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## SPLITTING UP VENICE

### Venice in the EAST LANE

BY ARNOLD SPRINGER

For those of you Venice Freedom Fighters who can only get your dander up when they propose a freeway thru Venice---you may get your chance again!!

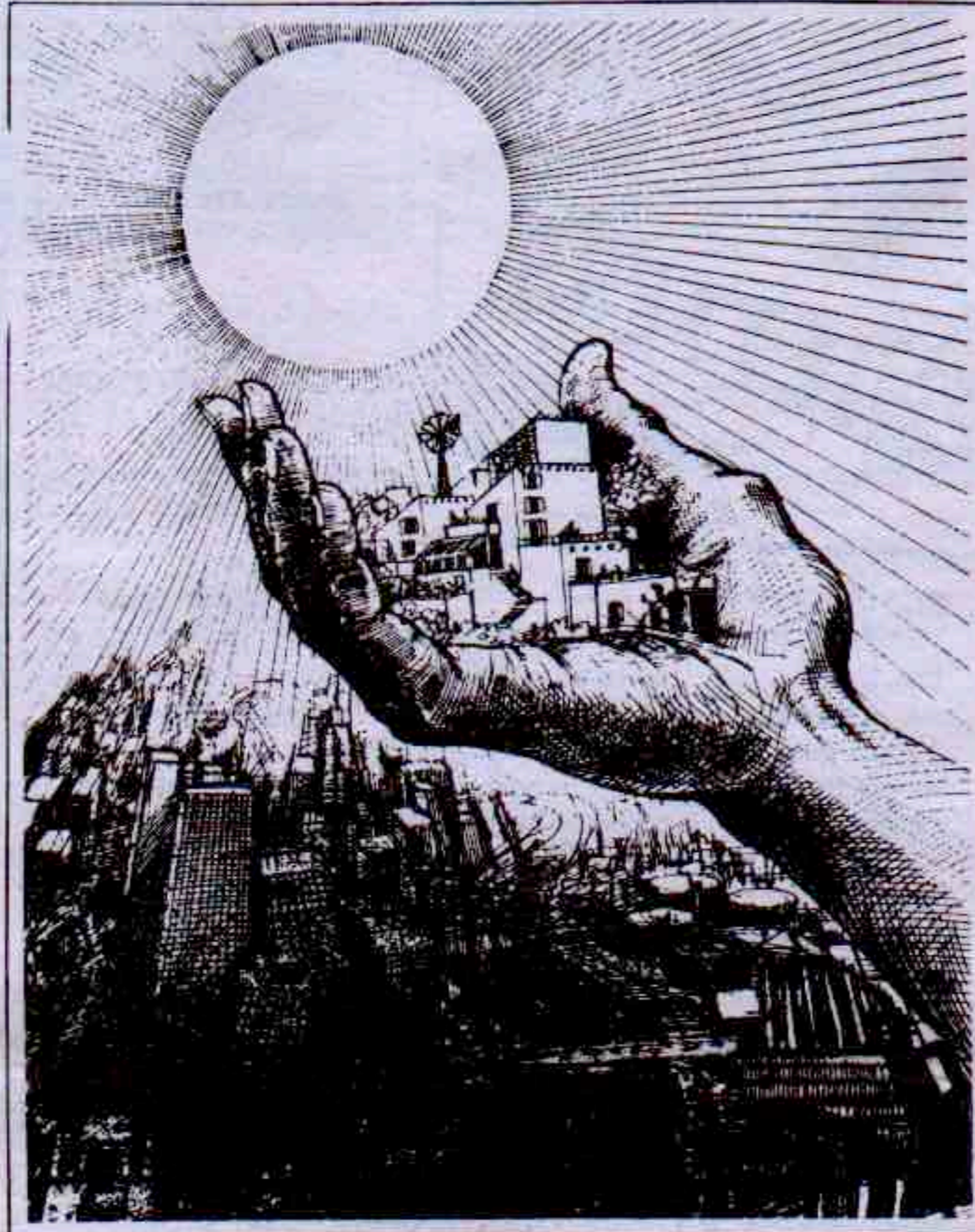
Developers and planners alike have said that the streets in the Venice-Marina area are already overloaded and cannot handle any substantial increase in automobile traffic. That means that any significant intensification of development or new development in either Venice, Ballona, or the Marina would appear to be irresponsible if not accompanied by a major traffic circulation improvement project.

Witness: The Summa Corporation wants to build a spanking new community of 20,000 in the Ballona Wetlands, straddling both sides of Lincoln Blvd from the ocean to the San Diego Freeway. The only major north south artery thru the Summa lands is Lincoln Blvd, already congested and impacted in the Venice-Marina area. To remedy this deficiency Summa proposes to extend the existing Admiralty Way in the Marina south- to connect with its proposed wetlands city - and north to connect with Washington St./ Beach / Ocean Ave. in Venice. This new north-south road would make the Summa project seem feasible as far as increased traffic is concerned.

Witness: Major leaseholders in the Marina don't like Summa's plan. First and foremost they don't because they fear it will nix their future plans, already in gestation, to begin what they call the 'second generation' rebuilding of the Marina proper. This rebuilding calls for an increased population density from ten to twenty thousand people. These greedy and unprincipled speculators who have made fortunes from buying and selling leases on publically owned land, fear that if Summa gets approval for its project they will be unable to get approval for theirs (i.e. traffic congestion) and the value of their leases will cease to double and redouble. Ditto for their profits. If they can't show that they will be able to build they cannot continue to reap the huge speculative gains of the past. Thus hundreds of millions of \$\$\$ in potential future profits are involved in the clash of these two speculator groups.

The Marina leasees argue that they cannot and will not have a major traffic artery thru the Marina and that Lincoln Blvd cannot handle the increased traffic generated by Summa's proposed new city. How could they sell their million dollar condos? Who would want to live in the Marina or come to "play in Marina del Rey" when it is polluted by the din of autos day and night, and by the noxious gasses which they produce? They will be hurt, ruined financially, they plead.

The Los Angeles Times quoted Bob Leslie, executive director of the lessee group thusly: "We have deep concerns about Admiralty because people always take the path of least resistance". "The last thing we want is a through street



[in the Marina] that gives everybody and his uncle an alternative route to Lincoln Blvd". Says the Times: "If the lessees are able to block the access route [Admiralty Way] Summa's development could be jeopardized.

But does anyone really believe that these two powerful and temporarily opposed speculator groups will go to war with each other without first trying to find another angle? Hardly. Who is there to help them find that way, to mediate their dispute? Why, the friendly County government. Says Victor Adorian, County hancho in the Marina: "The County is trying to treat everyone [he doesn't mean everyone - he means the two speculator groups] fairly". Neither group, he opines, can logically expect to get the "whole ball game".

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#### THE REAL OBSTACLE TO THE FINAL SOLUTION

The real obstacle to a satisfactory solution to the traffic congestion problem faced by the Ballona/Marina speculators is Venice. A meaningful north-south access route must go through Venice into Santa Monica. It does not have to go through the Marina!

A logical solution would be for Lincoln Blvd. to be widened between Jefferson and the Marina Freeway junction, or even to Washington St., and then to swing the traffic west and north thru Venice via either Mildred, West Washington, or Ocean Ave., to Venice Blvd. From Venice Blvd. it could move directly thru Venice, cutting and truncating it, along West Washington/Electric to Main, or along Venice Way or Grand to Main/Pacific Ave. Main St. and Pacific Ave would be one way'd.

Are the monied people and the County lackies considering such a solution? You bet your sweet booties! The final proposal mentioned in The Times by the lessees was to extend the Marina Freeway to Washington Blvd. Thus we see that

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### Venice DRAWN & QUARTERED

by MOE STAVNEZER

In order to keep democracy safe for the Democrats, the state legislature re-apportioned Venice beyond any recognition as a community.

Anticipating this kind of activity from our elected officials, voters passed Prop. 6 in June of 1980. That law states, in part, that "The geographical integrity of any city, county...or of any geographical region shall be respected to the extent possible..." during reapportionment. Obviously the legislature decided to ignore that dictum.

The Republicans, who would have done the same thing if they were in power, have responded with a holier-than-thou referendum which, if passed, will throw out the new boundaries. The legislature will then have to do the whole thing over again. Meanwhile, Common Cause, ever vigilant, is pushing a law that will put reapportionment into the hands of a bipartisan commission.

All of this scuffling around for the correct position ignores the fact that reapportionment is a very political endeavor and there's not much reason to believe that the results would be vastly different in different hands.

So, we're stuck with the following new lines and the fact that all of us will have new "representatives" in the State Senate and Assembly as well as in Congress.

