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50 WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LEVERAGE



by Moe Stavnezer

SAVE OUR COAST

How many times must we use that exhortation before the faceless "they" understand how serious we are? We passed Prop. 20 and thought we'd done it, then the Coastal Act of 1976 was passed and we thought we'd done it again. But we have not done and this year could be most remembered as the year they took the coast apart.

Attack in the Legislature

Some 50, count 'em, bills have been introduced in the state legislature which will water down or destroy protection of the coast. Some bills would severely cut off public participation by imposing appeal fees on opponents or narrowing the definition of an "aggrieved" person, a pet project of Art Snyder for years. Others would simply knock out huge areas (8,000 acres in Topanga, 18,000 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains, all of Marina del Rey) from the coastal zone to satisfy developers who will make millions at the expense of the coast and the public. Some bills are very straight forward in their intent while others are very subtle written in legal jargon and are equally destructive. All of them must be opposed.

How & Why Did This Happen?

The reasons for this spate of bills is essentially twofold. First, supporters of the Coastal Act, including many of us who participate in Coastal Commission procedures, have not kept legislators informed about the good and bad things the Commission has done or the problems encountered when local government enters the scene. Consequently legislators have

only heard tales of woe from disgruntled developers and property owners. Secondly the monied opponents of coastal protection have organized (The Coastal Council, Citizens for Land Justice) and are exerting considerable clout. Of course they have lots of money--corporate membership in the Coastal Council is a \$3,500 fee plus \$1,500 yearly dues. That kind of money does a lot of persuading.

The Coastal Alliance

In response to this onslaught a new St. George has arisen to slay the greedy dragon. A number of us, spurred on by the incredible energy of Darlene Mitchlesee of Playa del Rey, have brought northern and southern California activists together in a new Coastal Alliance. The original Coastal Alliance, made up of 700 organizations, was the driving force behind Prop. 20 7 years ago. We divided the responsibility for organizing among coordinators each responsible for a coastal county. I am now the L.A. County coordinator and interim member of the board of directors for the Alliance. I need your help. Our first priority is to defeat as many of the pending bills as we can. This involves letters, visits & phone calls to local legislators or key members of Senate and Assembly committees. It will be especially important to contact Sen Alan Sieroty and Assemblyperson Mel Levine to show them that we still support the Coastal Act. Write to both at State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca. 95814. Sieroty's district office phone number is 479-4244, his number in Sacramento is 916-445-7928. Levine's district number is 277-5228 and in Sacramento 916-445-1676. Write or call NOW. Another thing we need is money for phone calls, postage and plane fare (we hope to help pay some

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RENT CONTROL:

After the Champagne...

by

Moe Stavnezer

I've never felt anything like the energy at the Retail Clerks Hall on April 10th. It was the victory party for the S.M. rent control initiative and city council candidate Ruth Yannatta and Bill Jennings.

From 8 o'clock until the first trickle of votes was announced at around 9:30, the room crackled with nervous energy. People who had worked on the campaign from one day to 2 years sitting, milling, chatting, but mainly waiting. It had been, after all, a long wait! Two years ago a few folks in S.M. began talking about a rent control initiative. They, mostly older folks, expanded their ranks but never enough to overcome the 250,000 dollar mailing blitz that defeated Prop. P. last June. But expectations had risen and when rents continued to soar after Jarvis passed, it was back to the drawing board and back to the streets with a new initiative.

The second time was different from the beginning -- mainly because there were more people more angry and far more experienced. The biggest problem would be, we know, the fact that this was to be a municipal election which usually draws about 20% of S.M.'s voters. We needed a far bigger turnout to win. It was a plus that we had 2 council candidates, supported by and part of the rent control campaign, running for office. Through them we could speak at places and to people we never reached the last time. And while constant rent increases, condo conversions, and demolitions didn't help renters directly affected, they kept the fire under the campaign burning high. There is, it seems, a limit to the insensitive arrogance displayed by a host of mostly absentee landlords.

The very hard work of the last 6 months culminated in a well-coordinated final 2 weeks of phone calling, precinct walking, and mailings. And the greatest inspiration was a group of seniors who worked all day, day-after-day, at often tedious chores. Their selfless dedication and discipline was an example to all the rest of us.

The first time I was sure we were going to win was the morning of the election when 125 people showed up at 4 in the morning to put doorhangers on doorknobs. The election itself was a mess -- a bureaucratic masterpiece of incompetence. The number of polling places was reduced to 1/2 the number in the previous election. Thousands of people, judging by the calls we got, didn't get sample ballots and didn't know where to vote. Further, many newly registered people went to the polls only to find they were not on the rolls. The city clerk had to set up a hotline to the county registrar to deal with this problem. All day long people were calling the rent control office asking where to vote and fortunately we could tell them. I'm sure the turnout would have

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Staff; Free Venice Beachhead;

The White Man's values are no longer useful for survival, his institutions are death-traps, and his opinions are worthless.

So long as the White Man is dominant on the Earth, the very world itself is endangered. But Mother Earth will not let her home be damaged, let alone demolished, without a fight.

Pollution is being beaten back. Food poisoned by the White Man's chemicals is becoming unpopular and even the Whites themselves are seeking natural foods and more natural ways of relating to the universe.

Competition is not the only way to survive; cooperation works better. We Native Americans know how to cooperate when allowed to do so. White children are not taught to cooperate; ours are. Whose children, do you think, are more likely to survive?

The last war chieftan that we had at last decided to cease fighting. When questioned by some of his warriors he explained that he'd had a vision.

The Chief's vision showed the spirits of Indians returning in the bodies of White children.

Consider History. Whites also have a tradition of survival. That is how they became the dominant race on this planet.

Our children shall inherit the earth. Earth is waiting patiently for us to die off. To die off and give over to our children their just inheritance: a bountiful earth and a peaceful one. Our tribes live in peace; our people know community. What more is needed?

Take heed, White Man: Your days are numbered and shall pass into history as others have done. We too shall pass, but in passing improve our estate for all living things. Can you say as much?

I think some of you on the Beachhead staff will understand my meaning, having within you something of the Indian. Are there Indians amongst you? I think so, and I know so as regarding your people. Some of them have the spirits of Indians and other survivors. History only cares about survivors; they are the course of evolution.

Pathfinder, Venice, 1979

Dear Beachhead:

Some misunderstanding has resulted from my article in the Jan. issue predicting more parties this year, a July 4th parade, fame and fortune to poets, etc. Although I made such predictions, they were only that; I did not offer guarantees nor offer to take any responsibility for making such things happen.

Specifically, I clearly did not say I would volunteer to be responsible for the July 4th parade, and I don't intend to be. If no one else has the initiative and energy to get a police permit, issue a leaflet, and get out a poster, then my prediction will have been made in vain, and there'll be no Independence Day parade this year as there hasn't been for two years previous.

Who should do it, if I don't? Who cares? Both Rick Davidson and Moe Stavnezer know how to do it, but knowing how does not mean they should be obliged to use their knowledge, only that their experience should be made available to whomever wants the responsibility. Why should I take it? Who died and left me the horse's ass, I wonder.

Sincerely,
John Haag

Dear Editor:

Sir, I have written to you with a Special Request, and am hoping you will be able to help me. You see, I've been locked up in the Northern Nevada Correctional Center, for two years, and have been out of contact for some time now. I plan to live and work in your area, and meeting someone by correspondence would be a great benefit to me.

I have no money, but would be extra grateful if you would print the ad in your newspaper. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Michael Miller

Young man - Age 21 - in prison with no friends or family who care. Would appreciate hearing from someone to help me in my loneliness and share a part of their life. I will answer all letters.

Michael Miller
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Dear Beachhead:

I was amused and outraged to find on page 12 of the March issue (#111) Moe Stavnezer's article entitled "On Establishing a People's Republic." Since when has Moe been in favor of independence for Venice? In 1974 and 1976 he actively took part in smashing the candidacy of the only candidate who ever ran for public office with independence for Venice as a primary issue. Why even jest about something which might have been a reality?

For example, in early 1976 Moe clearly supported my opponent who not only was against Venice independence but was seeking the Peace and Freedom Party nomination purely for self-centered reasons.

The closest Venice came to becoming independent was in 1974 when the height of Police activity and political attacks were paramount, but after that 'Free Venice' became a cliché.

Know your friends.

Ben Perrick

Dear Beachhead & Ben Perrick

Awright Ben, ya got me. My cover is finally blown.

I - admit it - of course I, as everyone surely knows, have the power to "smash" your campaign for whatever it was you were running. And again I admit that the motives of your opponents were for "self-centered and ego reasons" while yours, of course (yeah, yeah), were not.

OK man, ya got me fair 'n square! Oh ya Ben - nice to hear from you after all these years. Flattery will get ya anywhere.

Moe Stavnezer

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is \$5.00, please put me on the mailing list for a year. Thanks and keep up the good job -- you put out an excellent paper!

Peace,
Sue Johnson
Santa Monica

Dear Beachhead:

On Tuesday, April 23, I was sitting in my apartment with two friends. There was a knock at the door, and three men introduced themselves as members of the Los Angeles police force. One of the men presented an identification badge certifying him as an investigator.

He then stated that they had stopped because they'd smelled marijuana coming from my window. I told the man he was wrong, and asked to see his picture I.D. He refused to show me any picture I.D. and proceeded to force my door open.

At this time he saw my two friends and immediately said, "They're not smoking marijuana", and left. I called the police to confirm their identification, but they could not. They told me that none of their plain clothes undercover officers would knock on someone's door because they smelled marijuana. This was not their usual procedure.

What does this mean? It means that there may be men now posing as police officers in the community trying to enter apartments, forcefully, and under false pretenses. Do not open your doors to anyone, police or otherwise, unless you know them. A police badge is not good enough. Ask to see their photo I.D.'s. It is a requirement that police officers carry them. And under no circumstances open your door.

A Concerned Venice Resident

Dear Beachhead,

Enclosed is my check for \$7 -- please renew my subscription for another year. (The \$2 is toward postage).

Keep up the good fight! Don't let the Realestatenicks do to Venice what they did to Panama City, Fla. You can no longer see the Gulf from the streets and highway -- all the hi-rises block the view! You can fight City Hall and win, I know from personal experiences. Keep your eyes on the big issue - keep the Realestatenicks out. All the Venice People are together on this (I hope) and this is your big rallying point! Keep your eye on the ball and don't let the petty issues split you Venetians!

Good luck!

The first time I was to Venice was in 1948 - the last in '78 - I visit about every 2/3 years - and enjoy it. I miss the Amusement Park (nostalgia); took my children there. Ah yes!

Again, good luck and best wishes.

Loretta Szeliga
New York

Write To Us...
we'd like to hear from you!

VENICE TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1979

7:30 P.M.

ISRAEL LEVIN SR. ADULT CENTER
201 OCEAN FRONT WALK

A proposed senior citizen housing development will be the topic of this month's meeting of the Venice Town Council. Development would be located on the Ocean Front Walk, directly north of the Israel Levin Center on the present parking lot. The developer has requested to meet with Venice Community residents who are interested in talking about this significant project. Project would be 3 - 5 stories high with majority of Section 8 Housing units, a few cooperative/condominium units, and some commercial development. All interested Venice residents should plan to attend to help plan for our community.

VENICE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1979

VENICE CITY HALL - 7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1- MILESTONE SCHOOL - DAY CARE CENTER SERVING VENICE AT 718 ROSE AVENUE. PRESENTATION REGARDING POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.
- 2- L.A. BIRTH CENTER. COMMUNITY OPPOSITION/COMMUNITY SUPPORT: A PRESENTATION.
- 3- VENICE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP - A FURTHER DISCUSSION.

VENICE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA SET AT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING - FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. - VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE BLVD.

SUCKING THE WETLANDS DRY

BY ARNOLD SPRINGER

With Howard Hughes dead and buried, his successor, the Summa Corp., has finally launched a plan which would destroy the Ballona wetlands south of the Marina. Besides destroying the last remaining significant tidal wetlands area in Los Angeles County, the proposed project would have a catastrophic impact on Venice. Our community would be forced to accommodate from 50,000 to 100,000 more cars per day on our streets, and the pressure from developers, motorists, and the L.A. City Dept. of Transportation to construct a Marina Freeway or By-pass through Venice to the Pacific Coast Highway would become unbearable and perhaps un-stoppable.

HUGHES TOOLS WETLANDS

Summa Corps. plans for the area are still sketchy, but it outlined the following grand design at a press conference on April 18. Seventy two acres to be set aside as a nature preserve, a buffer area, and open space, just to the south of the present Marina and east of Culver, and north of Jefferson. Residential construction at R-3, R-4 densities will cover 311 acres. Summa proposed 7,000 new housing units.

Adjacent to the Marina would be 600 new boat slips, 2-3 hotels clustered around Lincoln Blvd. and Jefferson. According to Summa the residential development they propose is similar in density to the surrounding area, that is, similar to Marina del Rey densities. A shopping center is proposed for the area south of Jefferson at Lincoln, with a stretch of commercial uses and a large industrial complex east of Lincoln on Jefferson. For the most complete description of the proposed project Beachhead readers should read David Asper Johnson's article in the April 19th issue of The Argonaut.

WETLANDS, A PUBLIC RESOURCE

One of the big issues involved in the Summa project is the destruction of the Ballona wetlands. The L.A. County Planning Commission has designated 350 acres of the Ballona wetlands as a "Significant Ecological Area" or SEA. An SEA is defined as follows: "Ecologically important or fragile land and water areas valuable as plant and animal communities. These areas are classified as one or more of the following: Habitats for rare and endangered species of plants or animals; restricted natural communities - ecological areas which are scarce on a regional basis; habitat restricted in distribution in the County; breeding or nesting grounds; unusual biotic communities; relatively undisturbed habitat."

presently proposed, Summa will not be able to build what it is presently proposing.

WHOSE INTEREST WILL BE SERVED ?

