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BOARDWALK

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JUSTICE FOR \$300

by Carol Fondiller

One thing about participating in community affairs, you certainly get to know courts. If there's anything worse than watching a trial, it's being a Defendant.

The boardwalk Six, or as I prefer to call them, the Tot Lot Six, found out more than they cared to know about Plea Bargaining.

Here it is: one of the episodes in the epic of the Venice residents and their on-going struggle to keep their battle going against Creeping Condominiums. If you've been following the saga of the Boardwalk Six, it involves those six residents, Bentley, Berman, Leuchner, O'Reilly, Osheroff, and Ravetz, who would not be moved when the Department of Public Works came to remove the "unsafe" boardwalk, constructed by a licensed contractor to cover a four-foot deep hole (which was safer?). As a result, they were taken to jail—they did NOT collect \$200. While the Six were languishing in Durance Vile, the playground was also torn down by the Department of Public Works. They were let out on their own recognizance. The charges against the Six were: Failure to Disburse, Illegal Assembly,, and Trespassing.

Instead of setting the trial in the homey court of West Los Angeles on Purdue, only 25 cents by bus from Venice to West L.A., the five-day trial was transferred to downtown Los Angeles, many smog-filled freeway miles away from the Canals of Venice. Ah well, a change of venue, a change of scene, I always say. But this reporter can tell you that, even in that snazzy new courthouse on Temple, those courtroom seats are still Hemorrhoid Helpers.

At 9:00 a.m., the Boardwalk Six, neatly trimmed, stockinged, dressed-with-heels

Defendants stood before Municipal Judge Ronald George.

Through a series of mishaps, there were no lawyers to represent the Six, two of whom had to go to hospitals for surgery. What to do: ask for a continuance in order to scrounge another lawyer? Plead guilty?

The judge was willing to grant one week's continuance only. That was not acceptable. But what else could one do?

Enter Plea Bargaining. This is a practice that, while it is frowned upon, is sometimes the most expedient and economical way to handle some cases. It's: settling-out-of-court, I'll-drop-this-charge-if-you-plead-guilty-to-that-charge. Well, if you don't have the bread to take it to the Supreme Court and if you feel that no one can be trusted to take care of your plants, feed the goldfish, etc., sometimes it's the only way to fly. Also, it's terribly depressing to be right next door to the Mark Taper Forum and to know that there won't be time for a mat-

inee.

So when the City Attorney (a slick politico if ever I saw one) said that he thought he could settle this, and when the Public Defender (may there be many more like this good, honest man!) assigned to two of the Defendants agreed to talk to him, the Six said, in effect, we'll listen.

Now, the City did not want the expense of the trial, and they might have been held up to embarrassment and ridicule at the spectacle of six people who took Nixon's do-it-yourself dictum to heart. On the other hand, the City had more time, money, and manpower than the Boardwalk Six and the Venice community. Could the Defendants, lawyers, and community take the burden of being at a trial every day for a week? Could a lawyer be found who would be willing to take on a week's work with no pay? Could the Defendants afford to take a week off their jobs? Would the cars always get them to the court on time? Would the Defendants rather be in the Venice Community they loved than dissipate their energy and money sitting in court?

Hell yes! Even though they would have preferred to fight it all the way, most courtrooms are not like Perry Mason's. Judge Norman gave the Six a cursory glance, and the Public Defender, the City Attorney and the Six were allowed to haggle—whoops—Plea Bargain—in the cafeteria (this is an improvement on Purdue: public restrooms on every floor! a snackbar for bored and hungry witnesses!). In spite of the icetray exterior of the new court building, inside it was as human as bureaucracy and architecture could make it (on Purdue, there is no cafeteria for the public at all!).

After an hour, the attorneys and the Defendants agreed to this: the Failure to Disburse and Illegal Assembly charges were dropped; fifty smackers apiece on the third charge; Trespassing and one month summary probation would be dropped when the fine is paid (for this, the Six agreed to plead Nolo Contendere, which means that they said they did it but can't be sued by the City. Also, this enables them to have that charge expunged.). So, for \$300, they're not guilty.

By the time you read this, the fine will have been paid. One would think, however, that the Community would reimburse the Defendants. After all, the playground is soon to be a reality, and the point was made about the slumlord way the City of Los Angeles treats its Colony of Venice.

So, the Six rode the elevator to the fifth floor, stood before the Judge, the Clerk asked the Defendants individually if they were ready to waive their rights to a jury trial, and did they realize that they

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could be subject to six months in jail and a \$500 fine? When that was read, one could feel the Defendants fight the impulse to say, "Hey.....uh, wait a minute—let's go over that again." But, ah, no—the attorneys had worked it all out and talked to the Judge while the Defendants were standing before him.

Well, it went according to schedule while the Judge, black-robed and solemn, sitting high above the mere mortal hoi-polo, knowing the outcome before it was finished, paid no attention as he stamped documents—with one of the biggest rubber stamps that I have ever seen.

And that's what Plea Bargaining is all about: make it easy on us and we'll make it easy on you. Despite this, it was an offer the Boardwalk Six couldn't refuse. This frees them to continue their activities in their community that they love.

Enough of Civics Class. Now we've got to help the City build the park that they tore down and have agreed to put back.

Silly, isn't it?

POLICE BRUTALITY

On March 17th, after dark and in front of her place of business at 27 Washington St., Pauline Dolphin (a black woman) was arrested.

After the police forcibly broke into her place of business, the Madwoman Boutique, she was handcuffed, shoved, kicked, and verbally abused because of a PARKING TRAFFIC TICKET.

If you saw this and are interested in seeing justice done, please call 392-7918 between 11 and 5 p.m., or come to the Madwoman Boutique and ask for Pauline.

We, the people of Very Venice, thank all the people of Venice who participated in the Very Venice Festival No. 1 last March 18th at the Pavilion. The Venice Children's Community Group can now continue working with children as an alternative to public schools. We had a great party - like the 'good ole days' - we all benefited. Thank You.

BOYCOTT SAFEWAY

On January 16, 1973, the lettuce growers of California and Arizona announced that they had "renegotiated" contracts with the Western Conference of Teamsters' covering 170 growers and 30,000 vegetable workers. The growers acknowledged that their workers had not been consulted. The Teamsters have hired over 50 new "organizers" who are currently forcing lettuce workers to sign Teamster authorization cards on the basis of "sign the card or be fired."

The Teamsters are telling their members, friends and associates that the Teamster involvement is a good thing for farmworkers because Chavez and UFW are "incompetent" and under the Teamsters farmworkers will be protected by an "efficient, powerful and businesslike union." SAFEWAY is also promoting the Teamsters and their lettuce "contracts" as a beneficial development for the struggling farmworkers of America.

The Grower-Teamster-Safeway alliance goes way back for many years. They have worked together before to oppose justice and to destroy grass roots union movements.

Safeway and the growers are promoting

the Teamsters as the union that can best represent farmworkers. In fact the opposite is true: for decades - and especially since 1965 - the Teamsters have acted as the willing tool of agribusiness employers. Agricultural employers have tried to defeat the farmworkers' union by use of strike breaking, court injunctions, propaganda and repressive legislation. When these methods fail, growers from Antle to DiGiorgio to the lettuce growers have turned to the Teamsters as the final way to hang on to their one-sided power and deny to their workers any real strength of their own. The growers make "business-like" backroom deals with the Teamsters without consulting with their workers. The Teamsters gain new members and more dues and the growers gain a softer contract; in the process the Teamsters betray the workers by giving up the hiring hall (thus prolonging the labor contractor - crew leader system), by giving up pesticide protections and by giving up strong, grass roots contract enforcement.

