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## Pre-Planned Traffic Jam

by MOE STAVNEZER

"Super" Major Highway. They had to invent a whole new category of road to describe what L.A.'s brand spanking new Coastal Transportation Plan would do to Lincoln Boulevard.

The Plan was unveiled to the Venice Town Council by City Planner David Gay who was heavily involved in its creation. According to Gay, the main features of the Plan, which applies only to new commercial and industrial development in the plan area, are the creation of a transportation fund to which developers would contribute, and the establishment of a number of Transportation Systems and Management (TSM) programs also funded by developers.

Central to the Plan is the acceptance of vast development plans for the coastal area of L.A. from the southern border of Santa Monica to the northern border of El Segundo. The linch-pin holding the entire plan together is a word: mitigation. Loosely defined, to mitigate is to make something less harsh and it has become the key word in planning jargon these days. Mitigation honey, is in. What this means specifically is that if all the development projected by the planners occurs the plan will knock 13% off the traffic increase anticipated as a result of the expected development.

We're talking about hundreds of thousands of additional cars on major streets every day, 73 thousand more during "p.m. peak" hours alone. (p.m. peak is late-afternoon-early-evening commuter time). That 73 thousand is WITH mitigation!

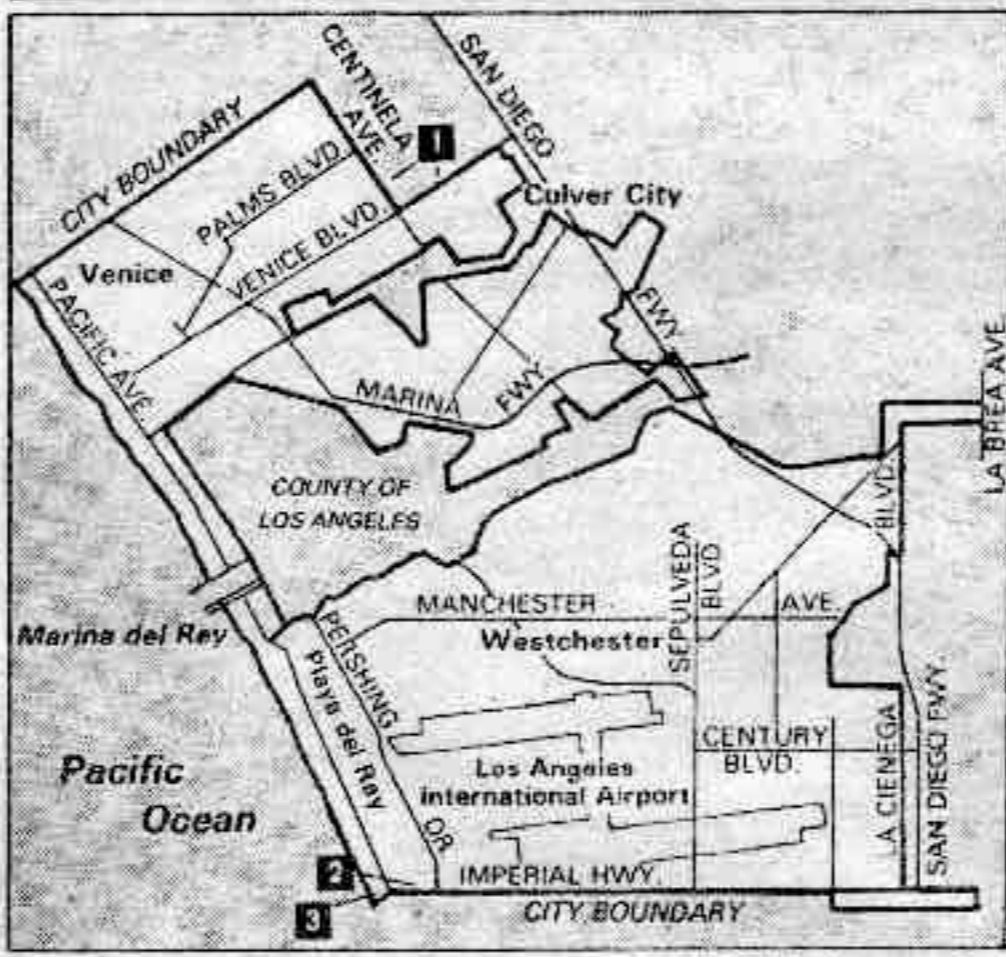
### IMPACT ON VENICE

The major impacts on our community will come in the form of widening streets and intersections. The plan calls for widening Lincoln Bl., from the Westchester Parkway in the south to Venice Bl. in the north, to 8 lanes. Lincoln would be widened to 6 lanes north to the Santa Monica border. Rose Ave. will be widened to 4 lanes between Lincoln and the beach. The intersections of Lincoln with Washington and Venice would also be widened. The plan also calls for creating a major north/south alternative to Lincoln by widening Centinela Bl.

In combination with plans for Lincoln, the widening of Rose is particularly ominous not only for Venice but Santa Monica as well. Rose could become a major siphon of traffic off Lincoln and onto Main St. and Neilson Way for traffic headed north. It obviously has grave implications for people who live and/or do business on Rose.

Not included, at this point, in the plan are projects already planned for which may or may not

### COASTAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PLAN



PATRICK LYNCH / Los Angeles Times

"Central to the Plan is the acceptance of vast development plans for the coastal area of L.A..."

### THE BUSIEST FREEWAYS



LARRY BESSEL / Los Angeles Times

have funding attached to them by any govt. agency. So you won't find mention of the Marina Bypass or the widening of Venice west of Lincoln Pacific, or Ocean in the plan. These are addressed in other places and considered as givens by the planners.

Additionally, the plan is considered regional in nature so that mitigation is also regional, a good concept but one with a major flaw: businesses will contribute to a regional fund and may not be required to provide mitigation for the immediate area in which they've built. So, a new retail building on, say, Main St. or W. Washington will contribute \$\$\$ for the widening of Lincoln Bl. but may not be required to provide the extra parking for visitors and/or residents needed due to our severe parking shortages.

### WHAT DOES THE PLAN DO?

The plan proposes two major methods of making the impacts of expected development less harsh. Developers would contribute, on a one time basis, \$2,010 for each p.m. peak hour vehicle trip generated by the type of business built. For instance, the 92,000+ square foot project proposed for Main St. & Hampton, comprised mainly of office space (we think!) would, according to the "Trip generation Table" in the plan, would add 252 p.m. auto trips to our streets.  $252 \times \$2,010 = \$506,520$  the developers would be required to contribute to the "Coastal Transportation Corridor Trust Fund." Fund monies will be spent for street widenings, shuttle buses, light rail facilities, park-and-ride systems etc. Most of these are far down the road, so to speak, and will not have any immediate impact on the increase in traffic produced by the development which, of course, will take place in the very near future.

In order to reduce these levies, developers may participate in the TSM program—the second of the 2 main mitigations. I always think of TSM as a glorified carpool. Its that and a few other things as well, such as: buspool subsidy program, passenger shelter, pedestrian bridge or tunnel and the like. For each one of these the plan attaches a percent by which the number of trips will be reduced and so the amount of the fees assessed. In the development mentioned above, the developer could have a vanpool program and reduce the number of trips by up to 5%. That would mean reducing the 252 trips to 239 and, therefore, the contribution by \$26,000.