In the Assembly, Venice (west of Lincoln Bl.) has been split in two. The boundary for this split follows this imaginary line: starting at the border of Santa Monica the line goes south on Main St. to Sunset Ave., east on Sunset to Hampton, south to West Washington and continues to the middle of No. Venice Bl. where it heads directly east past Lincoln Everything east and north of this line remains in the 44th Assembly District where Tom Hayden, Alan Katz and Steve Saltzman are running to succeed Mel Levine. Everything west and south of that line is now in the 49th District where Gwen Moore is the Assemblywoman running for re-election.

The Senate is easier--everything west of Lincoln Bl. is now in the new 28th Senate District where Diane Watson is the Senator running for re-election (this was Alan Sieroty's territory).

In Congress, we will no longer have Robert (B-1) Dornan to make jokes about. His District was cut to bits and our bit is in the new 27th District where Mel Levine is the odds-on favorite. In a bit of irony, Levine's Republican opponent is likely to be Bob Ryan ex-Coastal Commissioner who made a habit of voting against most affordable housing and access permits that came before the commission. He was recently replaced by the Senate Rules Committee headed by David Roberti.

And so folks, as ole Walter Cronkite used to say--"That's the way it is."



I appreciate you folks takin' the time to respond to the Admin. denial of delivering the Beachhead to me. Since then I have received the B.H. with no hassles. Right On!

As soon as I received notice that they denied my Right of Freedom of the Press I shot them a kite demanding them to get right or I would file a law suit, 3 or 4 days later I received the B.H. I've found the B.H. to very Enlightening & Stimulating, also I've gained more insight of the present Political situation--each day becoming more of an Anarchist. Unfuck the Government!

Our Great, Great Grandfolks shoulda learned a lil' from the Traditional Indian, if they had been as wise maybe life wouldn't be sooo complex today. But noooo somebody had to have Power thus oppressing others, man its depressing but I view this Earth as a train that's goin' down hill with no brakes & the next big curve it encounters its gonna derail, 1984 is gettin closer!

If any Women would like to correspond, shoot the breeze, share some stimulating conversation I'll answer.

Aaron Hill



Hi!

We're back in Venice! This time to stay and make the LA area our headquarters. We're looking for a large, old building to set up a center/temple where we will offer workshops on meditation and self-evolvement techniques, inspiring talks given by Wulf Zendik, founder of the Zendik Society, our original music, poetry, theatre and dance.

We're also performing on the Boardwalk sunny Saturdays and Sundays. Wulf will be speaking at Santa Monica College on the 28th of March and we will be on the radio soon rapping our politico/metaphysical alternatives. Anyone interested in learning more about us and/or joining the Ecolibrium Alliance is welcome to our Sunday evening "Feasts of Reason" at 7:30, 30 24th Ave., Venice. Our new phone is 392-5673.

We greatly appreciate the Beachhead's service as a community forum for ideas and information. Knowledge is power and education is the first step toward change.

See you Sundays,  
Sayanti  
Zendik Society for  
Ecolibrium

Editors:

In the past I have found the Beachhead to be a non-sexist paper. That is one of the reasons that I find it so appalling that you would print "Art Shark Aced Out" in the same issue that commemorates International Women's Day.

Although "the Artist" may have a legitimate complaint against "Ace", I find his attack against the secretary very offensive. It is totally unnecessary to call her "a little introverted, non-stop talking, ratchet jawed", "looked like she was just released from juvenile hall" and worst of all, "Darling Ding Dong". I am sick of this attitude about secretaries. Why has "the Artist" directed his abuse toward the secretary? Please forgive me if I am inclined to believe it is due to the fact that she is female and that she was doing her job effectively.

I am aware that the article was supposed to be humorous, but I am not amused. Secretarial positions, being feminised, have low status and low pay; but are still responsible and difficult jobs. The woman that "the Artist" called a "Darling Ding Dong" communicated his requests and carried out her employer's wishes, taking "the Artist"'s abuse while she did so. Handling rude people such as "the Artist" is all in a day's work for the average secretary, who rarely gets credit for her public relations skills. I hope "Ace" realizes her value.

Sincerely  
Andrea G. Loveday

Dear Friends and Companeros at the Beachhead:

As a team of principally European and other continental professional filmmakers on location in the USA, we've had the auspicious opportunity to get acquainted with your monthly. We wish you to know that your paper is uniquely and veritably a BEACHHEAD of lucidity and hope amid its darkened environment. As such, it seems to be closest to the spirit for which the world at large is struggling.

All the more, given this affinity in our purposes, please print the following announcement in your next issue. We feel it our responsibility to make available to your readership the following opportunity:

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Hello. My name is John Eason. I happened to be lucky enough to live on the same tier with one of your subscribers and had a chance to read volume #146 of your paper. Inside I noticed letters from other convicts. So I decided to write and ask if you would place an ad for me. Funds to pay for the ad I don't have. I am some what of an artist, so maybe we can work something out. I am in need of financial help but at the same time I would appreciate letters from all sincere people. All letters will be answered promptly. I'm a w/m, 27 yrs old. My nationality is Gypsy. I'm doing 15 yrs. for sales of cocaine. Enclosed with this letter is a stamp. Could you send me your next issue. And I would like to compliment Andre Hall on his article "A Plan To...Resist the Draft." It was a very well put together piece.

I'd like to thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,  
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## Westside Food Bank

Westside charitable organizations that have provided food assistance in the past are finding their supplies are inadequate to meet the growing need of the hungry. Yet, ironically, there is documented evidence from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that millions of tons of nutritious foods go to waste every year.

To combat the problem, a West Side Food Bank has been organized. Co-sponsors of the project, the Westside Ecumenical Conference and the Hunger Organizing Team of the Inter-Faith Hunger Coalition, have involved 50 Westside organizations and agencies in the non-profit, non-sectarian corporation.

Solving its first problem, the Food Bank has been provided with donated "warehouse" space by Wally Marks of Walter M. Marks, Inc. Located in the Santa Monica Mall, 1320 A Third St., the site will be used as the Food Bank's distribution center. Food supplies will be distributed to the charitable organizations 'on-site' feeding center, where it will be given to needy families and individuals.

Additional donations are now being sought; needed are trucks to pick up the contributed foods, refrigerators and freezers to house the perishables, and boxes and bags. Volunteer help is also needed to assist the part-time manager who will be hired to redistribute food supplies to charitable organizations.

The Food Bank concept is not a new movement in the U.S. The first was organized in 1965 in Phoenix, Arizona. There is now a national network of 34 banks. Basically, the non-profit Food Banks act as a clearing house that gleans, stores and redistributes food that is usable, but not saleable because it isn't packageable, or is past its "pull date" but still edible. These foods are gathered from the fields, canneries, orchards and packing houses where it would be destroyed if not given to the existing 34 Food Banks.

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# GIMME SHELTER

BY WENDELL JONES

Tenant activists from across the city have been preparing emergency defensive maneuvers to counter the landlords full scale attack on rent control in Los Angeles. Although a new ordinance phasing rent control out may have been passed by the time you read this, insiders predict that we will be discussing what type of ordinance will be finally accepted for the next few weeks to come.

Mayor Tom Bradley surprised political watchers everywhere when he suddenly sponsored a last minute lobbying effort to kill rent control city wide. The rent control ordinance has been under discussion as the council decides whether to pass a final ordinance. The present law has always been temporary and the city only recently finished investigation into the "environmental impact" of rent control.

The government operations committee which first considered the issue recommended that rent control be strengthened and that landlords only be allowed yearly increases. The council rejected the motions to strengthen the ordinance, retaining the present ordinance which allows increases whenever a unit is vacated with no limit on the increase or the number of increases allowed in a year.

This measure failed to pass on a second reading. Instead a new bill which would phase rent control out of all units which are "voluntarily vacated" was passed. Council members favoring rent control explained that their offices had been blitzed by aides from Mayor Bradley who lobbied hot and heavy to end rent control.

As the council met to consider a second and final reading of the ordinance they were faced with over a thousand angry tenants who turned out to protest. With the media out in full force, and under the sudden glare of television lights, the council members backed off and refused to hold any meaningful discussion of the issues. Instead they began making a series of bizarre and unique speeches extolling the virtues of landlord tenant harmony and reminding us that in fact, no one on the council really opposes rent control.

At present the "Finn Amendment", which would phase out rent control, has not been withdrawn. It will be heard again on Tuesday April 6 and if passed it could become law. As of Tuesday March 30, the council was too scared to pass the amendment, and tenant activists are working to make sure that they do not find the courage to do the dirty deed.