The growers are upset with the United

Farm Workers because they are "too democratic". The Teamsters and Safeway echo the same theme calling Chavez and the United Farm Workers "incompetent" and arguing that the United Farm Workers is not a union but is rather a "social movement." When UFW negotiates a contract, WORKERS PARTICIPATE in the negotiations. Under UFW contracts the workers form ranch committees on every farm and work every day at contract enforcement. When the Teamsters take over all that complicated democracy disappears. Everything is accomplished by "white business agents in far away offices." The growers have fewer problems; Teamster officials gather in more money and the workers lose all sense of participation in their union and all control over their own destiny (which is exactly why Chicano cannery workers are now filing discrimination charges against the Teamsters and are seeking new union elections in their locals).

What happens in lettuce is crucial for all farmworkers in our country. If the Teamster-grower deal succeeds in lettuce

then growers in every part of the country will turn to the Teamsters whenever their workers organize seriously and press them for recognition and collective bargaining. (Grape growers who have had contracts with UFW for three years are now flirting with the Teamsters).

SAFEWAY calls Teamster lettuce "union lettuce". It is an insult to the term "union". In this instance the Western Conference of Teamsters is just an extension of the lettuce growers' power; the Teamsters and growers are one flesh - united against the true aspirations of the seasonal and migrant farmworkers.

Farmworkers do not want to be represented by the Teamsters. The Teamsters are the growers choice. The growers invited them in and the growers can invite them out. The boycott will determine the outcome of the struggle.

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THE LONG MARCH

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THE LONG MARCH HAS REOPENED

Last December the Long March was subjected to arson, destroying about \$5000 in films and film equipment and forcing them to close down for three months. Immediate speculation was that the attack came from some ultra-rightist group and the Long March had to reconsider whether it would be possible to stay.

The Long March is now positive that the fires have not been the work of any organization but of a crank motivated as much by a hatred of Ballet schools (believe it or not!) as progressive political action. The arsonist presently incarcerated will remain so throughout the trial.

The Long March is a center for social change in Los Angeles. Long March programs are designed to create discussions, spread information, and inspire actions in all areas of social progress: about the developing working class and people's movements in their fight against imperialism, racism, male supremacy, political repression and exploitation.

The Long March hopes that all progressive people will consider the Long March their center. They invite you to visit the bookshop, utilize meeting rooms, attend programs and aid in spreading announcements of events. The Long March welcomes criticism and suggestions and they thank all supporters for helping them to continue.



STRIKE

The Mailing House, 356 S. Western, has been on strike since late October 1972. Mailing House workers ask that people not patronize Sears, Roebuck and Co., as Sears is a major customer of the Mailing House. The following is a statement of the workers detailing why they are on strike.

We want to get a union because we have been having problems at work for a long time. Prior to our strike there had never been any unity among the workers at the Mailing House. Now, among the strikers, there is.

There are no safety standards and no decent working conditions. We do large scale mailings for companies and the machines we work with have high voltage. Often people who work on the tying machine, the insert machine or the conveyor belt get shocked. When you report this to the manager his answer is, "If you can't take the shock, go and find another job." Instead of fixing the machines the company finds it easier to intimidate a worker or find a replacement. Often the first day that you begin work the company will put you on one of the machines. If you get your finger caught they take you to the doctor. But when they bring you back it is just to tell you to go home. You are out of a job.

There is no job security. If you dare to question some of the things you are asked to do, you are out of a job. A lot of the time we have to work overtime—a 12 hour day, five days a week, with eight hours on Saturday and sometimes Sunday also. You cannot say "I am not able to work over today, I want to take my family out." You just can't do it. The man tells you, you are working such and such hours or don't bother coming to work tomorrow. At other times, when the work is slow, we might get only two days a week for a few weeks and this means we get nothing in the pay check.

There is discrimination between Black, Brown and white. In the shop, the workers are mostly Black and Brown. Up in the office the people are almost all white. As for as women are concerned, there

is a lot of discrimination. They often do the same work as the men, but they are not getting the same rate of pay. Older women are really treated badly because they cannot easily get another job. Many of us have been in the shop for several years and could have been trained for other jobs in the office.

Wonders usually start between \$1.65 and \$1.80 an hour. Women often at lower rates than men. After a month they might give you a dime raise and another dime a while later. But that is it. Women who have been there several years are earning \$1.90 an hour. These wage rates are why some employees welcome overtime. If you are taking home \$60 a week for a forty hour week, then you have to have overtime just to pay the rent and eat. When you work 12 hours a day and a six day week, you are too tired to do anything.

We began to try and get a union after some of the women tried to get a raise. One woman asked the supervisor about it and he told her she must have rocks in her head. Everyone really rallied off of what he had said. We got behind each other, contacted the Paper and Printing Products Union (AFL-CIO) and began organizing. We hoped that by winning a union election our problems would be solved. But after we won the election, the man didn't come up with no type of contract. The things we had been doing in the plant, he had not had in writing. This time he put it in writing and offered it to us: a three year contract with no change in any working conditions in the shop, a 15 cent raise the first year and two 10 cent raises the second and third year. People beginning at \$1.65 would just be getting \$2 in 1976! We turned down the contract and when it came time to walk 26 of us came out. At the same time we walked out, the company began getting people from Blue Collar, a day to day hiring agency, to replace us. That was in November and we are still out on the line. At the last meeting with the company, they said that everyone was fired. They did not need us. Right now we need help. Help from individuals and help from labor, community and civil rights groups.

May 4th Happy
Birthday, Karl



TOWN COUNCIL

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By Free Venice

Clear and sharp, the main big issue of the six-year Venice struggle has come out again, this time at the April meeting of the Venice Town Council—the issue of people's rights versus property rights.

The last item of the evening at the Town Council meeting was the question whether the mostly-vacant Grand Canal area south of Washington Street should remain part of Area Three (the rest of the canals), or be transferred to Area Council One (the "Peninsula"). Area Three, inhabited by low-to-moderate income working people, chose its Council in a one-person-one-vote, residents-only election; on the Peninsula, which is now inhabited mostly by moderate-to-wealthy young Marina people, absentee landowners were allowed to vote and run for office. The absentee speculators who own the Grand Canal would rather deal with Peninsula people, who are more respectful of their wealth, than with the so-called "radicals" in the Canals—thus their desire to switch Council areas.

For those coming into this for the first time, the canal area is shaped like a long-handled dipper; the "bowl" is about a ten-square-block grid of shallow canals between Washington Street and Venice Blvd; the "panhandle" runs from Washington Street down behind the Peninsula to the Marina channel. The grid is where the people live; the panhandle is nearly all vacant land occupied by a few oil pumps. The City's "Master Plan" for Venice, which calls for removing Venice's mostly-poor and working population and replacing it with an affluent-to-wealthy high-tax zone, opened five years ago with an over-ambitious canal-redevelopment scheme to destroy the present deeply-rooted low-income community and replace it with a 14-karat yacht marina. The answer this got from Free Venice and the people who live in the canals was "Hell No!" In a five year running battle that included everything from storming city hearings to court fights and running an opposition candidate for City Council, the people won: the canal redevelopment

plan is dead.

But the fight isn't over. Absentee speculators, assuming that ownership of parcels of land gives them the right to control other people's lives and

destroy existing communities, still see the canals as their wedge into all of Venice, opening the place up for huge profits once the "undesirable" residents can be hustled off. The resistance and stick-togetherness of the canal people has stood against this like a bulldog.