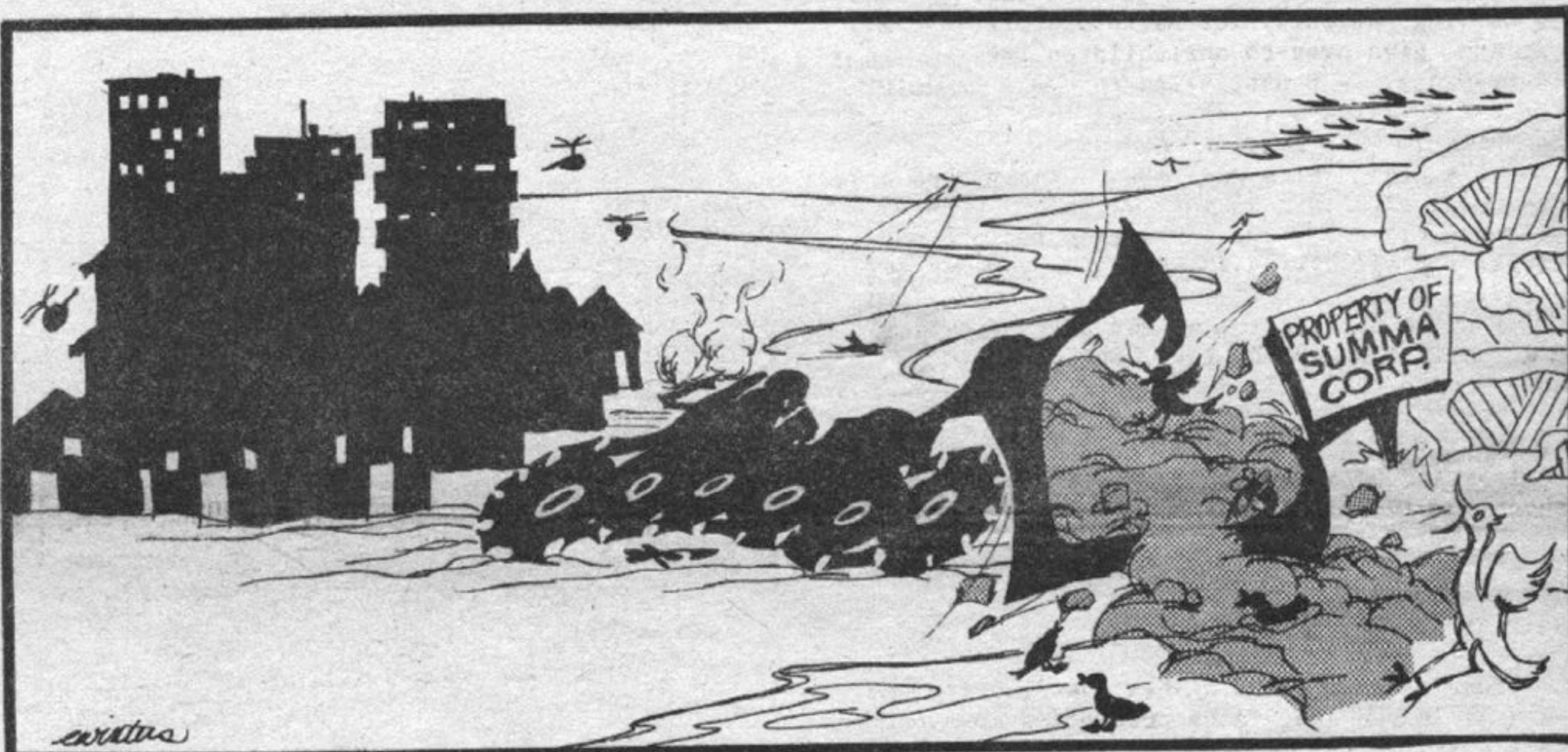
In a submission to the L.A. County Planning Dept. dated April 14, 1978, a Summa study denied that any portion of the property it owned was ecologically significant. It claimed that the wetlands were not wetlands, that the area was degraded by pollution and could not be restored, and that a precedent for permitting so called 'improvements' had been set over the last 50 years. "To have such a large area so restricted that it cannot be put to economic use is to deprive both the surrounding community (stress added) and the

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that the wetlands was not a real SEA. "For the record we would state that we do not agree with the Summa Corporation about the non-wetland status position at all. We believe that the preservation and, if possible, the restoration of SEA 29 (Ballona Wetlands) is mandatory and in the best public (as opposed to private) stress added/ interest. Undoubtedly our future actions relative to this development will reflect this belief".

DEPT. OF INTERIOR OPPOSES SUMMA PLAN

The Summa report was prepared by Envicom, a consulting firm which in part specializes in preparing environmental impact reports. The firm is owned by Summa. The Department of Interior characterized Envicom's report supporting Summa as containing "fallacious ecological conclusions." Interior's response to planner Murdock went on to admonish him that under federal law any proposal to fill or change the contour within the wetlands of Ballona Creek would require a Corps. of Engineers Section 404 permit. Such permission could only be granted if the project met the standards of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and the Endangered Species Act of 1973. If Summa requested a permit of the Corps. of Engineers, the letter continued, "the Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, Dept. of In-



County of social and economic benefit" said the Summa report. When Venetians reflect on the traffic problems resulting from this development problems which will result in the destruction of this community, one certainly wonders about the 'social benefits' we are supposed to reap from Summa's project.

In June 1978 the U.S. Department of Interior, responding to a request from chief County planner Murdock, addressed itself to Summa's contention

terior, would most likely recommend against issuance of a permit, primarily because of the fish and wildlife losses, and because the project would result in a loss for non-water dependent purposes." The letter concluded saying that the eastern upland area of the Summa property, not included in the County's SEA designation, should be considered a necessary buffering to the SEA and therefore any development of that area as well would have to be carefully considered.

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CITY SNEAKS WHILE COMMUNITY SLEEPS

by Brenda Harney

There's a new movie out about a monster that rises out of a canal and proceeds to do monstrous deeds. According to the L. A. Times, the filmmaker was recuperating in Venice and his sensibilities were so offended by the canal he was resting beside that he invented a monster to emerge from it -- to scare the hell out of the people, and to make money while doing it. He needn't have worked so hard at it. Venice has its own monster: a new proposal by the City of Los Angeles that would delete half of Venice from the Coastal Zone. Now THAT'S a horror story.

Last November the City took over coastal building permits, becoming the first and only city in the state to do so.

At that time, City Councilman/South Coast Commissioner Art Snyder claimed the City could do the job more efficiently than the Coastal Commission. The question now is -- what job is the City trying to do?

The Coastal Commission has had the difficult task of protecting the coast -- its accessibility, its wetlands and wildlife, its special communities, its low and moderate income housing -- while allowing development to proceed so that it enhances not only the developer's

bank account but also the coast and its communities. It has been a monumental and often thankless task, for the Commission has been the focus of developers' anger at not having their way with their land, and of public resentment that demolitions and condo conversions and other assorted developments occur at all.

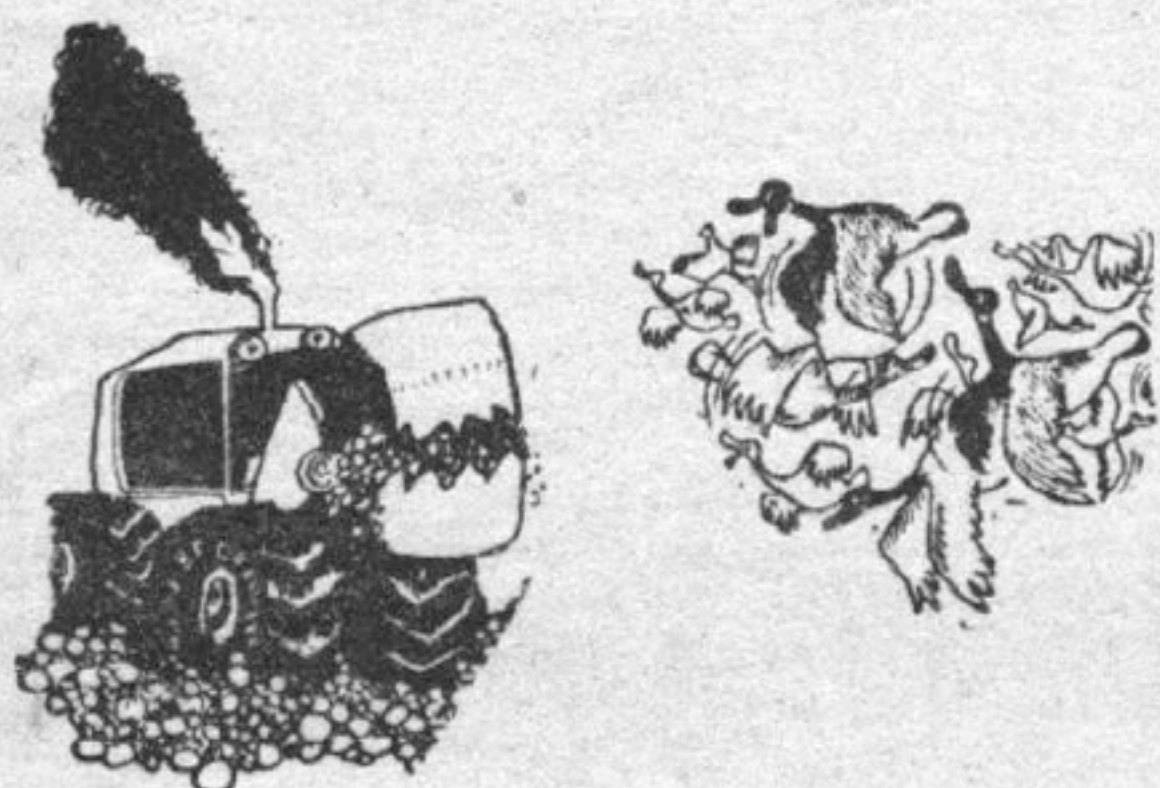
For Venetians the Commission has provided a viable forum for community concerns about simple survival. Faced with escalating development all around, Venice is threatened in a profound and very real way -- and the Coastal Act has provided a real tool to deal with that threat.

Last month, pressure from developers resulted in the State Legislature requiring the Commission to re-evaluate the Coastal Zone boundaries adopted in 1976. The clear intent was to delete major sections from the Coastal Zone -- and thereby from jurisdiction of the Coastal Act and the Coastal Commission -- allowing virtually unrestricted development to proceed in those areas.

No Zone alterations were proposed for Venice. On the Friday preceding the April 16 Regional Commission hearing, State and Regional staff confirmed that no change was being recommended or even considered.

Then the monster appeared. On Monday the City recommended that half of Venice -- all of Milwood and Southeast

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A HISTORY OF ERROR

The nuclear power industry's boast that in almost twenty years of operations there had never been a single major catastrophe has now obviously been completely deflated. But even before the recent accident on Three Mile Island there had been others. And although most were not reported until years after they occurred, all resulted in releases of radioactivity into the biosphere which ultimately have had an effect on people's health. Some former accidents include:

- CHALK RIVER, CANADA where an explosion in 1952 destroyed the core and leaked 4 million liters of radioactive coolant water.
- IDAHO FALLS, where the Atomic Energy Commission's testing ground reactor when out of control in 1961 and killed three men--one impaled by part of a control rod. It was never clear what went wrong.
- At ROCKY FLATS in Denver, two serious fires gave 25 workers up to 17 times the maximum exposure.
- A meltdown at the FERMI FAST BREEDER near Detroit in 1966. Unknown to Detroit residents, there was talk of the need for a mass evacuation due to the number of chemicals released.
- Radioactive iodine released into the containment vessel at Commonwealth Edison's DRESDEN II NUCLEAR POWER PLANT in Morris, Illinois, after a meter gave a false signal and a monitor got its pen stuck. The amount released was 100 times the permissible level.
- A faulty valve at the VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT in Vernon, Vermont, caused 83,000 gallons of water contaminated with radioactive tritium to be spilled into the Connecticut River.
- An electrician using a candle to search for air leaks in the cable spreading room started a fire at the BROWN'S FERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT near Decatur, Alabama, in 1975. The plant came close to a meltdown, and investigations showed that the final reactor design had been approved although it did not meet regulatory requirements.

-- from Liberation News Service



NUCLEAR despair

Paul Dileski

In the end, generations from the 20th century on a nearly lifeless planet, a few mutants, rotting with cancer, are huddled around a grave staring down with vacant eyes at the hideously deformed corpse of a child: the last child that will ever be born. Nothing is said and no one cries. Later, like zombies, they stumble back to their hovels and wait - wait their turns, one by one, to be summoned by the fiery god of Hell: Plutonium.

If only...

If only we had listened to the prophets of the 20th century. Prophets like Dr. John C. Cobb of the University of Colorado, proclaiming: "...until critical genetic research on plutonium has been done, we will not know how serious the genetic effects might be. When we find out it may sadly be too late." We should have listened to the Committee for Economic Development: "The many hazards associated with nuclear energy are enough to make any thoughtful person wonder whether, despite the world's need for new sources of energy, it might be better for mankind if nuclear technology could be suppressed and forgotten."

We should have wondered at the analogy of Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb: "So far we have been extremely lucky...but with the great number of simians monkeying around with things that they do not completely understand, sooner or later a fool will prove greater than the proof even in a fool-proof system."

We should have stopped to think when the Atomic Energy Commission revealed that: "Atomic waste, stockpiling fast with no means for disposing of it, will have to be kept secured for at least a quarter of a million years."

But instead we covered our eyes and mouth with our hands while whispering into our sweating palms, "It can't be true; no, I won't believe it - it's too ugly." It was, just as Dr. E. Sternglas, professor of radiology at the University of Pittsburgh predicted; "...nobody in the United States has wanted to look at these figures precisely because it would be too difficult to face."

No, instead we preferred listening to the soothing words of false prophets of greed; those that falsified reports; those that spent millions of dollars in advertising to brainwash our susceptible

minds, while promoting their own vested interests; those that calmed our fears with the heresy, "Nuclear energy is safe!"

If only we could go back, knowing what we know now...if only... ☹

aTAXattack

TO: IRS, AFSC and
the Catholic Worker
Community in L.A.

April 15th, 1979.

