation of the sandy beach as including the walk, also forces people whose doors open onto the Ocean Front Walk to break the law out of necessity. That is unconstitutional a set-up, to say the least.

The senior citizens, the young, the straights, the gays, the renters, the homeowners, the taxpayers, etc. really must stick together in each and every battle for our community or the divide and conquer principle will end Venice. Now you may not like dogs but think about what you're doing when you divide our ranks on someone's rights. Support your fellow Venetians in this battle against this pettiest of harassments: call Councilperson Cunningham (485-3323) and say you support Pat Russell's proposal in favor of the dogs. Also, call her office giving support to your fellow Venetians' rights, (485-3357).

The Ocean Front Walk is our lifeline as a beach community. It must be maintained for our community. If they can win against our community on this obvious harassment they can win on anything, and it is beginning to look like they are making this a test case, fellow community member. Do your part with your support.

Sperabamus

To the Beachhead:

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE
(The Committee is a real estate and property owner group connected to the Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to "cleaning up the canals.")

It is often said that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." This is not to be interpreted as having replaced it! Offered a choice, I would have to strive for godliness, and I find cleaning up people and disposing of them like so much dirt, ungodly. And that is what your clean-up campaign is really all about!

Now let me tell you about my clean-up campaign. I would like to clean the concrete from the aching body of Mother Earth; I would like to clean the air of the stench and dust and noise from construction and helicopters; I would like to clean out the green lawns and ornamental plants that are fed at the expense of starving people, and most of all, I would like to clean up the great piece of filth on the Silver Strand that is stealing the canals from all of us by choking it to death.

Join me.

Yours in godliness, if a mite untidy,

Mary Lou Johnson

ADOPTIONS HALTED

SAN FRANCISCO(LNS) Plaintiffs in a lawsuit seeking to reunite Vietnamese and Cambodian children with their parents or guardians, won a major victory in Federal Court on May 22 when Judge Spencer Williams ruled that the government must make background checks on all 2000 children brought to the U.S. under "Operation Babylift".

The Judge agreed with the plaintiffs, after studying immigration records on the children, that many of the children were probably not orphans and were illegally brought to the country. He then ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to make fingerprints, footprints and photographs of all the children in preparation for notifying their parents and guardians, of the children's whereabouts.

In addition, the Judge ordered that the records of all seven adoption agencies involved in Operation Babylift be turned over to the court, and that further adoption proceedings be halted until it can be determined whether the children will be allowed to return to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Judge Williams also recommended that parents and the guardians of the children be interviewed by international relief agencies to determine how the children came to the United States. Mort Cohen of the Center for Constitutional Rights, which brought the suit against the government, said he expected the Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam would cooperate with efforts to determine the status of the children.

"We're excited," said Nancy Stearns, one of the lawyers arguing the case. "We think that we have made substantial progress in determining whether or not the kids are orphans and laying the groundwork for reuniting those who have families in Vietnam."

The judge ordered the government to report back to him in June on the progress that they have made.

RECYCLING CENTER RE-OPENS

The Westside Environmental Center, which donated over \$20,000 in a 3-year period to environmental groups and causes, has re-opened its recycling center in West L.A. The recycling center, previously behind the Co-op Market on Barrington Av., is now located on Veteran's Administration land, on Sepulveda Bl., one half block south of Wilshire Bl., near the ball field. It's on the west side of the street, right up against the freeway. Hours are all day, every day; phone: 478-3429

The center accepts 1) glass: no need to separate colors or remove metal rings 2) steel(tin)cans: no need to remove paper 3) aluminum cans: please crush (these cans have rounded bottoms and no seams; part aluminum cans go with steel) 4) aluminum foil: please clean 5) Newspapers: no need to bundle 6) cardboard. Magazines are not recycled but there is a magazine exchange for people who could use back issues of magazines.

The Westside Environmental Center was forced to close its recycling center in July, 1974, after a rental dispute with the Co-op Market. A civil suit against the Market for illegal eviction is still in the courts. In a related case, an employee of the center recently received a \$1,000 judgement in a suit against the Market for malicious prosecution. He had been arrested for trespassing while passing out leaflets on Market property. The employee was a member of the Market; the judge hearing the trespassing case ruled that a person could not trespass on his/her own property.

The Westside Environmental Center is highly unusual in that it does continuous fundraising for the environmental movement by donating the proceeds from its recycling, minus expenses. The People's Lobby, the Ecology Center of Southern California, Zero Population Growth and the Safe Nuclear Energy Initiative have received large donations in the past. The recycling center is presently operated on an all-volunteer basis.

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VENICE RALLY FOR JOANNE LITTLE

by Elizabeth Sunnysky

Joanne Little, a 20-year old black woman from North Carolina, faces the death penalty for defending herself against an armed rapist who was her jailer.

She was the only woman at Beaufort County Jail (which was staffed entirely by white men) when she stabbed C. Alligood after he entered her cell and sexually assaulted her. The weapon was Alligood's ice pick (normally kept in his desk) and he died of his wounds. According to the Medical Examiner, Alligood was found naked from the waist down with a stream of seminal fluid extending from his penis to his thigh. His ice pick was in his hand.

Local publicity on the incident praised Alligood for "dying in the line of duty" and reflected the extreme racist attitudes of the people of that area. Had Little not turned herself in when she did, she would have been declared an "Outlaw" and thus could have been shot on sight by anyone.

Southern Poverty Law Center, headed by Julian Bond, has volunteered to act as her Defense and they anticipate possibly going all the way to the Supreme Court with the case. After long attempts to get her trial moved to an urban center where there are at least women and blacks on the jury

roles, her defense succeeded in getting a change of venue to Raleigh, N.C. and the trial will open in early July. The Law Center and other support organizations are asking for funds to cover expenses which may be as high as \$200,000.

What is at stake in this case is the very right of a woman to defend herself against sexual attack. It also raises the question of conditions faced by women in all U.S. prisons and jails, and focuses attention on the racism that so thoroughly pervades our system, such as the discriminatory use of the death penalty against poor people and blacks. Little needs—and is getting—critical support from groups and individuals across the country, including Venice.

On Sunday, July 13, Venice people who recognize our need to raise our community's awareness of what is happening to this sister (and to many women) are holding a concert/rally at Oakwood Park. May Community people have volunteered their skills and abilities to put together an afternoon of music, speakers, and self-defense demonstrations. Flyers announcing the rally will be around soon. Contributions to the Joanne Little Defense Fund can be sent to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 119 South McDonough St. Montgomery, Alabama 36101.

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HARPY DROPPINGS



By Carol Fondiller

"The meek shall inherit the earth, but the rich shall inherit the waterfront."

Richard Hettig, president of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, led a troop of realtors and absentee property owners picketing the canals. From the stories the Harpy has read from the overground press that are left as votive offerings on her Ocean Front Walk bench, the Harpy could not find out who they were picketing.

Were the realtors picketing the renters who'd been paying the landlord's taxes and giving the realtors handsome profits until the realtors and absentee landlords decided to evict the renters and to raze the one family dwellings and small apartment houses, so they could consolodate the lots and build hi-cost monstro-condos? Were they picketing the members of the Town Council who they have called "terrorists", because these Venice Canal residents are using every legal means necessary to plan for people and not for profit?

Real Estate Saleswoman Isabel Kayser says she has been "harassed" by canal tenants when she came by to show property. Her definition of harassment? Kayser says, "I feel it's harassment when people (the tenants) won't let me in to show a house."

Even Feudal England was more progressive than the Venice Realtors. (The Harpy knows. She was there.) The Realtors had called the police to escort them while the realtors picketed the ducks.

The police complied, sending several cars, motorcycles and about 15 armed policemen.

The Venice Town Council has more pull than that. All the Town Council has to do is hold a meeting, and the police show up automatically -- to protect and serve of course.

That last bastion of blatant macho, the Dept. of Animal Regulations (Dog Catchers for all you plain folks out there) decided all by themselves, that the Ocean Front Walk is part of the beach and since dogs leashed or unleashed are not allowed on the beach, owners of dogs on leashes have been cited, when they walk their dogs on the Ocean Front Walk, since according to the L.A. Municipal Codes or is it Park and Recreation Codes 5355.A, 77000, 5300 -- no dogs leashed or unleashed are allowed on the sand. As the Harpy is writing this she has learned that there will be a hearing regarding this at City Hall in City Council Chambers on July 9. For further information and confirmation of the date call Councilwoman Pat Russell's office (call 393-9931 and ask for Pat Russell's office.)

The Harpy can tell summer is here despite the grey days. The police have been picking up the "pagoda people", i.e. those people who sit in those little gazebos (pagodas) along the O.F.W. and examining the Pagoda Peoples' arms for needle marks, and as several witnesses describe it, "The police abuse them from Rose to Westminster Ave., then they start rousting them back again." Ah yes, the police do this every year, the annual clean-up campaign before the tourists come to Venice. After all, those straight and narrow folks from the Valley where wife swapping and alcoholism don't exist, those sheltered fragile people from Hollywood, South Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Echo Park, have never heard of drugs. Nor do their neighborhoods have gang fights. And goodness knows how revolted those gentlemen are who drive down Pacific Ave. and the alleys in their late model cars, blocking one's way if one is a female under 90 and over 13, looking for a "good time" as they "cruise for cooze", as one of those charmers explained to me. Yes, they certainly must be revolted by the people who sit in the pagodas. Look how shocked our visitors were last year when they came to Venice last year armed with cameras to take pictures of nude sunbathers. The Harpy bets her Jack Armstrong secret decoder ring that in dark of night when they take their photos from their secret places in the bottom shelf of their single car garages and look at the nude photos, they get shocked all over again. Why fully dressed men in business suits, ties, etc. used to come to the beach on their lunch hour to ogle at the nekkid people to get their shocks off, before going back to their offices in Century City where they'd call up the L.A. City Council to bellow about degeneracy at Venice Beach.

Speaking of degeneracy, the nude ban is being enforced with vigor in North Beach, that area from Navy to North Venice Blvd., while on the public beach that comprises South Venice, the more affluent section from Venice Blvd. to the Marina Peninsula, the ban is not being enforced. Guess the police are under the illusion that is certainly fostered by the residents of South Beach, that South Beach is private. The Big Lie Technique works!

Or maybe they figure that the rich don't have anything that could be called indecent.

As to the police, the Harpy wishes to thank Officer Cleveland, who answered a complaint from a woman who was being harassed by some yokel as she was walking to a meeting. The police answered the call within three minutes, had a lovely talk with the harasser and told the harassee not to hesitate to call the police if she had any more trouble. Officer Cleveland seemed to feel that women have the right to walk in safety after dark. Or any other time for that matter.

The Harpy has been dazzled by the display of police vehicles on the Ocean Front Walk. O.F.W. residents are treated to the fascinating feeling of living in an occupied zone as the "Desert Foxes", the police who wear those cute shorts, baseball caps, guns and clubs, and walk or bicycle around North Beach; the regular Black and Whites, and the Unmarked Cars zoom along the O.F.W. For all you jaded Jet Set people who are thinking of moving to Venice because it's "in", nothing, but nothing, equals the thrill of terror as one jumps to avoid being run over by a Black and White taxi in hot pursuit. While the helicopters watch and swoop and swirl overhead talking to you like God.