If we hold them off, the council could spend the next few weeks deciding on a final law. The time has come for anyone who wants to help preserve rent control to come forward. Activists plan to attend the upcoming hearings, lobby council members, and organize tenants to voice their anger at those council members who are voting to kill rent control. A huge quantity of work remains to be done, and anyone who has time to help is urged to contact the Tenant Action Center 399-9255 or Wendell Jones at 396-2167.

Pat Russle, our own back stabbing council woman, remains in the center of the storm. Aides to sympathetic councilmen have stated that Ms. Russle changed her vote and decided to phase rent control out after Mayor Bradley indicated that she would lose support from his machine in the upcoming elections if she maintained her support for rent control.

Ms. Russle's aides were flooded with calls from tenants after she made her latest flip flop. Callers were greeted by surprised aides the following day who insisted that Ms. Russle could never have voted against rent control.

By early afternoon the story had changed and aides were beginning to inform callers that Ms. Russle had in fact voted for rent control. When the angry tenants asked how this could be possible, they were told that Ms. Russle had voted to keep rent control in units till they were

vacated, at which time all controls would be removed.

When this writer exploded and said that this meant that she favored a phase out and an end to controls, the aide admitted that this was true, but insisted that it was the only way to stop rent control from being totally removed. Of course this

ignores the fact that the phase out was only passed by a vote of 6 to 8. If Russle had continued to support rent control the vote would have been a tie. And no vote to kill all controls could have been passed without her vote. When the aide was asked if he could be quoted, he



immediately backed up, withdrew the whole bogus story and refused to give his name.

Readers are encouraged to call Ms. Russle at her office (213) 485-3357 and voice their concerns. It is imperative that callers let the councilwoman know they will not quickly forget if she votes to kill rent control. She faces reelection next year, and although developers are among her biggest boosters, a strong tenant outpouring could scare her enough to change her vote.

Mayor Bradley must also be contacted. Evidently he has decided that he is assured the liberal vote since he will be running for governor against arch conservative Deukmejian or Mike Curb. His Moves to kill rent control are an obvious bid for the conservative vote.

Representatives from nearly every tenant organization in Los Angeles demonstrated at Mayor Bradley's home on March 27. Members from China Town Tenants Association, Chicanos from Inquilinos Unidos and California Association of Tenants, seniors from the Valley and the West Side and numerous other constituencies showed the mayor the wide range of opposition he faces if he refuses to change his position.

These tenants all agreed that we will have to continue to organize whatever the outcome. If rent control is ended, we will have to begin working to pass an initiative of our own. If it is retained, it will still be one of the weakest rent

control laws in the nation. Our job will be to assure the passage of legislation that will give tenants real protection.

While the Mayor continues to insist that he does not oppose rent control, he has refused to state that he supports it. Tenants are calling to let his office know that if rent control is killed he will face massive tenant response in the coming primaries.

The last month has seen great advances in the development of the rent control movement. In spite of torrential rainfall that stopped hundreds of demonstrators from traveling in from the valley, over three hundred protesters attended the action called by the Coalition for Effective Rent Control on March 14. ■

## PLUS CA CHANGE, PLUS C'EST LA MEME CHOSE

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE THE MORE THEY  
REMAIN THE SAME.

BY ARNOLD SPRINGER

While researching in the history of our Venice community I came across the following item from 1919. It is about the struggle between landlords and tenants, and as that is much in the news today I thought this bit of ancient struggle might be of some interest to Beachhead readers.

I have abridged the account but left it in the tense in which it appeared in the paper....

"New lines of attack against the Apartment House Association...marked yesterday's developments in the 'rental revolt' that is to be organized Sunday when tenants band themselves together as a body to protest 'exorbitant rent increases' ". The tenants will gather at Burbank Hall in Los Angeles at 2 pm to

discuss the following proposals.

1) That a state referendum be enacted to prohibit rent increases by landlords without 12 months notice.

2) That a committee representing tenants be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Apartment House Owners Association.

3) That a permanent organization of tenants be established with a view to receiving and dealing with grievances against landlords.

4) That the 'intolerable conditions' said to exist in a number of instances be immediately rectified.

(the article went on to give an example)

One example of such conditions recently discovered is that of a landlord who based rent increases on projected advan-

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# YOUR number ?

By Chris Robinson  
Draft Counselor and Editor  
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Dear Draft Counselor:

After I registered for the draft, I got a letter from Selective Service saying that I have to give them my social security number. I thought it was illegal for the draft to use social security numbers. Can you tell me the truth? Do I have to tell them my social security number? Wondering, Hal Goldern, Sacramento, CA.

Dear Hal: Thanks for your letter. You do not have to give the Selective Service System (SSS) your social security number. At least, you don't have to give it to them yet. Let me explain.

When President Carter started registration for the draft in 1980, SSS said they wanted registrants to give their social security numbers. After all, nearly everyone has a social security number, and this would give SSS a way to find non-registrants.

Fortunately, Federal Judge Gerhard A. Gesell ruled on November 24, 1980, that "the law reinstating registration for the draft contains no provisions which authorize Selective Service to obtain social security numbers." SSS has appealed this ruling, and it remains undecided.

In the meantime, Congress has stepped in to change the law cited by Gesell. In the Pentagon Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 1982, there is an amendment which allows SSS to make use of your social security number. This amendment also allows the president to order the Social Security Administration to turn over all of their numbers to SSS. If the president does this, it will allow SSS to match registrant's numbers against the social security list. It is a complicated task, but it will help them to identify some young men who have not registered. Should the draft begin later this year, it will also help them to locate draft dodgers who have moved to another part of the country, but who continue to use their original social security numbers. This bill was signed into law on December 1, 1981.

At the present time, people who are about to register do not have to put their social security numbers on the registration form. SSS has agreed to publish new regulations requiring disclosure of social security numbers, and until they do this, there is no requirement for registrants to tell anything more than their name, address and birth date.

Once SSS publishes those new regulations, there will still be no need for people who have already registered - like you, Hal - to disclose your social security number. You are still covered by the court case which is under appeal.

As for those letters you keep getting from SSS, the best advice is to send a letter to SSS saying that you are a member of a class action suit, *Wolman v. U.S.*, which is currently before the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. For this reason, you can tell them that you will not disclose your social security number until the case is decided. That should turn off the hostile letters.

Other questions about the draft should be sent to: Draft Counseling, RECON Publications, P.O. Box 14602, Philadelphia, PA 19134. ●

# ORGANIZING AT GROUND ZERO

By Andrew Liberman

Serious questions have been coming up these days about the California Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze initiative, in the *LA Times* and right here on campus at U.C.L.A. Since the campaign now has over 500,000 signatures, more than the officially required amount due in April, 1982, answering some of the questions now will help to win at the ballot box in November.

Ernest Conine, of the *Times*, says the initiative, which calls for a freeze in testing, production, and further deployment of nukes, is a good idea. But he says the sponsors are not speaking to some of the issues. The work of Freeze signature gatherers at UCLA proves the opposite. There has been a signature table up at Powell Library, on North Campus, or South Campus every day of the school week, now, for over a month. As the campaign is an educational campaign, volunteers have been discussing the issue of ending this nuclear madness with every person who has desired to talk.

One question has been, "how will the Freeze be checked and verified by both sides?"

There are mechanisms called "national technical means", which include photo reconnaissance satellites and other types of monitoring devices which do not require U.S. physical presence on Soviet soil. I remember, during the Cuban "missile crisis," watching on TV and seeing in pictures in the papers, photos by US surveillance of missiles hidden in forest areas of Cuba. That was over twenty years ago, and the techniques have become refined since then.

The *Times* article contends, rightfully so, that the American people want disarmament--but still "don't trust the Russians."

My response is that it used to be the Chinese whom we were supposed to fear, our leaders told us. Then the government waved the wand and that changed overnight, as Nixon visited China.

If that is all it may take, I hope through the Freeze effort that it will help break down the barriers preventing peace with the Soviets. There is not now any serious effort to do so. There will come a time, too, as with the Chinese, when we will not live in paranoia and hatred towards this huge country, the USSR.

If the voters in the President's home state vote to pass the Freeze--that is 10% of the total U.S. population, it will have great impact on the Russians as well as the rest of the world. As Harold Willens, the campaign coordinator of the initiative, said in the *Times* on Sunday, Feb. 21, "They (USSR) have been making freeze-like proposals at the

United Nations ever since 1976." So now it is our turn.

At UCLA, some people come up to the table and say "this is just an 'if,' and will not have an effect."