DEAR FRIENDS AT IRS, AFSC & Catholic Workers:

We have decided to withhold a portion of the money we owe to our usually friendly Federal Government this year as a way of opposing and protesting against the 125 billion dollars and upwards being used for killing and death as part of our nationally budgeted "priorities". We realize that the amount we're withholding wouldn't keep our defence dept. going for more than 1/5th of a second -- but it's a matter of principle. We also understand that the money we're holding back will have no appreciable effect on the amount spent for "defence" by our government but we cling to the hope that eventually the positive power of our number may grow and there will be some effect and we fondly hope that the USA and Russia and all the nations of our planet will see fit to rid the world of nuclear bombs and missiles and warheads and radioactive holocaustic destructive weaponry and we'll learn to treat one another as friends and children of OUR MOTHER EARTH and OUR DIVINE UNIVERSE which has so thoughtfully arranged for us to live, exist and be on this planet in this universe and has somehow arranged to have carefully distributed a little UNIVERSAL DIVINITY TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US HUMAN BEINGS - SO THAT WE WOULD, NATURALLY, LEARN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND GROW AND DEVELOP GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING AND EVEN HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS AND PROFOUND RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE - SO THAT THIS MIRACULOUS AND WONDROUS PLANET EARTH WOULD BE ASSURED ITS NOW-NOT-SECURE-PLACE IN THAT ALL-BUT-UNBELIEVABLE UNIVERSE!! SO THAT OUR CLEARLY-CUDDLY-KINDLY MOTHER EARTH DOES NOT END UP AS A FRIED AND BURNED-OUT, BOMBED-OUT, RADIOACTIVELY SIZZLING, SCORCHED & WASTED BIT OF ORBITING REAL ESTATE AND THE HUMAN SPECIES HERE-ON ARE NO LONGER HEARD FROM!!!!!! Now that we've come full-blown into this RADIOACTIVELY-SIZZLING NUCLEAR AGE, WE SEEM TO HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW PROBLEM: HOW TO SURVIVE! THAT IS, HOW TO SURVIVE AS AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN, AS A HUMAN POPULATION, AS A HUMAN SPECIES, AS A HUMAN-KIND, AS A PLANET, AS A GALAXY AND AS A UNIVERSE!!!

While survival is not one of the problems ordinarily dealt with by you far-out, friendly, fabulous folks at IRS, we figure you are probably as interested as any other person on this planet and the people at the AFSC and the Catholic Worker Community and us. We consider our existence as breathing, feeling, thinking, walking, riding, flying precious people as a very special, marvelous, magical and wonderful state of being and would like to feel that our whole thing isn't gonna end up spinning around in orbit, burning, frying and sizzling as if the humans on it didn't have enough brains to come out of the radioactive fall-out and treat this miraculous planet and universe with the respect and love it has given each and every one of us by allowing us to exist within its wondrous limits.

WE EARTHLINGS HAVE ENOUGH NUCLEAR WAR-HEADS, MISSILES, BOMBS AND SUCH AT-THE-READY RIGHT NOW TO PUT A SUDDEN-DEATH-END TO THIS PLANET AS WE'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO KNOW IT!!!!!! PLUS THE RADIOACTIVE NUCLEAR WASTE NOW AND TO BE CONTINUOUSLY CONTINUED TO BE BURIED HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE WILL BE ENOUGH TO START A NEW PLANET OF RADIOACTIVE-PLUTONIUM SOLIDS THAT CAN BECOME ANOTHER EVER-READY AND CONTINUOUS THREAT TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND OUR OWN MOTHER EARTH ITSELF. SO, AS A TOKEN OF OUR DESIRE TO GO RIGHT ON EXISTING AS A PLAIN OLD REGULAR NORMAL NATURAL PLANET IN THE SAME OLD UNIVERSE, WITH THE SAME OLD SUNRISE AND SUNSET, ORBITING AROUND IN OUR USUAL PLACE IN SPACE - and with as little radioactivity around as possible, we hereby send the "BALANCE DUE" to IRS of \$191.13 in THREE portions as follows: \$63.71 to IRS; \$63.71 to AFSC and \$63.71 to the Catholic Workers Community. The American Friends Service Committee is committed to the idea that people of all nations would probably get along fine if they got to know one another - gave each other a chance and the Catholic Workers feed hungry people at their hospitality kitchen at 821 E. 6th St. in L.A. daily so we're giving for friendly relations among nations and bread and soup and life instead of giving it all for more missiles-at-the-ready to destroy humanity as we've been lucky enough to have known it. ETERNALLY(not infernally,we pray)YOURS

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Received annual Recognition Award from Calif. Assoc. for Education of Young Children in appreciation of services in behalf of children.

Introduced SB 255 - California Consumer Assistance Act, to provide consumer protection services at the local level. Will create and maintain consumer protection agencies in city & county gov'ts and consumer fraud units within district and city attorneys' offices. Local gov'ts must match the state grants.

Introduced a resolution urging members of U.S. Congress to support the Transfer Amendment cutting the federal military budget and transferring funds to specified domestic programs. Referring to Carter's proposed military budget of 123 billion \$, the highest in U.S. history, the resolution stated that "very real needs in housing, health care, jobs, education and transportation are not being met, and we feel strongly that funds can be redirected from military expenditures to meet these needs without compromising our national security." Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and Wash. D.C. have already adopted a similar resolution.

Announced support for AB 81, which would increase the renters income tax credit to \$300 an. "This bill provides some measure of fairness to tenants who did not receive tax relief in spite of Howard Jarvis' promises that reduced property taxes would result in lower rents," Sieroty said.

Introduced SB 947 which would require Calif's. two major public retirement systems to invest at least 15% of their funds in California residential mortgages. "More than 70% of STRS' mortgage investments and more than 55% of PERS' mortgage investments are currently going out of state," Sieroty said. "This bill only asks that half of these real estate mortgage investments be made in California."

Introduced SB 961 to provide increased funding of conciliation court services.

Introduced SB 945 to impose additional registration fees on the purchase of large, gas-guzzling cars achieving less than 20 miles per gallon in 1980. Sliding scale of between 10 and 100% of regular registration fee.

Introduced SB 946 which would require all residential swimming pools built after July 1980 to provide at least 50% of their heating requirements from solar energy.

Introduced SB 917 which would limit contributions by individuals, labor unions, corporations, and political action committees to \$1,000 per candidate per election. Also limit total combined contributions to all candidates by any individual or organization to \$25,000 annually.

Introduced SB 863 to expand and improve California's Child care and development programs.

Introduced SB 879 which would impose a 5% tax on the sale of blank audio tapes to provide employment for musicians and finance free music performances for the public. "When you or I buy a blank tape and use it to record music, the creative and performing artists get nothing. They lose employment and income from royalties. We all owe something to these artists who create and perform the music that gives us joy and enriches our lives. This program represents a means of channeling back to the music makers some of the royalties lost because of the free taping."

Introduced SB 561, a bill transferring responsibility for conducting disciplinary proceedings involving licensed contractors from the Registrar of Contractors to the Contractors' State License Board. Currently Registrar of Contractors has power to suspend, revoke, reinstate and reissue licenses. Bill introduced at request of California Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

Introduced SB 585. Provide for standardized identification cards to enable senior citizens to receive reduced public transportation rates. ID cards to be issued by Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Introduced SB 977. Would extend a 1977 law providing tax incentives for the removal of architectural barriers affecting the physically disabled.

Introduced SB 538, 539. Two bills directed against discriminatory laws and police practices relating to homosexuals. Former would prohibit entrapment by vice officers by requiring a complaint from a witness other than a police officer before a person could be charged with sexual solicitation or lewd conduct. Latter would delete provision of current law requiring persons convicted of lewd conduct or sexual solicitation to register with police as sex offenders. Would not apply in case of minor victim offense.

"Lewd conduct is the offense used almost exclusively to arrest male homosexuals involved

in asking another person, usually a police officer, to engage in a sexual act," Sieroty observed. "One study, involving more than 400 lewd conduct arrests, found that in more than 95% of the arrests, the arresting officer was the only complaining witness."

"By requiring a third-party complaining witness, SB will eliminate questionable entrapment activities of vice officers" he said.

"Male heterosexuals are not arrested and required to register as sex offenders for 'positioning' women in a bar, and I see no reason to discriminate against male homosexuals for engaging in essentially the same activity."

Introduced 5 bills relating to smoking. SB 1107 - require restaurants seating 50 people or more to have non-smoking sections. SB 1108 - prohibit smoking in hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities, with certain exceptions. SB 1110 - requires state and local gov'ts to establish policies regarding employee smoking in work areas. SB 1111 - prohibit free distribution of unsolicited tobacco products.

Introduced SB 999 - provide state funds to upgrade local jail facilities, relieve overcrowding and inadequate conditions.

COUNCILWOMAN PAT RUSSELL

Asked the City Council to allow construction of an exclusive rollerskate and skateboard path. Another suggestion she has made is to build a new concrete bicycle path, to be located nearer to the Ocean, in North Beach, from the Santa Monica City line to the Pavillion. The present path would then be turned over to skaters. This motion was introduced to the Council March 7th.

Announced that LAPD is looking for crossing guards to conduct elementary school children across streets in the Venice area. The job pays \$3.98 per hour, and are part time only. For info call Ruben Munoz at 485-4142.

Announced that application and registration forms for L.A.'s new rent stabilization law are now available. Apartment owners must register their rental units with the Community Development Department. There is a \$3 per unit registration fee. Forms are available at the Venice Public Library, or from the Councilwoman's office.

Forms to permit rent increases requiring CDD approval are only available from the Councilwoman's Westchester office, or the CDD office downtown. Landlords must give 30 day advance notices of the permissible automatic rent increases provided by the new law. For further information on the new law call 624-RENT.

ASSEMBLYMAN MEL LEVINE

Introduced AB 1137, under which non profit groups serving the elderly and handicapped would receive funds for the upkeep and maintenance of vans used to transport seniors and handicapped. Would assist with such costs as gasoline, insurance, driver's salaries and other expenses.

Introduced legislation to fund Neighborhood Justice Centers such as the one in Venice.

Introduced a bill to allow longer sentences for disordered sex offenders. Longer sentences for mentally disordered offenders as distinguished from other sex offenders. Hearings before the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee.

Introduced AB 1203, the Nursing Home Bill of Rights. Defines important facility obligations and patient rights such as: 1) the right to a diet consisting of a variety of good quality food served in adequate amounts and at appropriate temperatures; 2) the right to nursing care which provides good personal hygiene; 3) the right to a sufficient number of qualified nursing personnel; 4) the right to have social and recreational activity programs; 5) the right to organize with others to promote and protect patient rights.

Introduced stricter anti-pollution measure. Would remove air pollution control burdens from the taxpayer to the polluter by allowing local air quality management districts to finance their operations through use of permit fees. Increase fines for industries found to be in violation of emissions standards and would allow city attorneys to bring civil lawsuits in local courts. Increase fines from \$500 to \$1,000 for first violation, a maximum penalty of \$5,000 for subsequent violation. Named chairperson of the Assembly's Energy Subcommittee.

Introduced legislation under which health insurance companies would be required to provide coverage for comprehensive, preventative health care for children.

Co-authored AB 81, legislation to increase the renter's tax credit to \$300, from its current level of \$37. "Renters have yet to realize any benefit from the passage of Prop. 13. After having given property owners in this state a \$4 billion tax break, it would seem to me reasonable to provide renters with increased assistance also," Levine said.

Eviction Protection Legislation: Introduced together with Alan Sieroty. Bills would protect renters on month-to-month tenancies by prohibiting evictions except under specified conditions, such as failure to pay rent, disturbing other tenants, damaging the premises, and removal of the premises from the rental market. If tenants are evicted without just cause, monetary damages could be awarded, and tenants allowed to move back into premises. Current law allows landlords to terminate without any reason the tenancies of persons renting on month to month.

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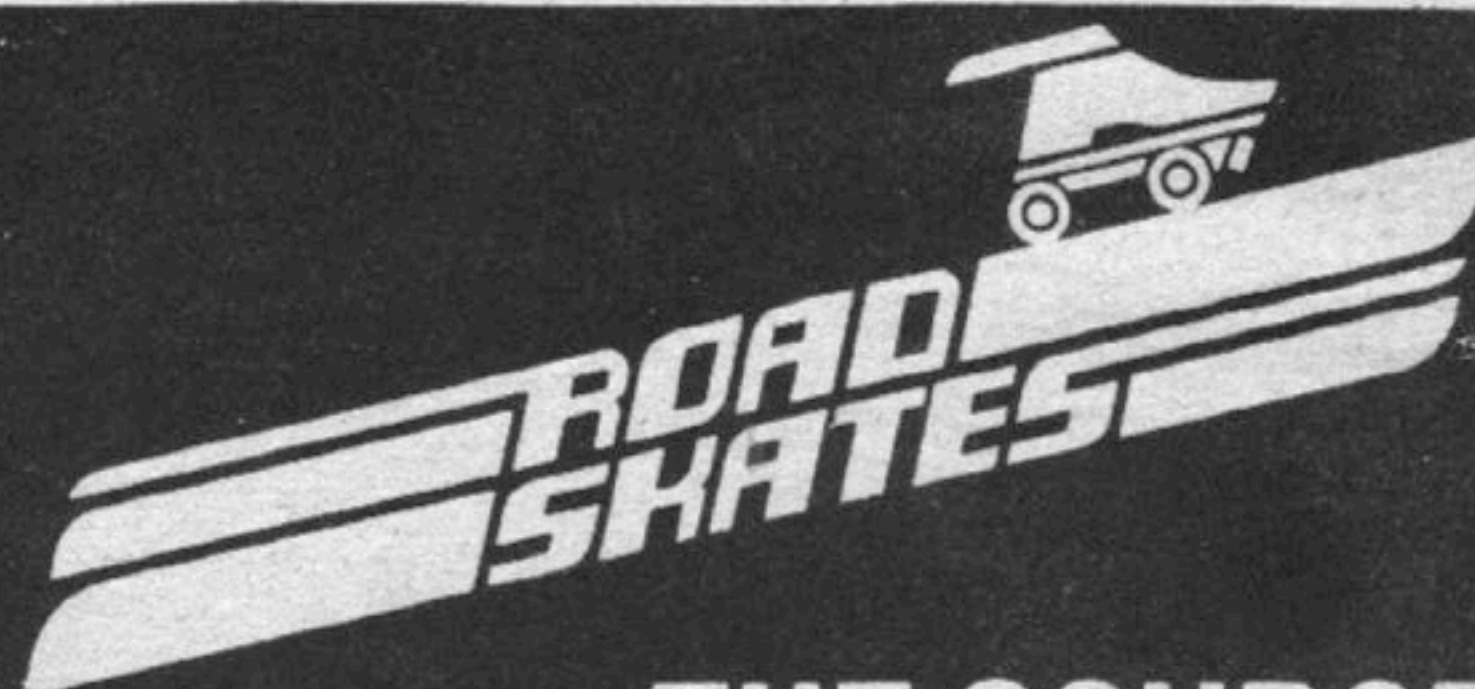
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Such Fantastic Tricks

by The Oakwood Tattler

At the Playgroup's attempt to call a community meeting around their trip a couple of months back, then City Council candidate Ronn Pickard claimed that what the LA Birth Center on 5th Ave. faced was the same as what Playgroup faced: the ire and resistance of an aroused community.