The Town Councils, recently set up by Councilmember Pat Russell, have no power, but they will have influence. It would make things easier for the speculators if they could get the rubber-stamp OK of an Area Council for some rip-off development. (In the meantime, of course, their money gets them into official offices when the doors are closed to us: if they find they don't get satisfaction from Pat Russell their money is still talking to all the other Councilmembers who also vote on Venice; Mayor Yorty's door is always open to money, and so is the door of conservative wheeler-dealer James Hayes, who just got the local County Supervisor seat.) The move to transfer the panhandle from the VW-and-Chevy Pickup people in the canals to the Porsche-and-Mercedes people on the Peninsula is being pushed by a small group of resident property owners whose hopes of making a big score on the Redevelopment were disappointed. They were present at the Area Three election meeting, where they voted and even ran their own candidate (who lost). Now they are going to other Area Councils saying that because absentee landowners were excluded, the Area Three Council does not represent all the people (Councilmembers Art Benveniste and Pat O'Reilly are resident property owners).

At the Town Council meeting up-and-coming young lawyer John Nyhan from the relatively well-off East Venice area, who had said earlier he'd been having conversations with Supervisor Hayes' office, challenged the Area Three Council to prove they represented everybody in their district. This got angry responses from several people on other Area Councils. (As a matter of fact, because of their

long fight against City Hall the people in Area Three are at least as much together as any other areas of Venice: their election meeting was packed to the windows, and the canals network of door-to-door leaf-

The fashionably-dressed young wives on Peninsula Area Council presented a fine little touch of liberal politics: they voted unanimously, along with everybody else, to support the black community in its police and crossing-guard problems (though they smiled condescendingly to each other when Terry Bloomquist and Pearl White put up militant defenses of their community); but on the question of property they angrily and even viciously attacked the Area Three Council for "unfairly" excluding absentee landowners.

Ann Lazar and other councilmembers from the North Beach Area Council had to point out to these women that there is no political body anywhere in the country that lets nonresidents vote in elections just because they're absentee property owners.

The motion to transfer the panhandle from Area Three to Area One was tabled until next month's meeting.

There is a small pocket of residents along the panhandle that would seem more properly to belong in Area One. Once it's determined that a majority want to make the change (and not just a handful of malcontents shopping for a better Council), there could probably be no objection to making the switch. But they shouldn't take the Grand Canal with them. By splitting the old Canal Assessment District in half like this, the absentee interests would isolate and weaken the community that has so far successfully defended itself. With the rubber-stamp "community approval" they could get from the Peninsula Area Council the speculators could justify practically any scheme they wanted for the southern part of the canals, could bring irresistible pressure against the northern grid.

The Canal Area Council (Area Three) is the accurate leadership and representative of the people's resistance: it should not let itself lose control over the character of development in the southern canals.

At its April 9 meeting, the Venice Town Council passed a resolution asking for a building freeze in the Canals Area (Area Three) until an alternative plan can be produced. The vote was 15 yes, 2 noes and 7 abstentions. The resolution was introduced by representatives from the Canals Area Council, which had passed a similar resolution on April 1.

The Canals representatives stated that they feared haphazard building in the Canals would preclude any possibility of an alternative plan being put into action. An alternative plan is currently being formulated by several agencies. Should the City Council formally kill the Venice Canals Project, and thus remove taxes assessed on Canals property, an "invisible freeze" on building in the area will be lifted, as banks would then be willing to lend money for construction. There had been a previous building freeze in the area, in order to prevent construction that would interfere with the Canals Project.

In other action, the Town Council passed resolutions introduced by the Oakwood area to 1) request a School Crossing Guard at Washington and Broadway 2) request Councilmember Russell's Office to investigate all possibilities for jobs in Venice. The Council passed a resolution introduced by the Canals Area asking the criminal charges against six people arrested at the Canal People's Park be dropped.

The Town Council passed resolutions introduced by the Ocean front Area 1) that each area submit a land use plan, using Community Design Center maps at the May meeting 2) that six Community Billboards be provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation in each area 3) that, according to passage of Proposition A, the Councilmember's Office examine a proposed sites for elderly housing in Venice.

The Council passed a Peninsula Area resolution asking that a Foot Patrol be initiated on Ocean Front Walk.

AREA TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Peninsula— 4th Monday of the month
Anchorage St. School, 7: 30 pm
North Beach— 1st Monday of the month,
Israel Levin Center, 8 pm
Canals— 3rd Monday of the month, Anchorage St. School, 7: 30 pm
Oakwood— 2nd Wednesday of the month,
Broadway Elementary School, 7: 30 pm
East Venice— 4th Wednesday of the month, Coeur D'Alene School, *8 pm.
Central Venice— 3rd Thursday of the month, Westminster School Library, 7: 30 pm.
For more information, call Sharon Kaplan at 485-3357.

half their money raising money." He added, "People see that we are rendering a needed service with our publications and education and cultural programs, and when they are aware of our need they give a little— but this is not enough to continue what we've started on the present scale, much less expand as we've planned."

Anyone interested in helping this cultural center, or in receiving its free magazine *Newletters* and the program of activities, should write: Beyond Baroque Foundation, 1639 W. Washington Bl, Venice, Ca 90291. For more information, call George Drury Smith, 396-6551 or 396-6552 (after 5).

BEYOND BAROQUE

In a statement to Foundation members and the public at an April 3 reception, Beyond Baroque Foundation President George Drury Smith expressed hopes for dramatic expansion of activities but warned that unless funding can be obtained almost immediately the coming months would see a drastic curtailment of activities at Beyond Baroque Center, rather than growth.

The Center, which offers several weekly literary workshops and a program of poetry readings, musical events and film showings, is located at 1639 W. Washington Blvd. in Venice. Many of its activities take place in Beyond Baroque Gallery, which features one-man shows of local artists' works. All activities are open to the public, with no admission charge.

Expansion plans include opening a library and public reading room, and a three-fold increase in the non-profit educational corporation's literary workshop and community cultural programs.

The Foundation was incorporated early last year with state and federal tax exemptions, and actually operated on less than 25% of its modest first year budget.

Smith attributed this economy to stark austerity in the area of salaries, necessitated by lack of funds, for neither he nor Vice President James A. Krusoe received their budgeted compensation.

But the organization's head warned that activities have grown to such an extent that a state of crisis now exists,

because operating the Center and publishing the foundation's two literary magazines now require much more time that the officers and other volunteers have.

The Foundation executives have kept expenses down in other ways, especially by doing all their own printing in the editorial offices and print shop at the rear of the building. The magazine *Beyond Baroque* was founded by editor Smith five years ago and turned over to the foundation when it was incorporated. It is Los Angeles' oldest literary magazine and one of the country's leading avant garde publications. The other periodical is *Newletters* which was started last year and has grown to a circulation of some 2,000. It appears about every six weeks, and is distributed free to a mailing list of over 1500 interested readers. Reporting news of interest to the Southern California literary community, it also publishes prose and poetry by mostly western writers, and literary commentary and essays from all over the world. Its present distribution and frequency give it what Smith describes as "perhaps one of greatest true circulations or any small literary magazine." He went on to say that the "somewhat mixed bag" editorial content seems to have really caught on, suggesting that it filled a real communications gap. Response to the free magazine has been overwhelmingly favorable and the mailing list grows by hundreds

of names with each issue.

Krusoe, who with Smith is associate editor of both magazines, pointed out that it now takes more than 60 man hours to get out an issue of *Newletters* from editing through type composition and printing to the laborious task of collating, stapling and addressing— all done by hand in their cramped shop. He said that he and Smith just didn't have that kind of time free, that volunteer help was not always available, and that "success is leading us into crisis." In the fiscal year just ended the Foundation spent 44% of its total funds for paper, ink and printing materials, and 31% for postage. Smith noted that these expenditures were for publications, and that there had been no mail fund-raising campaign such as most non-profit organizations conduct.