Now what could be more camp?

On July 4th, 1910, Abbott Kinney dedicated the canals and pulled the switch that turned on the electricity in Venice. Happy Birthday Venice, may no one pull the plug, and may all us endangered species continue to call Venice, U.S.A. their home for a thousand years.

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THE TRUE CONSERVATIVES



(Extracts from a speech by Russell Train, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to the National Wildlife Federation in March of this year.)

"It was Gifford Pinchot, chief of the U.S. Forest Service in the early years of this century, who popularized the word "conservation," and today I would like to talk about the nature of the true conservative because some of its older meanings need to be rehabilitated and applied to our problems. Like so many labels, the word has drifted far from its original context. Often it is now used politically in contrast to the work radical, which means, according to Webster, tending to make "extreme changes in existing views, habits, conditions or institutions." To conserve, on the other hand, comes from a Latin word for keeping guard over something; to protect and preserve.

In a thoughtful editorial recently, the Wall Street Journal took note of a poll showing that more than half the American people now consider themselves conservatives, double the figure of a decade ago. The Journal said that much of this conservatism is neither political nor economic so much as a return to traditional values. "The ecology movement," it declared, "which many political liberals support, is conservative in a very real sense." And so it is, for we ecologists seek to protect and preserve the air and water and land for posterity, and to prevent the despoliation of these things.

That leads us to a paradox in our labels for people. We must ask ourselves who are the true conservatives, a term often linked with industry and business. Are they those members of industry who would foul the air so that asthmatics choke and plants wither, or those business executives who would accept and encourage controls on air pollution? Should those who advocate a "no-holds-barred"

approach to economic progress, who would increase the Gross National Product regardless of the penalty to public health and welfare be regarded as conservatives? Is a conservative a corporate manager who would strip the land for coal with such reckless abandon that it is left to posterity as an ugly, useless moonscape? Or would the term apply more fittingly to managers who accept safeguards in strip mining legislation to restore the land after it has been overturned?

It seems to me that persons who would abuse our land, either through bulldozers or chemicals or sheer bad planning of cities, so that the land is unfit for posterity, really come under the heading of radicals, defined by Webster as those who make "extreme changes in existing views, conditions or institutions."

I spoke a moment ago of the paradoxes in how we use labels such as conservative and radical. There is another paradox in the public image of the environmentalist that is often projected. He is portrayed by his critics as a romantic, distracted by fantasies of bluebirds and daisies, a birdwatcher oblivious to the practical needs of making a living. In short, he is not a realist.

But I submit to you that he is far more realistic than those who would exploit this earth for short-term profit. He is worried about protecting the birds and the flowers because man is linked to them, sharing the same air and water, the same pollutants, the same hazards. He is concerned about the lesser creatures and plants because he is concerned about the survival of man. By contrast, it is the wanton polluter, the thoughtless and quick-profit land developer, the promoter of urban sprawl who are the romantics of this world, out of touch with the realities of how today's careless lack of planning can waste energy and space and promise only ugliness and pollution to posterity. Consider for a moment some of the beautiful

cities of the world -- cities like Florence, Athens, Berne, Copenhagen, and Venice. They are by common consent humane and attractive places to live because they put people first. They have been thoughtfully assembled, not overnight in a burst of technological dazzle, but over centuries. They have taken available land and carefully shaped plazas, pedestrian malls, vistas, waterside, parks and boulevards. They have sheltered their citizens from the elements with shade trees and arcades. They have brought nature into the marketplace with fountains and flowers. Curiously, all these cities also are busy centers of commerce. Somehow, their industries and merchants manage to flourish without dehumanizing their surroundings. They work in harmony with their neighbors.

So we have to ask ourselves, who is the realist in these cases? Who sees things with greater vision and with more enlightened self-interest?

Dr. Lovelock has evolved a theory that living things help control the environment in a way that ensures their survival. As an example, he has demonstrated that the production of methane gas in the earth by certain bugs helps in a round-a-about way to maintain the proper concentration of oxygen in the atmosphere. Such thinking has led him to a view of life which he calls the Gaia hypothesis, after the earth goddess of the ancient Greeks. This interdependence of the environment and living things, he warns us, should not be tampered with. "We disturb and eliminate at our peril," Dr. Lovelock has written. "Let us make peace with Gaia on her terms and return to peaceful co-existence with our fellow creatures."

Let us indeed seek a detente in our often hostile and destructive relations with other members of the animal and plant kingdom, and recognize that we are dependent on them in the long run for our own existence. In short, let us practice conservatism that we may survive."



SHORT STUFF

DACHAU DOCTOR

(CPF) Last September the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service removed Dr. Hubertus Strughold from its list of "Reported Nazi War Criminals Living in the United States."

Strughold, as head of Germany's Institute for Aviation Medicine (IL), was directly responsible for the deaths of at least 500 persons at Dachau concentration camp from 1942-44. The victims, mostly Jews, Gypsies, and Russian POWs, were subjected to simulated high altitude/low pressure conditions, exposed to freezing cold, or forced to drink sea water. (According to the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, 90 prisoners died outright during the freezing experiments, while another 200 who survived were executed so that autopsies could be performed.)

Strughold was slated to stand trial at Nuremberg in 1946 but his name was mysteriously removed from the list of defendants. It was later revealed that he had been secretly employed by that time as a "scientific collaborator" with the U.S. Air Force.

From 1947 to 1968, Strughold was employed by the U.S. Air Force and NASA. He was head of NASA's Aerospace Medical Division until 1968 and is known as the "Father of U.S. Space Medicine." Strughold is also the only person ever to hold the "Professor of Space Medicine" title at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Currently he is a consultant at the Brooks Air Force base in Texas.

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Grass Bill



The legislature in Alaska has approved a bill to remove criminal penalties for possessing small amounts of marijuana. When enacted, Alaska will become the second state in this country to decriminalize private marijuana possession. Under this new measure, arrests, arrest records, and jail sentences would be eliminated with violators subjected only to a civil fine. Penalties against selling marijuana would remain unchanged.

The Alaskan bill is similar in concept and approach to the nation's first decriminalization law enacted in Oregon in 1973. Enforcement, like a traffic violation, is with a citation system instead of an arrest.

The measure now awaits action by the governor.

Final legislative approval of the Alaskan marijuana decriminalization bill (s.350) came Friday, May 16. The measure establishes a civil fine of no more than \$100 for possessing up to one ounce of marijuana in public and for any amount privately possessed for personal use.

Smoking marijuana in public or driving with marijuana on your person remain punishable as misdemeanor offenses--a criminal classification with maximum \$1000 fine but without the possibility of a jail sentence.

Soliciting Dolphins

Can dolphins communicate with humans?

The National Wildlife Federation reports that a school of dolphins recently solicited the aid of a Soviet fishing crew to save a baby dolphin.

The dolphins reportedly surrounded the Black Sea fishing boat and began swimming in a direction, which the fishing vessel followed. The Soviet crew reportedly found the young dolphin tangled in a fishing net and set it free.

The Federation reports that the rescued dolphin and the entire school accompanied the boat back to its original location apparently, the Federation says, "as a gesture of gratitude."

--(ZNS)

Nude Hitler "Smash" film

(ZNS) There has been a resurgence of interest recently in Adolph Hitler films. The strangest Hitler film of all must be the movie now being edited in Munich. The latest Hitler movie will feature the Fuehrer cavorting in the nude.

The film was reportedly shot without Hitler's knowledge by SS cameras built into the walls of his hideaway. Because of the unusual nature of the film Variety predicts it will be a box office smash.

MAO HAS US MAIL TROUBLE

(ZNS) Mao Tse-Tung, Chairman of the People's Republic of China, is complaining that he has pre-paid \$598.66 for a six-day-a-week, one year subscription to the Washington Post -- but that it's not being delivered.

Mao's mail problem was tracked down to a California post office, where postal officials were quick to blame the name of Chairman Mao's country for the bad delivery service, saying that the name "The People's Republic of China" was too long for the label machine. The Washington Post, has since convinced postal officials to make Chairman Mao an exception to its labeling rules.



HOOKED ON WHITE BREAD

ITT Continental Baking Company, makers of Wonder Bread, Twinkies, and Ho-Hos, is carrying on an internal sales promotion to increase shelf space for white bread. 92 of the company's salesmen and their wives will win a free trip to Hawaii at the company's expense (and the consumers'). The Campaign's title: MAINLINE WHITE. (APS)

WHITE GOLD REFUGEES

Many Vietnamese refugees, including former Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, reportedly arrived on American evacuation ships with substantial quantities of heroin.

This is according to American journalist Bill Robbins, who traveled with the refugees from Vietnam to California. Robbins left Saigon on one of the last evacuation helicopters, and landed on the carrier Midway.

He says he interviewed a dozen US navy personnel who told him that General Ky, who has been linked in the past to heroin trafficking, arrived on the Midway with a large amount of heroin in his luggage.

Robbins says he talked to 12 airmen who said that Ky was compelled to throw a kilo of heroin overboard -- an amount, Robbins estimates, that would bring \$2 million on the underground market.

Robbins says he witnessed or heard about dozens of other incidents in which refugees successfully brought heroin to the United States. The journalist says that heroin, because of its monetary value, is equivalent to "white gold". --(ZNS)

LIVE IN CONCERT LEGION OF MARY

at the FOX

Carol Fondiller

Holy Moly, the Legion of Mary!

Unfortunately I did not get the names of the people in the Legion of Mary Band; and I tried, I really tried. Because every single person in that band is a competent serious musician and they deserve to be singled out for praise by name.

Nancy of McCabes productions and the folks at the Fox Venice did it again on Saturday June 14. The public was given fine music in the homey relaxed atmosphere of the Fox Venice theatre at fair prices--\$4.00 if one bought the tickets in advance and \$5.00 if one bought them at the door. But the Legion of Mary Concerts were sold out days before.

The only name I'd heard before was Jerry Garcia guitarist for the Grateful Dead. Did they play rock? Yes and they played it and played with it till rock became reggae and reggae became rococco and jazz and classic mixed with hot Spanish Harlem Salsa, and they played it all at once till it became a different kind of musical animal altogether.

The organist just curled my toes when he sang "take off your shoes baby" in his suggestive street-wise voice as he played smokey sensuous dingey boogie while the bass player wove counter points echoing the hot insinuating voice of the organist. I thought that it was impossible for an electric bass to approach the versatility of tone as a stand up bass; but the bass player from the Legion of Mary proved it was worth trying. The saxophone player had a solo where he blew hot and cold at the same time; clear high notes like icicles, hot, low notes like warm molasses melting and expanding and the organ oozing in making a sax solo a sax duo.

"The Harder they Come" a reggae from the movie of the same name had the dry resignation of people beyond cool; they had the cards stacked against them and they might as well enjoy life by any means necessary. One of my pet gripes is singers who stand so close to the mike that the words are distorted or they don't enunciate and their words are slurred. Jerry Garcia was the worst offender in this. Damn it, he doesn't play his guitar sloppily, why should he sing sloppily? When I did understand what he was singing, the words were just as relevant as the music and certainly complimented one another. The voice is an instrument and should be treated with as much respect as a guitar. The same comparison works for words and notes.