As the action around the Birth Center has escalated in the last few months into violence and terrorism, and as Bob Wells' Beachhead article last month predicted violence should the Playgroup push on with its plans, and with the latest attention the LA Times payed to gangs in Oakwood, I can see that we are definitely being primed for a long, hot Summer. But by whom? And why?

Well, let's look at this Birth Center thing. As early as a year ago, when the two-story duplex that housed Dr. Gary Richwald's apartment and the intended Birth Center was under renovation, a resident of the block, Rudy Axford, was opposed to the Center. He made his opposition clear: he, and he said others on the block, felt that the LA Birth Center was a "front for an abortion outfit" and he opposed the granting of a zone variance to the Center, which is located in a residential zone.

The zone variance was denied to the Center and it was appealed. At that point I thought the thing would be settled down somewhere in the Baroque sub-structure of our bureaucracy until at last, I hoped, because I am sympathetic to the Birth Center, it would be established as a valuable new addition to the culture of the neighborhood. Being another co-operatively run enterprise, I reasoned, its devotion to bringing some sense of natural human functioning back to the whole thing of giving birth to a baby, which in late-20th Century America has gotten completely out of hand in our hospitals, could not but be a good thing.

My own child had been born utilizing the Lamaze method of natural childbirth and, possibly because of my own participation in the delivery, or possibly because of the look of wonder on the doctor and nurses faces (when have you seen that lately?), and certainly because of the incredible sense of accomplishment and well-being my wife experienced, I was convinced that natural childbirth methods, when feasible, were a strong de-conditioning of our over-dependence on drugs and technology in a very primal, basic way that awakened us to our own personal power and sense of capability to deal effectively with our lives.

Then the shit hit the fan. Driving by the Birth Center one day I saw that Richwald's car windshield had been busted out. So had that of the Center's administrator, as well as that of another car on the block. Later, I heard reports of threats, gunblasts thru windows, and that the Los Angeles Police were acting either helpless in the face of this terrorism, or else were trying to pin the blame on Richwald. They took the tack that the Center was escalating and exacerbating the situation to garner support by playing the victim. If that's true, which I doubt, it has had just the opposite effect on the neighbors.

Last year, with the exception of a family across the street from the Center and, of course, Axford, the neighbors I spoke with about the Center were solidly in favor of it and at a loss to understand Axford's opposition, although they concurred that the family across the street were "against everything".

Now, they are much less likely to deliver an opinion on anything and some of them have even signed a petition against the Center. This block, like many others in Oakwood and in Venice, houses many elderly people. It is conceivable that the threat of lawlessness and violence, always lurking just beneath the surface of real politics in the Oakwood area, has paralyzed them and eviscerated their support of the Center. A recent "Vigil For Peace" in the neighborhood, staged by the Birth Center, brought out lots of support from those outside the immediate neighborhood but a notable lack of support from those living there.

A highly untenable position for the Birth Center, that. Recently, Axford and Pickard were in attendance at the Playgroup's variance hearing, apparently to gather support and make connections with the Black leadership in Oakwood. They were not, it seems, successful. And, I think, for a very good reason: at the heart of the Playgroup issue is the government's disregard of community and the needs of the community in funding programs for the community.

(cont. next column)



"The collective judgement of the people must be respected."

Indira Gandhi
March 22, 1977

shake AFF-LNS.

Playgroup has been caught in the middle of what essentially is the Black community's protest of funding and support of programs by government officials who do not first ascertain from the community the need for such programs (the Prop 13 squeeze has, no doubt pushed this issue to the fore). The LA Birth Center, on the other hand, is privately financed, and is finding itself under attack for being something it is not.

And if, in fact, the Birth Center has been terrorized by thugs who use this means of registering their opposition, the indifference of the police to stopping it further exacerbates a bad situation and we have at least this much

in common: on different levels, the government has shown an unwillingness to accept responsibility for its part in what is developing. Which brings us around to my first premise: what is developing can only be detrimental to the people in Oakwood. And, of course, whenever that's the issue, there is a reason, usually underlined with dollar signs.

Collusion?

...Man, proud man/ dressed in a little brief authority/ Most assured of what he is most ignorant/ His glassy essence, like an angry ape/ Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven/ As makes the angels weep

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Making the Political More Personal

by Howard Ryan

There is a strong connection between the way we relate to each other as individuals and the way the world is run. Conversely, there is also a strong connection between the way our society is structured--such as the way goods are produced--and the way our personal lives are structured.

For students of Marx and Engels this is not new information. It was years ago that Engels, in his book "The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State," explained how the capitalist mode of production would create mass alienation, as well as separation of our personal lives from our productive lives. Naturally the Marxist solution to the alienation, despair, and emotional bareness of people's lives in modern society is socialist revolution. We institute an economic restructuring of society to that of workers' control and, they suggest, our lives will then be happy and fulfilling, our relationships meaningful and equal.

Well, I'm not convinced. A political-economic revolution alone doesn't cut it. And I think any Marxist would have a hard time convincing your everyday person on the street that a socialist revolution will bring meaningfulness to her personal life. Just look at the size of the socialist movement in this country. Then compare that with the number of people who seek psychiatric therapy each year, or some other kind of therapy. I'll bet we have more Scientologists than we do socialists. Why? "Well," we say, "people aren't into politics these days. They're more concerned with their personal lives." You're darned right they're concerned with their personal lives! And unless the Left starts to address the problems in people's personal lives--the lives of our sisters and brothers working in the Left, as well as the lives of the people we're trying to reach--then I fear the movement for social change and revolution will continue to flounder.

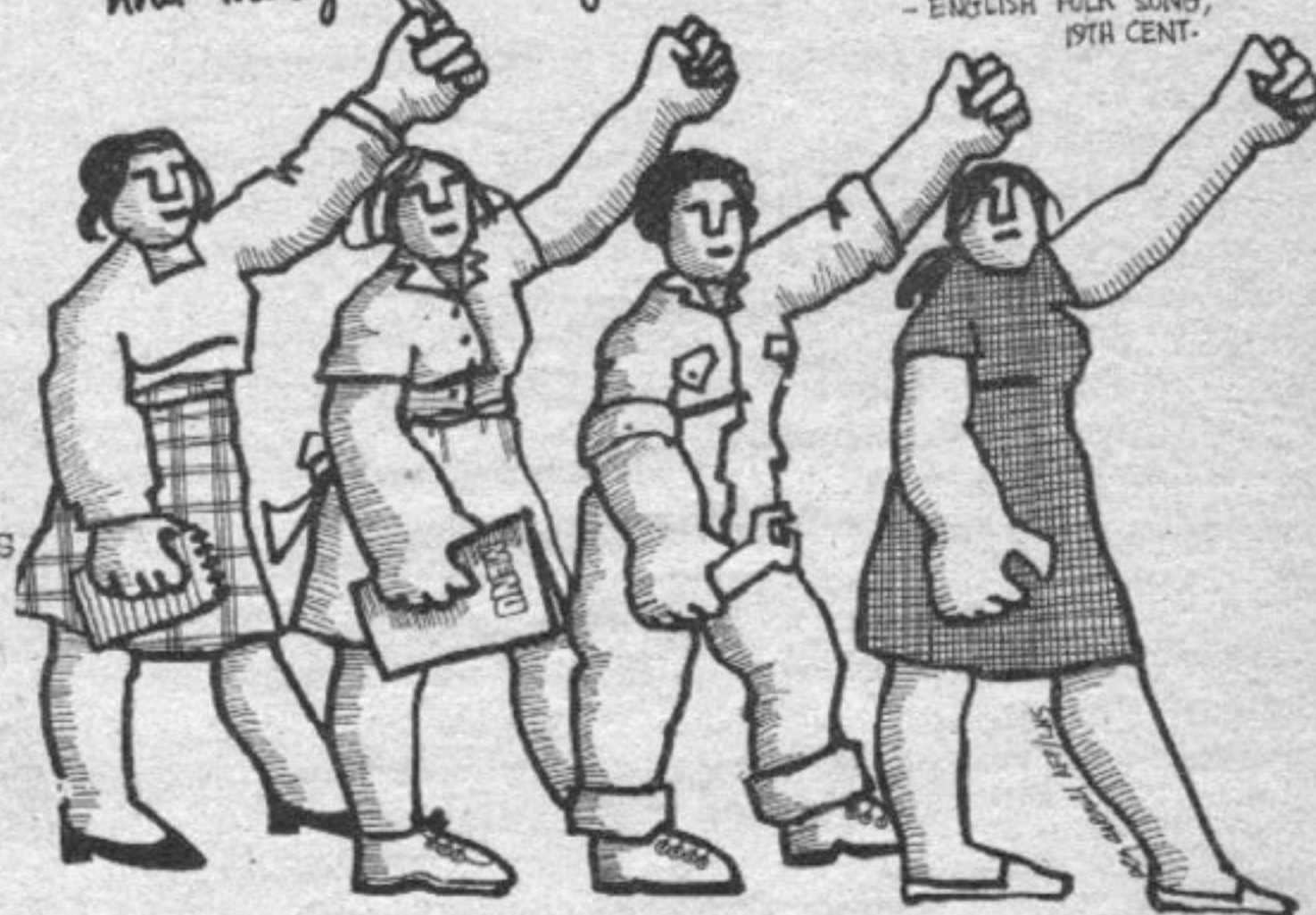
This is what attracts me to feminism. Through feminism I have learned of the role that our patriarchal social system, and its set of values, has played in shaping my life and my feelings--my loneliness, my alienation, my insecurities, and my difficulties in developing intimate and equal relationships. I have also begun to see how patriarchal values create or at least contribute to the broader social problems we face daily. Ours is a male-dominated world. Therefore the qualities characteristic of males has a strong impact on the quality of life on this planet. Competitiveness, fighting, aggressiveness; egocentricity; cold rationality; lack of sensitivity and inability to communicate feelings; a linear way of thinking that emphasizes hard work and achieving, rather than watching the process and experiencing the moment. So with these qualities dominating human affairs, we end up with things like the arms race; nuclear power; sexual, racial, and economic inequalities; hunger; prisons, etc.

The Left needs to offer an alternative to what people experience in the mainstream of society. Not just a political alternative, but social and cultural alternatives. We must work and struggle not only to meet people's material needs, as we have in the past, but to also meet people's emotional and spiritual needs.

"Oh no!" you say. "Not another burden! Our hands are already full with the work we're doing now. Attending to people's personal needs would only take away from the energy we need to do more important political work."

But I have good news for you because where do you think the work of meeting personal needs begins? It begins with you. Within the Left itself. No more getting burned out from being overworked with little or no rewards. No more sacrificing personal happiness for the sake of the movement and the betterment of society as a

Where are the women? I'll tell you plain,
The women have gone to weave by stream,
And if you'd find 'em you must rise at dawn
And trudge to the factory in the early morn.
- ENGLISH FOLK SONG, 19TH CENT.



whole. When people in the Left begin giving each other emotional support and nurturing, and begin to explore their human potential to be joyful, loving creatures, energy to help others do the same will inevitably abound.

What will this work entail? We can begin by sharing our feelings and experiences, perhaps using a consciousness-raising format, to explore how we have internalized patriarchal values, and how this has (negatively) affected our self-image, our attitudes, and our relationships. In such groups we can get the support and encouragement we need to overcome the limitations of our sex role conditioning, and to become more whole people. For women, this might mean becoming stronger and more independent. For men, it could mean becoming less oppressive toward women and more emotionally expressive. Another tool might be to establish personal support or problem-solving groups so that we aren't alone in dealing with our inner turmoil, or difficulties we're having at work or in relationships. Finally, I think it's time that we re-examined the work ethic and the desirability of adults being serious and behaving "properly" so much of the time. Now that we're grownups, we somehow think that we no longer have permission to be playful, joyful, to get silly, to touch and tease each other. We should allow ourselves the joy of regaining our natural childishness, and learn to combine songs, games, craziness, and celebrations of life with our political work.

One thing I am hoping to do is to inspire individuals and groups within the Left to begin exploring means of countering the dehumanizing effects of living under a capitalist patriarchy. Also, my aim is to demonstrate the importance of tending to people's personal needs within a political context. I strongly believe that the movement for social change and revolution will flourish when it begins to touch people's personal lives and provides a place where people can come out of the emotional cold of society and feel safe, supported, and loved.

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8 REVIEW

Ibsen's Hedda Gabler at the Venice Pavilion

By David Tappan

This past mid-April I ventured to the Venice Pavilion for the Seaside Shakespeare Festival Player's production of Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler. This version was directed by Frank Akers and was based on a translation of Ibsen's work by Edmund Gosse and William Archer.

The play's scene throughout its four acts is the newly acquired and comfortable home (circa 1900) of George Tesman, a twerpy professor of history (a specialist no less) and his bride, the newly "acquired" and beautiful Hedda Gabler.

As I crossed my left leg over my right thigh, the stage lights dimmed and then brightened and the play began. At first, I felt uncomfortable (I am not a frequent patronizer of the stage) and my uneasiness verged on wishing I hadn't come as the players seemed stiff and one in particular muffed some lines. But my disappointment was eased soon enough. It was as if the audience and actors accorded just the right amount of reciprocal tolerance and the production smoothed out into a high degree of believability.

Rather than review sequentially each act, I propose to get right to the heart of the play for it is provocative and universal in its theme-plot. Its theme? I think it boils down to how seven people interact, aspire, descend, and survive or not survive in a stifling, convention-riddled society around the beginning of the 20th century.

For the most part, the play belongs to the former Hedda Gabler (and now resentful Mrs. Hedda Tesman) for she is the manipulator who has been nurtured and prompted by natural features including intelligence and beauty, and also, upbringing and a largely suffocating social milieu.