Announcing the proposed budget of \$25,000 for the year, President George Drury Smith said there was no plan "to emulate the big foundations that spend

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DISCOVERING THE OCCULT

This column reflects the teachings of the Brotherhood of Light. Text books and free classes in astrology and the Tarot are available to the public at the Church of Light, 659 1/2 So. Saint Andrews Place, L. A. For more information, call 392-8586.

THE SYNTHESIS OF MAGIC

Which of the following statements seem truer:

1. Ancient occultists, concerned with man's welfare, opposed fatalism, using astrology to develop a science of the will.
2. Ancient occultists, concerned with man's insecurity, and recognizing that man's fate is controlled by the stars, developed the doctrine of predestination.

If you chose number one you are correct. That it is the task of every life form on every plane of manifestation to struggle with and overcome the limitations of its environment was a truth of such significance to the ancients that they built a colossal memorial to it — a monument that has endured to the present without a trace of deterioration.

This monument, built of stars, is the constellation ORION, depicting the Virgo decanate of Taurus. Standing with upraised club, confronting the mighty bull of the skies, Orion represents the warrior combatting environmental forces which endanger his plans, as typified by the bull, Taurus, the earthiest of the Earth Signs.

The ancient masons built forty-eight such stellar monuments, each preserving in symbolic language a portion of the results of their investigations into the nature of man and his relationships with the rest of the cosmos. These comprise the forty-eight constellations that we inherited from the Chaldeans, and continue to use for astronomical, if not philosophical, orientation.

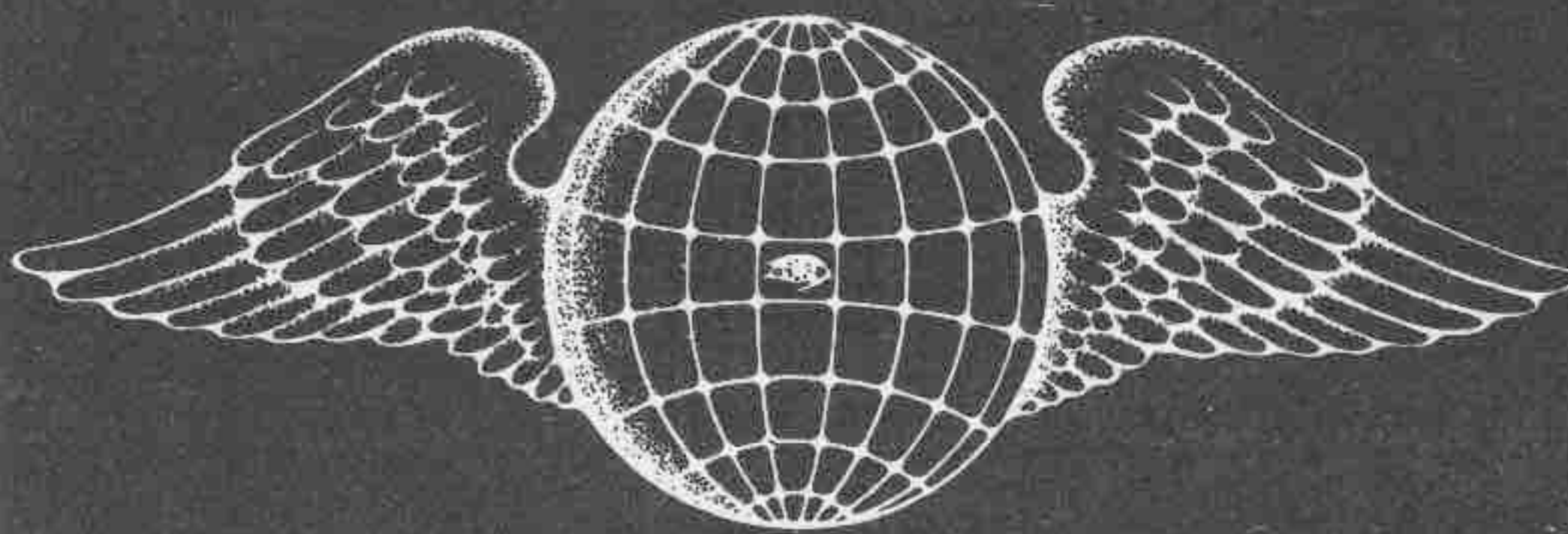
As if to be sure succeeding generations would not miss the point, the ancient masons built another stellar warrior — Perseus, corresponding to the Sagittarius decanate of Aries. The exploits of Perseus allegorically convey the message: *There is no vicarious atonement. Each soul is a responsible being, working out its own deliverance from the thralldom inherited from ancestry and forced upon it by environment.*

As it was recognized that fatalistic thinking robs man of initiative, initiates into the Egyptian Mysteries actually were impressed that it is better to will and do ill than to will and do nothing.

Iamblicus, a fourth century Neoplatonist initiate into the Brotherhood of Light, left the document "An Egyptian Initiation" which contains "The Synthesis of Magic" given below. Each element of this synthesis is elaborated in the "Sacred Tarot." I highly recommend C. C. Zain's edition of this work, which contains translations from Iamblicus as well as the astrological, magical, alchemical and numerous other correspondences for each of the twenty-two major "secret truths," or Major Arcanum, in the following "Synthesis of Magic."



by Maurice LeCroy



"The human Will (♄), enlightened by Science (☿), and manifested by Action (♂), creates the Realization (♂), of a power which it uses or abuses according to good or bad Inspiration (♂), in the circle which has been traced for it by the laws of universal order. After having surmounted the Trial (♂), which has been imposed by Divine Wisdom, he will enter by his Victory (♂), into possession of the work it has created, and establishing his Equilibrium (♂), upon the axis of Prudence (♂), he will rule the oscillations of Fortune (♂).

"The Force (♂), of man, sanctified by Sacrifice (♂), which is the voluntary offer of himself upon the altar of devotion or expiation, triumphs over death. This divine Transformation (♂), raises him beyond the tomb into the serene region of infinite progress and opposes the reality of Initiative (♂), to the eternal falsehood of Fatality (♂). The course of time is marked by Ruins (♂), but beyond every ruin one sees reappear the dawn of Hope (♂), or the twilight of Deception (♂).

"Unceasingly, man aspires to that which ever flees from him, and the Sun of Happiness (♂), will only rise for him beyond the Tomb (♂); after the renewal of his being by death, which opens to him a higher sphere of Will, Intelligence and Action.

"Every will that lets itself be governed by the instincts of the flesh abdicates its liberty and is bound to the Expiation (♂), of its errors. On the contrary, every will which unites itself to Deity in order to manifest truth and work justice, enters even in this life, into a participation of divine power over beings and things. Recompense (♂), eternal of Freed Spirits (♂)."

Of this synthesis, C.C. Zain states: "I not only earnestly recommend to all students that they commit the above summary of the Major Arcana to memory and meditate upon it frequently, but that they use it as a mantram. It contains vastly more of truth and power than appears upon the surface, and used as a mantram has been singularly potent in establishing self-confidence and in building up positiveness and constructive power of will."

In "An Egyptian Initiation," Iamblicus also relates an admonition corresponding to each of the twenty-two Major Arcana as summarized above. The admonitions relative to the ten planets were given in an earlier article. Given below are the admonitions as they relate to the twelve zodiacal influences.

Remember that, just as all of the planets are active to some degree in your horoscope, all of the signs are active as well. You are not your sun sign, although your sun sign does indicate something about your individuality, your basic motives. The location of the Sun, Moon,

Ascendant, or several planets in a sign at birth gives that sign prominence in the horoscope.

Note the repeated call to action in the admonitions, and the correlation of each admonition with the concept of the function of man, and every other evolving life form, to be the absorption, storage, and redirection of ever greater volume and complexity of energy.