That is the only criticism I have of the group. Jerry Garcia sang "sitting here in Limbo servin' out my time; got some time to search my soul." In a clear, yes, clear! silky androgynous voice. The music just rolled over me with evangelical fervor as the drummer followed the snaky rhythm; light tasty and delicate with his brushwork as an impressionist painting. The saxophone and guitar sinuously melting together like lovers from the same species but from different planets, speaking the same language. The Saxophone player, also a flutist, driving in some intergalactic jazz-band fluttering and twittering as the organist transformed his silent movie chords, rolling out like vowels from an old Shakespearean actor, quivering with those vibrating deep chords that turned into echoes of the Grateful Dead; he tickled that instrument until it gave up and turned into a celeste.

I find it difficult to describe one medium of communication in another. I want to make you hear and feel the Legion of Mary as I did. Suffice it to say that no matter how funky low down tex-Mex-Jazz-Boogie they get, the Legion is super elegant. When I presented my pass at the door, a wistful young man asked me how I got on the guest list. I told him I was writing a review. How he envied me! Well, I felt sorry for my self sitting through the concert taking notes when I wanted to get up and dance till I became a pure note in the Legion of Mary's music.

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C.A.C. DIARY

by Jim Bickhart

Since last we met there have been some changes in the Venice Community Plan Restudy Citizen's Advisory Committee. Firstly, as of the May 8 meeting, City Planner Chuck Zeman was replaced by City Planner Robert Beard as project manager of the Venice Plan Restudy. Secondly, the CAC is currently meeting twice a month instead of once. Meetings are now the first Tuesday and third Monday (or Tuesday of the first week and Monday of the third week, except after three-day weekends, when it is Tuesday of the third week).

With two meetings per month, the planning process has accelerated somewhat and there is more time available to discuss issues. Community residents are urged to send ideas and comments to the CAC c/o Venice City Hall, 681 N. Venice Bl. or c/o Robert Beard, Planning Dept., 200 N. Spring St., L.A. 90012. CAC meetings are open to the public and are held at Venice City Hall, 8-10 pm on the aforementioned meeting nights.

The May 8 meeting was chaired by Marilyn Gerber. The CAC failed to approve Herb Myers' motion to oppose the fluoridation issue in the May general election on the grounds that the subject was not relevant to the planning process. A petition circulated by Laura Harrison to urge the City to establish a park for Senior Citizens at Navy St. and Ocean Front Walk was approved (10-1-1).

Most of the meeting was given over to reorientation matters. City staffer Steve Jenkins briefly outlined the applicability of Federal Housing and Community Development funds to Venice and promised to find out more about the Community Redevelopment Agency's plans to study Venice for possible future redevelopment and report back to the Committee. City Planner Evelyn Garfinkle presented details on the CA- artcraft supplemental use district proposed for several areas of Venice. The County's takeover of beach services and the Coastal Commission's defeat of the South Beach bikeway extension were also noted.

Planner Robert Beard outlined his approach to preparing a community plan. The basic thrust was that of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), involved a full analysis of all relevant factors, alternatives and implementations. His hope was to prepare the legally required EIR at the same time the actual plan was being prepared.

At the May 20 meeting, chaired by Laura Harrison, Mr. Beard continued his remarks, noting that a land-use plan was technically separate from zoning, though the two should be in essential agreement. Los Angeles has had comprehensive zoning laws on the books since 1946 but land-use plans are more recent phenomena.

Planner David Gay reported the history of planning in Venice, stating that the first Venice plan was essentially the County's Shoreline Plan of 1956. He outlined the evolution of the 1970 Plan, which began in the early sixties, and noted that within several months of City Council adoption of the plan Planning Commission decisions had rendered it in need of serious revision. Despite this, provisions of the old plan have been enforced by various City agencies for five years now.

At the June 3 meeting, chaired by Herb Myers, two new appointees to the Committee were announced, Moe Stavenezer and John Curtis, replacing resignees Ted Franklin and Sandy Elster.

Peter Benzian, attorney for Dr. Donald Vigneau, made a presentation regarding a zone change application on Washington Street between Grayson and Clune, where Vigneau and two others own property covering a whole block. Benzian was seeking CAC support of Vigneau's request to change the zone from R-3 to CR (limited commercial) with height limiting conditions. Considerable discussion ensued and two indecisive votes left the CAC without a firm position on the matter.

The Committee voted to oppose an RTD request to re curb portions of Main St. in North Beach to provide layover parking for buses outside its existing lot. The decision was communicated to the appropriate City agencies and a June 12 decision of the City Board of Public Utilities and Transportation held in agreement with the CAC's position that parking and bus layover alternatives on Main Street should be studied more thoroughly before a final decision was made on the matter.

The remainder of the meeting involved a dissection of the 1970 Plan in a discussion led by Jim Bickhart, who had prepared written notes on the subject. Topics included the following: population projections, zoning rollbacks, nonconforming land uses, street widening proposals, the Coast Freeway and Marine By-pass, the Canal Project, Oakwood zoning, through-streets in North Beach, housing rehabilitation, commercial and strip zoning, artcraft zoning, and the beach as a recreational facility.

No decisions were made and the analysis of the existing plan will continue at future meetings, with everyone encouraged to offer comments.

FIGHT CONTINUES VS TREE KILLERS

by Bob Wells

A trial date of Monday, June 30, has been set for three of the nine community people arrested in May for trying to defend a landmark Venice tree from destruction. Trial for two others will start after the first trial ends. Dates are still tentative depending on court schedules. All five are represented by attorney Marge Buckley. The trials will be held at the West L.A. Municipal Court on Purdue Ave.



Richard Clark, Dennis Gunter, and Ron Guenther (no relation), are charged with assault and battery and resisting arrest for climbing into the branches of the huge Monterey cypress tree at Venice Blvd. and Mildred Ave. when a crew came to cut it down. Owners William Keenan and Michael Epstein of Venice, and Robert Weiss of the Marina Construction Co. of Venice, wanted to clear the lot so they could build a security-type apartment house.

The scene was covered by a crowd of neighborhood people, 57 officers from the Venice police division, and multitudes of reporters, photographers, and TV camera crews.

Dennis Gunter went to the top of the tree, more than 60 feet above the boulevard, where he defied police orders to come down. It was Dennis who was in the very dramatic photos on page one of the Evening Outlook. When police came after him on a fire department ladder, Dennis moved down through the tree, danced on the roof of the house, and was arrested when he reached the ground.

Ron Guenther was sitting on a limb when one of the workmen cut the branch off with a chain saw. Ron is being charged with assault and battery for bumping against the workman when he toppled off.

Richard Clark is a canal truck gypsy, and besides climbing into the branches he parked the bus he lives in under the tree to help keep bulldozers from coming onto the lot. The bus was damaged when treecutters dropped branches on the roof.

Terry Donahue and Mike Brett were taken in on citizens arrests made for owner William Keenan. Terry and Ron Guenther were delegates on the Venice Town Council; Mike was one of ten people arrested two weeks earlier for preventing City bulldozers from destroying a house in the Canals without a Coastal Commission permit. (That case goes to trial August 11.)

Keenan also arrested four others: Marvena Kennedy and Elizabeth Elder of the Town Council, Yvonne Kramer, and Gretchen Henkel. Charges were dropped the next day after the women spent a night in jail.

A fundraising event is being planned for Saturday, July 12, possibly in conjunction with Chicano, and prisoner support groups in Venice. For details call Marvena Kennedy, 821-1774.

It is worth noting that within 24 hours of the arrests around the tree, the community came up with almost \$9,000 in cash and checks for bail.

The money used for bail will be returned (unlike bond money, which the bondsman keeps).

For months the Town Council had been watching the Coastal Commission agendas for a permit hearing on the tree. Late in April the Council learned from an informant that a contract had been let to destroy the tree and the house next to it. It was also learned that the Commission had issued a permit last October and the Council had missed it.

A trip to the Commission office in Long Beach revealed why: the permit application had been filed for a misleading address, and not only was no mention made of the tree or the house, but the property was described as "vacant". At the public hearing in October there was no discussion of the tree, and Alan Emkin of the Venice Legal Aid office, who travelled to Long Beach to speak against the project for other reasons, didn't even know the tree was involved. Commissioner Rimmon Fay later stated for the public transcript that the hearing on this permit was one where the Commission did not have all the facts and did not discuss important aspects of the project.

Attorney Marge Buckley and a Town Council task force under Canal Area representative Bob Wells worked night and day for two weeks getting a series of court orders to save the house and the tree. The first one was signed at ten o'clock on a Sunday night by a judge in a bathrobe in his living room.

Meanwhile the Coastal Commission, under tremendous pressure from property owner groups over the past year for supposedly being "arbitrary," refused to admit it had made a mistake, and let the permit stand. Deputy Attorney-General Alan Block, supposedly defending the environment as lawyer for the Coastal Commission, actually served as co-counsel for the tree-cutters at the court hearing, and the restraining order was lifted. Weiss, Keenan, and Epstein literally ran out of the courthouse to cut the tree down before another court action could be started.

On grounds that developers can't make a bad permit good by cutting down a tree, Marge Buckley and the Venice Town Council (through plaintiffs Marvena Kennedy, Rick Davidson, Bob Wells and Ron Guenther) have gone back to court seeking a writ to force the Coastal Commission to go through a proper permit process on this project. Meanwhile Keenan, Epstein, and Weiss have asked the judge to make the four plaintiffs pay \$3,000 in attorney fees, in an attempt to intimidate community people from enforcing Coastal Conservation law when the Commission and the Attorney-General refuse to do so.

The ruling has not yet come down. If the Town Council wins, it will seek to impose conditions on the permit that reflect the wishes of the community and will file against the developers for attorney fees. If the Council loses, it will continue the case as high as necessary through the appeals courts.



HIGHWAY SACRILEGE

An urgent situation now exists in California's Humboldt County for Native people of the Yurok, Toloma and Kurok Indian Tribe: the U.S. Forestry Service is planning to build a road through places long sacred to those peoples and central to the practice of their traditional religion.

The planned road is a super-highway that will, if built, link the towns of Gasquet and Orleans. Construction is scheduled to begin in two weeks in a job-hungry area already suffering 18% unemployment from the effects of the current recession.

Despite the need for paying jobs, the road is strongly opposed by traditional Indians who describe the land to be disturbed as "the most ideal area for seclusion, quiet and contemplation, as many of the Native American customs demand."

SINGING PLANTS

(ZNS) A Washington D.C. company called Sounds Reasonable is out with a strange recording: the 45 rpm record features a singing orchestra made up of nothing but plants.

The recording company says it has attached electrodes to plants' leaves, and then has recorded the 'music' given off by various flowers and shrubs. The first recording has been titled "Stereofernic Orchestra."

Edmund Barnett, the president of Sounds Reasonable, reports that each species of plant appears to have its own unique singing voice. Tomatoes, he explains, generate the strongest sounds of all.

Barnett says the strangest thing of all is the way plants change their music when interrupted or scared. Barnett says it's common for the plants to suddenly stop singing altogether when a stranger walks into the room. Other times, he says, they may sing wildly when offered something to eat.

Don't Forget To Pack A Lunch

You've heard of Disneyland; well, how about "Vietnamese-land?"