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## Double Disaster for Venice Homeless

### St. Joe's & Bible Tabernacle

by Patrick McCartney

"Do you have any food?"

The woman who asked me stood at my door. She had a wild look in her eyes, and her hair was a dark, tangled mat. Since I live on Ocean Front Walk, I've been asked for help—usually money—countless times; but this woman wasn't a typical panhandler.

Responding to her visible anguish, I apologized for not having food in the house, and instead found enough money to give her that I knew she'd be able to buy a sandwich or something else as substantial.

Accepting the money, the woman spoke again. "God bless you, and thank you very much. But don't you have any food in the house?" Only then did I realize how desperate she was. I found some old slices of bread, which made my visitor happier than the money seemingly had.

I asked her if she knew of the help available in Venice for the hungry and homeless. Had she heard of Bible Tabernacle on Washington Way, that shelters

whoever needs a bed? Or about St. Joseph's on Rose Avenue, where the Sisters feed more homeless and poor than any other center in Los Angeles? My visitor had heard of them, but had not taken advantage of them yet. I urged her to.

"The Westside is the most affluent suburb of the most affluent city of the most affluent state in the U.S.—but the homeless are prevalent here."

There is a tragic punchline to this anecdote. Within days of telling the hungry woman about their services, both St. Joseph's and Bible Tabernacle were knocked out of commission. Someone fire-bombed the St. Joseph's center, and the overworked Bible Tabernacle was closed and quarantined after an outbreak of chicken pox.

For the past month Venice has had no shelter—not a single bed—available for the homeless. When Bible Tabernacle reopens on April first as planned, the homeless who seek shelter will again have help nearby.

St. Joseph's moved their food pantry to continue operations with as little interruption as possible after the building they own at Rose and 4th was gutted by fire. Sadly, the firebombing is indicative of a reservoir of ill-will against the unlucky homeless that have

sought refuge in Venice.

Partly to blame, I believe, are local officials who have failed to provide government aid to the "new poor" living in the alleys, underneath houses, and on the beach in Venice. Private charity can go only so far, and lacks the legitimacy that government sponsorship provides. A bigot who would firebomb St. Joseph's ("Those blankety-blank do-gooders," I can imagine he or she saying, would think twice before flinging a molotov cocktail at a city or county facility.

Deane Dana, the County Supervisor whose District includes Venice, has initiated a Venice-Santa Monica-West Los Angeles Shelter Coalition, and help for a Venice shelter may soon be announced.

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2 we get letters

Dear Beachhead,

On Fe. 26th our house was broken into by three burglars in broad daylight. No-one was home but a neighbor noticed one of the men standing watch by our back-door. When approached he made up a story about looking for some-one. Realizing that he was not believed he and his two accomplices took off. They had a pillow-case full of videotapes and a few family "heirlooms" and our videotape machine.

What happened next illustrates the value of caring, nousey, courageous neighbors: as the burglars ran past our neighbor's kitchen window on Breeze Court she yelled after them, called the police and gave chase. At the top of the Court another neighbor shouted and headed them off. They ran through someone's yard and onto Wavecrest. Another Venice resident saw them acting suspicious and ran outside then he called the police. Then a fourth neighbor shouted after them "Put that VCR down - it's not yours!" And the thief actually put it down - gently. Then the three burglars took off with just the pillowcases of stuff across Pacific.

So we got our VCR back and we got to appreciate our neighbors better. We called the police and the cop that came (promptly) was very impressed with our neighbors' vigilance and the sense of community.

While Venice may or may not have a high crime rate we're certain it has a high "community" rate. Would-be criminals should know that people of Breeze Avenue and Wave crest are part of a caring community and aren't easy to rip off!

yours,  
Bruce and Linda

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Dear Beachhead;

Rumblings have it that a plan is brewing to change the Beachhead. Many changes have taken place in Venice over the 20 years I have been here. The rents, the skyline, the neighborhoods, the influx of commercial interests, my friends that have left, my friends that have stayed, my children, and even me. But the one constant ever present force - the Beachhead - remains even with the flow of the ever-changing Collective concept. A free local newspaper, by and for the community through the collective efforts of we slaves called volunteers, and our advertisers that still keep the faith; The Beachhead Masthead is a symbol of all those 15 odd years of remarkable effort. I do hope to continue to see that symbol month to month as an inspiration that we have won at City Hall and that our unbeatable process still goes on!

Chee-Wah-Wah,  
Amelia America

Dear Beachhead,

The anomie behavior reported in "Archers of the Poor" (Dec. 1984) is sociology at its highest level.

We see the similar phenomenon with percentage cost-of-living escalators and percentage pay raises: the hotting up via the mechanics of Matthew 25 casting old people into outer darkness, the government then refusing the cool vision of the equal dollar addition of Matthew 20, in that manner assuring the last are dead first, unable to even own credit.

The Proverb shows that "He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want."

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Sincerely yours,  
Phillip W. Gregg

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Dear Beachhead--

Thanks for publishing that interview with me. I heard you also have done a piece on the pacer-- the guy who used to walk in circles in front of the Lafayette Cafe on the Venice boardwalk. I'd very much appreciate it if you could send me a copy.

Many thanks,  
paul krassner

Dear Beachhead,

I appreciate the paper because it keeps me informed about what's happen'g in the neighborhood.

I believe in the accuracy of the reporting & enjoy the overtones of wit and humor in the articles.

I think the format & look of the pages has improved in the last year & 1/2.

Good luck and keep printing -- Joan Cory



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# Play a Part in History

# Venetians Run

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

By John Haag

Four Peace and Freedom Party candidates will appear on your ballot for the April 9th city election. John Honigsfeld is running for the Board of Education, District #2. Our slate of candidates for the Community College Board of Trustees consists of Sandy Blixton for Office #2, Kendra M. Cole for Office #4 and Julia Catherine Wrigley for Office #6.

Our campaign for the Community College Board has taken on a life of its own, beginning with Julia Wrigley's endorsement by the Los Angeles Collegiate Council, an organization of 22 college student body presidents. This has led to invitations to campuses beyond what we had generated ourselves.

A Peace and Freedom Party club is forming at Southwest College. A Wrigley campaign committee is busy at Valley College. A debate at Valley College got Julia coverage on page one of the LA Times Metro section under the headline, "LA College Trustees on the Griddle".

"What we found...was institution in crisis...book prices are higher than at UCLA and USC..."

We, the Santa Monica-Venice PFP Chapter, chose the Community College races because we wanted access to the college campuses. Most of the people who register into the Peace and Freedom Party are first-time voters, and most of them, of course, are young. We were looking not just for votes, but for the kind of contact with students that might influence them to register into our party.

What we found on the campuses was an institution in crisis. Students wait months for financial aid, without which they cannot remain in school. Some of them don't. Or they enroll elsewhere, as 27,000 have done this school year. Prices at the community college bookstores are higher than at UCLA and USC bookstores.

This school year enrollment at the Los Angeles Community Colleges decreased 13%. State funding is based on average daily attendance (ADA) and it therefore decreased along with the attendance. So classes were cut, making the colleges even less attractive.

Buildings need repair. Equipment is obsolete or faulty. There is a shortage of clerical and other personnel to assist both faculty and students. But the administration building, a luxurious office building downtown, carefully isolated from the nine campuses, gets relatively more of the budget while the campuses get less. Chancellor Leslie Koltai gets paid \$120,000 a year while students drop out for lack of a loan.