ARIES

Remember, then, son of earth, that terrestrial things are of short duration and that the highest powers are reaped as the grass of the field. If Aries should appear in prominence in your horoscope, the dissolution of your organs will come sooner than you expect. But do not dread it; for death is but the parturition of another life. The universe reabsorbs without ceasing all which springs from her bosom that has not spiritualized itself. But the releasing of ourselves from material instincts by a free and voluntary adhesion of our souls to the laws of universal movement constitutes in us the creation of a second man, a celestial man, and begins our immortality.

TAURUS

Remember, then, son of earth, to conserve your forces — not to recoil at your works, but to wear out obstacles, as water, falling drop by drop, wears away the hardest stone. If Taurus should appear with prominence in your horoscope, a well formulated plan of action followed perseveringly will raise you by degrees to the heights you would attain.

GEMINI

Remember, then, son of earth, that hope is the sister of faith. Shed your passions and your errors in order to study the mysteries of true science and the key will be given you; then a ray of divine light will break from the occult sanctuary in order to dissipate the shadows of your future and show you the way of happiness. If Gemini is prominent in your horoscope, whatever may happen in life, never injure the flower of hope and you will gather the fruits of faith.

CANCER

Remember, then, son of earth, that whosoever braves the unknown, does so at his peril. Hostile minds will surround him with ambushes; friendly, servile minds will offer him flatteries; and treacherous minds will plan to attain their ends through his ruin. If the sign Cancer should appear with power in your horoscope, observe and listen, but know how to be silent.

LEO

Remember, then, son of earth, that the light of the mysteries is a redoubtable fluid, put by nature at the service of the will. She lights those who know how to direct her; she strikes down with a thunderbolt those who ignore her power or who abuse it. If Leo should appear with prominence in your horoscope, happiness awaits you in domestic life if you know how to

strengthen the conjugal circle and guard its sacredness in the sanctuary of the heart.

VIRGO

Remember, then, son of earth, that the mind is enlightened in seeking God with the eyes of the will. God has said, "Let there be Light," and light inundated space. Man should say, "Let truth show itself and good come to me." And if man possesses a healthy will, he will see the truth shine, and guided by it will attain all to which he aspires. If Virgo is prominent in your horoscope, strike resolutely at the door of the future and it will open to you; but study for a long time the door you should enter. Turn your face toward the sun of justice, and the knowledge of the true will be given you. Keep silent in regard to your intentions, so as not to be influenced by the contradictions of men.

LIBRA

Remember, then, son of earth, that to affirm what is true and will what is just, is already to create it; to affirm and will the contrary is to vow oneself to destruction. If Libra is powerful in your horoscope, hope for success in your enterprises provided you know how to unite the activity which fecundates, to that rectitude of mind which will make your works bear fruit.

SCORPIO

Remember, then, son of earth, that nothing can resist a firm will which has for a lever the knowledge of the true and just. To combat in order to secure its realization is more than right; it is a duty. The man who triumphs in that struggle only accomplishes his earthly mission; he who succumbs in devoting himself to it, gains immortality. If Scorpio is prominent in your horoscope, it signifies that the realization of your hopes depends upon a being more powerful than yourself. Seek to know him and you shall have his support.

SAGITTARIUS

Remember, then, son of earth, that the empire of the world belongs to them who possess the sovereignty of spirit, that is to say, the light which makes clear the mysteries of life. If Sagittarius is prominent in your horoscope, it signifies that in breaking through obstacles you will crush your enemies; and all your wishes will be realized if you attack the future with audacity, armed in the consciousness of your right.

CAPRICORN

Remember, then, son of earth, that to be victorious over thyself and dominate obstacles is but a part of the human task. To accomplish it entirely you must establish equilibrium between the forces that you have brought into play. All action produces reaction. The will should foresee the shock of opposite forces in order to temper or annul them. If Capricorn is prominent in your horoscope, it signifies that the future is balanced between good and evil, and warns that an unbalanced mind is like an abortive sun.

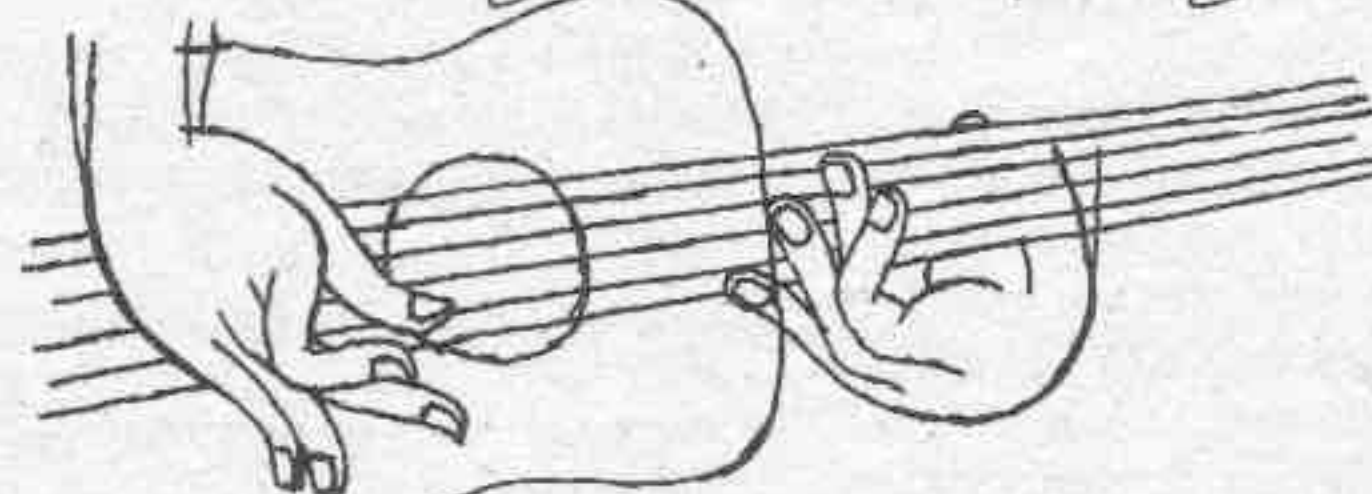
AQUARIUS

Remember, then, son of earth, prudence is the armor of the wise. Circumspection enables one to avoid snares and abysses and to foresee treason. Take it for your guide in all your actions, even in the least. Nothing is indifferent here below. A pebble can overturn the chariot of the master of the world. If Aquarius is prominent in your horoscope, keep in mind that speech is silver and silence is gold.

PISCES

Remember, then, son of earth, that sacrifice is a divine law from which none is exempt; but expect any ingratitude from men. Always hold thy soul in readiness to render its account to the eternal. If Pisces is prominent in your horoscope, a violent death will spread its snares upon the way. But if the world attempts your earthly life do not die without accepting with resignation this decree of God, and pardon your cruellest enemies; for whosoever does not forgive here below will be condemned in the next life to eternal solitude.