For Hedda Tesman, conventionality and the role of Mrs. are boring tasks to be defeated. Moreover, for the female, spirited, intelligent, and

beautiful Hedda, such feelings were expected to be repressed in circa 1900 and I was led to the conclusion that Hedda is an intriguing rebel against such repression. Her rebellion, however, manifests itself by way of her passion for cleverness and manipulation. She likes to think that she can control the destinies of others and she is so cold from the very outset that I wondered if she would have been



Dana Dreidame Photo by Gerry Goldstein

any different had she not lived in a stifling environment. Her manipulation results in incredulosity for George, hurt feelings for Aunt Juliane, debauchery, fading hope, and suicide for Eilert Lovborg, a broken heart for Mrs. Elvsted and disbelief and lack of scruples for Judge Brack.

Really, it is a subtle, complex gist. Occasionally my pathos reached out to Hedda and I was hardly sympathetic to George or his Aunt or the housekeeper, all of whom wreak with the rules of the day and are shocked by anything other than the obsequious and the usual. However, I could not be too empathetic with a person who destroys. My empathy was abundant for Eilert Lovborg, a tragic victim of the times, in which convention breeds repression, and manipulation

breeds destruction. At bottom, it is a question of first cause, as Hedda is a disturbing person within a disturbing society.

But if you destroy others you destroy yourself ultimately and Ibsen does not deviate. Hedda, the controller of others, becomes controlled by the suicide of Lovborg and the subsequent blackmail of Judge Brack. How does Hedda respond? Her choice is that of egoistic suicide.

About the play in general, I believe it to be of classic dimension. Performed admirably by the Seaside Shakespeare Festival Players, it is certainly relevant to our era. How do we deal as individuals and as a society with conventionality and repression? Something deep down within me suspects that the answer relates to our ethics as interacting human beings.

Regarding the actor's performances, all were good in my view. The characters came off as believable, especially George (played by Patrick D. McGuire), Lovborg (Shawn Michael Reiner), less so Aunt Juliane (Sallie Williams), and Mrs. Elvsted (Peggy Mead). The others: Judge Brack (Robert Neubauer) and Hedda (B. Adrienne Regard) held their own. At times, Hedda was played brilliantly.

Hedda Gabler continues at the Venice Pavilion, 1530 Ocean Front Walk, Thursdays through Sundays at 8:00 p.m. through May 13. For information call 399-4253.

Beyond Baroque moves

Mr. Smith Goes To City Hall

Beyond Baroque Foundation has leased the Old Venice City Hall from the City of Los Angeles for two years, said George Drury Smith, president and founder of the non-profit cultural center which has been on West Washington Boulevard in Venice for nearly 11 years.

Smith said the entire Beyond Baroque operation was expected to be moved by May 1 into the Old Venice City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd. Writers workshops and poetry readings are continuing in the center's old 1639 W. Washington Blvd. location through April, but the Spring Music Festival has already begun in the City Hall facility, according to Bill Morosi, the foundation's music director. Morosi said the new location provides for doubled seating.

Last summer Smith had proposed to Councilwoman Pat Russell that Beyond Baroque take over the city hall building when the councilwoman's local field office moved out in August as a result of a Proposition 13 decision by the City of Los Angeles to close the old building. Russell supported the proposal and Los Angeles City Council approved the concept in December. The lease was signed April 5, according to Smith.

Under Smith's proposal, the building will be a community center with Beyond Baroque conducting all its activities there. Several groups that have been meeting in the City Hall -- including the Venice Town Council and the Venice Civic Union -- will continue to use the facility and the Venice Community Playgroup will use part of the building temporarily during daytime hours. A number of other community service organizations will also have office space on the second floor, but occupancy of this part of the building is restricted by fire regulations, according to Manuel "Manazar" Gamboa, administrative vice-president of Beyond Baroque.

Beyond Baroque Foundation is a non-profit educational organization which offers a variety of free programs, including writers workshops, musical presentations, poetry readings and art gallery exhibitions. It has one of the largest "independent press" literary libraries open to the public in the country, with over 15,000 volumes, and also operates a non-profit typesetting service for non-commercial literary publishers. The Foundation magazine, *Beyond Baroque*, is Southern California's oldest literary magazine, and subscriptions to it are free.

The Foundation's offices are regularly open Tuesdays through Saturdays, but hours will become "irregular during the move, and the library will be closed for weeks," said Jocelyn Fisher, library director. Fisher said they were hoping to get a lot of volunteers to help with the move.

The historic building, which still bears a sign reading "City Hall", was built soon after Abbot Kinney founded Venice of America in the first decade of the century. It served as seat of the Venice City government until it was annexed to the City of Los Angeles in 1926.

Information on Beyond Baroque's activities is available at (213)822-3006. Mail inquiries may be addressed to P.O. Box 806, Venice, Ca. 90291

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Ballona Lagoon

by H. J. Amens

Major new developments are cropping up around the Venice/Marins area like spring weeds. One that has largely escaped public notice would build a solid wall of new homes along the west side of Ballona Lagoon -- that's right, on that narrow strip of land between the Lagoon and Pacific Avenue -- all the way from Jib to Topsail.

The developers are quick to point out that public access to the Lagoon would be provided every block via the alphabetic cross-streets. That is true, but it is essentially meaningless. The proposed development would totally block access along the Lagoon as required by the Coastal Act.

The plan began to come to light last fall when Venice Peninsula Properties obtained a zoning variance for the single block between Jib and Ketch. A subsequent variance, approved March 6, extended the variance all the way to Topsail.

In approving the variance, the City noted that strict enforcement of the zoning regulations would leave a buildable area only 5 feet wide. It therefore granted the variance. It then officially noted that some lots are only 15 feet wide and imposed a 6 foot setback which leaves a buildable lot only 9 feet wide.

It is easy to see how the environmental and public access implications of this case could escape a City official who failed to see the absurdity of granting a variance to avoid a 5 foot lot and then knowingly imposing conditions that leave only a 9 foot lot.

The South Coast Regional Coastal Commission delayed action in January pending a review of prescriptive rights by the Attorney General, i.e. the right of the public to have access across the property and along the Lagoon based on historic use. In March, the Attorney General notified the Regional Commission that the A.G. no longer conducts such reviews. The question of the public's right of access was dropped and the application was approved by a narrow vote of 7 to 5.

An important part of the Commission's deliberations was the lack of any planning by the City of Los Angeles for public use of this area. In fact, the Venice Community Proposed Plan was zoned this area as residential. Since the City has officially recognized that the land is as narrow as 15 feet (ZAI 78-098m March 6, 1979) and has planned the area for residential use, one can only conclude that the City -- through intent or neglect -- plans to fill in parts of the Ballona Lagoon.

I urge you to write to Pat Russell at 7166 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, 90045 to express your concern about the City's failure to provide a plan that protects the coast and the public's right of access to and along the coast.

The decision of the Regional Commission has been appealed to the State Commission and will probably be heard on May 15 or 16. I urge you to write to the State Coastal Commission at 631 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Please protest the application of Venice Peninsula Properties and ask that the public access along the Lagoon, as provided by the State Commission in two other cases, be extended the full length of the Marina Peninsula.



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THE NESTLE'S BOYCOTT continues, and the company is feeling the pressure. But rather than change their marketing practices, they are advertising more. The Nestle boycott protests their continued sales of infant formula to Third World people who have neither the income nor the sanitary facilities to use the formula adequately, causing malnutrition and bringing death to hundreds of thousands of babies annually. Their sales policy is one of the more gruesome abuses of corporate power now documented. Keep up the boycott -- CRUNCH NESTLE QUICK

THE UNITED FARMWORKERS are asking us to boycott Chiquita bananas to support their strike against SunHarvest. (The ALRB has just filed charges of improper labor practices against them. Both Chiquita and SunHarvest are owned by United Brands. Boycotts are one of the ways consumers can register their protest against unethical corporate behavior. Boycott Chiquita!

--Reprinted from the Church in Ocean Park newsletter



50 WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LEVERAGE

.....continued from page 1..... costs for community people to get up to the Capitol) so please fill out the coupon and send a contribution to the Coastal Alliance. If you'd like to help locally call me at 822-4725 or send a postcard to me at 824 Amoroso Pl. Venice 90291 (Isay that because I'm often hard to reach by phone. SAVE OUR COAST-AGAIN.

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A community service column
by the Venice Drug Coalition

-by Diana Huss

The L.A. Childbirth Center is still standing (at the time of this writing) and still offering much needed educational services for families preparing for the birth of a child. The Center is still facing a zoning fight which they must win to survive. Petitions should be signed and letters written by those who want the Center to remain at 252 Fifth, where the Venice community can have access to the Center's services. Petition forms, if you don't see one, are available at the Center and at the VDC/CIU at 826 Hampton. Call Susan at 396-2455 for info or comments or petition forms.

Marie Freeman, Medical Assistant at VDC/CIU, has collected several hundred health education pamphlets on a wide variety of subjects--concerning infancy to seniors. These have been catalogued for anyone to pick and choose from, concerning what he or she might want to order for a group. Come in and see Marie if you would like to browse through these catalogues.

Tel-Med is a telephone health library sponsored by California Hospital Medical Center. Tel-Med offers more than two hundred 3-5 minute tapes on a wide variety of subjects in English and Spanish which will be played over the telephone when requested. Call 746-7172 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hear a tape. Stop by the VDC/CIU Office to pick up a free listing of tape titles and numbers by which they can be requested.

Women from the Breast Examination Training Center will come out to instruct groups of women in "The Gentle Art of Self-Defense." On March 21, Janet Morris came to the NAAP Center to provide instruction for some nineteen ladies who gathered to learn how to protect themselves from breast cancer. Eighty four percent of women with early localized breast cancer will survive past five years. The five-year survival rate is often used as the criteria for defining a cure.

Phone Janet at 559-9701 for info on scheduling educational sessions. Women who are in the high risk group (over 40 years of age or having a sister or mother who had breast cancer) are especially urged to call or drop by the Breast Examination Training Center in Culver City at 9808 Venice Boulevard, #206.

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A Very Secure Outcast

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 A very secure outcast, in a way
 Everything behind me doesn't exist.
 I'm crazy, I think in different voices;
 I feel isolated like in a dream;
 I can't control my facial expressions;
 Everyone knows how out of style I am.
 All the dogs barking on their own level--
 Why can't they let me beeeeeee without boundary?
 Is it because I don't believe how ev-
 eryone accepts existence just like that (snap!)?
 It blows me away sometimes, what I've got;
 There's something in my head that won't turn off.

Daniel Biskar

Lament of a Former Alaska Purse Seine Fisherman

I haven't been seining in three years.
 I miss it.
 I want to go back again.
 I want to be on a boat again.
 I miss the feel of moving along,
 the feel of the swells rocking me to sleep
 as I lie on the seine pile in the sun.
 I miss the bars
 and the booze
 and the bullies
 and the hard drinking broads.
 I want to pull gear again,
 pitch fish,
 work in the rain.
 I want to wallow in fish again,
 hear them flappin' and clappin'
 down in the hole.
 I want their scales all over me,
 I want to smell their stink.
 I want to drink mud again,
 eat grub,
 and get drunk.
 Jesus, I miss all that!
 I want to be right now again.

Arnold Hansen

Humpback Salmon

"Hiiii yo!"
 It was a humpy.
 A moment later he jumped again,
 his tail wiggling as he arched over the surface.
 Then he disappeared beneath it,
 heading for home.

Arnold Hansen



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Greet yourself this mornin'
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A POET'S LAMENT

We who are born poets
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 often end our lives
 in madness

Our secrets we cry aloud
 in vain
 hearts that keep open house
 go quietly insane.

Nailed to supersensitive skins
 traveling from vibration
 to sensation
 We strive to discover
 man's place in creation. ----

O there's a few among us
 willing to admit
 that a universal loneliness exists

and rare the poet whose sermons
 teach

that gentleness can survive
 to heal the old souls
 as they die

--G. Ridley



Westminster Pagoda

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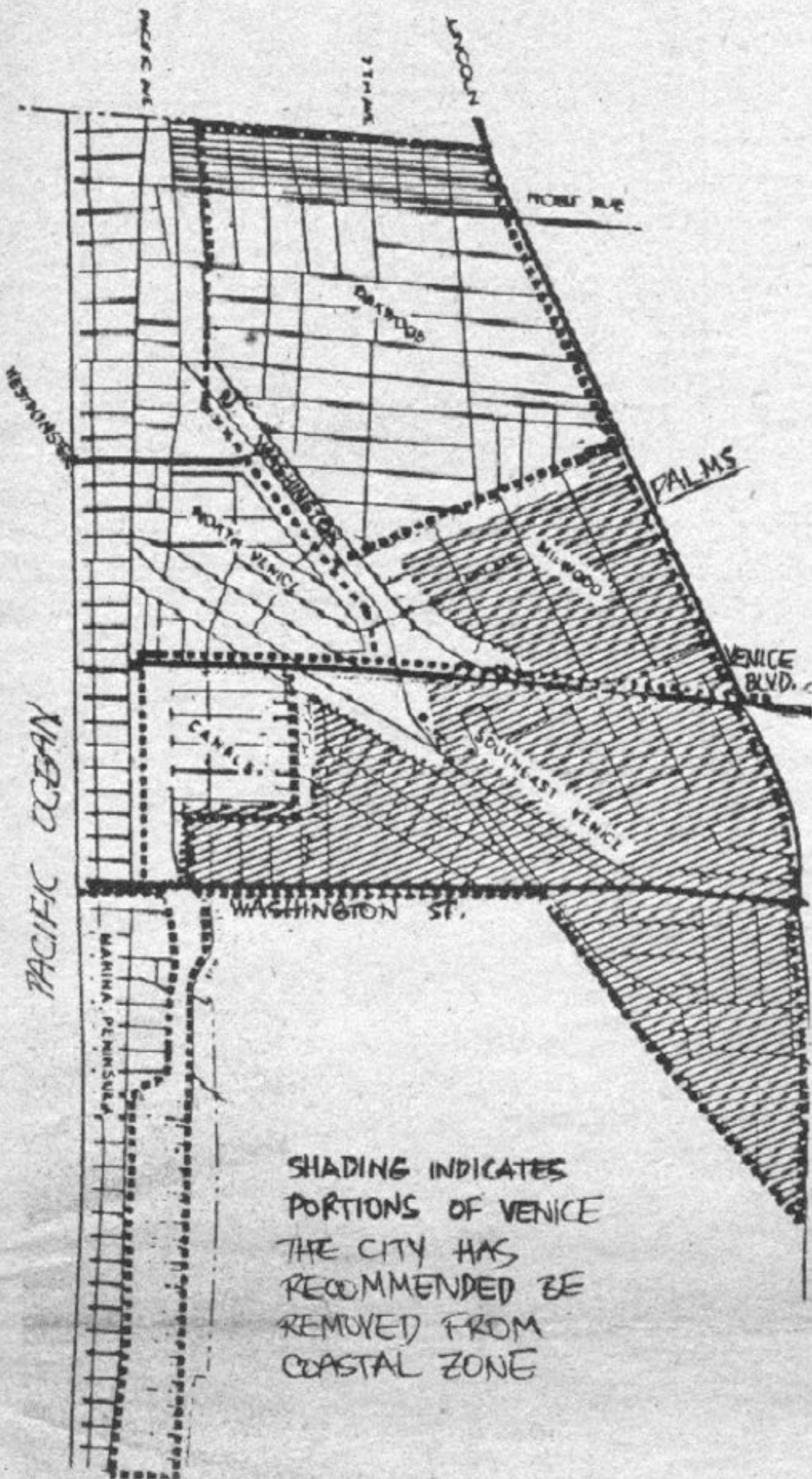
CITY SNEAKS/Community Sleeps

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Venice, a strip of land north of Oakwood -- be deleted from the Zone.