The Reverend Carl McIntire, the archconservative fundamentalist preacher, is planning a new tourist attraction for his complex in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Newsweek magazine reports that McIntire has brought about

40 Vietnamese refugees to the sight to live in a re-created "Vietnamese village." According to McIntire, the village will be "like our boys went into during the war."

The reverend explains that in addition to becoming a tourist attraction, the villagers will make porcelain elephants, vases and other items "that Americans loved so well."

As if the Vietnamese village wasn't enough of a project, McIntire says he also plans for another refugee hamlet... for Cambodians. ---(ZNS)

Feds Poison Gastropods

There's good news from Florida: the federal government has lifted the state of emergency declared in the Miami area six years ago to prevent the Giant African Snail from spreading across the United States.

African snails, which grow up to nine inches in length and a pound in weight, were accidentally introduced into the Miami area in 1966. The giant crawling creatures are equipped with thousands of rasping teeth and a voracious appetite; a single snail can polish off a head of lettuce at one sitting.

The snails became a severe problem in the late 1960's as they crawled over buildings in Florida to nibble paint, leaving behind trails of slime and excrement. Floridians also complained that the snails wandered into window air conditioners and died. The units then wafted a powerful smell into houses along with cool air.

Although the giant crawling mollusks might not sound appetizing to some people, a number of Asian countries have relied on them as a source of protein in the human diet. The US Agriculture Dept., however, never looked on the slippery creatures as potential food crop. Instead, the USDA claims to have poisoned every last one of them in the Florida area. --(ZNS)

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(CPF) The Gulf Oil Company's subsidiary in the Bahamas never struck oil but spread a lot of grease.

Gulf's Bahamas exploration CO. drilled only one hole in its 13 year existence--and that, a year before it closed up shop.

Its real and sole purpose, the WALL STREET JOURNAL reports and the company now admits, was to funnel corporate funds clandestinely and illegally to friendly politicians throughout the world. More than \$10 million was distributed in 13 years, all of it hidden by careful book-juggling.

Illegal contributions from this slush fund totalling \$60,000 went to as many as two dozen US congressional candidates in 1970, according to the Journal.

Until 1967, this Gulf "subsidiary" was run by Sir Stafford Sands, a former minister of finance and tourism of the Bahamian government and the most prominent corporate lawyer in that country. Sir Stafford left the Bahamas in 1967--apparently one step ahead of the constable--when it was discovered he had gained more than \$1 million in conflict-of-interest transactions while a government official.

UNEQUAL PAY ON CAPITOL HILL

WASHINGTON(LNS)--Members of the U.S. Senate generally pay women less than they pay men doing the same type of work, according to a recent study by a group of women who are Congressional employees.

The median salary for male legislative assistants, the survey shows, is \$20,082 while for women it is \$15,038. Male press assistants earn a median \$26,600 compared with \$16,879 for women.

In addition, the study showed that, as of last year, the offices of 30 out of 100 senators did not have even one woman on the payroll who was making as much as \$18,000. There was no senatorial office without men above that salary level.

Congress exempted itself from coverage by the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans discrimination because of race, sex, or other similar characteristics.

WEALTHY OKLAHOMANS SAY WOMEN PRISONERS SHOULD BE DOMESTICS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.(LNS) Corrections Board Chairman Irvin Ungerman suggested on May 30 that prisoners in the Oklahoma City Women's prison be trained and employed as domestics.

"In talking with my friends at several recent social gatherings," the wealthy Tulsa attorney said, "they have mentioned that there is a great lack of good domestic help."



BATTERED WIVES HAVE NO LEGAL RECOURSE

(CPF) Women who are beaten, knifed, sexually mutilated or otherwise attacked by their husbands have virtually no legal protection or recourse, according to a recent Michigan-based study conducted by University of Michigan law students Sue Eisenberg and Pat Micklow. The study includes interviews with 20 women who have been victims of assaults by their husbands, and with police, prosecution and judges who are in apparent complicity in these frequently committed, but rarely prosecuted crimes.

The limited study exposes the widespread occurrence of wife assault as well as official policies used to sidestep prosecution. The official response is that although "wife-beating" with or without a weapon, carries a misdemeanor assault and battery charge, "it's perceived as a domestic disturbance, as a social problem that somehow the woman tolerates, or provokes, or likes in some way."

A US task force determined that women are in more danger of being murdered in their own homes than men.

Eight of the 20 husbands involved in the study had previous criminal records of assault, although none had been convicted of assaulting their wives. Fully 80% of the women interviewed sought immediate police protection from their husbands, but despite repeated complaints, only one arrest was made.

In discussing police handling of these assault cases, Eisenberg read from the international association of police chief's training bulletin used as a guide by Michigan police: "Avoid arrest if possible. Appeal to the woman's vanity. Explain that women's attitudes about pressing charges usually change before court time. Attempt to smooth feelings, pacify the parties. Remember, the officer should never create a police problem where there is only a family problem existing."

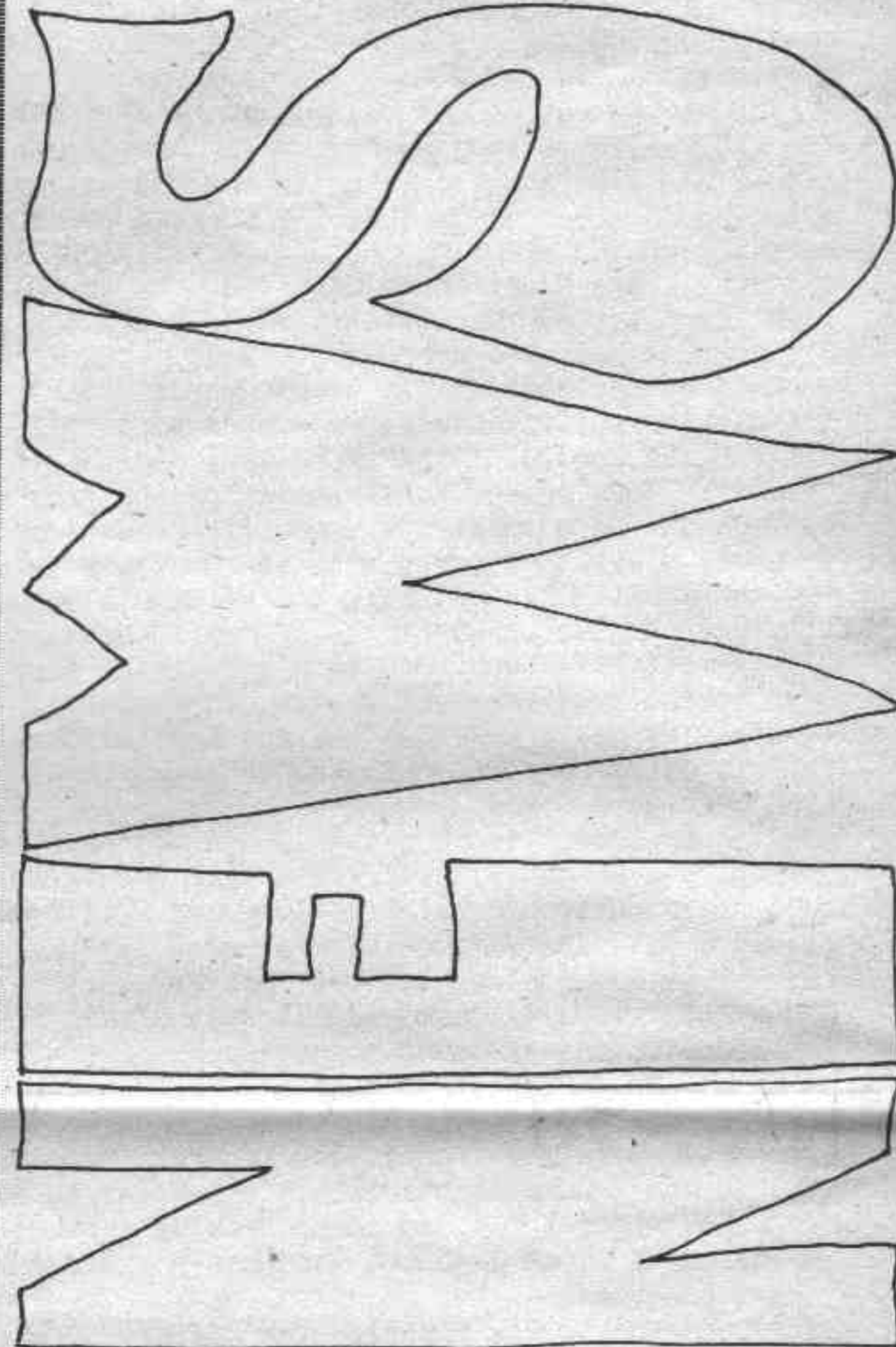
According to the study, the prosecutors will either try to pacify the victim or insist that she show her sincerity about pressing charges by starting divorce proceedings. One prosecutor interviewed for the study suggested the following course of action: "These girls (sic) come to me and I know I can't offer them any protection. I ask them, 'Will your husband be angry when he comes out of prison?' She says yes, and I put my arm around her and walk her to the door and tell her, 'I can't offer you any protection. Don't you think that for your safety and your children's safety that you better try to patch up the marriage?'"

(Information from the Michigan Free Press)

(LNS) It was recently revealed that Gallo sent letters to all its California winery and sales employees in early April asking them to write and collect letters to California Governor Brown calling for state-level legislation that would outlaw the secondary boycott. The company promised to pay \$2.50 for each letter up to ten, \$3.50 for each letter between ten and twenty, and \$5 for each letter over twenty.

Brown moved on April 10 to establish himself as the "great compromiser" in the farm labor struggle by introducing his own bill into the California legislature to establish secret ballot elections for farm workers. The UFW introduced its own bill some time ago and the growers and Teamsters are backing yet another proposal.

Nearly everyone involved in the question agrees that a law will be passed this year to establish election procedures, and the nature of that law is crucial, because the ground rules for procedure and eligibility will have a lot to do with the final outcome of any elections. The UFW has always maintained that no legislation is better than bad legislation, and has made it clear that it considers Brown's bill a sell-out.



PAY MORE FOR THE SAME

(CPF) You can now pay more for the same drug but it is packaged in one capsule instead of three tablets. Geigy, a large drug manufacturer, recently issued a "new" drug product called Tofranil-PM which contains 150mg of the anti-depressant imipramine. The Medical Letter, a scientific review of drugs and current therapy for doctors, says that "one 150mg capsule of Tofranil-PM offers no therapeutic advantage over three 50mg tablets" of plain Tofranil.

Tofranil-PM costs the pharmacist \$55.49 per 100 capsules; Tofranil 50 mg tablets cost \$15.45 per 100, a difference of almost \$10 for the same effect with fewer pills.

(Information from Pharmacy & Health News.)

POSTAL SERVICE TAKES ITS LICKS

(CPS) Rep. Robert Lagomarsino (R-CA) drew some fire from the U.S. Postal Service for reading into the Congressional Record a solution for getting around the new postal service policy of sending all letters with no postage back to the sender instead of the addressee.

The policy was instituted recently because a number of utility companies, particularly Bell Telephone, had complained that they were being victimized by users who sent bill payments in with no postage, forcing the company to pay ten cents for each such envelope to get their money.