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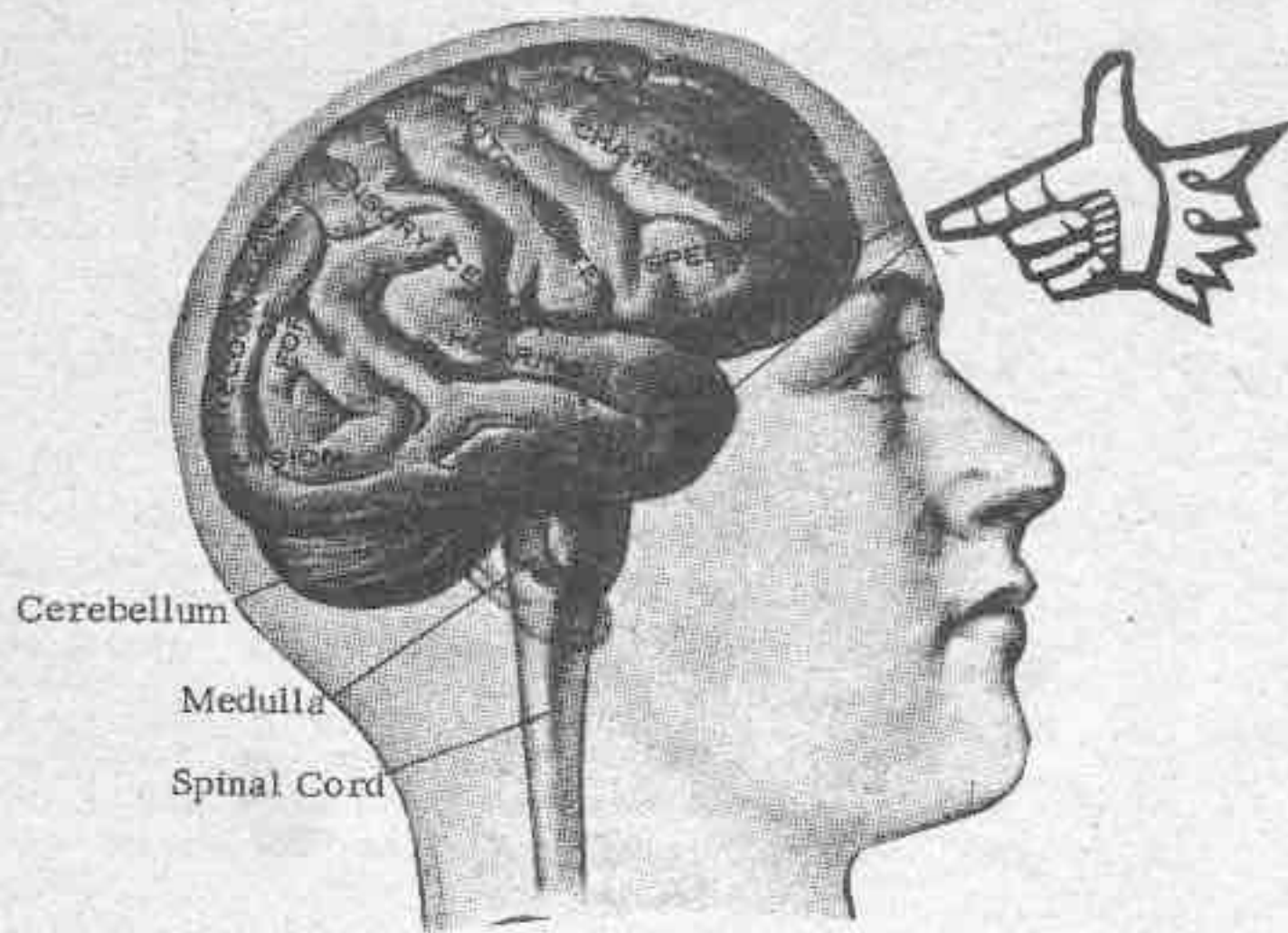
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A Monthly Column of Advice on All Subjects the Doctor Knows Absolutely Nothing About

by Jim Zane

Dear Dr. Zane:
I want to support the meat boycott. Please tell me the easiest way I can avoid eating meat?
Ester Ogen

Dear Ester Ogen:
If You want to avoid eating meat, I'd suggest eating at MacDonald's.

Dear Dr. Zane:
I've heard stories about people hiding their dope in oregano, marjoram, and other spice jars. As grass does look somewhat similar to oregano, it seems like a good idea to me. But aside from that, since they look similar, I wonder if it is at all possible to get stoned on oregano?

Canada Sativa

Dear Canada Sativa:
I must commend you on your keen eyesight—grass does bear a resemblance to oregano. And your inkling was also correct, you can get high off of oregano (especially if you think it's grass)—that's where we get the expression "being spiced out."

Dear Dr. Zane:
They've tried to keep the news from me but I finally heard about it. I'm

heartbroken. Can it be true? He was like a father and mother to me. I just can't believe it. Maybe that's why they kept it from me so long. But is it really true? Is Walt Disney dead?
Mickey Mouse

Dear Mickey:
I hate to be the one to tell you, but Walt is dead. And he's been gone for a couple of years now. But don't get too heartbroken. Instead of being buried or cremated, Walt had his body frozen and it will be placed on exhibit at Disneyland in a few years when they will try to bring him back to life: thus, even in death, Walt Disney brings us another creative and enjoyable attraction (one "E" coupon should get you in).

Dear Dr. Zane:
Why is it that President Nixon knew so much about Vietnam (he always said that because he was the President, he knew more about Vietnam than anyone else), and yet he knows so little about the Watergate incident?
G. McGovern

Dear G. McGovern:
If you happen to be a regular reader of

my column, you'll remember that last month I told you about President Nixon's dope habit—how he got stoned in Venezuela by some Caracas Red. That just goes to prove President Nixon's theory about the dangers of grass. Dope destroys your memory. Because of that one time he got stoned, his memory has never been the same. That's why he remembers so much about Vietnam and so little about the Watergate.

Dear Dr. Zane:
What do you think about the telethon the Democratic Party conducted last year to raise money for themselves?
Jerry Mander

Dear Jerry Mander:
I usually hate telethons and the Democrats' telethon last year was no different. It was worse than boring. Yet somehow, I ended up watching it. I guess the reason why I watched another boring telethon was because the Democratic Party happens to be my favorite disease.

Dear Dr. Zane:
I hate to be writing to you so soon again with another farming problem, but things are really tough lately. After you told me about the problems with chickens, I decided to concentrate solely on fruits and vegetables. My current problem is with strawberries. I know you have a lot of expertise in this area, so could you tell me the best way to raise a strawberry?
Old MacDonald

Dear Old MacDonald:
Some people feel that strawberries should be raised very permissively with much love and affection. Others condemn permissiveness and say, "Spare the rod and spoil the strawberry." I am of the opinion that the best way to raise a strawberry is with a spoon.

Dr. Zane continues to get testimonials from his many devoted readers. Here are some more:

Dear Dr. Zane:
Why must I be a teenager in love?
Dion

Dear Dr. Zane:
Drop dead creep!
A Faithful Reader

Dear Dr. Zane:
I've had enough of your making fun of me now that I'm crippled. It's been two months in a row that you've written about my unfortunate circumstances. Now I'm gonna stop this pussyfootin' around (no pun intended) and I want you to stop makin' fun of me and my family. Ya hear!
George Wallace

Dear Dr. Zane:
When I first started reading your column, I only had half my teeth. Now, I still have half my teeth but I'm completely bald.
Wigged Out

Dear Dr. Zane:
I've just withdrawn L. Patrick Gray as nominee for the Directorship of the F.B.I. So far I can't think of anyone to replace him who would be popular enough to gain acceptance. The only person who comes to mind is the former director, J. Edgar Hoover, and he's dead. And let me make myself perfectly clear, even in death he is still a great American. But I guess he's better than nothing even though I remember him criticizing some of my more liberal policies. He always complained about my proposed visit to China and he constantly harped about it saying, "What are you going to do? Dig a hole and climb through it to China? If you do that, you might as well bury yourself in it." I guess he really was opposed to my making friends with the commies because he was the one who always said, "Better dead than red" and he's dead now. But you can't keep a good man down, and I think he would make an even better director of the F.B.I. now that he is dead.
R. Nixon

Dear Dr. Zane:
Me and my shadow always having lots of fun reading your column.
Lamont Cranston