Southwest College, which is 97% black and 76% women, experienced a 33% decline in enrollment this year. That college has no gym, no language lab, no pool. The journalism depart-

ment has no word processor and many of the typewriters are manual. There is no health service and no child care during the hours of evening classes. Some students are still waiting for financial aid applied for last August.

The incumbents against whom our candidates are running have two stock answers to complaints. One: "We're working on that". Two: "It's not our fault, Sacramento won't give us enough money. Washington won't give us enough money".

True enough, but while the campuses are beginning to fall apart, similar colleges like Santa Monica and El Camino are thriving. The present Board of Trustees are liberals, caught in an outdated philosophy. In sum, liberals expect government money to solve all our social problems. That theory may work all right in good times, but in bad times it leads to passivity, hopelessness and a conviction of powerlessness.

Our candidates are not liberals. We do not assume that the government is benevolent. We do not see federal money (and regulation) as the solution to everything. We do believe that people can cooperatively define their own needs and create the structures to satisfy them. Most importantly, we do not draw back from drastic changes when they seem appropriate.

After hearing our campaign report at its March meeting, the County Central Committee of the PFP resolved to work for the removal of Chancellor Koltai--regardless of the outcome of the election--and his replacement by an administrator to be paid no more than the highest-paid faculty member.

We see no reason why an administrator should make more money than a teacher, who is indispensable to the purpose of the college. There is surely no reason why the chief clerk should be paid more than the mayor of Los Angeles or the chief of police.

As chief administrator, Koltai must bear the responsibility for the mismanagement, blunders and administrative empire-building that are threatening the viability of several campuses. The faculty at LA City College has voted no confidence in its campus administration. East LA College is on the verge of the same action. Several faculty members at Pierce College published a letter condemning the use of \$10,000 of District money for a "retreat" by 100 administrators at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego.

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for all this turmoil and those running for re-election should be defeated. Even if they win, the Peace and Freedom Party will continue to play a part on the nine Community College campuses. We intend to mobilize students, faculty and support personnel around the demand for Koltai's removal and other demands to rejuvenate the campuses. If Dr. Koltai refuses to resign and the Trustees fail to dismiss him, we shall initiate a recall of all Board members who side with the chancellor.

With our work to remove the chancellor and around other campus issues we expect to gain new members and to provide communication among the campuses, which is now lacking. Whether our candidates are elected or not, we expect organizational gains from this campaign beyond merely counting the votes. On April 9th please vote for our Community College candidates: Sandy Blixton, Kendra Cole and Julia Wrigley.

The Peace and Freedom Party recommends a "yes" vote on Charter Amendment 2 to expand the City Council. We recommend a "no" vote on Charter Amendments 3, 4 and 5 because they make recall and initiative significantly more difficult.

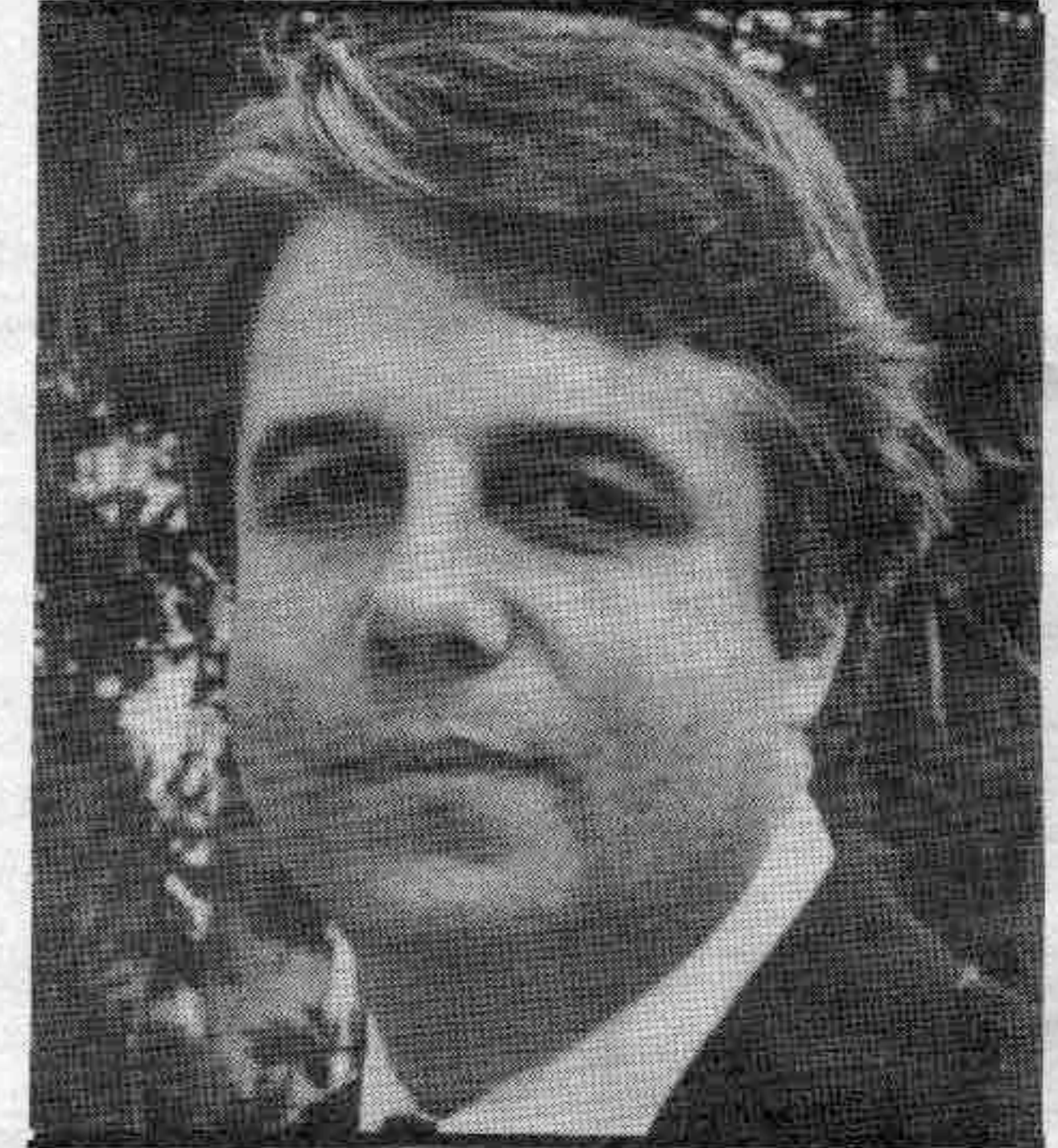
For Controller we recommend Celes King III. For the office of mayor there was a tie vote between recommending James E. Harris and no recommendation.

by MOE STAVNEZER

Rick Tuttle, Venice resident and longtime social and political activist, is running for L.A. City Controller. Rick is currently a member of the L.A. Community College Board of Trustees to which he was first elected some 8 years ago.

Tuttle, well aware that L.A. will lose \$55 million due to Reagan's budget cuts, is stressing ways in which the Controller can save public money. In the face of loss of these funds, Tuttle suggests that the Controller's office can play an important role in saving money which translates into keeping City services from, at least, getting worse.