Lagomarsino pointed out that if someone addresses a letter to himself and uses the name of the person or company to receive the letter as the return address, the Postal Service will "return" the letter to the "sender" for free.

The Postal Service issued a statement saying it was appalled at Lagomarsino's remarks.

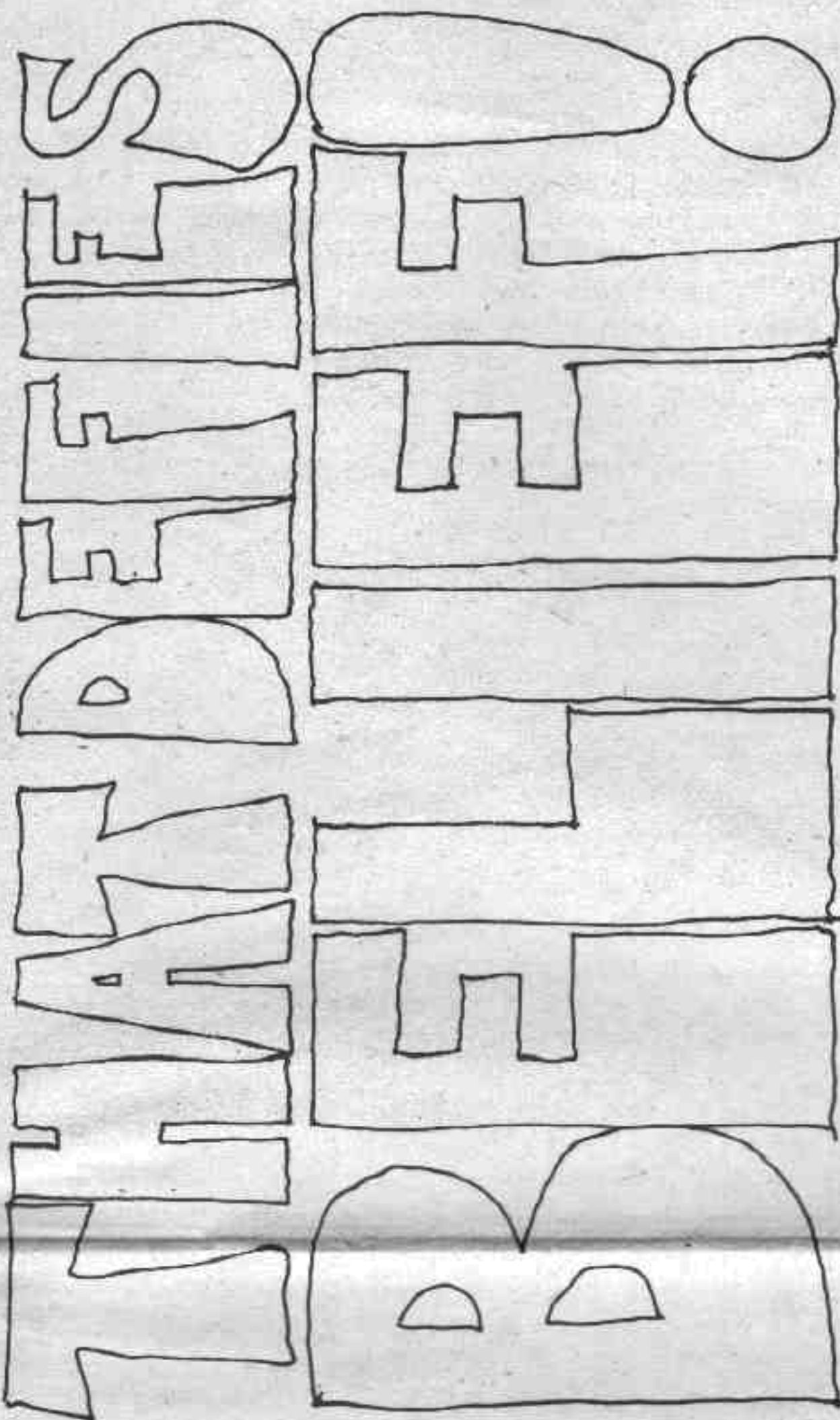
There is also a loophole in the postal regulation which states that letters with no postage will be returned to sender or to the dead letter office if there is no return address. However, if some postage-even 1 cent-is on the letter it will be forwarded to the addressee, who has to pay the balance.

FORD HOPES SPLASHES WON'T CAUSE WAVES

WASHINGTON(LNS) Now that Gerald Ford's Whip Inflation Now program is over, the president intends to go ahead with what the Wall Street Journal refers to as "one of his most cherished projects," building a \$61,417 outdoor heated swimming pool at the White House.

Although the White House already had an indoor pool, it was covered over during the Nixon administration. The new pool is to be financed by private donations, limited to \$1000 per person. Contributions, channeled through the National Parks Foundation, will be tax-free, and thus will have the effect of tapping the federal treasury for over one fourth of the cost by by using taxes it would have received.

Ford's aides have reportedly advised him against building the pool now, because if he builds it now, he may not be around after the 1976 election to use it. If he waits until after the election, his aides say, he might be able to use the pool for four years.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . . ?

"The Arabs in a week accumulate more money than my family has after three generations of work."

--Nelson Rockefeller, in House Judiciary hearing November 21, 1974.



"It's very sick, very sick. The problem with our journalism, in fact our whole life, is that we never talk about anything very important because if we did everything would come unstuck. We don't say that 4 per cent of the people own the country, that the owners of the country are ruthless and predatory. The people are getting sullen; instinctively, they know they are being ripped off but they don't know how. And since nobody will talk about the issues, the press has to talk about something

DISNEYLAND PLANNED NEAR EGYPT'S PYRAMIDS

NEW YORK (LNS) The Egyptian ministry of tourism has come up with a plan to build a 50 million dollar Disneyland next to the famous pyramids of Giza. The Disneyland scheme is only the latest in a series of government efforts to promote tourism in Egypt, according to a recent article in the London Observer.

Under its new "open door" economic policy, the Cairo government is encouraging foreign investment in tourist facilities along the Nile River. And foreign businesses are scrambling to buy up river-front property, often tearing down historical buildings to make way for a Holiday Inn or a night club.

Another government project that has aroused the wrath of many Egyptians is a planned "tourist complex", to be built on the site of a Cairo slum that currently houses some 90,000 people.

(Thanks to the Michigan Free Press and Africa News)

A Boston astronomer is suggesting that scientists on the earth should aim their powerful radio telescopes toward the star "Zeta Reticuli 1" in an effort to make contact with a super-civilization in space.

Walter Webb, the assistant director of the Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston, says there is persuasive evidence that advanced beings from the star "Zeta Reticuli" may have visited the earth.

"Zeta Reticuli is a star very similar to our own sun, located 37 light years from the earth."

Webb reports he has scientifically analyzed a "star map" which was drawn under hypnosis by a "new Hampshire woman 10 years ago; the woman, Betty Hill, said during extensive hypnosis treatments that the map had been shown to her by a group of human-like beings that landed in a space ship.

Astronomer Webb reports that the so-called "star map" made no sense until 1969, when astronomers published new star catalogs which matched perfectly with the map drawn nearly five years earlier.

Webb says he believes the map may be genuine, and that it was used by a highly-intelligent race of "Reticulans" to guide them from star to star.

Webb is calling on astronomers in the United States and abroad to train their telescopes on Zeta Reticuli and on 11 other stars drawn on the 10-year-old map. He suggests the radio telescope might be able to detect intelligent radio signals being broadcast by other advanced civilizations.

Webb warns that the "Reticulans" may not be interested in conversing with us. He says: "Such an advanced race would so far surpass our own technology it might very well have little interest in communicating with us and nothing to gain by it."

--(ZNS)

RAINMAKERS NO SHAMANS

Pacific News Service reports that at least 70 different public and private organizations are quietly involved in efforts to modify the weather in the United States.

The groups, which range from the federal government to private utility companies, have been attempting to change rainfall and other weather patterns over at least five percent of the entire United States.

One utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, has been in the rainmaking business since 1952. According to Pacific News, P.G. & E. can increase rain virtually by remote control. The company uses generators which resemble giant bunsen burners and which, when triggered, release silver iodide into the clouds from their mountain perches.

The news service states that one reason rainmaking activities are not highly publicized is that when excess rain and flooding suddenly occurs, people who suffer losses are apt to file damage suits against rainmakers.

Pacific News points out that rainmaking and other weather modification projects became popular in the United States as a direct result of the Pentagon's extensive cloud seeding and weather experiments carried out in Vietnam during the war.

The News Service warns that scientist know very little about the environmental side effects of weather modification. University of Rhode Island President Werner Baum, an advisor on weather to the United Nations, says, "There remains a vast sector of ignorance about the effects and natural implication of weather management. We have only one atmosphere on this planet, and it may be more deadly than Russian Roulette to play with it before we know what we may produce." (ZNS)

so they focus on the personality of Nelson Rockefeller without really studying the character of the man. Look at Rockefeller's career up in Albany and you have an idea of the kind of egomaniac, megalomaniac, very sinister arrogant man who adores the Pentagon, adores war, adores a sort of regulated society with himself as chief regulator. Now that's the thing to write about instead of the one Dubonnet on the rocks he's always drinking.

--Gore Vidal, Newsweek, Nov. 18, 1974

DIAL C FOR CRAZY

(CPF) In a recorded telephone message, the American Nazi Party has offered a \$100 bounty to the first "non-Jewish white" who, in defense of his property, shoots a Black person.

Both the Justice Dept. and the telephone company claim there's nothing they can do about it.

The disciples of Adolf Hitler have recorded previous messages urging the murder of a congressman, promising "a Jew hanging from every lamppost in the country" and calling for "rampaging Blacks" to be killed.

But this is the first time the Nazis have offered a cash reward.

The FBI regularly monitors the Nazi messages and sends a weekly transcript to the Justice Dept. prosecutors. But US attorney David Hopkins, who has jurisdiction over Arlington, Va., where the Nazi headquarters is located, said his hands are tied.

"As offensive as it is," he said "I do not believe there is a way to prosecute them."

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company could simply remove the offending phones and recorders. But the company feels it would lose the ensuing legal battle.

A company official, William Backus, told Jack Anderson that "as long as obscene or indecent language is not used and as long as the broadcaster is identified by name and address," there is little that can be done.

"This cannot be considered a harassing call," said Backus, "because nobody has to listen to it. You have to make an effort to be insulted." (from Jack Anderson's column.)

INSECT PARTS ALLOWED IN FOOD

Washington (LNS) - In a measure ostensibly intended to expand food supplies, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is considering easing rules on 'aesthetic' factors in food, such as the number of insect fragments or rat pellets a food may contain, or the use of animal parts not ordinarily consumed.

Some nutritionalists, claim the FDA, think extraneous insect parts actually add to the nutritional content of manufactured foods.

OACAR MAYER WINS BAD EATING HABITS AWARD

Washington (LNS) The Oscar Mayer Company, a major producer of processed meats, was given the fourth annual Bon Vivant Vichyssoise Award and an old, beat-up garbage can June 9, for encouraging bad eating habits.

The sponsor of the award, the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest, investigates issues such as food safety, strip mining, and chemical pollution, and encourages public action against environmental dangers. Previous awards have gone to other representatives of the food industry: Gerber Baby Foods and General Mills. The award was first named for and given to Bon Vivant, the company responsible for deaths caused by botulism in their canned vichyssoise soup.