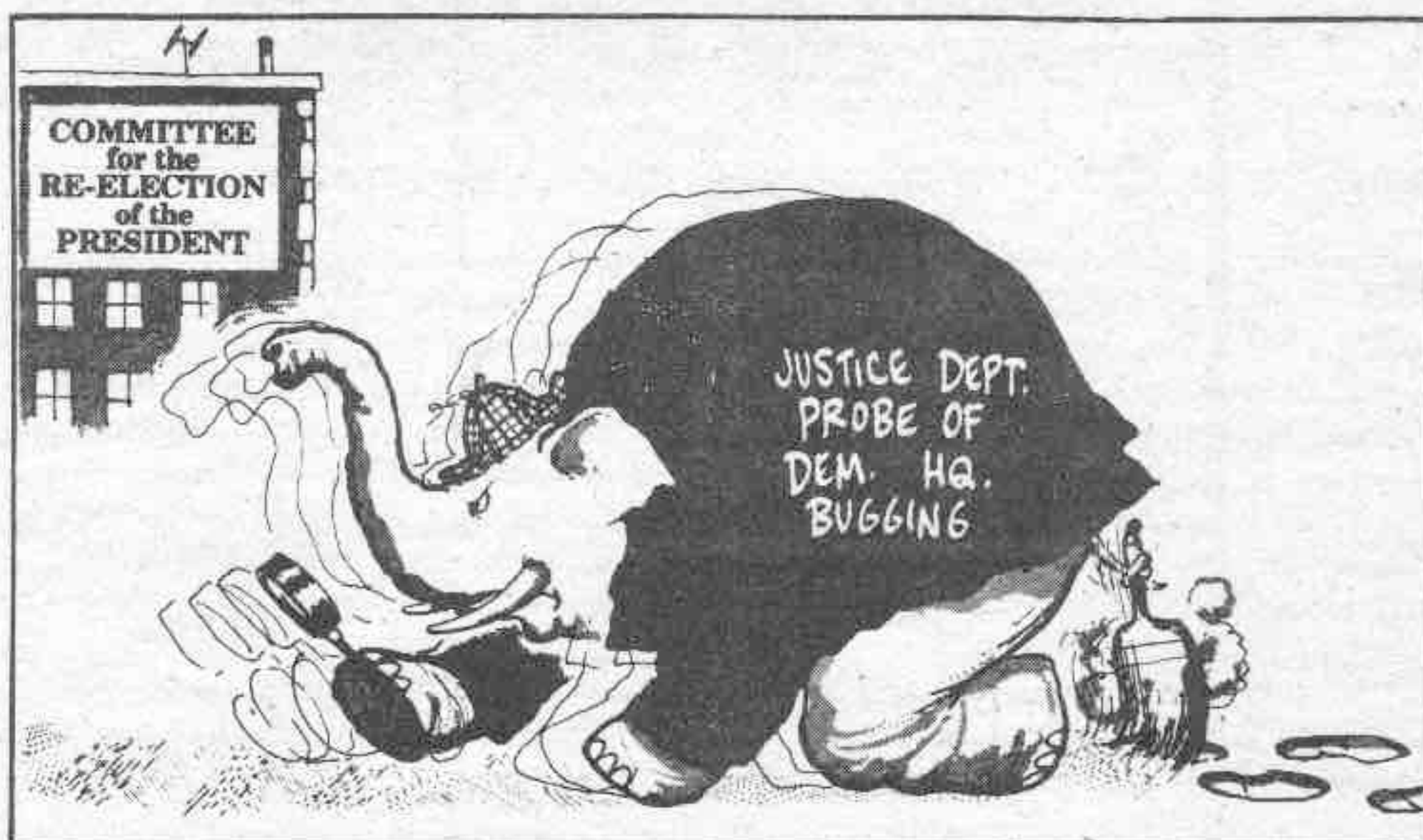
Dr. Zane's Lobotomy Column is a monthly feature of the Free Venice Beachhead and is found only in the Beachhead once a month because the Beachhead comes out once a month. Many people ignore this column on the correct assumption that ignorance is bliss. So if you are in a depressed mood, Dr. Zane can get you out of it: ignore his column and you will be blissful.

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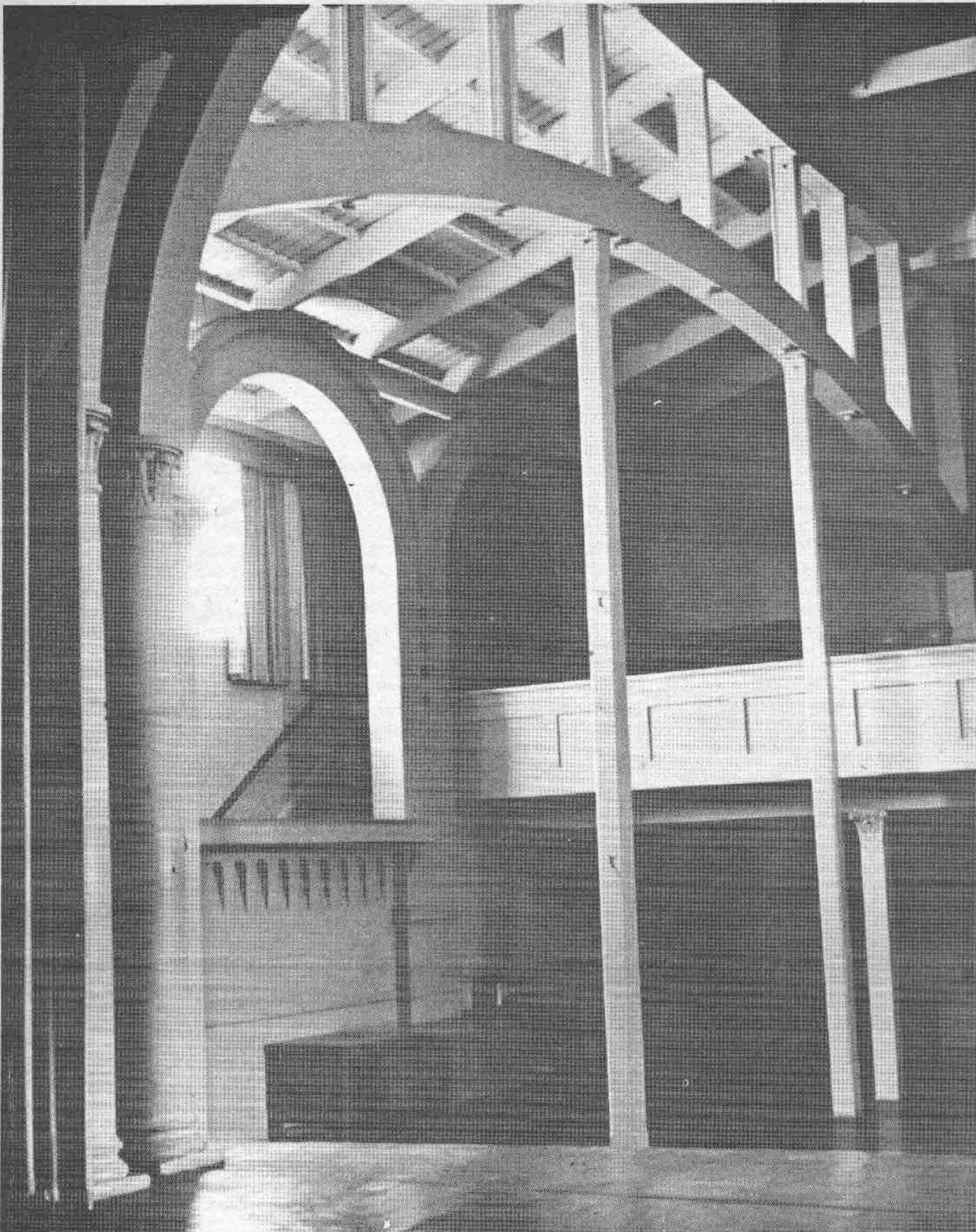


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But, the School District plans to tear down the 22,000 square foot building to use the space for an 8500 square foot cafeteria-assembly building that would limit the range of community center activities we need. A review of the site and plans shows that both objectives can be achieved on the site.