The Controller's office has important auditing responsibilities for the City's nearly \$2 billion budget.



Tuttle proposes more frequent internal audits of City departments; increased frugality by City officials in travel/eating habits (some hot stories in the media seem always to include high living by government officials at tax payer expense); automation of some billing procedures to take advantage of discounts offered the City by its hundreds of vendors. While much of this sounds rather mundane, it is the business of the Controller to perform this type of business function and aggressive, activist Controllers do make a difference.

Rick is supported by former Controller and our new D.A. Ira Reiner, as well as Congressman Mel Levine and State Controller Ken Cory.

In another citywide race, that for City Attorney, I was present when the 3 top contenders were interviewed by the L.A. League of Conservation Voters.



Lisa Specht was by far the most knowledgeable and articulate and the candidate most willing to make her views known and take strong positions. Her views on the City Attorney's position, as the person in charge of large staff of lawyers rather than the person who does the actual court work, was far more in touch with reality than her opponents. Her positions on women's issues, the environment and law enforcement are leaps & bounds ahead of her opponents. Specht's proposals to strengthen laws against toxic dumping may be especially important to us given the mess being uncovered in the Santa Monica Bay.

Venice resident, redeveloper lawyer Murray Kane did not have much positive to say--instead he and his literature lashed out at Specht and the other candidate, present Controller James Hahn. Hahn was, certainly in terms of issues, the weakest of the three. He left little doubt that his daddy's name is the most he's got going for him.

Specht is endorsed by Ira Reiner, the L.A. Times and Mel Levine, among others.

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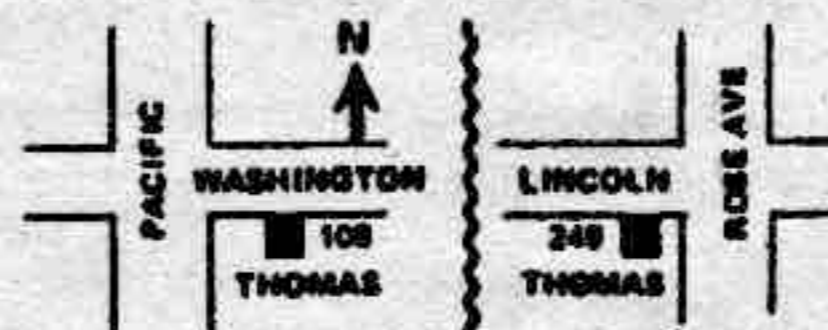
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# Dancin' in the Dark

by LOIS L.

I was going to start with something along the line of "For the first 15 years of my life, I was blissfully unaware of the problem. Unaware, in fact, that there was a problem." However, looking back on those long ago years, I don't recall much of anything blissful. Growing up was as hard for me as anyone else. Try hard, remember puberty? Can't? WHO WANTS TO? So much for bliss, imagined or otherwise.

That brings us to the second lie in my original opening. I KNEW there was a problem, I was simply too young, naive, and brain-washed to recognize it. It's just that it took approximately 15 years for the injustices of sexism to begin to make themselves more readily apparent to me. Up until then, "Daddy" was everything powerful, not necessarily benevolent; in fact, fear played a large part in our relationship. I was taught a basic "game-plan" in the "battle of the sexes" (although sex, per se, was hardly mentioned), by three women, three generations of women - Mom, Grandma, and Nana. We all practically lived together, and I was never really very far from one or the other of them. Nana was a stout, heavy-breasted woman with lots of love to give a little kid, and, better still, plenty of lap to sit on. And was she old! At one point I was sure she'd actually known Abraham Lincoln. I loved her alot, and trusted her implicitly. It wasn't until quite a bit later that I realized she really hated men.

Nana's eldest daughter was her only surviving child. She'd had two other children who'd died very early-on of some turn-of-the-century illnesses that I can't remember. Her husband passed away, leaving her to try and support herself and her daughter. She managed. I'm sure she worked very hard. When her daughter met and then married my grandfather, at age 24, she waited until after the honeymoon, and then moved in with the happy couple. And stayed. For over 50 years.

Grandma and Grandpa had what must have been a very solid marriage, and are still quite devoted to one another after 60 years together. My mother was born, at home, a little over a year after the wedding. I think my grandparents were probably the 1920's social equivalents of today's YUPPIES. Things were definitely looking up for them, economically and otherwise, and stayed good for a very long time. Ever resourceful (as well as devoted to and thoroughly intimidated by HER mother), Grandma made the most of what must have been, at best, a very tedious situation,

by encouraging the woman to focus her attention on the new baby (not too difficult a task), thereby taking the heat off herself and her still relatively new husband. Not too shabby a deal! Superficially, it was ideal: built-in baby-sitting, enough money to do some traveling, entertain, go to the races, etc., all the while knowing that your baby was very securely ensconced in the home environment, in Nana's very capable hands. Wrong! Not that Nana wasn't very capable physically of taking care of a young child, and certainly her mental faculties were all intact. The parts that seem



questionable to me are the psychological and emotional ones. As far as she was concerned, men (excepting the pastor of her church and possibly one or two others) were careless, inconsiderate, even evil, jerks, that were at best tolerated, mostly so they'd go quietly, (read: undemandingly) to bed. I'm sure her attitude contributed greatly to, if not cemented, my grandfather's need to busy himself elsewhere - i.e. work, 'the bar', the golf course, the bowling lanes, or, if at home, the poker club, business, his workshop, and/or "planning for the future".

The general thrust of all this seems to me that the provider was tolerated, yet not quite welcome. He, in turn, made his presence scant, with the women (Mother and Mother/Daughter) getting and maintaining control of the entire situation. In this case, what we're left with is an impressionable young girl being brought up in a home environment maintained by the two women. The father, while being a very steady, possibly stern influence (although no slouch in the "fun" department either), kept a low profile in the areas of his daughter's life that most likely shaped her views and attitudes of the world and the roles of men and women in it. I can only surmise that this was all very confusing, to say the least. We have Dad as the (so-called) head of the household, performing his required duties, i.e. bringing in the money, "wearing the pants". We have two grown women nodding approval, actually paying lip-service to this premise, all the while, behind his back, usurping any semblance of power and/or influence. In other words it came down to

"We'll listen to what he says, but we'll go ahead and do what we want done and let him think we're following his wishes." In my opinion, this is destructive behavior which wreaked havoc on my mother's formative years, to say nothing of her life.

Who do you trust? Who do you believe? In my mother's case, she tried to absorb it all, please everyone. To what ends? She met my father in high school. After "going steady" for a long time, they married upon graduation (thanks to WWII). For the first few years he was involved in the military, more specifically fighting in Europe. She worked at the B. of A. and, typically, keeping the home fires burning. It wasn't until after the war, when he came home and they settled into finishing their educations (his formal, hers in life) that honest-to-God reality set in. Once their home life was established, the combined effects of the Nana/Grandma/Grandpa conditioning began to surface. Nana continued the same game as always, only it got heavier, because now her granddaughter was a young adult with one of those menacing husbands of her own. Love, loyalty, and fear all contributed to a very tense situation. By the time I was born things for my mother were beginning to become unmanageable, and the marriage most likely would have ended shortly thereafter except that she became pregnant with my sister. The confusion spread to us girls. Who did we trust? Who did we believe? I loved Daddy alot, thought he was pretty neat. But I kept hearing otherwise. If everything wasn't perfect, it must be his fault...at least that was the accepted consensus of the female side of the family.