One reason for giving this year's award to Oscar Mayer is the company's production of high-fat foods. The average Oscar Mayer product (bologna, bacon, hot dog, ham, sausage) contains 29% fat but only 15% protein, 79% of the calories in an average Oscar Mayer product come from fat.

"The high fat diet contributes to obesity and heart disease, two of the nations biggest health problems," said the public interest group's Dr. Michael Jacobson. "High fat foods, such as Oscar Mayer's wieners and bacon, contribute to the 600,000 deaths every year due to coronary heart disease."

All of the company's products also contain high proportions of cholesterol, a substance in animal fat that is said to contribute to heart disease.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest also protested the company's "I wish I was an Oscar Mayer wiener..." TV advertising aimed at children, the high cost of Oscar Mayer products--due in part to its \$12 million dollar advertising budget, and the use of sodium nitrite, a coloring, flavoring and preservative. The chemical is known to react with other chemicals in foods to form nitrosamines, tiny amounts of which are cancer-causing.

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THEATRE OF THE RIDICULOUS

by Jean Purves

Welcome to the theatre
where it's opening night every night.
The curtain's going up on another
glittering cast of strangers.
Nobodies starring in a play that
never stops running.

Welcome to the theatre,
look at the actors in their costumes,
aren't they distinctive. The farm hand,
the athlete, the cowboy, the aesthete.
Costumes with nothing behind them.

Welcome to the theatre,
the play's the thing - pretension is
the stage manager and artifice the
make-up. Be sure to stick to your
script, there's no room for improvisation.
There's only one mask this evening.
Follow its mindless smile through
three acts of absurdity.

Act I
"Would you like to dance?"
"Another one?"
"Would you like a drink?"

Act II
"Where are you from?"
"Would you like another drink?"
"Where do you live?"

Act III
"I like your place."
"Through here?" "Could you turn on a light?"
"Maybe I'll see you again, call me sometime."

So glad you were here for our little playlet
Do come tomorrow for another night of let's
pretend. It's a not-to-be-missed opportunity
to star in our theatre of the ridiculous.

VENICE

by Arla Webster

I grew up in this little beach town and never
quite realized I was poor because I had a big play-
ground and a huge swimming pool with a sandy shore
- I remember the Sunday wrestling matches, the
fruit and vegetable stands, the Beatniks and the
Gas House and May dances at the playground.

Now I look around and someone is slowly tearing
it all down

Someone came along and said squeeze these people
out of here

Build fancy apartments and tear down the pier
There's money to be made

Who cares about the old and the poor and the
children who play and run through the sand to wade
Who cares - or will it even matter who cares



COLD WAR VICTIM TO SUE GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK (Guardian/LNS)--Alger Hiss, one of
the first victims of the Cold War witch-hunts of the
late 1940's and early 1950's announced at a New
York press conference June 6 that he is suing the
government for release of documents he believes will
clear him of the perjury charges on which he was
convicted in 1948

The sensationalism surrounding the Hiss hearings
catapulted then-House Un-American Activities Committee
(HUAC) member Richard Nixon into national prominence.

Hiss, who served nearly four years in prison
on the conviction, was a senior State Department
official in 1948 when a witness before HUAC charged
that he was a "communist spy."

Hiss denied the allegations made against him
by Whittaker Chambers before a grand jury and was
prosecuted for perjury as a result. The government
contended that Hiss had stolen secret State Depart-
ment documents with the intention of transmitting
them to the Soviet Union. The major physical
evidence against him was a typewriter on which Hiss's
wife, Priscilla Hiss, allegedly transcribed the
stolen papers and microfilms of the actual documents.

The microfilms and transcriptions became
known as the "pumpkin papers" as Chambers had drama-
tically produced them during his testimony saying
he had hidden them in a hollowed-out pumpkin on
his Maryland farm.

Hiss stated at the press conference that his
suit will seek, under the Freedom of Information
Act, the release of the "pumpkin papers" as well
as related FBI memoranda. They will show he
stated, that he was framed.

The suit was filed in conjunction with a simi-
lar action being brought by two historians working
on the case, William A. Reuben and Peter Irons.

Irons received an FBI memorandum under the
Freedom of Information Act in early 1975, which he
says essentially disproves the typewriter "evidence."
The memo recorded the serial number of the type-
writer, which Irons said was issued two years after
Priscilla Hiss allegedly used the typewriter to
transcribe the documents.



'ALPHABET'

Stuart Z. Perkoff

...but nothing is left behind, all is carried
forward
on the threshold of angelhood
man will contain
his deepest beginnings

& none know
what will be lifted
to other levels...



I touch him with my eyes;
the distance between us dissolves.

L. R. K.

PRELITERATE POETRY Lorrie Kazan

Preliterate people believe that the song which
strays too far from the dance is corrupt; the
poem which strays from the song is equally suspect.

A preliterate is a person who speaks a language
for which there is no written form; a preliterate
poem exists only orally and in the original.
It is important to note that to a preliterate any
change in the environment might invoke death.
Therefore a preliterate is so attuned to the en-
vironment that he or she will notice if a leaf has
moved or a song has changed. Every adult knows
every song and its corresponding dance. Songs are
utilized to reach a trance, to see the invisible,
to deal with malevolent forces, to deal with the
dead. Poetry is medicine. It is essential to life.

The most common song is inspired by or designed
to inspire the hunt. For this dance the people
don animal skins, elaborate masks or paint their
bodies. There are songs concerning love or hate
but you must be emotionally involved if you sing
about either of these topics. There are songs

for spell-breaking, charms, disciplining a
child, personal misfortune, courtship and seduc-
tion. Preliterates do not reveal their relig-
ious songs to outsiders; knowledge would give
the outsider power over them. Their lives are
already endangered by encroaching civilizations;
the forest people, more commonly known as
Pygmies, have exemplified this.

Repetition is noticeable in the songs. Repetition
is power.

The following is an example of a preliterate
poem.

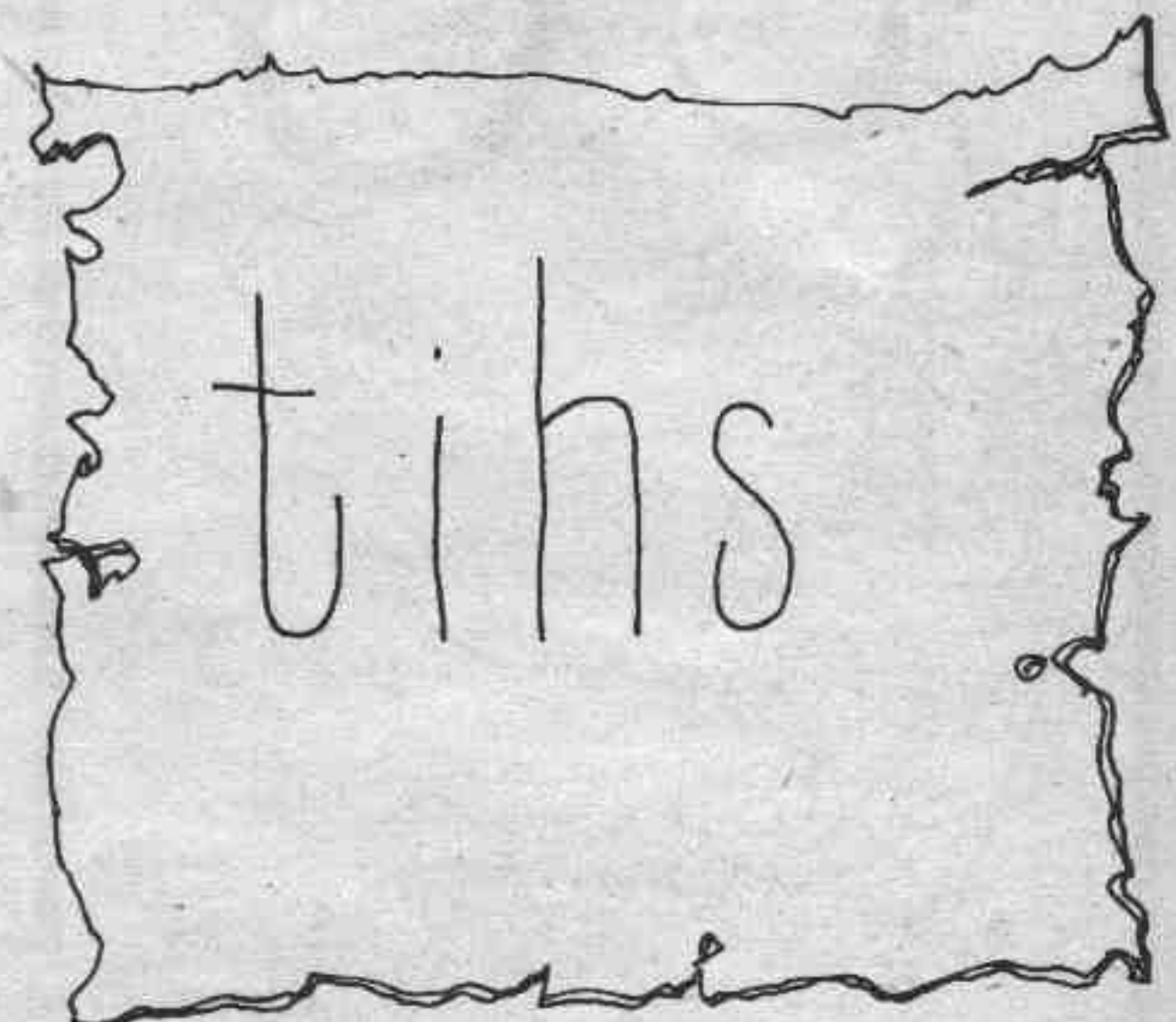
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If you wish to walk for long in the forest
And to feel your heart strong,
Your breast swell sturdily,
And your legs run quickly,
Friend, grill on the charcoal,
On the red coals of a burning fire,
The won with the cruel teeth,
The carp with a thousand colors
and the delicate firm flesh.

If you wish for calm sleep
To come softly and close your eyelids,
For joyful dreams, messengers from the dead,
To run and hunt at happy hunting,
The friendly place, where in the dark forest
The quick bear crouches near one stream,
And in the clearing among the pepperments
The fast antelope pricks up his ears,
Friend, in the leaves with which you are surround-
ed,
Friend, bake the ngol.