We, the undersigned citizens, request the Los Angeles Unified School District to recognize the needs of the community, alter the location of the new cafeteria building, and cooperate with the Venice Community in its plans to preserve and use the old building for an adult multi-purpose community center.

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BON APPETIT

by Daniele LeCroy

Dear readers,

I am writing you a recipe of mine that I think is easy to prepare and acceptable in nutritional value. I call it BROWN RICE with MILLET AU GRATIN.

I cook my brown rice according to the macrobiotic method; and recommend brown rice because it contains more protein, B vitamins and minerals than any other type of rice, except for wild rice.

2 cups of rice
Pinch of sea salt
4 cups of water

Put rice and cold water in a dutch oven and let water come to a boil, keeping lid closed. Then lower the temperature and let simmer for almost an hour.

I cook millet the same way, and believe that it is a very digestible grain, well balanced in acid and alkali. It is pretty and yellow, containing also vitamins B complex and minerals.

When millet is done, I pour over it a sauce bechamel which I prepare as follows: I heat up 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil, then I add to it half a cup of whole wheat flour, stirring constantly until mixture gets brownish. To it I gradually add a cup of warm milk, stirring constantly until mixture becomes thick. I sprinkle salt and coriander and blend in a tablespoon of tamari soy sauce.

Gratin means broiled. So I top my bechamel with grated cheese and put millet covered with bechamel and cheese in the broiler until cheese gets golden and melted.

I usually serve my rice and millet au gratin with saute cauliflower (saute with oil, onion and parsley). Arrange the three things together on a common dish.

CONTEST WINNER

by Jim Zane

Last month Carol Fondiller announced a contest in which she solicited our loyal readers to send in drawings and other depictions of hats that property owners would be able to wear at the Canal area Town Council meetings.

Some of us had a feeling that we would not be overly inundated with entries. As a matter of fact, we had an avalanche of one entry.

So we at the Beachhead would like to proudly announce the winner of our contest. After going through all the entry, looking for aesthetic qualities, feasibility of implementation, and hoping that someone might try to bribe us (the incorruptable staff of the Beachhead), we declared Virginia Bohannon to be the winner.

Even though we did not mention it, there is a prize. As winner, first runner-up, and second runner-up, Virginia gets to receive a free copy of the Beachhead. (Let no one say that we are not overly generous).

Her prize-winning drawing cannot be seen on display at the Security Pacific bank.

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ELECTION REPLAY

by Joanne Curtis

Since the Evening Outlook is the only newspaper in Santa Monica and because the Outlook stands firm in projecting a very ultra-conservative image through their Editorials and Perspective, most of the grass roots environmentalists went to the polls with disheartening feelings of skepticism. Re-election of the incumbents would spell disaster for the City of Santa Monica.

There was a tremendous influx of capital into the City of Santa Monica right before elections not to mention the carpetbaggers including one candidate who swears he is only watching someone's house in Venice (for a year and a half - come on!) There was the instant environmentalist embossed in plastic making sure he hung around the right people when the Evening Outlook started taking pictures of active environmental groups. There was the candidate who assumed the attitude of "think of number one and the hell with the rest." Instead of voting for 4, he advocated voting for just one to guarantee himself a sure win. These type of displays were almost as dismal as the incumbents personifications of rectal reality.

There were other candidates who campaigned on a platform "For the People" which at least sounded a little more refreshing and a little more humane. There were even candidates that showed concern about our domestic animals in regards to the present state of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and I do use that term loosely. There were other candidates who were obviously more qualified than the winners but lacked the essential ingredient for a sure



victory - MONEY. The Fair Campaign Practices Initiative which was being circulated several months before the elections would have given everyone an equal opportunity but the measure failed to get on the ballot.

The results of the elections produced material for some interesting thoughts. The Evening Outlook likes to give the impression that a large percentage of the population is an expression of the Outlook. The elections proved other-

wise. I was particularly thankful that the reactionaries remained at home too busy writing their Letters to the Editor advocating castration for sex offenders and bring back the death penalty instead of rushing to the polls to vote for high rise, cement islands and super-development. I must admit it was a little difficult to rush to the polls as someone did a superb job of gerrymandering and my polling place was 7 blocks away instead of the usual around the corner. I understand the elderly had to charter buses to vote.

In a quick review of the new City Council members in regards to their statements in the election manual, we find that McCloskey and Judson strongly pledged to improve police protection, lower taxes and stop special interest groups. Swink expressed concern for the safety and protection of the people. There was no platform statement from van den Steerhoven in the election manual.

We certainly don't have an April Coalition with the new Santa Monica City Council even though defeated Rinck was quoted as saying that such a voting pattern is "unbelievable in almost any place except Berkeley." Sorry Rinck, but the new City Council members are basically very moderate and still have their price which is part of the apple pie spelled capitalism. However we now have more of a potential of getting some much needed social reforms initiated and I am hoping that the many campaign promises came from humanitarians not "private interest."

The first Council meeting sans the defeated incumbents Reidy, Rinck and Gabriel produced a 6-1 vote to remove Perry (Iago) Scott by not picking up his contract in June. The City is now in the process of hiring a new City Manager. We will actually be able to sit through a Council meeting without smirks, facial contortions and smug looks not to mention Scott's coarse remarks and evil looks of disdain. If this April 17th Council meeting is a preview of what's to come, it would appear that Santa Monica might have some self esteem left.

THE PEOPLE WIN

by Joanne Curtis

Contrary to what may have been publicized in the local papers, the Santa Monica Bay Ordinance was passed by the work of many and not by one person or an elite group of several. The Santa Monica Bay Ordinance which will require voter approval for major developments seaward of the mean high tide was the result of months of very difficult and laborious effort by many dedicated people.

Little publicity was given to Roger Diamond, attorney, who drew up the ordinance and donated his legal knowledge at no cost to the group. Another little known fact was the services donated by the Westside Environmental Center, a community group that operates one of the few

total volunteer recycling centers in Southern California. The Westside Environmental Center donated the initial money which got the Save Santa Monica Bay group started.

Although the public was led to believe otherwise, it was the tenacity of Leonard Clunes who organized and coordinated the signature gathering which gave life to the initiative. When you saw Leonard coming, it was difficult to say no.

Unfortunately the many people who actively participated in the signature gathering were somehow overlooked during the elections. These people were an integral part of the "Save Santa Monica Bay" group and it is a real disgrace that there was not even a mere mention or acknowledgement of their loyalty. No the magic

fairies didn't do it! Santa Monica Bay still has some dignity left and we can thank people like Alice Chew, Florence Eldridge, Michael Faber, Tony Lopez, Jack Lugsch, Cathy Miller, Pat Mullin, Liz Provenzano (she even had a Save Santa Monica Bay bicycle), Lillian Robbins and Joy Sellars. These are only a few of the people that worked intensely to protect our Bay from abuse.

It is rather depressing that environmental groups are now being used as vehicles for the personal endeavors of politicians and the vicarious thrill seekers who attach themselves to these groups when their Sierra Club membership expires and their old man splits. What a relief that there is a good group of people behind the scenes who don't require any recognition because their one main concern is the preservation of our natural environment.



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