We all struggled along, and, predictably, by the time I was 17 any hope had been undermined. I moved out, and shortly thereafter so did my Dad. If you recall, in the beginning of this article I pointed out that it took me 15 years to get to the point where I realized that things weren't making sense. Well, it took 2 more years for me to understand that yes, this was making sense, too much sense, and that it was perverted.

All of this was, obviously, a very long time ago. I'm still trying to figure it all out. Nana's machinations more than colored my life, in both positive and negative fashions. The way people interact constantly intrigues me. What we are capable of is amazing. And I'm still trying, daily, to move forward in a positive, loving manner. As scathing as all of this may sound, love was not lost; for me hope and understanding prevail. Maybe it won't always be dancin' in the dark. •

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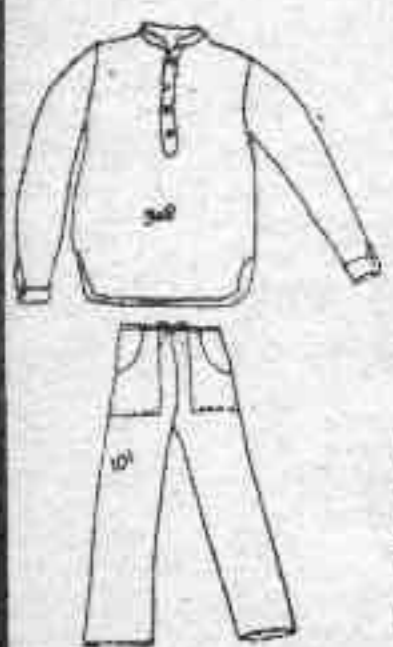
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# Last Chance Poisoned

By Cassandra Salamagundi

I was frightened, embarrassed, and ashamed as I lay on my back, my cold bare feet in metal stirrups elevated over my body, my legs spread open and a sheet draped over me. Tears ran from my eyes as I stared up at the ceiling. My God, what is he doing down there?!? Poking and prodding, his fingers seemed to be in every opening at once making the pain increase as the pressure did. His muffled voice dictated his findings to the nurses standing nearby while he remained oblivious to the shivering 12-year-old on the examining table before him.

Finally, he finished and, taking his gloves off, he walked out the door. The nurse handed me some tissues and gently helped me down. "Clean yourself up, dear. Doctor will see you in his office as soon as you get dressed." Dutifully, I followed her orders; ten minutes later, I sat before his imposing desk as he pronounced my fate.

"Under normal circumstances, I'd tell your mother this and let her tell you; however, given her own physical condition I'm going to do it directly. According to my examination, the reason you experienced the mid-cycle bleeding is that you have a combination of conditions which have made you sterile. Do you understand what that means?"

"Yes, sir, it means that I cannot have any children, doesn't it?"

"That's right. Todd bad, too, because that means no man will probably want to marry you now so you'd best concentrate on your studies and get yourself a decent education so that you'll be able to support yourself." With that, he got up from behind the desk and escorted me to the door. "Look on the bright side, honey, you'll be able to do all those things other girls can't for fear of putting something in the oven."

I smiled weakly and left the office, my back stiff as I stared straight ahead. Did it show? Could anyone tell that I was really the freakiest of them all?

"People often refer to nesting urges of women. If my former lovers are any indication, men, particularly those over 25, have a strong reproductive instinct as well."

Over the next twenty years, I found all of his predictions to be true. Although it was several years later before I was sexually active, it certainly was a joy having that problem under control. In order to set my partners' mind at ease, however, I just told them that I'd taken birth control pills. His second prediction about men not being interested turned out to be remarkably accurate once I reached the stage in relationships where I could feel free to talk about it. People often refer to nesting urges of women. If my former lovers are any indication, men, particularly those over 25, have a strong reproductive instinct as well. Finally, although it was less a prediction and more of caution, I did indeed do well in school to prepare myself for a life without love and a family.

I remember those days well. As my friends from high school and college started having babies, I viewed them as I would some rare, exotic species. Baby showers and visitations and birthday parties and picnics--the years ran away as I watched them grow up. Even so, motherhood never seemed to be anything I ever wanted or needed.

Then came the exciting final summer of Watergate. I was involved in a fascinating graduate research project which required me to get involved in a number of peripheral activities. Through one of them, I met a man unlike any of the dozens of others who'd traipsed through my life during the previous decade. We fell swiftly and headily in love.

During the next four years, as our relationship established itself, I found myself for the first time really looking at babies and children. By this time, my lover knew all about my deficient body which made no difference to him. We talked about adoption, about

foster-parenting, about going through all the tests since, by now, medical advancements had been made in infertility research.

In May, 1978 we married, knowing that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. In July, we purchased our first home; while getting it ready for painting, we had several treatments for termites and other insect infestations. As we were already in occupancy and the treatment was by ground injection and spray, rather than through tenting, it



Francis Jener

never occurred to either of us that we should vacate the premises.

Unfortunately, for a couple of weeks afterwards, I was sick from the after-effects, but by early August I felt fine once more. September came but not my period. I realized that it had been nearly three months since I'd last menstruated, but I'd figured the stress of moving and being ill had delayed it. Could I be going through menopause? Hardly! My 36th birthday was four weeks away. That night I walked over to the drugstore and purchased a new-on-the-market pregnancy testing kit. The next morning, we followed the somewhat intricate procedures; two hours later, we stared at the perfect ring.

That afternoon, it was confirmed by our family physician who decided to turn me over to an obstetrician, given both my history and my age. I was an 'elderly primagrava' which is what women having babies for the first time over 35 are called. For the next 91 hours and 27 minutes, we walked on air. We laughed and planned and decorated the baby's room a thousand times in our minds. All of a sudden, babies and pregnant mothers were all around me. I checked out the baby name books from the library and started thinking about maternity clothes and how I'd break the news to my dad that at long last he was going to be a Zayda, a grandfather!

The second doctor's appointment was on a Friday. Before I saw him, however, I had to fill in a lengthy questionnaire. As I began to calculate dates, I also began to remember about the pesticide exposures. Shaken, I waited until my husband arrived; checking through his pocket calendar, I confirmed the dates.

Then, I was called into the examining room. As this doctor poked and prodded around down there, he whistled cheerfully. After finishing, again I was told by the nurse to get dressed and go into his office. I called my husband and when the two of us walked into the office, the doctor seemed somewhat surprised; he noted, however, that fathers seemed to want to be involved these days right from the beginning. He started talking about how this pregnancy might be difficult but that I seemed to be in excellent health.

My husband stopped him; strangling on the words, I told him of our calculations--that on the 10th, 15th, and 21st days of the pregnancy we'd known nothing about and never even suspected could happen, I had been exposed to heavy doses of pesticides, two of which had been banned only days before because of the massive birth defects caused in laboratory animals.

The smile fell from the doctor's lips. He left the room; a few minutes later, he returned and told me that I would be tested with a variety of techniques over the next couple of days to determine what, if any, fetal damage had occurred. When we asked him what would happen, he said that I simply had no other choice but to terminate the pregnancy.