This proposal was made by the City of Los Angeles on our behalf. City Planner Frank Eberhard said the City feels "these areas are the same as the rest of Los Angeles." Ah yes. And without Coastal Act protection they soon would be.

The proposal had the backing of Councilman/Commissioner Snyder. No one from Venice was present to protest (having been assured there



would be nothing to protest). So the Regional Commission voted 6 to 4 to accept the City's proposal, and the proposal to delete half of Venice went to the State.

On Wednesday, April 18, State staff withheld response to the City/Regional recommendation, citing insufficient time to evaluate the document. It was, after all, proposed scarcely two days earlier and received by State staff just the day before the hearing.

The State hearing covered all segments of the Coastal Zone, and 60 people from up and down the coast spoke to Staff recommendations for their areas. The two minutes allotted to each made public participation difficult and often nonsensical. And the fate of the entire Coastal Zone hung in the hurried balance.

State recommendations for the City and County of Los Angeles were approved -- but with no mention of Venice. Staff must respond to the Regional proposal, however, and this unfortunate issue is far from dead.

So we won't lose half our community this way -- but we should pause to consider what this move by the City of Los Angeles means for our future. How does the City view Venice that this act could be perpetrated without public notice, without community input, without regard for the citizens who live here? What will happen when the City assumes even greater responsibility for "protection" of coastal communities?

Oh, there's a horror story in Venice, all right -- and this time it isn't just a movie. This time the monster is real.

PS: The Gehry project (12,000 square feet of retail shops, etc., etc., at Rose and Main) was withdrawn indefinitely. Take note -- the Gehry project is right next to one part of Venice the City wants out of the Coastal Zone...



MANICURES and PEDICURES
by Connie
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RENT CONTROL IN S. M. After the Champagne

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been even better without these screw-ups.

But at 11 o'clock all of that (and much more -- hate mail, swastikas, anti-semitic mail) was forgotten 'cause on stage Denny Zane was announcing that we had won! Bedlam rightfully prevailed. If we could have bottled the euphoric energy in that room, at that moment, we could achieve anything. Not only had rent control won decisively, but Ruth and Bill had finished 1-2 in the council race (Ruth with the highest vote total in S.M. history). I will never forget the feeling of that moment.

And now, in the aftermath of a new feeling -- winning -- there is much work yet to be done. A good, pro-renter, rent control board must be elected in the special June 26th election; tenants all over the city must be educated as to their new rights and how the law will work, and tenant organizing must begin anew. As a beginning Santa Monica for Renters Rights has selected a 5-person slate to run for the board. We are also circulating an information packet explaining the law and have begun to set up a series of forums throughout the city so that we can explain the law and answer questions. It's an exciting, demanding period.

If you'd like more info or can volunteer to help, especially in the election, drop by the office at 205 Hill st. #1 or call us at 392-8305. P.S. -- Santa Monicans for Renters Rights extend thanks and appreciation to the Venice Town Council, Tenant Action Center, and the many Venetians who did volunteer work or raised funds during the campaign. Tenants unite! •

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TIDELANDS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

On Sept. 19, 1978, the California Dept. of Fish and Game wrote to the State Lands Commission that the preservation of the Ballona wetlands was one of the highest priorities for the Department "because of the size and restorability of the remaining /wetlands/ area and because of the impending development pressures from Summa Corp." Fish and Game asked State Lands to determine whether the wetlands was part of the public trust and therefore not subject to private development. On Oct. 11 the State Lands Commission responded: The wetlands of La Ballona were situated within the boundaries of the La Ballona Rancho, a Mexican land grant. "The existence of the tide-lands trust as to tideland areas within ranchos has not yet been fully resolved by the Courts" it said. At issue was the celebrated case of City of Los Angeles vs. Frazer and Carmen Ryles (L.A. Superior Court #C868223), a case which dealt with the Summa Corporation's alleged right to build on or otherwise use as private property the lots and portions of subdivided lots situated in the Ballona Lagoon and Venice Grand Canal. In that case the Superior Court ruled that the lots were part of the tidelands trust and therefore not developable. The decision has been appealed by Summa.

In part the issue revolves around the definition of what in fact constitutes a tidelands. According to a working paper prepared by the California Coastal Commission and a score of university experts who met at Long Beach State on April 17, 1978, the original wetlands or tidelands area in the Ballona Rancho was 1,700 acres, but at present only 200 acres were being influenced by the tidal flow. Canalization of Ballona Creek and draining of the lagoons in the area, the creation of Marina del Rey, had steadily reduced the area of wetlands subject to tidal flow. The legal question was whether such area not currently influenced by tidal flow still constituted part of the tidelands trust. Summa insists that they do not.

SUMMA FLOATS A COMPROMISE

In the face of this opposition Summa has now agreed that a significant ecological area does exist on its property, but wants to restrict it to 72 acres, a compromise which it is doubtful the Department of Interior or California Fish and Game will accept. Ruth Lansford, a spokesperson for Friends of the Ballona wetlands, has charac-

terized Summa's concessions as "much less than what is needed." Preparing for the meeting of

the Board of Supervisors on May 16, the Friends have issued an urgent SOS. "Think about the Marina. Transplant it, in your mind, to Ballona. That traffic, that commercial beehive, that concrete nightmare. Remember, once the Ballona Wetlands are destroyed, once its wildlife and serenity is replaced by noise and cement ---- it is gone forever."

IF YOU'RE NOT INTO WETLANDS

HOW ABOUT VENICE

Saving the Ballona Wetlands is only one of the issues involved in the Summa proposal. For Venetians the potential for development of the Summa property portends an ominous future. According to a source familiar with traffic in the Venice-Marina del Rey area, the Summa project would produce about 100,000 vehicle trips per day. Although much of this traffic will be moving on east-west corridors (Culver, Jefferson, Marina Freeway), a large portion will be flowing north-south, and that means through Venice, one way or another. Currently the only significant north-south access in Venice is Lincoln Blvd, which is presently a disaster area. The City of Los Angeles estimates that the current number of vehicle trips per day on Lincoln is 55,000. The City has a rating system for street capacity usage which ranges from A (excellent) to F (non-functioning). Lincoln Blvd currently has a D classification. Any significant increase in vehicle trips per day will turn Lincoln into an automobile sludge jungle. Lincoln cannot be widened. The only alternative is a new highway through Venice.

GONNA ROLL RIGHT OVER YOU ?

Summa and County officials in Marina del Rey have been pushing to widen Admiralty Way, to extend it south to the Summa development, and north to the junction of Washington St. and Ocean Ave. Given the inevitable morass which will develop on Lincoln Blvd if the Summa project is built, a great deal of traffic from the new development area and from the present Marina will be dumped into Venice at Ocean Ave. Central and South Venice will become a traffic nightmare as motorists seek to wind their way towards Pacific Ave. and Main St. and into Santa Monica. It will never work.

The time to put a stop to all of this is now. Contact Councilwoman Russell and ask her

to oppose the Summa project, and the Admiralty Way widening. Attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 16 and register your opposition. Don't be paved over and ripped off.

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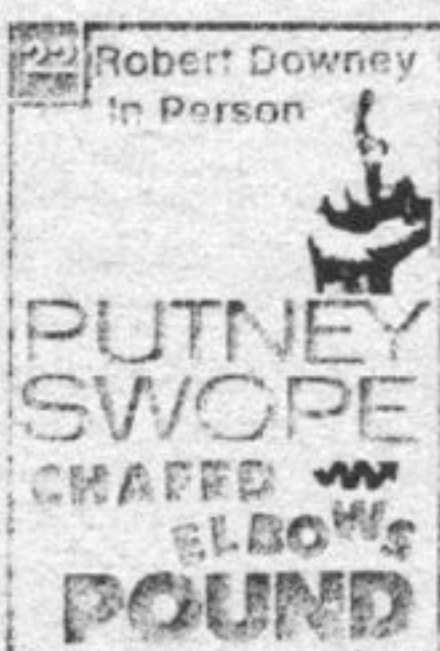
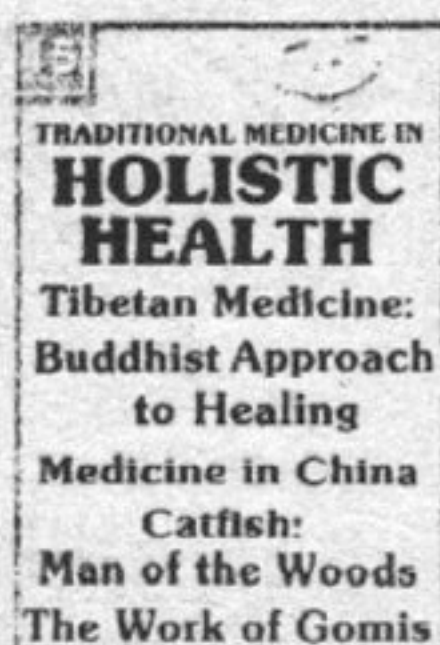
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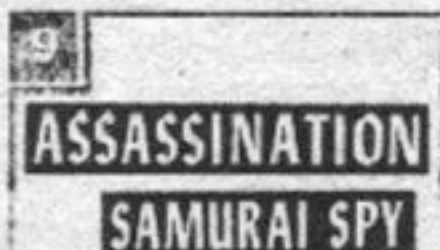
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Ritual Protest Exceeds Expectations

For once The Beachhead beats the Ocean Front Weekly to press in announcing a recent major land purchase.

Subject: Hammond Lumber Co.
Rumor has it that New World Pictures and Roger Corman has purchased the Hammond Lumber Co. Rumor also has it that the sale price was \$800,000, well below the 1 1/2 million \$\$ developers had hoped to get, and almost \$100,000 below what was initially offered at the famous auction and ritual protest. Seems that all the bidders conditioned their bids on coastal commission approval of their projects. The owners did not want to go with that, and the bidders were unwilling to proceed unconditionally because of the protest and because of the 'trouble' they seem to attract whenever they propose something unacceptable to the community.

The new owners are now discussing their plans with the community, whose support they would like to have. No new buildings will be constructed on the property, no old buildings will be torn down, and the uses on the property will be 'industrial', as the property is zoned, and not commercial as most developers have proposed. Inside the main Hammond building New World hopes to construct special props and shoot their special effects. They plan to use the old Hammond lumber storage building to store their props. A sound stage is also being considered for the interior of the main Hammond building.

New World says it is looking for ways to co-operate with the community, to become part of it. One suggestion under consideration is for New World to offer free monthly classes for the community, with motion picture industry craftspeople instructing community people in the mastery of special effects production. THE COMMUNITY OWES A SPECIAL DEBT OF THANKS TO NANCEY MC CULLOCH WHO organized the "ritual protest" and to all the folks who participated. ~



All photos on this page by Gerry Goldstein

Terry's Mural: what's wrong with this picture ??

A building has been removed from Windward Avenue without a Coastal Permit! And no one has noticed!

The "building" is in Terry Schoonhoven's mural on the side of the old St. Charles Hotel -- or rather, it isn't in the mural. If you look closely you can see that Terry has in effect torn one of the buildings out of the block -- in his picture part of one wall remains, but otherwise there is a gap where in real life a large and substantial building is still standing.

I asked Terry and he said he left the building out because he thinks the mural looks better without it. Fair enough. If he'd painted it the building would be in plain view in the picture -- not out of sight or around the corner or anything like that.

See if you can find it. I'm not saying which building is missing and neither is Terry. Hint: try standing in the middle of Windward Avenue about where Terry stood to get the view in his mural. Be methodical (bring a lunch).
Good luck!

-- BOB WELLS

Another Artist Space 13 Goes Commercial

United Skates of America, the latest and most commercial of the roller skating outfits to come into Venice, has rented space for a second outlet; this one is at Ocean Front Walk and Brooks Ave. Street talk has it that their lease calls for a rent of \$2,000 per month. The previous rent for the space, occupied by an artist and used as studio space, was \$400 per month. Since what's happening in the building clearly constitutes a change of use, United Skates of America must get a Coastal Permit before it begins any alterations of the interior. If the continued existence of Venice artists is threatened, as Doug Christmas and artists have repeatedly said, and if it is the commercialization of Venice that is the source of their anguish, and if there are legal remedies that could be used to protect artist studio space --- well, one wonders what the artists are going to do to protect themselves!!!!



Human Rights March in Philadelphia Commemorates 11th Anniversary of King's Death

NEW YORK (LNS)—The Philadelphia police department, which is presently under Federal investigation because of its reputation of brutality against Blacks and other Third World people, was out in full force April 4th, when a commemorative march marking the 11th anniversary of the murder of Martin Luther King took place in South Philadelphia, a white section of the city which has traditionally supported law and order Mayor Frank Rizzo.