It looks like ballot status is no longer an "if." So now we can deal with the vote. People have never had, except in two small communities in Massachusetts--where the Freeze won significantly--the opportunity to vote on the use of nuclear weapons. "Devices" which may very well, if used, end life on the planet. Period. The notion of voting on this matter is a democratic necessity. When people complain to get out of the streets--stop complaining and vote, we are just taking them up on it. So when we win in November, this will strengthen the efforts of persons in over twenty other states in the U.S. negotiating the idea of their own Freeze campaign. This will happen even if we do not "win" the vote in November.

Some Bruins say, "will the Soviets comply," even if the Freeze were law?"

There are fourteen constructive and lasting agreements the Soviets have not violated, three are the 1963 Test Ban Treaty, the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty and the 1972 SALT II Treaty.

The U.S. has a "spotty" record, on the other hand, when it comes to agreements. Those made with the American Indians have meant nothing. The U.S. sent troops to the Dominican Republic in 1965 after having joined OAS (Organization of American States) in agreeing not to interfere in domestic affairs of American states. America signed the Potsdam Agreement to break the German corporations and make German rearmament impossible, and proceeded to violate it right up to today with placement of U.S. nuclear missiles on German soil. With the Japanese, the U.S. committed them to a constitution guaranteeing non-military status. The U.S. is now pressing for a change. Last summer, it was reported in the *LA Times* that U.S. ships have been entering Japanese waters and harbors, possessing nuclear weapons on-board, in violation of agreements with the Japanese.

Another question, "why don't the Soviets do this peace work?" (read: why do it here...in America?)

Americans have made efforts at building support for disarmament in the USSR, through public action there. And in a recent documentary on PBS, glimpses of Soviet life revealed the attitudes of some Soviets interviewed. It indicated that the Russian people want peace, just like the people here in the U.S. do. ■

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On February 8, 1982 the California Supreme Court decided Marina Point v. Wolfson, a case which has been widely reported as a significant victory for tenants. While this case is surely interesting within the narrow context of landlord-tenant law, it is questionable how much benefit the case will actually bring to tenants.

The case began as an eviction action brought in a local Municipal Court. There, the landlord won, despite the tenants' claim that the eviction was based on an illegal policy of discrimination against children.

The Supreme Court reversed the Municipal Court's decision on the basis that the local court misinterpreted the Unruh Civil Rights Act. The Supreme Court re-affirmed a 1970 case which decided that the Unruh Act forbids all arbitrary discrimination by business establishments, and went on to decide that the Act prohibits the owner of an apartment complex from refusing to rent to a family solely because the family has a child.

In theory, this ruling should benefit families throughout the state. In addition to giving some protection against eviction to tenants with children, families who are rejected as tenants solely because they have children can file suit under the Unruh Act. The Act allows someone who proves a violation to collect actual damages, a penalty of no less than \$250, and attorney fees.

This reform in the law is worth nothing unless people take steps to enforce it. The Supreme Court isn't going to hire an attorney for you, or go with you when you look for an apartment. Last year, the Los Angeles Municipal Court processed over 30,000 eviction cases, most of which involved tenants representing themselves. In how many of these cases was a good defense lost, or even not asserted, because the tenant wasn't familiar with the applicable law or procedure? In how many other cases did tenants with good defenses simply choose not to fight?

My own observation has been that people who represent themselves in court usually fare badly. With the cutback in federal legal aid funds, and the usual scarcity of private attorneys available to low and moderate income people, our legal system will remain impenetrable for many tenants. Without legal pressure, how many apartments will open up to families thanks to the Wolfson case?

The track record isn't good. In 1974, the Supreme Court decided Green v. Superior Court, which established the rule that a tenant may be excused from paying rent if his or her apartment is unliveable. Yet, people are regularly evicted from substandard housing for non-payment of rent. Los Angeles and Santa Monica have rent control laws which limit the grounds for eviction. Still, the local courts are full of cases alleging "good cause" to evict.

Cases like Wolfson come along occasionally. Occasionally the legal system will produce apparent reform. Until the system is fundamentally altered to place people above property, and to allow easy access and provide decent results to people without specialized training, it's business as usual. ■

David Pettit

A Lancaster, Wisconsin, Circuit Court Judge, William Reinecke, has outraged state residents with his remarks made in the case of a 5-year old girl who was the victim of sexual assault by 24-year old Ralph Snodgrass of Gays Mills.

"I am satisfied we have an unusually sexually permissive young lady," said Reinecke, "And he did not know enough to refuse. No way do I believe Mr. Snodgrass initiated sexual contact." Reinecke also referred to the child as "the aggressor" in the assault.

Parents in the local rural area are organizing a petition to recall the judge, and nearby NOW chapters are assisting in the effort.

Grant County Supervisor Beverly Loy, angered by Reinecke's statements, said, "I don't know how you could hold a 5-year old child accountable for something like that--the law doesn't."

Ellen Day, a Fennimore resident who supports the recall, said, "It is our feeling that if those are Reinecke's opinions as he is expressing them in the courtroom, then those opinions and his apparent lack of credentials in the handling of children should be put up for review by the voters who put him in office," Mrs. Day said.

Wisconsin's first successful recall of a judge occurred in 1977, when Dane County Judge Archie Simonson dismissed charges against three high school boys who had assaulted a young woman, commenting that the boys had only "reacted normally." ▶

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The Klan in a 3-piece suit is still the Klan. Klan leader, Tom Metzger, who won 33,000 votes 2 years ago, is now running for U.S. Senate as a Democrat. This doesn't in any way change what the Klan is really about - armed terror against Black, ChicanoMexicano and other Third World people.

Tom Metzger leads the Klan's paramilitary border patrol that works with the Migra attacking Mexicano people and also runs a paramilitary Klan youth camp. Yet, Tom Metzger is not the only avowed white supremacist running for office, as others like Nobel Prize winning geneticist William Shockley, Jewish Defense League leader Irv Rubin, John and Helen Schnitz and Fontana Klan leader George Pepper, have also entered the electoral arena.

We can make a difference, but it isn't enough to respond only when the Klan surfaces publicly. To be part of a movement that will smash the Klan once and for all we have to be willing to fight white supremacy in all its forms. This means struggling against the entire imperialist system from racist killer cops to its KKK-endorsed President. And most importantly, it means supporting and taking leadership from the Black and ChicanoMexicano liberation struggles and other national liberation struggles which are challenging the whole system of imperialism and white supremacy. Only the victory of these struggles will insure the defeat of the Klan.

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# GUATEMALA'S MACHINE GUN DEMOCRACY

By memphis slim

(The following article was written before the March 23rd coup led by "born-again" Christian, General Efraim Rios-Montt. The coup leaders seem intent on shedding the "corrupt" image Guatemala had under General Lucas, who has now been arrested for corruption. The Rand Corporation and others are advocating a new relationship with Guatemala's new dictators as the last U.S. hope of destroying the popular resistance.)

"Elections" were held the first weekend of March in Guatemala. The U.S. press was filled with stories about the "leftist threats" and "boycott attempts" as the infrequently held nationwide elections got underway.

(The pre-election publicity listed four parties in the running. All parties were of the right with one being moderate enough to garner Christian Democratic support. There was no Christian Democrat running, however, because all the well-known candidates are in hiding, have fled the country or are afraid to run.)

The Guatemalan death squads have eliminated numbers of moderate clergy and professionals as well as vast numbers of campesinos, Indians and progressives. In this atmosphere four moderate to right parties carried out an "election."

On election day the media showed pictures of long lines of voters not honoring the "leftist boycott" and casting their ballots. Within hours of the polls closing, votes poured into Guatemala City from the rural parts of Guatemala and the generals' candidate took a large lead. Votes from urban areas were unexplainably delayed.



Immediately several parties claimed fraud. Stories of harassment, arrests, death threats and ballot box stuffing came from opposition poll workers. The opposition party leaders called for a mass demonstration in Guatemala City on Tuesday, March 9th to protest the election frauds. Police fired on the demonstrators and all opposition leaders present were detained, but later freed.

This election was important to US/Reagan interests because the President wants to send more money to the Guatemalan dictatorship. The last "free election" winner in Guatemala was overthrown in 1954 by a C.I.A. backed coup engineered by John Foster Dulles. His present incarnation is Alexander Haig. Al Haig is quite sure he won't be bothered with a popularly elected President in Guatemala. As long as the generals hold power, there will be no "free elections".

U.S. propaganda says that Guatemala is the typical underdeveloped Central American country assailed by Communist subversion. Eastern Airlines' posters describe Guatemala as "the land of Eternal Spring". It is neither. Guatemala is a heavily armed, militaristic society based on agriculture and the exploitation



of the under class, primarily Indians and poor peasants. Guatemala is also at war with its peaceful neighbor, Belize.