The sonogram three days later confirmed that the fetus had gross abnormalities. Other tests were also conducted, but I already knew the inevitable. My choice was really no choice for if I went ahead with the pregnancy in order to support my own ethical beliefs concerning abortion, I was risking not just my health, but also dooming a sweet, innocent creature to a lifetime of pain and agony. The odds quoted to me were 100 percent probability of bearing a limbless or mindless or blind or organless child or, God forbid, all of the above.

On my 36th birthday, my daughter (as I later found out) was removed from my womb, a 17-week fetus. The autopsy showed that with the exception of her perfect little ears, not one major organ remained untouched by the poison I'd breathed during those first few precious weeks of her life.

For months afterwards, I was in a severe depression. For years after that, I couldn't walk past a child who would have been the same age without noting his or her progress. Not a day didn't go by that I gorgot that decision, a decision that even today I know was the right one to make.

"Strangling on the words, I told him... I had been exposed to heavy doses of pesticides..."

No, we never had another baby because that stray ovum which managed to get past the scarred tissue blocking my Fallopian tubes was sort of Mother Nature's last gasp try on my behalf. Shortly afterwards, I became the one woman in 25 who naturally goes through menopause before age 40. I had to content myself with watching the now-grown children of my friends who had their families young establish themselves or play with the children of my friends who waited till their careers were well-established.

Six years later, I continue to work hard to guarantee the freedom of choice for all women to be able to determine what is right for them. That I had no choice in my case is not the point. What is the point is that there was available to me and my husband, a safe, clean, surgically correct procedure in a hospital surrounded by caring and loving people.

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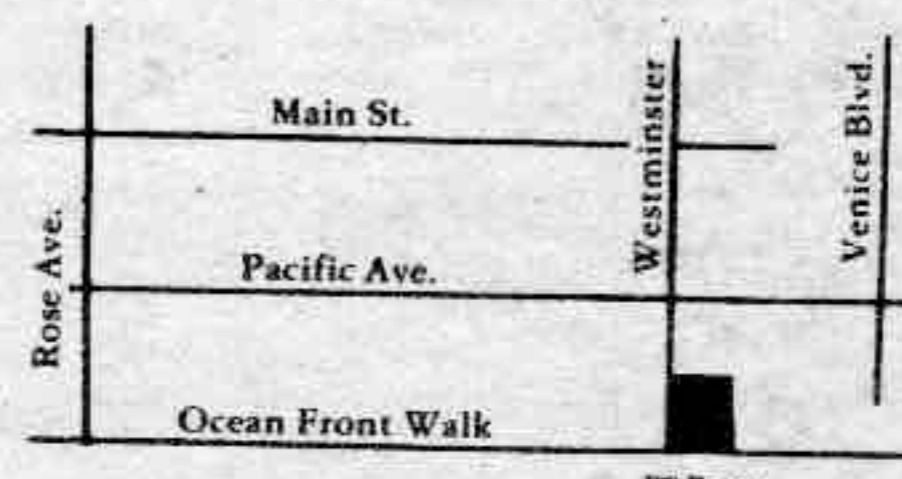
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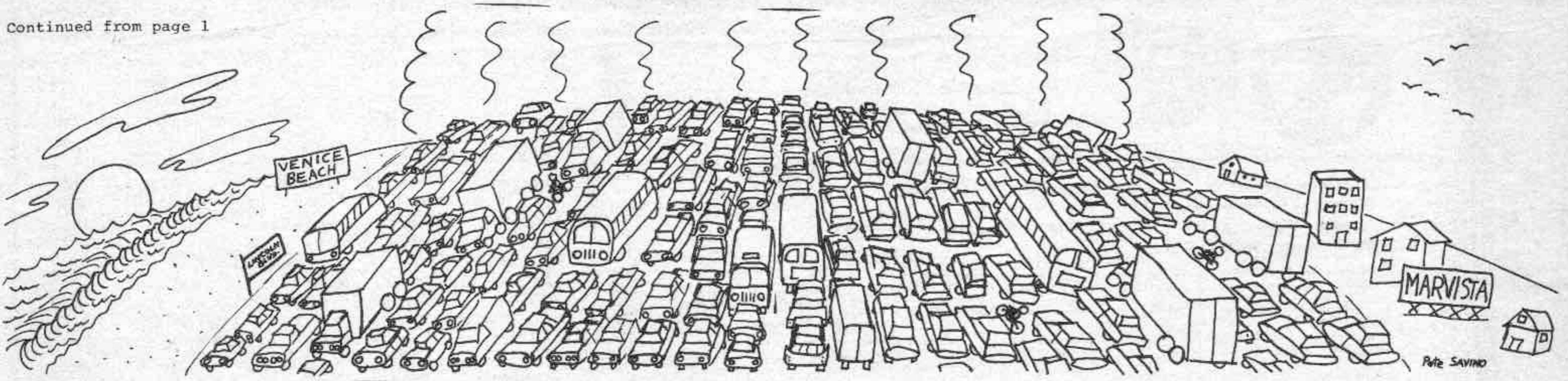
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What this plan studiously does NOT do is anywhere mention the amount of development expected that prompted the City to consider such a plan. Even the summary of the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) doesn't discuss the amount of development projected in the plan area. How many square feet of commercial/industrial development are we talking about? How many more cars will this development put on our streets?

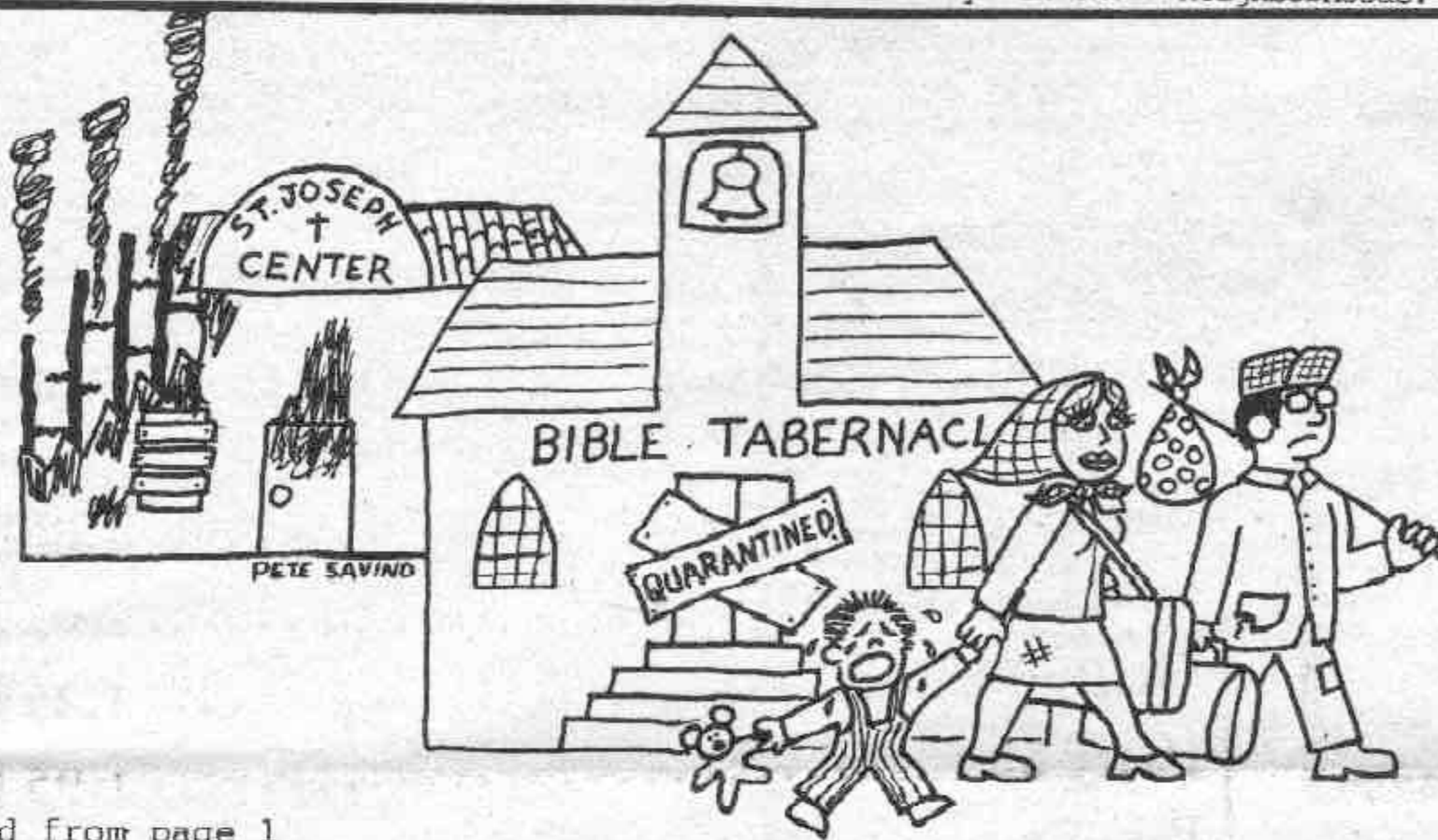
Also missing, or cleverly hidden, is any talk about the relationship between acceptance of this great increase in traffic and the ability of the general public to get to the beach. Getting to the beach is easy for us, its a long hot drive for millions upon millions of others.