Led by the Black United Front (BUF), some 2,500 Black and Puerto Rican activists braved sub-freezing temperatures and driving rains to give their support to a federal low-income housing development which is to be located in the Whitman Park area of South Philly.

In view of the violent nature of the South Philly white community's rapport with Blacks, a well-groomed security force was organized by march mobilizers to keep the march under control and to protect the marchers from physical abuse. As the route of the 10-mile march brought protesters deeper into South Philly, they met with jeering onlookers who were chanting racial slurs and holding placards saying, "The white man did it the mortgage way."

Remarkable educator Ed Simms to LNS, "Anytime you have 200 Black people, let alone 2,500 marching in South Philly, it's a historic occasion." And Wilfredo Rojas of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party told LNS that the 30 Puerto Rican activists were there because "we're in the same position. Third World nationalities are forced to live and suffer under the same conditions. We share common national interests."

At the five mile mark, and the site of the proposed housing development, the marchers held a rally. A column of 2,000 uniformed patrolpersons separated marchers from a counter demonstration by the white residents who waved American flags and sang "America the Beautiful." During the rally Black mayoral candidate Charles Bowser—endorsed by the BUF—spoke, as did also many members of the BUF. Father Paul Washington of the Church of the Adoration led a

prayer, intoning that Black people wished peace but that they would continue to fight for the human rights which they had earned.

As the second portion of the march got under way, the familiar BUF chant "We fired up, won't take no more" echoed all along the Broad Street route, and the downtown canyons of Philly's business district. When the march reached city hall, a second rally was held as Black and other Third World workers left their jobs to listen to the municipal candidates who endorse the BUF's Human Rights Agenda.

One of the march's organizers, State Representative Milton Street told LNS that he "hoped that the march could prove that both Blacks and whites could disagree on issues but band together in making Philadelphia a better place to live." Despite Street's good intentions, however, the march attracted virtually no white support outside of the activist community. And in laying out further objectives, Street told LNS that he hoped that Fred Druding, president of the Whitman Area Improvement Council would share the platform with Black activists speaking at the march. This was not to be, Druding told the press corps, because he had no intention of speaking on the same platform when he felt that both sides were still far apart.

Basically what Druding and his backers want is a "scatter-site" housing proposal for low-income housing, because they feel that a central location would bring in large numbers of national minorities into the predominantly white area.

Mayor Rizzo and city councilman Jimmy Tyne have led the opposition inside the city government against the housing development, and have given open support to white vigilante groups attempting to mobilize white residents against the project.

After six hours of marching and two major rallies, demonstrators' spirits remained high. And BUF organizers vowed to continue to mobilize in the streets until Philly's city government becomes responsive to the needs of Black and other Third World peoples. □



tears & then what

after the tears
what will we give?

when the week is out
will we remember?

and during the silence
of the long summer's
night,
will we understand

the strength,
the faith,
the love

that was the man?

4 april 1968

dr. martin luther king, jr.
dead in memphis, tennessee

Richie Wilson
free venice, ca. 1968

Now it's 1979. Little has changed. Our tears have long since dried, but still, a question remains: how do we honor his life, his effort, his cause, which is, is reality, our cause, how?

Continued struggle is the only complement to our tears.

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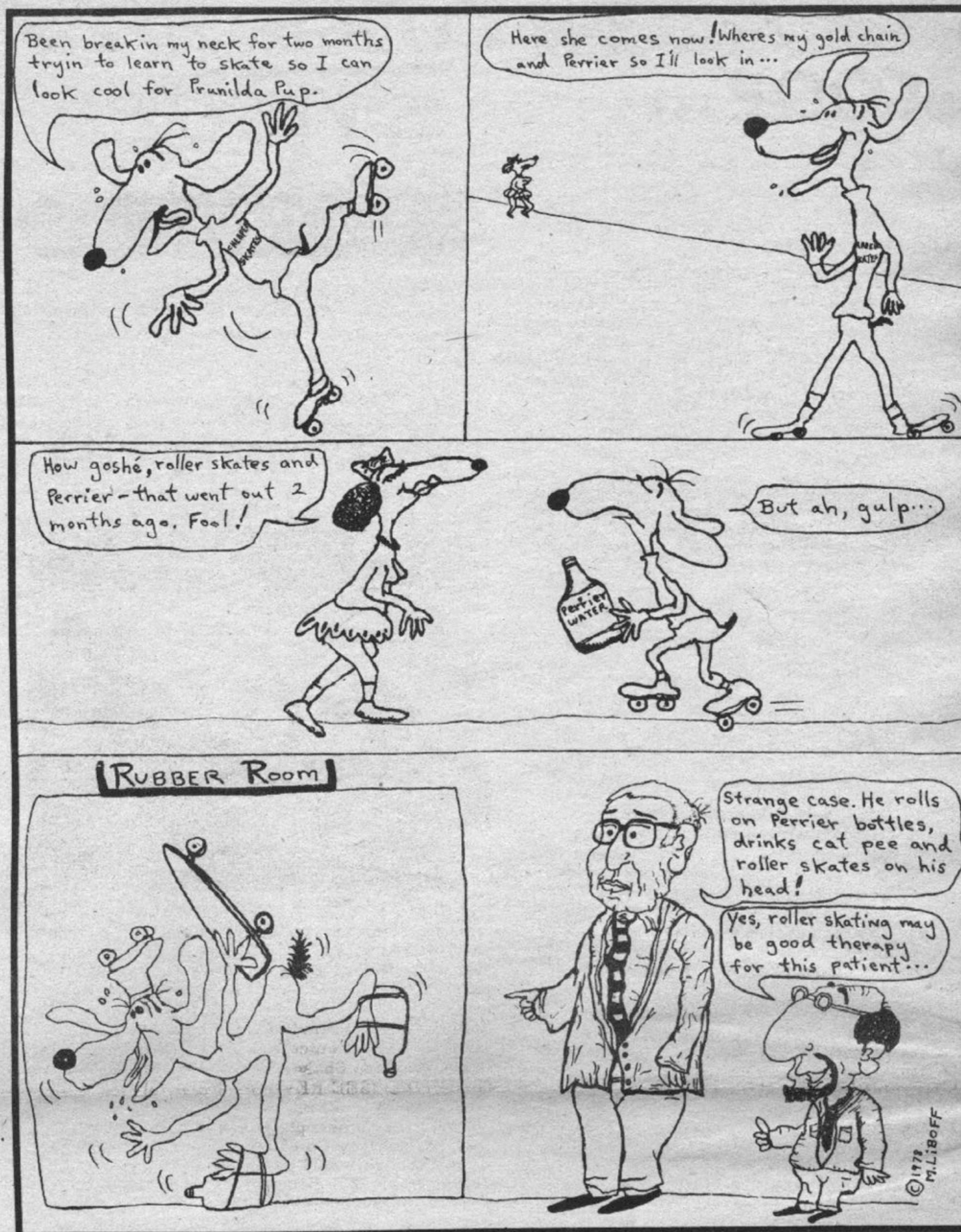
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14 ALLIANCE FOR SURVIVAL NEWS

April was busier than expected. The Harrisburg nuke accident made the film "China Syndrome" into instant documentary, and many people expressed interest in becoming "active today" rather than "radioactive tomorrow". Over a thousand attended the April 7 MacArthur Park rally and took 150,000 copies of the Radioactive Times for distribution in their communities. The Venice/Santa Monica/West LA chapter's general educational meeting with environmental health consultant Irv Lyon was attended by about 60. Dr. Lyon showed the fallacy in the term "low level" as applied to radiation and its effects on living beings. One example: The close correspondence between infant mortality statistics for areas near nuclear plants and the ups and downs in radiation caused by the dates of start-ups and shut-downs of those plants!! The April 14 desert visit and MX protest was a combination of talks on the desert environment and the missile plans, and enjoyment of the setting.

In May our educational meeting will be May 9th (second Wednesday as usual) at 7:30PM in the Marine Park building, 1406 E. Marine, a few blocks E. of Lincoln. Speaker will be Dave Lumian of the regional Alliance For Survival staff, who will give a talk on nuclear power and weapons in a global perspective, and give us a picture of what is going on in other parts of the country as regards anti-nuke organizing. There is no charge for admission. June 10 will be the second "Survival Sunday" at Hollywood Bowl, an afternoon which will consist of musical entertainment and speakers, and which will be a benefit for the Alliance.

Our chapter continues to meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm to plan all the rest of the local activities. We are preparing educational programs for presentation to all sorts of local groups. Those wishing to join our beach leafletting activities call Lee at 392-3172. For leafletting at "China Syndrome" call Rick at 322-7072. Other numbers of interest: 399-7377, 473-9732, and 3732 Sawtelle LA 90066. Regional office - 937-0240. ~



The Meaning of Meltdown

Although most media reports now discount the possibility of a meltdown at Three Mile Island, it is not clear how accurate this assessment is.

A meltdown occurs when the water that cools the reactor's core leaks out, perhaps as the result of a pipe leak or valve failure. The intensely hot fuel assemblies then melt, collecting at the bottom of the reactor. At this point, several results can follow. The fuel can continue to melt through the floor of the reactor into the soil and the water table. Alternately, the incredible heat can cause a steam explosion releasing massive amounts of radiation into the air.

According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's own 1975 Rasmussen study on the possible effects of a meltdown, the results predicted that there would be: 3,300 immediate deaths, 314,000 injuries, 240,000 thyroid cancers, 45,000 genetic defects, 24,000 latent cancer deaths, \$64 billion property damage and 2,000 square miles contaminated.

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ART

Color photos of Venice, Venice Beach & Beach people & Seagulls in flight by James H. Scott. giammaica (pronounced Jamaica) gallery, Venice Studio Village, 610 1/2 Venice Blvd. 821-8238

IMAGES OF NEW ENGLAND - color photography by Joan Yarfitz. Will open on May 18 and continue through July 6, 1979. Exhibition at Crocker National Bank, Wilshire/Westwood Office. 10880 Wilshire Blvd. Mon.-Thur. 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday until 6pm.

I. D. E. A. Center for the Arts. Photographic exhibition of Kim Canazzi May 8 through June 15, Tues. - Friday 1-3p.m. Black/White photographs depicting dramatic images of women.

WOMEN

WOMONSPACE - 237 Hill St. S.M. 399-9813/396-0054
Schedule of Events:

Mon.	Alternative to AA for Women	7pm
Tues.	Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic. walk in/call	6-9pm
	392-8383	
Thurs.	Radical Feminist Open Drop in Rap Group. \$2 unemployed/\$5 employed. No woman turned away.	7pm
Fri.	Non-Violent Feminists	4:30pm
	Third Friday of month. Pot-luck	
	7pm \$1. No woman turned away.	
Sat.	Open House/Breakfast - first Sat. of month	10am
	General Staff Mtgs-1st & 3rd Sat of month	11am

Chocolate Waters, Lesbian Feminist Poet, and Blaze, Feminist comic, will appear Friday, May 4, 8pm at Womonspace. \$2. Women only.

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2nd & 4th Fridays of the month. 7:15-10:00pm. \$5.00 donation. A place to come for personal problem solving, make contact with other women, learn politics of Radical therapy.
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HEALTH CLASSES FOR WOMEN- WESTSIDE WOMEN'S CLINIC
1711 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica. 450-2191
May 7 Wholistic Health Mon. 7-9pm
May 14 Rape Crisis Syndrome Mon. 7-9pm
May 21 Gay Community Service Ctr. Mon. 7-9pm
all classes are free.

MUSIC

May 13, Sun. 8pm. Santa Monica Symphony. Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. FREE
Will be broadcast on KCRW-FM, 89.5.

BEYOND BAROQUE FOUNDATION

May Music Events

Sat., May 5, 8p.m.	Charles C. Hammer
Sat., May 19, 8p.m.	La Chanterelle (Mark Chatfield...)

NEW LOCATION: 681 Venice Blvd., Venice.

IN CONCERT: Marina del Rey-Westchester Symphony Orchestra. Sat. May 5, 8p.m. Westchester High School Auditorium, 7400 W. Manchester Ave. Free. 257-2077

RIC MASTEN, folk poet, songwriter - an evening of song, satire. Friday, May 4 - 8pm. Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Multi-purpose Hall 'A'. \$3. per person. 355-8825/559-2818

SANTA MONICA LYRIC CHORUS PERFORMANCE
Sun., May 20 3pm. Lincoln Park. \$1. 394-1227

FESTIVAL OF CHORUSES - Mon. June 4 8pm. Lincoln Jr. High, Santa Monica \$1. 394-1227

SONG OF EARTH CHORALE - folksongs from around the world in original languages. Wednesday evenings. David or Linda Helfman-392-1072

LISTINGS ON THIS PAGE ARE FREE. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO EVENTS IN OR NEAR VENICE. INFO MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITTEN FORM (WE MAY CONDENSE IF LONG) BY LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH. MAIL TO:

Beachhead Community Events
P.O. Box 504, Venice 90291

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DANCE

DANCE CONCERT Sunday - May 6, 8pm. I.D.E.A. Center for the Arts. 522 Santa Monica Blvd., S.M. Featuring L.A. dancers/choreographers Linda Foster & Martina Young. \$4.00

MORGAN THEATER-2627 Pico Blvd. S.M. May 3 thru 12: Rodeo-ex-machina Dance Co. \$5. For reservations-828-7519

THEATER



"COMING FROM A GREAT DISTANCE" a play by A Traveling Jewish Theater, extends run at The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., S.M. Fri., Sat., Sun., May 4-6 at 8pm. For reservations and info: 650-7063

Hedda Gabler (Henrik Ibsen) Thurs-Sun. 8 pm thru May 13. Venice Pavilion, 1530 Ocean Front Walk. Seaside Shakespeare Festival. \$1 donation 399-2775. (SEE REVIEW, PAGE 8)

DINOSAUR, a new play, presented by the Venice Mootney Company. Thursday, May 17, (opening night) 8:00 p.m. At the Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica. Reservations: 399-3472/396-9845

Constant Comedy, improvisational group, Sat. (except first Sat. each month) 9pm, Temple Mishkon Tephilo Theater 206 Main St. \$2. 396-5639 or 399-9652

1st ANNUAL REPERTORY SEASON - Eyes Wide Open Dance Theater and Lynn Dally & Dancers will perform May 4-6 and May 11-13, May 18-20, and May 25-27. 8pm. Pacific Motion Dance Studios. 1621 W. Washington Blvd. Venice. 392-3931

"UNDER MILK WOOD", play by Dylan Thomas performed by Lyric Theater of Venice, Cordell Hall, 1020 Victoria Avenue, Venice. Play will run Thurs. and Fri. evenings, 8:30pm through May 18. \$3.50/\$2.50-students & seniors. Call 838-4655 or 399-0556 for info and reservations.