As you come across the Belize/Guatemala border, your first sight in Guatemala is a large billboard proclaiming that "Belize es Nuestra" (Belize is ours!). The heavily garrisoned border is in stark contrast to the peaceful Belize, which has no army and proudly proclaims a parliamentary democracy. As you travel further into the Guatemalan interior, the military atmosphere never seems to let up. It becomes apparent that Guatemala is at war with its own population.

The bus stopped somewhere between the Belizean frontier and Flores, the island town and last stand of the Guatemalan Indians against the Spanish. My Spanish isn't too good, but I recognize the word "hombres" and see all the men getting off the bus. I follow suit. Walking out of the bus, I look down the barrel of an Israeli Uzi submachine gun. One instant, sickening thought before I move again: Will I die right here for no reason?

No one is killed. Everyone is searched and all bags are searched. The campesinos from my bus don't joke. They wait patiently. The government soldiers search my friend's bags. After all, she's a gringa; maybe carrying foreign propaganda. No guns, no guerrillas, no violence. We move on. This province has Tikal in it, the most majestic of the Mayan cities. It also has large rebel forces hidden in its hills.

Guerrillas gained a foothold in this province when the generals took large tracts of land and dispossessed the campesinos. This process has been escalating for the past decade all over Guatemala. The generals send in more troops, they take more land, and the people fight back more.

One of the theories about why the Mayan Empire collapsed so quickly is that the Mayan ruling class took more and more from the peasants to support a more and more extravagant lifestyle. Perhaps we're watching the Second Empire collapse.▲



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# IN THE SUN



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by LYNNE BRONSTEIN

The morning of the El Salvador Walk-A-Thon was clear and warm, just the right weather for lying on the beach. I rose that morning with a feeling that I might join the march --if I got there on time and I felt the right energy.

After my customary Saturday breakfast at the Lafayette I strolled down the Ocean Front Walk to where the rally seemed to be happening. As I passed a table a woman said, "Are you going to walk?" Suddenly I knew I was going to. What the hell, I take long walks all the time. I signed my name and received a button and a map of the walk-a-thon route. It was fifteen kilometers from Windward and Ocean Front up the Walk and Ocean Ave. to Washington Ave, down Ocean and over to St. Augustine's Church on Fourth St. in Santa Monica (first check point), then down the Mall, down Main St., to Rose, to Lincoln, to Washington St., back up the Ocean Front to Windward. Whew!

I tried to remember what one kilometer equals in miles. I wasn't sure I was going to go the distance. And then again I didn't have a sponsor. I met some friends who were going to walk and had sponsors. I hadn't tried to drum up anybody to sponsor me as I hadn't been sure I'd be doing it until now.

But I'm an old hand for being in demonstrations just to part of the head count. Anf maybe along the way I'd pick up a sponsor. So I sat down on the Venice Pavilion lawn and listened to the rally's speakers.

People weren't all that hot about the rally even though it featured Blase Bonpane (who spoke eloquently about the lies fed us by the Administration) and an actual Salvadorean refugee. Walkers wanted to start walking. At about 11:30 they got their chance. We were directed to walk two or three abreast and keep off the bikepath. Our first few laps moved like downtown L.A. during rush hour. Gradually our pace speeded up. With signs, banners, a few raised fists, and chants, we tunneled through the Saturday afternoon beach-loving crowd.

I watched the faces of the people watching us. They looked up, they opened their mouths in surprise (or dismay?), they smiled (in agreement or derision?). What were they thinking? Oh we could tell who was for us as we later passed cars on the Santa Monica streets and some of the cars honked their support. And we could tell who was against us. "Go demonstrate in El Savdador!" "Fuck El Salvador." "The Communists are going to take over!" cried a woman on the Santa Monica Mall.

"Come jog with us!" someone shouted to a man who was jogging in Palisades Park. He shook his head and jogged in the opposite direction.

But most of them--who knew waht they were thinking? As I tried to keep up pace and keep my mind off the distance, I imagined their possible reactions:

"El Salvadoe? Well I don't know if we should be there but I guess the President knows what he's doing."

"It won't be another Vietnam. They wouldn't do that again."

"So what if it is another Vietnam? Too bad we couldn't stop the Reds that time."

"I don't like the idea of a war but we can't stop it. When will those peacenik types realize that protest marches went out with the 60's?"

Looking at the tanned surfers, the grinning beach kids, the men temporarily abandoning their chess games on the Promenade, the bicyclists, the young couples out for a stroll, the elderly people sitting in Palisades Park, I knew that none of them would want a war to take away from them the pleasures of living. But few were willing to make a public statement against war. It'd not only that to some of them, public demonstrations are considered "un-American" despite what the Constitution says. It's that these demonstrations are so uncool, so unhip, so ridiculous, so dated, so 1960's, so idealistic--so futile.

Who would want to walk fifteen kilometers for peace? Now if its for losing weight, well that's a good cause.

And it's not as if I don't have my gripes about the ambience of these affairs. There's what I call the Smorgasbord Effect. Every progressive and/or leftist cause remotely related or totally unrelated to the cause at hand, has to get its dish on the table. One always comes away loaded down with flyers, leaflets, magazines, buttons, and bumperstickers for other causes. One is always asked to sign petitions and give money. Someday I'm gonna write an article called "How to Control Your Liberal Guilt at Rallies."

And then there's the chanting. It bothers me -- the cacophonous conformity of it. The same old chants too, updated: "1-2-3-4 We Don't Want Another War!" "Ronald Reagan go and hide. What you want is genocide!" Maybe if just once a demonstration proceeded in silence through the streets people might take it more seriously. I think the chanting might be part of what makes people smirk.

I did not chant-- I sang occasionally, mostly to myself. And between chats with other walkers I listened to conversations I heard the opinions and observations of those who were not embarassed to express them.

A woman who'd worked as a nurse in Central America: "All the babies looked pregnant- their bellies stuckout- but they were just full of worms. And the mothers were so thin that they couldn't nurse their children."

A young man to his female companion: "You know, so many of them aren't interested in hearing about it, don't believe its going to happen. You sit down to talk about it, they say 'Goodbye man.' But when it effects them--oh then they worry. Like with student loans, being cut off. They're such hypocrites."

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Woman to another woman: "Its bad when I get too ambitious--I harden myself."

A Walk-A-Thon monitor to me: "I'm really glad about this turn-out. We thought only fifty people would show up." (There were at least one hundred fifty signed up to walk).

I made it to check point one, the church on Fourth St. where we all got our maps stamped and sat in the shady courtyard drinking water from paper cups and sucking on lemon slices. But as we proceeded down the Mall and past Santa Monica City Hall, I began to feel the dizzy head, aching neck, and runny nose that tell me I've passed my endurance limit. I usually walk only two or three miles before I get those symptoms. Here I'd walked more than five kilometers. We were soon to pass my house in Ocean Park. Should I quit, having gone only half the distance? My feet weren't hurting yet.


I let common sense and a conquest of Liberal Guilt guide me to the relief of my house. The Walk-A-Thon carried on. Down Main Street, winding its way back to Venice.

A man sweeping up outside the liquor store looked up at the walkers and said, "Only in America."

Mister, I thought, you're damned right.



P.S. Later that day as I recounted my experience to a friend he offered ex post facto to sponsor me at twenty cents a kilometer. I had walked about seven and was verified for only five. So i earned a dollar for the cause. But every penny helps.