A brief perusal of the EIR itself, all 2 inches of it, suggests a massive increase in traffic in the plan area. Some streets will carry as many cars as the Ventura Freeway which, with a daily average of 267,000 vehicles each day, is the busiest freeway in L.A. The total number of cars will be hundreds of thousands greater than right now every day of the week. Just recently, the Grand Jury criticized the proposed Summa development because of a feared massive traffic jam envisioned due to that development alone.

The L.A. Times chose to headline a recent story about this plan "Traffic Plan Could Cost Developers Millions." The story ignored what the plan will cost the current and future residents who will have to live with the equivalent of a couple new freeways in their neighborhoods.

**PUBLIC CAN HAVE ITS SAY**

The City has scheduled 2 public information meetings and one official hearing on the EIR. The first occurred at Pereira Hall, Loyola Marymount Univ., Wed. Mar 27th at 7:00pm. The second is here in Venice at the Old City Hall, 681 No. Venice Bl., 7:00pm. this Thursday night, April 4. The hearing on the EIR will take place Wed night, April 17th, 7:00pm at 7166 W. Manchester Ave in Westchester (corner of Lincoln). For more info & copies of the draft ordinance (specific plan) call City planners David Gay or Lourdes Green at 213-485-5714. Join the Town Council Planning and Development Committee and get involved in the future of Venice. •



But as of this writing, after a year of crisis with the increase in homeless population, Venice has no county or city shelters or centers for the hungry and homeless. Pat Russell's office has discouraged groups seeking to use the Pavilion as a temporary shelter, and the County has not even succeeded in finding a voucher hotel closer to Venice than Culver City or West Los Angeles.

The LAPD Beach Patrol's Dave Kalish told Ocean Front Walk vendors that "if we have to turn the jails into shelters we will do it, to publicize how serious the problem is."

None of the foregoing would mean a thing if Venice didn't have as many deserving poor as it does. By most experts' reckoning, Venice and the Westside in general have 3,000 to 5,000 homeless, more than in any area of the County outside of downtown's Skid Row.

"Right now, when we refer someone to DPSS (the Welfare Dept.) nine out of ten are sent to hard-core hotels in Hollywood and Downtown," Chris Sutherland of St. Joseph's told me recently. She added vehemently, "We need a shelter."

"We have no place to refer people to overnight," Sutherland lamented. "The County has fostered a lot of talk, but not a lot of action."

When she attended a recent Coalition meeting where Deane Dana spoke, Sutherland said she was "infuriated listening to Dana. He kept talking about how much the Long Beach shelter (which he had founded) has accomplished. But it's hard to get people in there; and lately it's been a shelter for battered women only. It's been closed down for long periods. But Dana puts the Long Beach shelter on a pedestal."

The St. Joseph center, the arson's fire notwithstanding, is the largest food pantry in L.A. County. And increasingly, according to Sutherland, they find the homeless "hitting corners of society previously immune to it. There are more and more mothers with children, middle-class and working-class Americans who found things more difficult."

And the homeless on the Westside try to survive amidst a community of uncommonly good fortune. "The Westside is the most affluent suburb of the most affluent city of the most affluent state in the U.S.," Chris Sutherland emphasized to me, "but the homeless are prevalent here."

**"A bigot who would firebomb St. Joseph's would think twice before flinging a molotov cocktail at a city or county facility."**

Nobody knows that better than the Reverend Fred Hill of the Bible Tabernacle Church. Operating for 26 years from a complex of buildings on Washington Way, Reverend Hill and his volunteer Christian staff try to house as many of those in need who find his shelter.

Before their latest bout with chicken pox, the Bible Tabernacle was housing referrals from Sunlight Mission in Santa Monica; Fair Oaks in Pasadena; Christian Temporary Housing in Orange County; Centrum in Hollywood, the Salvation Army in Santa Monica and Los Angeles; the United Way; the various locations of the Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Social Services; and the Veterans Administration. In short, since they have been the only shelter in Venice, everyone calls Bible Tabernacle.

"If the County gives us Bouquet Canyon (an ex-drug rehabilitation center), we'd be fine," Diane Kramer told me in a phone interview.

Until Bible Tabernacle reopens its shelter, Venice has no overnight refuge for the desperate. When asked where they refer people to now, Reverend Hill told me, "Oh boy! Downtown Los Angeles. We call all over--then put them on a bus."

The Bible Tabernacle could use help from the City and County. "We're short-changed," Hill asserted. "We've got the Pavilion here which could be used to shelter the deserving. It's got a beautiful kitchen."

St. Joseph's Chris Sutherland sees it as a lack of will. "Look at New York. They are showing it can be done. Even with the most limited people in the street, you need to treat them with dignity."

**Homeless Conference**

**Questions Evaded**

By Sheila Garden

Beachheaders hardly need reminding or analysis of the reasons for mushrooming of the Homeless. As a refresher there are close to 40,000 in the County. Statistics can even be a diversionary tactic from bringing people INSIDE where they can be counted (and where they COUNT). On March 14th, a starter for NATIONAL HOMELESS WEEK (March 18th), the Los Angeles Countywide Coalition on the Homeless followed up on its January 1984 performance (at which time I defied how it would look in the eyes of the agency I represented) and proposed that we march with the Homeless on City Hall and etc.. About 275 people representing about 128 state, county, city, private and etc. organizations, church persons and convened at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

Workshops ranged over Shelter and Food programs, helping the Homeless to Obtain Their Rights, the Mentally Ill Homeless, Organizing Community Outreach and the Role of Litigation, the Media etc. Keynote speaker, Mitch Snyder, Community for Non-Violence, Washington D.C. (who refused to sit at the VIP lunch table) had earlier hunger "struct" for emergency shelter programs. Characterizing the homeless, the freezing, and the garbage pail eaters as "screaming with pain," Snyder highlighted the stop-gap nature of shelters--in the face of the need for low cost housing (tearing down of elderly housing, up/up/pping of rents--forcing evictions) projected closing of shelters for the summer (presumably the residents are headed for European safaris).