But if you wish for your heart
To be glad without regret,
For your belly, jammed and full,
To say: "Oh! Oh! that's enough!
Oh! Oh! I have eaten well!"
If you wish that your swollen belly
Should resist the finger that gladly presses it,
and sound under your hand like a stretched tom-
tom,
A tom-tom of skin stretched to the utmost,
If you wish that your belly should sing a glad
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HEAD WINE



There was a reluctance among the staff about printing the following article, which is an excerpt from an underground pamphlet written by Kathy K Kelly. Ms. Kelly's goal in writing this pamphlet was to intensify sexual experience by explaining the technique of a seldom-discussed subject i.e. how to give head to a woman. Since Ms. Kelly explicates mechanics of a sex act, her article inevitably reads like "how to tune up your VW" or your girlfriend. There are some obvious reasons for printing the article, one being that since people give head to each other or if they don't they've thought about it or if they haven't thought about it or done it maybe this article will generate a whole new awareness. Maybe this article will help people to talk to each other, to communicate. Lovemaking is obviously more than mechanics but the article does not pretend to delve compassion, tenderness, kindness, warmth, gratifications or intimacy. Its aim is the big O. Its mode is mechanical technique.

from A Radical Sex Manual For Women (And Men)

The first thing one must figure out in sex is the best way to stimulate the sex organs (and related areas) in order to achieve orgasms. The penis can be stimulated directly, orally, manually or in intercourse. Women have a special built-in way to stimulate the penis in the vagina. Men, however, have no such corresponding way to stimulate the clitoris. (The clitoris is stimulated in intercourse by the motion of the inner labia, but this is peripheral to the stimulation of the penis.) There are, to my knowledge, three ways to stimulate the clitoris: orally, manually and during intercourse. Of the three, I recommend oral stimulation because 1) it is direct and therefore not a "hit-and-miss" method of producing female orgasms 2) it provides constant lubrication so as not to irritate the sensitive area over the clitoris and around the urethra 3) it leaves the hands free for stimulating related areas: breasts, the vagina, the thighs and 4) it feels good!

Intercourse can work for some women. I know women who can have orgasms by lying on top of the male during intercourse and rubbing their clitoris against him, or by having the man enter the woman from behind and stroke the clitoris with his hand. However, intercourse is not satisfactory for most people because 1) it is indirect and probably not sufficient stimulation for the clitoris, 2) efforts to stimulate the clitoris detract from the male enjoyment of penis stimulation, 3) most men stop fucking when they come, whether or not the woman has had an orgasm, 4) there is great pressure on the man to prolong his erection so that the woman will come.

SPECIFIC ORAL TECHNIQUES

This is the hardest section for me to write because I am afraid that my specific techniques may be taken as a formula instead of as suggestions. However, I feel the need to describe specific techniques because oral sex is glossed over in most sex manuals. Pages and whole volumes are written on intercourse techniques, but oral sex is left to our stifled imaginations. Just knowing that you have to stimulate the sex organ with your tongue is not sufficient: it takes a lot of experimentation, communication and just plain patience to achieve an orgasm.

I will confine my technique to producing female orgasms--I leave the section on male orgasms for someone more knowledgeable.

Preparation

"The first thing to determine in any sexual situation is whether both people have been tested recently for gonorrhea & syphilis. It is sometimes a good idea to start by taking a bath or shower, especially if this is a new experience for one or both people. Body odors or tastes can add to possible uptightness about oral sex. (Besides, washing each other in a shower is a whole sensual experience in itself.) Next, locate the clitoris--you know where his sex organ is--make sure he can find yours! It is under the inner labia just to the front of the urethra. It has a long shaft and a head about the size of a pea. It swells and becomes erect when stimulated, the head moving slightly toward the front of the body.

Remember that the whole body is sexually sensitive. Besides kissing and breast stimulation, (Most men's breasts are sensitive if they are uptight enough to enjoy the stimulation.) There are many ways to turn someone on. Numerous parts of the body are sensitive to massaging, kissing or light stroking with the tongue, e.g., the side of the neck, the hollow in the shoulder above the clavicle bone, the area just inside and below the hip bone to where the thigh meets the torso and the inside of the thighs.

It is probably best to do some kind of manual stimulation of the clitoris first, but make sure it is wet. Push gently back and forth on the outside (without parting the inner labia until there is moisture in the area of the vagina. Moisture can be gotten to the clitoris by running a finger just inside the vagina, then up just past the urethra to the clitoris. The clitoris is sometimes hard to find before it swells up in excitement, so cover a fairly large area with your finger(s), running it back to the vagina repeatedly for more moisture. Or if it is still too dry, wet your finger. Friction between your finger and the skin over the clitoris can be painful, so move the skin back and forth over the clitoris (which is under the surface); don't rub the skin itself.

When the woman is excited (and this is where the communication comes in) move gradually down to position yourself for oral sex. (An easy way is for the woman to lie on her back and the man kneel between her legs and bend forward.) At this point it is nice to run your hair over the woman's breasts, stomach, genitals and thighs; or run your tongue lightly down her stomach, genitals and up thighs; or run your hands up her thighs and lightly over the genitals. As in massage, continuity of touch is important--it helps keep the person relaxed and maintains the excitement.

Part the inner labia and run your tongue lightly up and down from the urethra to the top edge of the inner labia. Your hands are free to massage the thighs, stomach or breasts and the area around the urethra is easily irritated, so don't press too hard. The clitoris, like the penis, is sensitive to rhythm and there seems to be a spot (the head?) which is too sensitive to take steady stimulation. This you have to experiment with. But it seems best to me to continually move the tongue over a fairly large area which I believe is the shaft of the clitoris perhaps 1-1/2 inches, front to back. Also, as with the penis, a combination of variety and rhythmic repetition seems to be most effective. Try different kinds of stimulation, e.g., moving the tongue in a circular motion or into the vagina, but repeat the stimulation rhythmically for a while changing when this stimulation is no longer increasing the excitement. Here again, experiment: be sensitive to the woman's breathing, sounds, body motions and verbal suggestions (I don't like to sug-

gest an amount of time that it will take for the woman to come, but so that you will not stop too soon I will say that it has taken me as long as 10 or 15 minutes of oral sex to reach orgasm. Don't give up. If it doesn't work and you both are tired, stop for a while and talk or take a nap and then try again.)

Build-up is important--slightly increase the pressure and the speed of stimulation with the tongue as the woman becomes excited. The outer edge of the vagina is quite sensitive to touch and the inside is sensitive to pressure. The vagina expands with excitement. After a minute or so of clitoral stimulation run a finger (or both thumbs) around the edge of the vagina and, if the vagina is moist and expanded, gently push the finger(s) or thumbs into the vagina. It is important to maintain the tongue motion during this time. Stopping clitoral stimulation may cause the vagina to contract and the finger or thumbs will hurt the vagina. Increase the pressure and motion inside the vagina as the woman is about to come.

When the woman comes, you should probably stop stimulating the clitoris (I have found that it is too sensitive at this point and stimulation is painful) but leave the fingers or thumbs in the vagina for a minute. Or place a hand over the whole area, covering the clitoris and the vagina and press to prolong the sensation. Don't cut the orgasm short by jumping into intercourse or other stimulation for the man. Most orgasms are marked by sudden vaginal contractions or quivering -- so don't stop too soon. (Just before I come, I stop breathing, which, to my frustration, has been mistaken for a lack of excitement, so keep the communication going and try to be aware of similar problems.)

"Now you are ready for the male orgasm, which, hopefully, you can figure out fairly easily. Of the various possibilities I like oral sex best for the male orgasm because there is an active-passive role reversal at this point. In any case an active role for the woman is a good idea, because it gives great satisfaction to produce an orgasm in another person. In order for women not to be objectified in sex they must be the subjects (the doers) of sex stimulation, not just the objects (the receivers). Intercourse, with the woman on top, is also a fairly active method for the woman. However, remember that intercourse is the one sex act that requires birth control methods. This is probably its major drawback. Also, it can be painful if the vagina is not lubricated sufficiently or has contracted too much. If this happens try another method. If the man requires more stimulation than you (the woman) can do orally, try manual stimulation, but keep the penis wet. Chances are he can show you how to do it by showing you how he masturbates.



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A summer poetry workshop for teenagers will be conducted by Bob Flanagan eight Monday mornings from ten a.m. to noon, beginning July 7th, at Beyond Baroque. Bob Flanagan is a long-time member of the Venice Poetry Workshop, teaches high school and has work published. Those interested should phone 392-5763 to register. Between July 1st and 10th, when Beyond Baroque will be closed, please phone Flanagan at 473-4046.

EXHIBITION OF BRASS AND STONE RUBBINGS

by Paul Mattson will open with a reception at 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, 1975, exhibition continuing through July 26th.

both at BEYOND BAROQUE FOUNDATION

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Venice, Ca. 392-5764

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VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Area I: South Beach - West of Pacific, South of Venice Blvd. Meets every last Weds, Anchorage School, 7:30 - 392-2113 or 392-1594 (July 30th)

Area II: North Beach - West of Main, Venice Bl. to Santa Monica, Meets every 1st Monday at Levin Center 201 Ocean Front wk, 7:30 396-0167 or 392-7956 (June 30)

Area III: Canals - South of Venice Bl, East of Pacific, west of Washington Bl. Meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at Anchorage school, 8:00 821-5931 or 923-1753 (July 1st & 15th)

Area IV: Oakwood - North of California, west of Lincoln, to Washington Bl. Meets every 3rd Wed, at Broadway school bungalow & 8:00 396-2801 (July 16th)

Area V: East Venice - So. of California, W of Lincoln to Washington Bl. meets every 4th Wed, at Cover D'Alene School, 7:30. 821-1430 (July 23rd)

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

Penmar - east of Lincoln Bl. No. of Venice Bl. meets every 4th Wed. at Penmar Recreation Center, 1341 Lake St., 7:30 396-6303 or 396-8160 (July 23rd)

VENICE TOWN COUNCIL includes all areas and meets the 1st Wed. at Venice City Hall, 681 N. Venice Bl. 7:30 - (July 2nd)

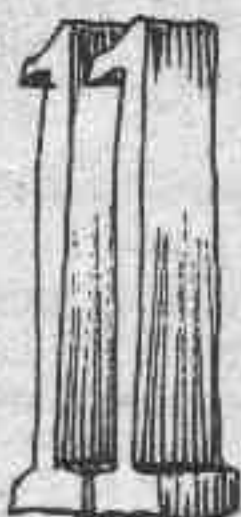
SHIMA-NAGASAKI WALK

This August is the thirtieth anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In commemoration and mourning a walk is being planned for August 9 (Nagasaki Day) and August 10. The walk will begin at the IRS office in Santa Monica on Saturday August 9. It will stop at the B-1 Bomber factory in El Segundo and at the Church in Ocean Park. Walkers will spend the evening in a church in Redondo Beach and hold a community meeting there. The walk will end Sunday at the Naval Shipyards in Long Beach. The walk will call for immediate disarmament and a reordering of national priorities. Interested persons committed to nonviolence should contact the House of Hospitality

605 North Cummings St.

LA CA 90033

213-264-8144



OCEAN FRONT WALK 392-6703

WHO REPRESENTS VENICE?

TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTS SURVEY

The Marina Argonaut published in its May 22 issue an open letter by L.A. City Councilwoman Pat Russell in which she attacked the Canal Town Council's Community Development Plan and claimed that the Venice Town Council does not represent the community.

We hope she's wrong, but we'd like to find out. Over the next few weeks we'll be taking a phone-in public opinion poll on five clear issues where Pat Russell took one position and the Town Council took the other. People can call in to a tape machine at 392-1594 and say who represented their wishes on each issue: Russell, the Town Council, or neither. Results will appear in the Argonaut.