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the Marina lessees are not opposed to an alternate north-south route to Lincoln, as The Times itself implied, just one that goes thru the Marina!!! Further, the lessees realize that just as congested traffic, bottle-necked on Lincoln Blvd, takes the path of least resistance right now - i.e. thru Venice - so politically the decision as to where that traffic generated by a combined 30,000 increase in area population will be decided by which interest puts up the least resistance. They have already begun to mount theirs. Summa and the County are on their side. Venice has not even been heard from. Venice doesn't even know it is happening.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

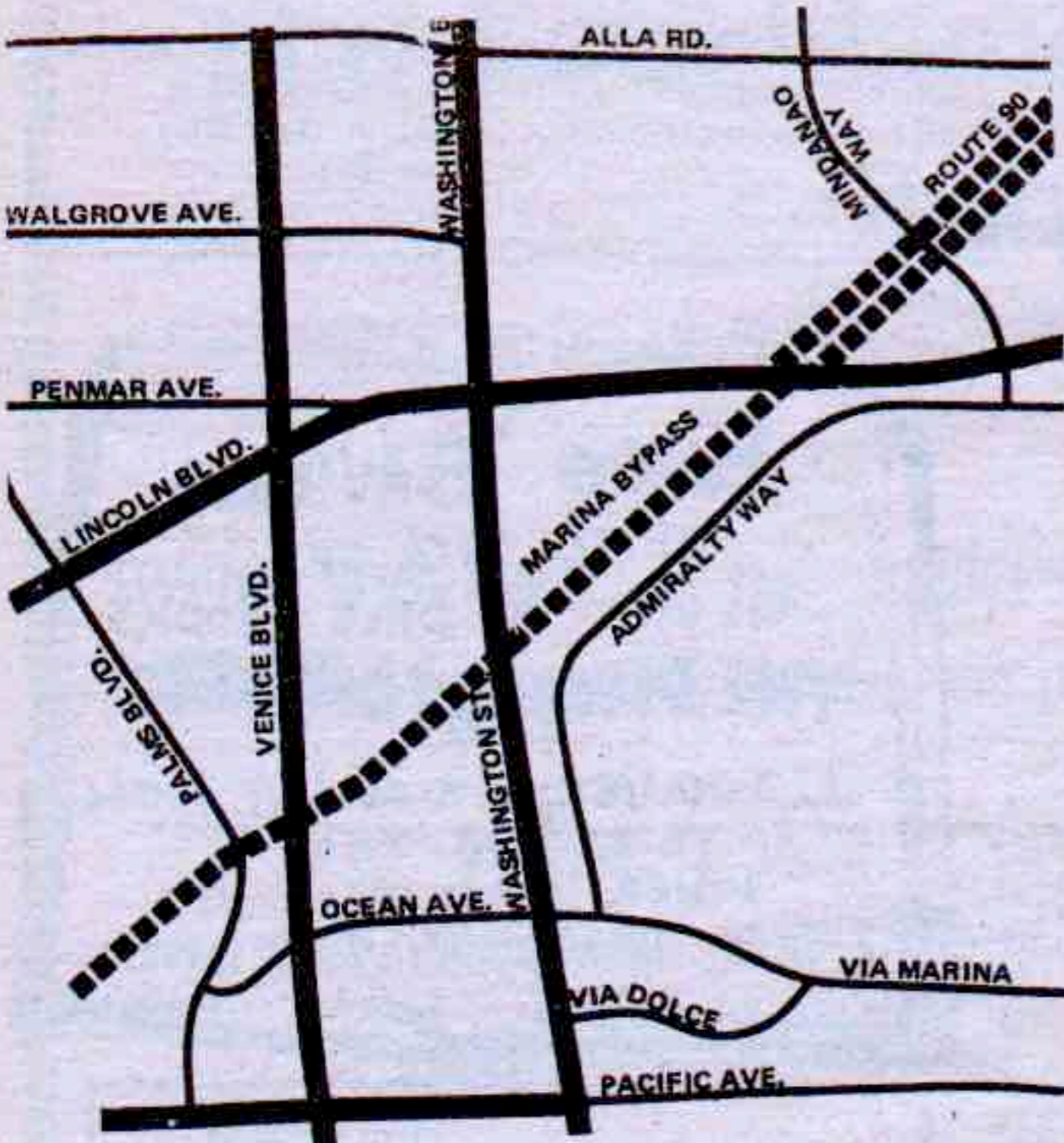
If you are predisposed to sit back and watch, as most of you are, here's what to watch for:

1) Watch for Summa to release its traffic study. It will justify its huge new development and claim that the Admiralty Way solution, dumping all of its traffic onto Washington St. in Venice, is viable and responsible.

2) Watch for a meeting of the minds between Summa, the Marina lessees, and the County, with Victor Adorian, the perennial flunky of Marina monied interests, in the title role. The compromise which they arrive at will be to put the traffic in the area of least resistance, that is, to dump it onto and thru Venice, probably via an extension of the Marina Freeway and/or street widening thru Central and North Beach Venice.

3) Watch for the monied people and the County lackies to come up with an 'imaginative' funding source which will be hailed as innovative (therefore progressive!) by the media. Everyone by now has forgotten that when the County negotiated the Marina with the City in the 1950's it had to get City permission to destroy the bridge over the present Marina boat channel (on Pacific Ave) which connected Venice with Playa del Rey and Manhattan Beach. This act destroyed not just a bridge but the second major north-south access in the area. In exchange for its agreeing to allow the destruction of the bridge, the City extracted from the County an agreement, in writing, stipulating that the County would, in the future, pay for and construct a replacement for this north-south access which it destroyed in building the Marina boat channel. So far the County has refused to honor its promise of 30 years!!!

4) So watch for the City of Los Angeles to initially refuse to consider any street widening or freeway thru the Venice area unless and until the County makes good on its welched promise. Watch the County plead it has no money!



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Reaganomics' "new deal" regarding extended benefits, according to a knowledgeable source within the Unemployment Insurance bureaucracy, now requires claimants to accept ANY work offered and forces them to accept minimum wage without regard to previous salary history. It gets worse.

Only two of every five job applications made during any week may be in the applicants' former field or a related field. At least three applications MUST be in a totally non-related field or the claim for that week will be disallowed and the claimant risks disqualification.

The nations' employers were supplied with this information at the same time as were the various unemployment field offices (whose employees had just returned from their own period of lay-off). Our contact in the Santa Monica field office confides that while job offers have "barely trickled into our office during the past 2 years or so," there is now a veritable torrent of job offers "coming in from employers (eager) to take advantage" of this ruthless new situation. This makes no difference to the plight of the "hard-core unemployed", mind you, nor has it any effect on Latinos and other Third World refugees who labor for less than minimum wage under unspeakable conditions by the grace of the so-called "Controversial Guest Worker Program". It is, rather, a direct kick to the kidneys of the Amerikan working class while they are down.

SCENARIOS: 1) A skilled, experienced specialist laid off by the automobile industry, say, last March, now eligible for extended unemployment benefits MUST accept a job recapping tires in Gardena or possible scrubbing whitewall tires at a carwash in Pacoima or lose his or her benefits - not to mention everything else, more than likely. Distance to/from work and travel time are no longer factors to be considered under Reagan's new guidelines. Allowed to apply for

5) Presto. Watch for Summa to offer to pick up a substantial financial portion of the cost for the new access route. Watch this form the basis of an agreement between all the dramatis personae, including the City of Los Angeles, Federal and State transportation agencies, to build and fund the solution thru Venice. Watch the joint venture be hailed as innovative and 'progressive'.

6) Watch Councilwoman Russell, who opposes a freeway and street widening in Venice, eventually cave in, in return for concessions to the City in other area, for example "affordable housing" in the Marina and Ballona Wetlands which, of course, will not turn out to be affordable at all!

7) Watch Venice be truncated by a freeway and enlarged streets or highways. Watch Venice die.

If you want to be kept informed of developments with Summa and the coming freeway, write to Mr. David Gay, Room 605, City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles 90012. Tell him to put you on the free mailing list and ask to be informed about all meetings and info relating to Summa's plan (its called the Playa Vista Plan) and any traffic studies or plans which might impact on Venice.

If Dave says he is not in charge of that issue just tell him to never to mind, just to put you on that free mailing list or you'll tell the Councilwoman,

only two jobs in his/her related field - say as an assembler or welder - and with about as much chance of finding a position equivalent to his/her old one as a bowl of jello has in a microwave oven, the applicant is compelled to apply for unskilled menial labor or accept whatever is rammed down his or her throat by the bureaucracy.

2) An educated, talented victim of California's present "teacher glut", after having devoted years of study and preparation, not to mention tuition, to his or her course or field, will now be faced with the likelihood of washing dishes in a downtown cafeteria or waiting tables in Tujungaa...

There is no point in further enumeration, as your own imagination - or, more likely, your own situation - can evoke its own variations of the same theme. The appalling cynicism of this latest "cheap shot" by the Reagan Administration at the ever-growing subclass of the unemployed that "Reaganomics" itself created is typical of the type of narrow-minded Reactionaries presently wielding the power in this country. In a single stroke, windfall profits have been delivered directly into the hands of the minority of greedy exploiters who support this Administration, at the expense of the vast majority of ordinary working people which the Government is supposed to represent.

An entire new source of cheap labor is being created as we watch. An employer may now simply "lay off" an employee earning, say, \$6.50 per hour - a modest wage in these inflated times - and refill that same position at about half the price. After 13 weeks of fruitless job-hunting, the person who got fired will also have to accept \$3.35 per hour for a position worth over twice as much.

As the late John Belushi used to say: "Wise Up, Amerika!" Your enemies are not the rebels in El Salvador, not the Sandinistas, not Qaddafi or Khomeini or even the Soviet Union.