VENICE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH DRAMA GROUP at Venice Blvd. and Ocean Ave. new drama group for children and teen-agers. Ask for Syble Salisbury.

FILM

TEMPLE OF MAN presents:
May 19, 20, 26, 27 - June 2, 3, 9, 10.
Ben Talbert-a microspect. 11a.m. -5p.m.
May 17-18:
Two evenings of Films. 8p.m.
35 Market St. Venice. For info: 399-9747

Free Movies
Santa Monica Public Library Free Films
May 10 (Thurs.): 3pm & 7:30pm:
Say It With Body Language (in commemoration of Deaf Awareness Month)
The General, Buster Keaton, 60 min. black-and white silent with subtitles & musical b.g.
ONE AM, Charlie Chaplin, 18 min. b-&-w silent w/ musical background.
May 17 (Thurs.): 3pm & 7:30 pm:
Deadly African Snakes, 15 min. color.
Inside the Shark, 50 min. color. Effects of shark attack on man & adaptation making it an extremely effective predator.
1343 Sixth St. at Santa Monica Blvd. 451-5751

POETRY

BEYOND BAROQUE FOUNDATION
681 Venice Blvd. Venice City Hall

POETRY READINGS

Fri., May 4, 8p.m.	David Meltzer
Fri., May 11, 8p.m.	Michael Silverblatt
Fri., May 18, 8p.m.	Jack Hirschman
Fri., June 1, 8p.m.	S. Diane Bogus & Weldon Baptist

OPEN POETRY READINGS MOST FRIDAYS
Sign ups begin at 8p.m.
Program starts at 8:15p.m. sharp.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON POETRY READING at Vroman's. 1418 Santa Monica Mall, S.M. 395-4295
Saturday, May 12, 5pm. Laurel Ann Bogen, Scott' Wannberg, Carol Lewis.

VENICE PAVILLION POETRY READINGS

moved to the Venice Jail (Public Art Station) 685 Venice Blvd., Venice.

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 p.m.
MAY 8th: Poets from the last 7 weeks will reprise with five or six minutes of their favorite poetry from a poet other than themselves. Possible guest poets.

THE VENICE TEMPLE

an activity of the Temple of Man
1439 Cabrillo Avenue, Venice - 399-9747
SAT., MAY 5, 8pm - David Meltzer
Sat., MAY 19, 8pm-Jack Hirschman
poetry readings.

THEATRICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN
Poetry Readings. 1419 N. Topanga Cyn Blvd. May 25 - 8p.m. Free.
Goat Woman - Poems and Anti-poems
J. Ivaloo Volborth - Native American Verse
Original Folk Songs

COMMUNITY

BENEFIT FOR CHURCH IN OCEAN PARK
"Get Your Hair Cut for Chrissake". William & Donald & Staff give their skills at hair cutting for \$10.00. Sunday, May 6, 11am-5pm. Entertainment and refreshments also. 2914 Main St. Ocean Park. 399-7705. All proceeds to the Church in Ocean Park.

DIDI HIRSCH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City - 390-6612
"CHANGING ROLES OF MEN & WOMEN IN RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME AND AT WORK". Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30pm free of charge.

FRIENDS OF THE VENICE-MAR VISTA LIBRARIES
610 California Ave. OR 12006 Venice Blvd. M.V. 821-1769 390-3454
Venice Branch Library Booksale and Festival
Sat. May 19 - 10 to 3 p.m. 610 Calif. Ave. Ven. Community sponsored art and food booths.

LECTURE

May 15, Tues., 7-9pm: The Healing Power of Touch, lecture-discussion by Don Spizziri, M.A., Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St at Ocean Park Blvd. 396-2741.

INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE
May 11 and 12. Public policy on segregated vs multi-generational housing. Retail Clerks Union Hall in Santa Monica. For more info: call Center for New Corporate Priorities - 837-7111

HOUSING CONFERENCE
May 12, 1979 - St Marks Lutheran Church 3651 S. Vermont Ave. 9a.m. -4:30p.m. Housing issues that relate to low and moderate income persons in L.A. County \$1. 732-0153

COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL
Celebration of tenants rights movement & rent control victories. Honoring Congressman Parren Mitchell. Sunday, June 3. Airport Hyatt Hotel, Sepulveda & Century Blvd. \$15. For reservations: 938-6241

COMMUNITAS - 203 Hill St. S.M. 392-8376
Self Defense for Seniors, Children & Women
Free. Classes begin Monday, May 7 at 7:30pm
Running four consecutive Mondays.
Church in Ocean Park - 235 Hill St. S.M.

UNION OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN
Public Forum on Police Abuse. Friday, May 4 7:30p.m. People's College of Law-2228 West 7th Street. 463-3706/666-3217.

health/therapy

- Venice Family Clinic.....392-2488
322 S. Lincoln Blvd., Venice
Free Clinics: Pediatrics M-Th 3-6
General health M,W,Th. 6-9 pm. Registr.
5 pm. VD (men only) Tues. 6-9 pm;
Hypertension, to be announced.
Eyes, Ears & throat every 2 weeks.
Dermatology & Neurology once a month.
- Benjamin Rush Center..... 392-4150
Individual therapy, family & 392-4159
child counseling, in Spanish.
- NEW START..... 393-9261
1222 7th St., Santa Monica.
Outpatient drug counsel ctr., detox
referral, diversion, court liaison,
drug edu., bilingual services.
- Los Angeles Free Clinic..... 653-1990
8405 Beverly Blvd., L.A.
Psychological and legal counseling,
job placement, VD treat., Family plan.,
gen. medical service, emergency dental.
- Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Ctr.. 390-6612
4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Cul. City. * 254
Family counseling and guidance;
Community education and consultation;
Older persons counseling service;
24 hr. emergency service..... 390-6612
- Jewish Family Service Ctr..... 393-0732
1424 4th St., S. M.
Rap grps for men, women, seniors,
couples, etc.
- Open Paths Community Counseling Ctr.....398-7877
3744 S. Barrington Av.
Private and group counseling, adult
& children. Separation and divorce
clinic. Fees—sliding scale. Also: alcohol & drug
diversion.
- CLARE Foundation..... 396-5940
alcoholism problem solving
- Project Resocialization.....870-1557
318 Lincoln Room 121, Venice.
Community re-entry for ex offenders,
parolees and pre-parolees, low income
& other socially disadvantaged persons,
immigration/naturalization, health counsel.
emergency housing & food, half-way house.
- L.A. Men's Collective.....476-1949
Anti-sexist; potluck supper-raps,
1st & 3rd Sun of each month. At
Church in Ocean Pk, 2nd & Hill 7 pm.
- Venice Drug Coalition..... 399-9374
739 California Av., Venice
Referral services, counseling.
836 Hampton. Out patient clinic.....392-4183

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS PAGE UP-
TO-DATE. IF YOU KNOW OF NEW SER-
VICES, #S, ETC., CALL & LEAVE US A
MESSAGE ON OUR ANSWER PHONE, THANKS!

HOT & HELP LINES

- Crisis Intervention hot line..... 390-8896
- Maple Center 24 hr. drug hot line..... 274-5387
- L.A. Sex Info. Help line..... 653-1123
M-Th 3-9 pm.
- S.M. -Westside Hotline (Vexhelps)..... 394-3577
24 hr. general hot line. Crisis
listening, counseling, referral.
Suicide, battered women, child abuse.
- Spiritual Life Line.....652-9505
- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity..800-424-8590
Operated by HUD. Info to people TOLL FREE
with housing problems, those in-
volving discrimination.
- Nat. Solar Heating and Cooling.....800-523-2929
Information Center TOLL FREE
Info on availability of solar
installations for heating and cooling.

CO-OPS

- Venice-Ocean Park Co-Op..... 396-2132
Meets Thurs 7:30-10 pm at 399-4304
945 1/2 Lake St., Ven. 396-4928 info.
- Co-Opportunity..... 395-5732
1530 Bdway, Santa Monica.
- Co-Op West..... 477-9949
11556 Santa Monica Blvd., WLA

Neighborhood

- Venice Town Council..... 396-6876
399-1925
- Westside Tenants Action Ctr.(Venice)..... 399-9255
1301 Main St. free legal advice
concerning housing problems for renters
- Barrios Unidos, Westside..... 399-9194
gang related issues, prevention
and education. 826 Hampton, Venice.
- FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD..... 823-5092
- Educational Opportunity Ctr (EOC).... 392-4527
318 S. Lincoln, Rm 119
- Beyond Baroque Center..... 392-5763
Poetry and writers' workshops,
Ven. City Hall, 681 Ven. Blvd.
- Venice Artists' Forum..... 822-9560
Monthly in SPARC bldg.
- NAAP..... 399-7737
neighborhood adult participation
project. education, soc. welf;
neighbor. improvmt., consum. ed.
8-5 M-F 641 Westminster, Venice.
- Venice Civic Union..... 399-0031
- Casa de Hermandad..... 477-8272
work exper. programs, classes, job
searh. techniques for low income folk,
unemployed of Venice and WLA areas.
- Ocean Park Community Center..... 399-9228
Information referral
245 Hill St., Ocean Park.
- St. Joseph's Center..... 392-5101
community alt. bi-lingual educat.
food stamps, counseling. 16 and over.
533 Rose Av. Venice 9:30 - 4:30.
- Neighborhood Youth Association.....392-2873
Drug counseling, child, family coun.
- Coalition for Economic Survival..... 396-4720
housing, consumer issues, human 938-6241
rights. Meets 3rd Thurs of each
month at 641 Westminster, 7:30
- Fair Housing for Children Coalition..... 837-7114
Box 5877, S. M.
- Welfare - Family Aid only..... 478-5511
11390 Olympic Blvd. WLA
- Alliance for Survival, Ven. -S. M. - 479-9732
West L. A. Chapter..... 399-7377
Energy/ecology activism 399-3182
- Neighborhood Justice Center..... 390-7666
voluntary mediation to help settle
intra-family, neighbor, tenant-
landlord and consumer-merchant disputes.
- Writer's Cramp West..... (no # yet)
c/o Morris, 920 Ven. Blvd.
Workshop for poets, writers; send SASE for info
- S. M. Recycling Center..... 454-3845
3120 Nebraska, 1 short block no. of
Olympic, betw. Stewart & Centinela
- Councilwomen Pat Russell.....822-2582

Women's Services

- Womospace..... 396-0054
237 Hill St. Ocean Park
Radical therapy rap for women.
Thurs. eve. 6:45 pm. donation.
- Women's Substance Abuse Resource
Center..... 399-3295
Info. & referral by phone, specializing
in referral service for pregnant women
- Feminist Women's Health Ctr..... 936-6293
Self-help clinics, birth control,
pregnancy screening, abortion serv.
- Los Angeles Childbirth Ctr (Ven.).... 396-2455
home birth, midwifery, pre-natal care
- Westside Women's Clinic..... 450-2191
1711 Ocean Park Blvd, S. M.
(See Comm. Events for classes)
- Center for Feminist Therapy..... 393-9194
1640 5th St., Ste. 220, S. M.
Workshops, drop-ins, on-going grps
- Women's Community Service Ctr..... 826-0818
11914 S. M. Blvd., WLA
total gynecological care, contracep-
tion, and abortions
- Fat Underground..... 821-6557
support for fat women not into dieting
but political action

CITY SERVICES

- Large Parcel Trash Pick Up..... 272-6376
call one day in advance. ex. 392
- Lot Cleaning..... 485-3465
fire hazard, health or building
and safety hazard. Owner gets
billed for clearance.
- Emergency Street Clearance..... 485-3702
- Street Lights..... 485-3491
- Beach Weather Report..... 451-8761
- Calif. Coastal Commission..... 590-5071
- Consumer Protection Agency..... 974-7861

LEGAL AID

- Venice Legal Aid..... 392-4177
- Centro Legal de Santa Monica..... 392-4188
235 Hill St., S.M. Free legal
and paralegal services to any
low income family or individual.
UCLA Chicano Law students group.
- Free Legal Counseling for Women..... 450-2191
Each Tues evening, 7:30-9:30
at Westside Women's Clinic.
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Marge Buckley.
- The Battered Women's Legal Coun-
seling Clinic..... 392-8383
Free legal info/counseling service
for battered women. M 3-6PM, Tues 6-9 (more
hours soon)



EMPLOYMENT AID

- Career Planning Ctr. WLA..... 273-6633
on job training for low or eco.
disadvantaged women over 45.
- Man Power Employment Ctr..... 477-8272
work exper. programs and classes
in job search techniques for low
income, unemployed of SM, Venice.
- Venice Community Employment Ctr..... 399-4151
641 Westminster Ave., Venice.
Employment, placement, ed. testing,
G.I. benefits and discharge upgrade.

Senior Services

- Dial-A-Ride..... 934-DIAL
15¢ ride serv.
- Israel Levin Senior Adult..... 399-9584
Center. 201 Ocean Front Walk.
- Retired Senior Program..... 394-0251
- Westminster Senior Citizen Centr..... 392-5566
- Jewish Home for the Aged..... 881-4411
- Senior Outreach Service..... 396-5964
Bay Cities Jewish Community
Center provides medical escort
to seniors residing in Westside
region, Mon, Wed, Fri, from
10 AM to 3 PM. Two days prior
notification is requested.
- Hot Meals for Seniors..... 399-2775
Mon-Fri 1:30-3:00. 65¢. 399-4253
- Santa Monica Bay Area Health
Screening for the Elderly..... 451-1727
1250 16th St., Santa Monica.
- City of Los Angeles..... 397-1971
Senior Services and Information

EMERGENCY!

- Police..... 393-9911
- Fire..... 473-1155
- Ambulance..... 473-1155
- S.M. Emergency Hospital..... 451-1511
- Poison Center..... 451-1511
- Rape Crisis Hotline..... 677-8116
- Helicopter Complaints..... 485-3585
- L.A. County Lifeguards..... 394-3261