A.-- A HELICOPTER LANDING PAD was proposed for the top of the Washington Square Plaza building, to help the owners through bankruptcy. Helicopters would come and go across the canal from Anchorage School. The owner of the building and the lawyer for the helicopter are both major Pat Russell campaign contributors. The Canal Town Council, under delegates Terry Donahue and Ron Guenther, successfully OPPOSED the permit at the Zoning Commission and the Planning Commission; Pat Russell then led the L.A. City Council to vote for it, in spite of the noise and danger to the community. The Canal Council then organized a phone campaign by Anchorage School parents to the Mayor's office. At a conference at the Mayor's office the Canal Council spoke AGAINST the helicopter permit, Pat Russell's staff spoke FOR it. Mayor Bradley approved the permit. WHO REPRESENTED YOU?

B.-- A BEVERLY HILLS TYPE LUXURY DWELLING, with private recording studio attached, that would probably cost \$100,000 was proposed for the middle of the canals. The Canal Council, under delegate Ron Guenther (who went to San Francisco for the hearing), OPPOSED the project because the increase in taxes would drive present owners and renters out of the canals, and because the project violated our Community Plan that calls for maximum open space, moderate-income housing, and public access to the canals. Pat Russell personally wrote the State Coastal Commission FOR the project saying the Town Council doesn't represent Venice

(see her letter in the Argonaut). The Coastal Commission denied the permit. WHO REPRESENTED YOU?

C.-- THE MAGNIFICENT LANDMARK MONTEREY CYPRESS TREE at Venice Blvd. and Mildred Ave. was scheduled to be cut down so developers could build an apartment house. The Canal and Central Venice Town Councils, under delegates Bob Wells and Rick Davidson, fought to save the tree for more than two weeks by getting a series of court orders. Four months earlier the owners had offered Pat Russell's office a chance to save the tree with special park funds; the answer: "We're not in the tree business." Finally the court orders were lifted and the tree was cut down; nine Venice people including four from the Town Council were arrested trying to save it. WHO REPRESENTED YOU?

D.-- A MAJOR HIGHWAY THE SIZE OF LINCOLN BLVD. (the so-called "Marina Bypass") was scheduled to run diagonally through the middle of Venice, from the Marina Freeway (Rte. 90) on Lincoln, through the neighborhood south of Washington Street, then down West Washington Blvd. to Brooks and over Main Street to the Santa Monica Freeway. Pat Russell was FOR this Marina Bypass, the Town Council was AGAINST it. About a year and a half ago the East Venice Town Council got 3,000 names on a petition, then had a showdown with Russell and forced her to stop the highway. WHO REPRESENTED YOU?

E.-- AN EXTENSION OF THE OCEANFRONT BIKEPATH was scheduled to go down the peninsula beach from Washington Street to the Marina channel. After meeting with Martin Stone, a major campaign contributor and peninsula property owner, Pat Russell came out AGAINST the bikepath; the Venice Town Council was FOR it (with the Peninsula Area Council dissenting). Martin Stone was forced to resign from the Parks Commission because of conflict of interest. The Coastal Commission denied the permit. WHO REPRESENTED YOU?

Call 392-1594 any time, give your name and address, and on each issue A,B,C,D, and E, say who represented you, Pat Russell, the Venice Town Council, or neither. The publisher of the Argonaut has offered to publish the results.

RUNAWAYS!

YOUR MESSAGES RELAYED TO FAMILY
(Completely Confidential)



Are you still alive?
Let somebody know.



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in the public record for all to see), and is a frank and out-in-front representative of this money. This is the person who fought the Marina Peninsula bike path which would have opened this deserted beach to the public, who has pushed the major Venice street widenings to provide automobile access for Venice beachfront development, who was in favor of plowing a Marina by-pass freeway through the heart of Venice, who favors a deep-water luxury yacht harbor where the vibrant canals community is today, and who has recently tried to ram a helicopter landing pad in a residential neighborhood down our throats, along with various other social and environmental insults in Venice and elsewhere.

The Venice Town Council has opposed these socially and environmentally devastating projects without exception and is Councilwoman Russell's major opposition in Venice. But these facts did not deter Mrs. Russell from attempting to convince the Coastal Commission that she was representative of the broad Venice community on the Argyropoulos issue, and that the Venice Town Council was not. This blatant political propaganda provided community representatives the opportunity to talk about the Town Council, and a brief history and analysis of the Council and its broad representation of the Venice community was presented to the State Coastal Commission.

The rest is history. The Commission responded to Mrs. Russell's "I like it, so pass it" attitude by denying the permit, and providing the canals community with a genuine opportunity to fulfill its goal of a sound plan for canals restoration, preservation, and maintenance, and providing the public an opportunity to enjoy our beloved canals also.

The canals community will continue to work with the Coastal Commission towards these ends, and to avoid as much as possible the rot and corruption that so marks Los Angeles City government in this dawning age of social and environmental concern.

Yellow Cab Shows Color

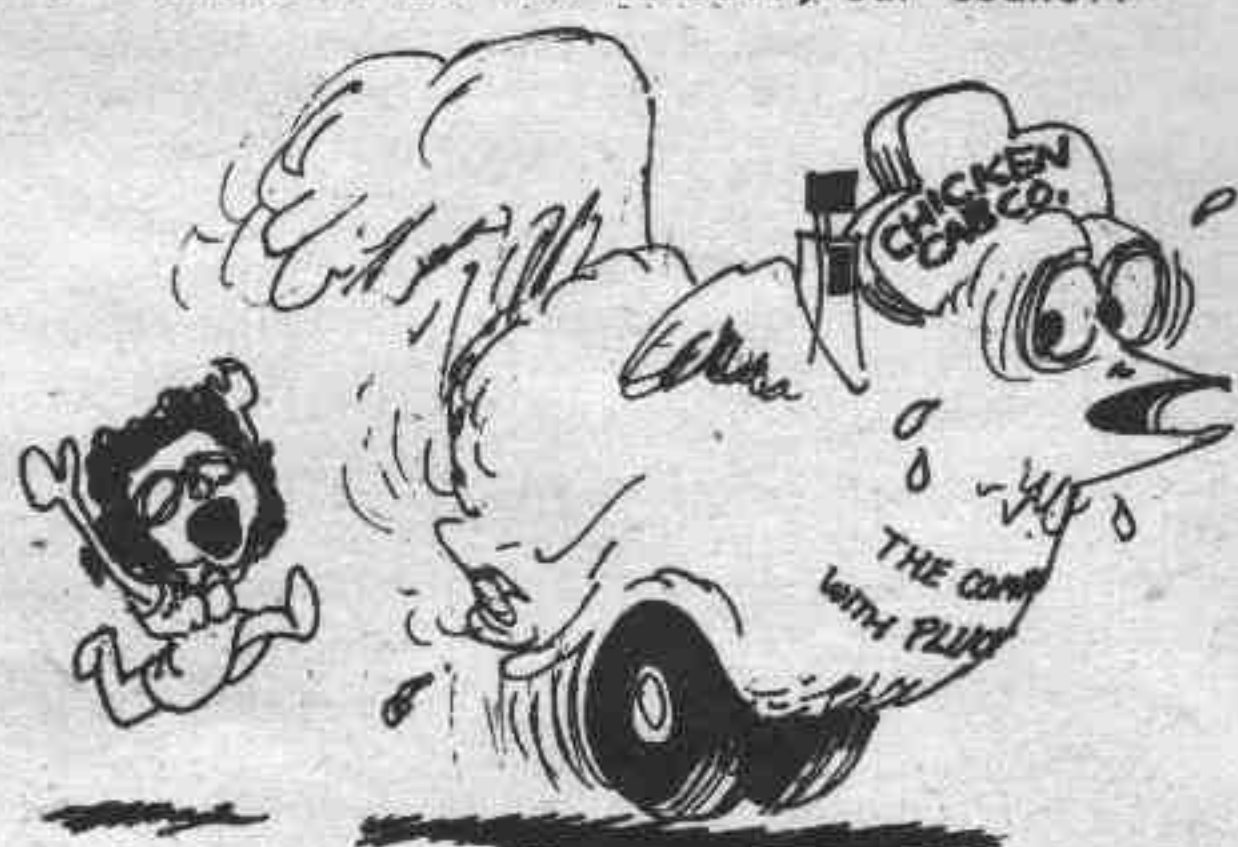
By Carol Fondiller

As a result of going to the 11 p.m. concert at the Fox Venice, I was reminded again, as if I needed any further reminders of how single women are treated, not even as sex objects but as meat for hunters.

I had given up walking to Lincoln Blvd. from North Beach long ago, even though it's a marvelous walk, because of the covert and sometimes overt "If you're out alone, you're asking for it," attitude that one receives.

Waiting for the bus at any hour after dark becomes a test of how much paranoia one can take. I gave up and nagged a friend to take me to the concert. After the concert ended (about 1:30 am), I promptly called Yellow Cab and waited. Now that was fun. People were waiting for rides and they were all in good moods. The crowd began to thin out and I was talking with five young men, feeling no apprehension whatever when their rides arrived. I noticed, with a sense of "something evil this way comes" another young man who had been talking to a young woman. She left and I was the only dickless human being left. He hovered, fiddled and watched me as I began wondering when my Yellow cab would arrive. I saw three Yellow Cabs go by, Marina bound. I asked some of the people who were still at the Fox Venice if they could call the Cab company again. They weren't rude; they didn't brus me off; they were harried and probably wanted to go home just as much as I did. I walked about a block further to a badly lighted corner where a phone booth glowed like a decaying evil omen and Honest to God, my hands shook as I dialed Yellow Cab and asked them to send a cab as soon as possible. I was alone and blah, blah, etc.

"The Cab's on it's way ma'am." click. I returned to the Fox Venice and stood beneath the marquee while the man again came up to me. I know I'm so damned attractive that men, those poor child-like creatures, can't control their lust; and it's all my fault for being so cute and all no matter how I try to dress it down, with my baseball jacket, my Free Venice Beach head T-shirt with red wine stains under the Chee Wah Wah bird; I mean it. I really dress like that when I'm out after dark so I couldn't POSSIBLY be accused of flaunting "it". Ah yes, the price of being a great beauty. Finally risking death before dishonor, I stepped in front of a Santa Monica Checker cab. Though I had not called him, he accepted me. Despite his calling me Honey, he treated me as if I were a sane human being in an insane situation. "They (the Yellow Cab, they) never pick up fares in Venice unless they're dropping someone off. Call Santa Monica Cab. We'll be there within minutes." I shall certainly test this. out. Meanwhile Ms. Pat Russell, our council-



woman who was involved in setting up the Rape hotline; at least she said she approved, not of rape, but of the Hotline; how about getting decent Mass Rapid Transportation after 10 pm. Single women are folks also. I understand we're even allowed to pay taxes that is if we get jobs that pay enough. Perhaps Ms. Russell might look into the monopoly that Yellow Cab has at the airport. Yellow Cab, special buses and limosines are the only mode of transportation to the airport and THEY don't stop in Venice either! One would think that if Yellow Cab had a monopoly granted by the City, that there would be certain obligations to that City's residents. Surely there must be some way that a single woman, out after dark, can get from Point A to Point B physically and mentally intact. I am going to call and or write to Yellow Cab and find out what their policies are. Meanwhile, I've been thinking of Police Chief Davis' suggestion applauded by the Venice Chamber of Commerce, that citizen's be allowed to maintain small arms to protect themselves from hoodlums; of course, I'm not such a good shot and I might hit the next person who tells me I'm too sensitive and perhaps a little paranoid.