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PESTICIDES HARMFUL TO MIGRANT WORKERS

By Diane Schadad  
University of Houston News Service

A study by a University of Houston professor indicates significant adverse health effects for migrant workers who harvest and package crops sprayed by organophosphate (OP) pesticides such as parathion, guthion and demeton.

In an 11-month research project funded jointly by the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Emiel W. Owens found that the problem of toxic pesticide residues among migrant field workers is more pervasive than has been suggested by the cases of acute pesticide poisoning reported by clinics and hospitals.

Some 56 percent of the migrant workers studied by Owens had abnormal kidney and liver functions; 78 percent had chronic skin rash; and 54 percent, chest cavity abnormalities.

Dr. Owens, an economist and associate professor of finance who holds undergraduate degrees in plant science, lived and worked with two migrant work crews in the Atlantic Coast migrant stream on an 11-month migrating work cycle. His brother, Dr. Clarence Owens, a professor of biology at Florida A&M University, conducted a similar study of the Piedmont migrant stream. The professors found that organophosphate (OP) compounds are substantially replacing hydrocarbon pesticides such as DDT.

Pesticides, a major form of OP compounds, have a particularly diffuse environmental impact. After their application to soil surfaces, pesticides are disseminated by water and air to other areas. Aerial spraying facilitates wind drifts of pesticides, which may then be absorbed by plants and soil invertebrates and may result in occupational exposure to humans. ■

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Quaaludes are far more dangerous than most people realize, according to the February "Abuse Folio" of *High Times*. Mixing a minute amount of the drug with just a few drinks is playing "Russian Roulette with brain-damage coma," claims the magazine.

Called 'ludes, disco biscuits, 714's, sopors and other innocent sounding nicknames, the pills enjoy a reputation as a harmless "party drug." This attitude can be fatal.

Unlike barbiturates (which are also very dangerous drugs) Quaaludes can be taken well past the point of physical discoordination, without the user losing consciousness. Because the drug promotes anesthesia in the arms, legs, and skull, serious injuries can be sustained without the victim experiencing any sensation of pain. This "waking coma" syndrome makes the drug particularly dangerous for anyone driving a car or operating heavy machinery.

People who pass out, especially if they have been drinking, are in a potentially life-threatening situation. If breathing is difficult or uneven, or if unusual stomach noises occur, the victim should be taken immediately to the hospital. Methaqualone abolishes the gag reflex; if a comatose person vomits, he or she may breathe in the vomit, and "die or sustain gross brain damage from oxygen loss," according to the column.

Because tolerance sets in extremely rapidly with 'ludes, the addiction potential is enormous. As a user develops tolerance, the difference between a toxic dose (enough to get "high") and a

lethal dose diminishes rapidly. Fatal overdoses may occur with four tablets or less. Withdrawal from the drug is often accompanied by major "epileptoid" seizures, and should not be undertaken without competent professional help.

Finally, real Quaaludes are becoming increasingly rare due to rigorous federal regulation. So-called "boots" sold on the street commonly contain massive amounts of diazepam (Valium), which may cause vomiting and coma, usually followed by a 24-to-48 hour period of recurrent amnesia. Another popular substitute is phenobarbital; two Quaalude-sized tabs of reasonably pure phenobarbital can be fatal.

## Reagonomics Is Bad for Health

With its budget slashed by Reagonomics, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has turned to new income streams. The most lucrative source of funding has proven to be the \$80 billion dollar drug industry itself.

The DEA is successfully turning law enforcement into a very lucrative business. Increasingly the government is using a sting technique known as the "reverse." In this tactic the DEA offers very attractive illicit drugs, usually cocaine or heroin, to unsuspecting marks. When the marks show up with their money, the agents simply show their badges and service revolvers, take the money, and leave.

There are no arrests, no court cases and no costly prosecutions. Just pure profit.

Reagonomics are also responsible for potential changes in the tests required to market a new drug. Under the guise of reducing federal red-tape, the reduced testing will allow drug companies to market new, potentially dangerous drugs, faster than is now possible. So beware, today's wonder drug may be tomorrow's Thalidamide. ●

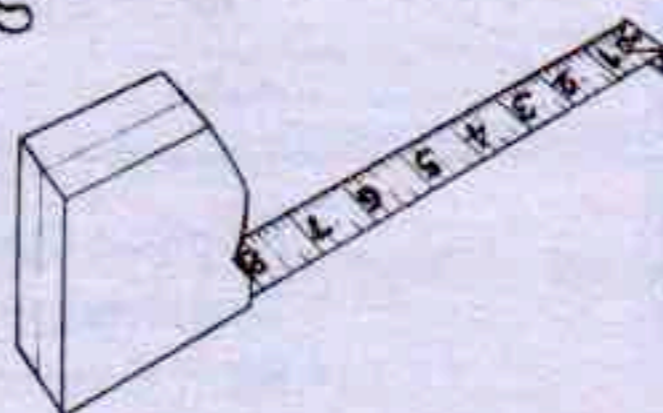
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cing costs of operation, when in fact, claim the tenants, his actual costs have been reduced.

The landlord pays \$400 rent per month under his five year lease. His building contains 57 apartments, formerly renting for \$25 per month. Now he has raised the rent to \$35 even though there has been a decrease in his operating costs. For example we now have only on telephone in the building instead of two; tenants now pay for their own laundry and for their own curtains. Janitor service is restricted and therefore

landlords tenants p.2

cheaper. Nevertheless the landlord wants an additional \$170 profit!

Countering the charges of the tenant group Secretary Smith of the Apartment House Owners Association pointed out that the cost of operation had to be calculated by including 10% for depreciation, increasing wages for janitors and housekeepers, and larger expenses for linen, plumbing, and other necessary incidentals.

Explaining why it was that apartment house owners allow only two dry cleaners in the buildings he said that 'they disturb the tenants', so now the landlords are handling the cleaning business and collecting a 10% commission from the cleaners. The milk business is handled in the same way, he said.

Ice men are no longer permitted to deliver directly to individual apartments because 'their wet feet ruin the rugs.'

The struggle between tenants and landlords over rent gouging continued at least into the early 20's. To the best of my knowledge there has been no study of this important chapter in the popular history of Los Angeles. Maybe that's way social progress in this area has been so slow. Or at least its one reason. Maybe that's why - the more things change, the more they remain the same. □

# ripped off, towed away

by K. S. LOUIS

Speaking of consumer fraud and political scams: During the past few months I have had my '76 Ford Pinto in & out of the J.C. Penney's Auto Service Ctr. in Fox Hills. The week before Christmas I received a message on my answering service saying that repairs had been made and that if I did not pick my car up by 7pm, it would be towed. It was impossible for me to get to the Auto Ctr. by 7, since I work in another city. Indeed, I did not get the message until late that night.

The next day a friend & I took off work to pick up the car. We arrived at the Auto Ctr. only to find that the car would not be ready until late afternoon. I drove my friend home. Meanwhile, a prospective buyer called off the deal because the car was not running. That day I lost a \$2200 sale and my friend lost a day's work.

The following day I returned to the Auto Ctr. & found the car running. This time I did not have a friend to drive it home, so I asked the Mgr. if he could spare a man. He said the shop was too busy.

I asked the mechanic if I could park my car in the Auto Ctr. lot until I could locate a driver. He said that would be fine, and parked it for me close to the center aisle where patrol cars could keep an eye on it.

By this date, Christmas was upon us & I left for the holidays. When I returned on New Year's, my car had disappeared. The Auto Ctr. Mgr. said he knew nothing of the whereabouts of my car & had nothing to do with its transport.

After weeks of phone calls, I can summarize what happened in my absence. Fox Hills Mall Security sent a man to the Auto Ctr. to see whether the Pinto belonged to a customer. The Mgr. told security that the Auto Ctr. was unable to repair my car, that I had abandoned it, and that the Auto Ctr. had no phone number for me. Consequently, Fox Hills Mall Security ordered my car to be impounded.

What really bothers me is that the Auto Ctr. Mgr. is guilty of 4 blatant lies:  
1. That the Auto Ctr. was unable to repair my car.  
2. That I had abandoned the car.  
3. That the Auto Ctr. did not have my phone number.  
4. That he knew nothing of the whereabouts of my car.

So if you contemplate having your car tuned at Penney's, you might call General Mgr. Jack Marks (390-8966) and ask whether he will assure the safe return of your property. He has not returned mine.

His response to my pleas has resulted in nothing more than, "I'm sorry, M'am, there's nothing I can do." Or is there?


[Note: It is no secret that tow companies are in league with security men--as well as private parties--who give generous kickbacks for good business. See articles in the L.A. Reader & L.A. Weekly 12/81 & 1/82]

STAFF NOTE: The Beachhead called Mr. Marks of Penney's for his reaction to the above article. He was quite familiar with the case and said that, since it was going into court, it was not appropriate for him to comment on it. He did say that there was, basically, no merit to Louis' complaint or her assertions against the Penney Company. He would not make any specific comments. o

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- 4/18 - A Service of Peace & Community from the Jewish tradition
- 4/25 - Ideals & Institutions

Silent Meditation/Contemp. Eucharist is Sundays at 9 AM

Sufi Order Evenings: 2nd & 4th Sundays  
6 PM: Univ. Wkshp; 7:30: Dances

Continuing Groups:

- AA - Monday evenings; Tuesdays 8 PM for non-smokers & gays, but open to all
- Yoga - Wednesdays 6 PM
- Overeaters Anon. - Fridays 7:30 AM & Saturdays 10 AM

New People Workshop for newcomers, Sunday  
4/25 immediately after 10 AM service

Disneyland Tx: \$6.50/person for Sunday  
May 16 Noon-10 PM. Call the Church.

L.A. MEN'S COLLECTIVE

Men's potlucks & rap groups: 1st Sundays  
1440 S. Harvard, S.M. 7-10 PM. \$3.  
4/4 - Men and Stress  
5/2 - Men Dealing with Anger

Drop-in raps for men & women w/ Center  
for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Bl.  
\$4. Call 391-6321 for info.

Psychic Energy Workshop, Sat. 4/17 1 -  
3:30 PM, 1527 Venice Bl. \$5. Limited  
to 30 people. Call 391-3653. Clare  
Foundation.

Airport Marina group of Sierra Club meets  
4/12 7:45 PM in Community Room at Chace  
Park, Marina del Rey. Speaker on the  
battle to save the Ballona wetlands.  
Call 822-7102 for info.

Radical Therapy Forum every other Sunday  
beg. 4/4 & 4/11. 7 - 9:30 PM, 1946 14th  
St., S.M. Call 393-3779.

UNMASKING THE KLAN, Slide Presentation at  
S.P.A.R.C., 685 Venice Bl. Sat. 4/17  
7:30 PM, \$2 donation. Call 822-9560.

Parenting Skills: A Survival Workshop,  
Wed. 4/28 7-9 PM, S.M. High Cafeteria,  
Free. Sponsored by Jewish Family Ser-  
vice of S.M. Info: call 393-0732.

"Adolescent Suicide: The Culmination of  
Social Isolation", talk at Open Paths  
Counseling Center, 3744 S. Barrington,  
W. L.A. Free. Refreshments. For info:  
call 398-7877.

Temple of Man resumes service meetings,  
Wed's 7:30 PM. 1439 Cabrillo, Venice.  
Due to space limits, only members &  
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lack of a center like the Church in  
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- 4/11 - Maintaining Health, Recovering  
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- 4/18 - Sexual Problems of Newly Sin-  
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- 4/25 - People Are Not For Hitting  
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Sundays 11 AM:

- 4/11 "Christ Assassinated" on politi-  
cal assassinations. Rev. Philip  
Zwerling.
- 4/18 "Film & Media: Images & Reality  
In Our Lives". Haskell Wexler.
- 4/25 "The Wisest American", a look  
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The play, FOUR DEAD IN SALVADOR, will be  
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- 4/30 - Harry Northup

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- 4/25 " " repeated, 3 PM.
- 4/26 - May Exhibit of dance photos at  
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THEATRE

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Info: 399-1515 or 836-8549.



# STAR NOT AFAR

by Jeri F. Roth

Tonight I experienced a world. It began with the tentative hushed notes of a single guitar. In a few moments, still understated, it had become meditative. There seemed to be unlimited time for contemplation. Almost unnoticeably the bass and drums blended in, filling in and rounding out the solitary voicing. Still the guitar led, stretching out into uncharted space with single notes sustaining until time stood still. Silvery tones celestial and pure held the small audience in a trance, and brought tears to my eyes with the flood of a universal emotion.

In the tiny confines of the Comeback Inn patrons were listening with a mesmerized intentness that would have put to shame many of the 'Music Center's' concertgoers. No one talked, and when rare communication was made with the bartender it was done in a soft whisper.

This first work of the set lasted about twenty-five minutes, becoming exhilarating with increases in tempo and surely affecting each person uniquely with its ebb and flow. It became transcending as it slowly faded out to a total and spiritual silence, while the listeners audibly caught their collective breath before releasing it with almost frantic applause.

If there is any justice in the realm of the arts, Wayne Johnson will surely find his place in the empyreal firmament.

(Wayne Johnson, formerly of the famed 'Manhattan Transfer', will be featured with oboe player Jon Clarke on Monday, April 26, as part of the Comeback Inn's SYNTHONIC VISIONS series. For other dates in April, please consult the performing schedule!)



# SYNTHONIC VISIONS

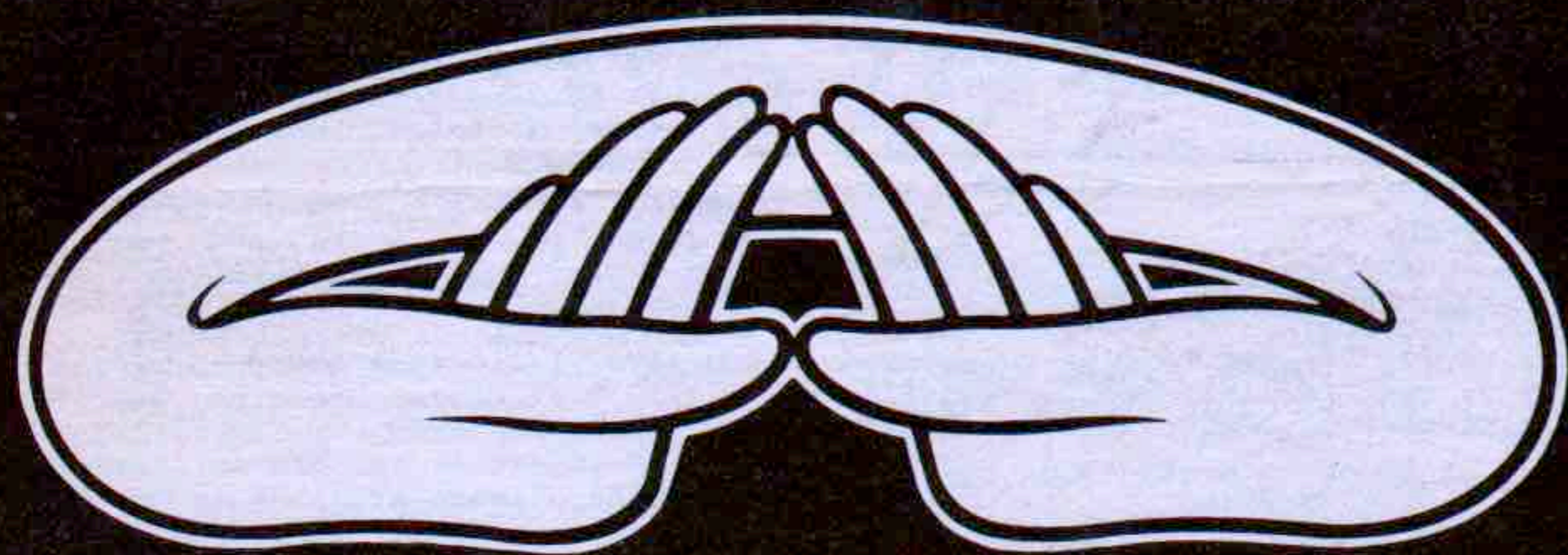
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by Will Raabe

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The COMEBACK INN is open for dinner from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. (during the warm season, starting May 1st., from 11:00 a.m.) daily, a delightful selection of foods is available until 1:30 a.m. **LIVE PERFORMANCES** start at 9:15 p.m., garden concerts on the weekends at 2:00 p.m.

**DUSAN BOGDANOVIC**, an exceptionally gifted and colorful composer/musician, will be performing his compositions along with some classical pieces on acoustic guitar for the first time in Los Angeles when he brings his music to the stage of the Comeback Inn every Sunday night in April between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. Dusan's music is absolutely fascinating and has been cheered by audiences all over Europe and recently at Carnegie Hall in New York. (J. Horowitz of the New York times: "Dusan Bogdanovic proved to be a highly accomplished performer with a flair for dramatic music . . . he is a splendid technician with sound musical instincts, everything he played was interesting to hear.")

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