In stark contrast to Mitch, I marveled at Supervisor Deane Dana's self-congratulatory update from 1984. This ironically contrasted his declaration in November of '83 that "homelessness is not a problem in L.A. County," that "people sleep on the streets every night because they want to." (Well, he has come along some.)

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The Conference reiterated most of its 1984 proposals--Low Cost Housing must be increased. General Relief must be made more accessible...More Jobs...Better Medical Care for the Homeless; The Litany (well-meaning, but without depth drones on). Predictably there was mention of, but no analysis, of the "roots of the problem." Nor was there inclusion at the opening session, the Workshops, the Luncheon presentations of the Los Angeles Homeless--in the flesh, or representatives of the Homeless Organizing Team.

These are the people, in their newsletter, the ADVOCATE, who declare for Jobs, not welfare; raising of GP (general relief) grants (the median rent on Skid Row is \$220; and we know that the people are forced to sell their food stamps and plasma). If you see their "60 DAY PENALTY" buttons you'll know it means that the 60-day penalty can be levied for the slightest infraction, such as being one day late for an appointment or showing up a half-hour late at a work site. It forces people into the streets for two months at a time.

I sat with six of the Homeless, from skid row (they were there on scholarship) choked on their struggles and their survivor's courage, then button-holed Maurine Kornfeld, Chairperson of the Coalition. "Why weren't these people or their spokesperson (a most eloquent and creatively idea-ed person, Ted Hayes) on the program?" Ted took over. Maurine was eminently receptive. (I have misgivings about others in the Coalition.)

I had a couple of chances to challenge the essentially Band-Aide nature of the Coalition and to call attention to a white-haired octogenarian (picketing outside the church in his shabby long johns) sporting a sign which had to do with... "The Homeless have always been with us; down with Wall Street; down with capitalism."

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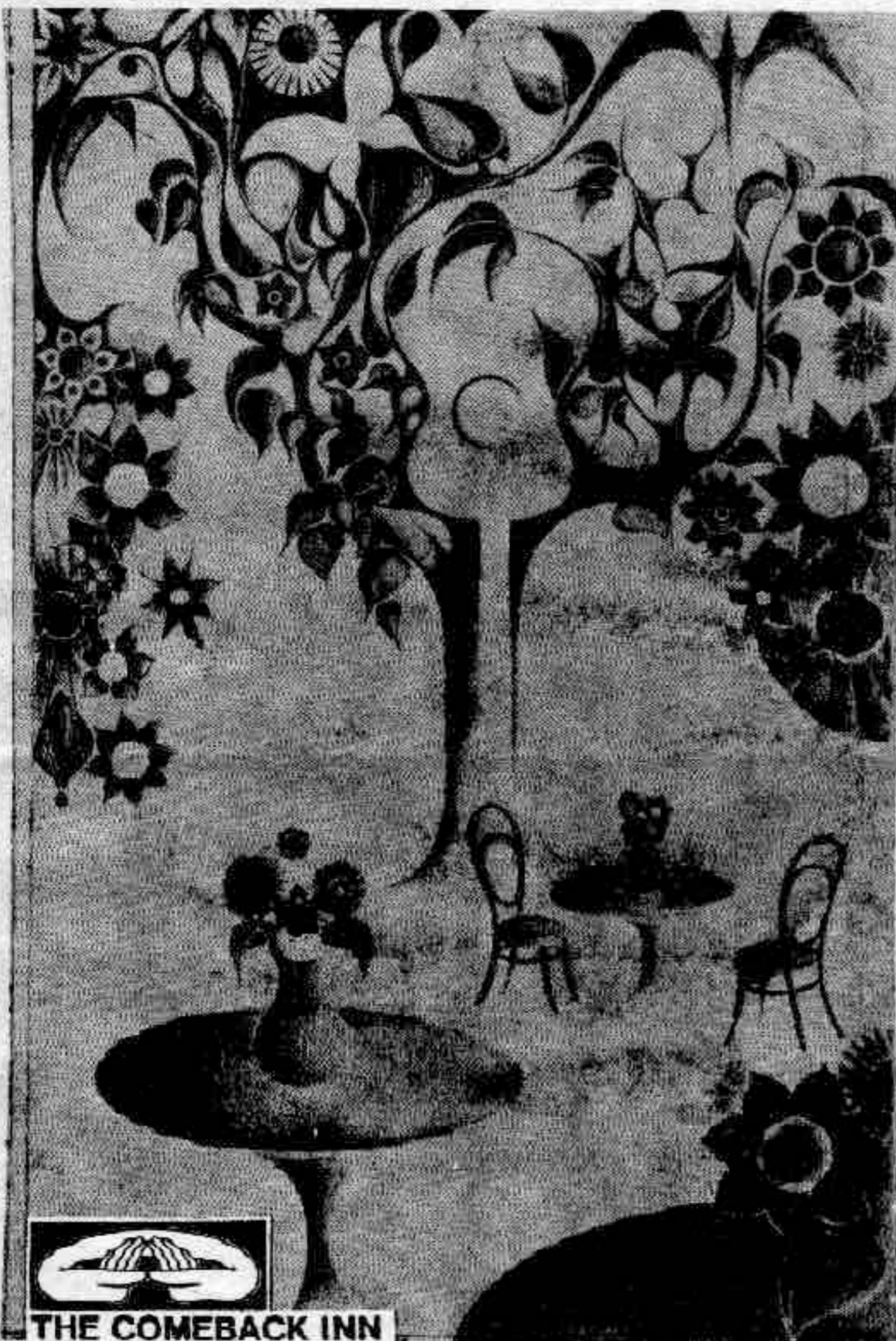
She doesn't like the taste of it and never will. She doesn't have the thirst for it. She is afraid it will give her a gut, and maybe it will. Eventually she'll be a little insulted when it's offered her. And probably should be.

But the best of friendships are formed over it. It helps men to speak to each other, a difficult thing these days. It lets men sing without embarrassment of auld lang syne and of the sheep that went astray somewhere along the line. It goes excellently with pool and pickled eggs, beef jerky and baseball games. Contrary to popular opinion, it is good for the kidneys, affords them exercise. It is good for all the appetites.

We all go beyond it; we always come back to it. It is the friend who eases us through our philosophies. It is the friend we talk to about our women, the one who agrees with us that they are not all that important. It restores our courage in the face of cowardly sobrieties. It laughs with us at our most serious poems, weeps at our pratfalls. It remembers us; it takes us back.

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SAT 9:30  
Milcho Leviev • Phil Upchurch  
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ALL-STAR JAZZ IMPROV

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SUN 2:00 p.m.  
Moacir Santos  
Nilsa Kato • Taquinho • Mayuto  
BRAZILIAN JAZZ PARTY

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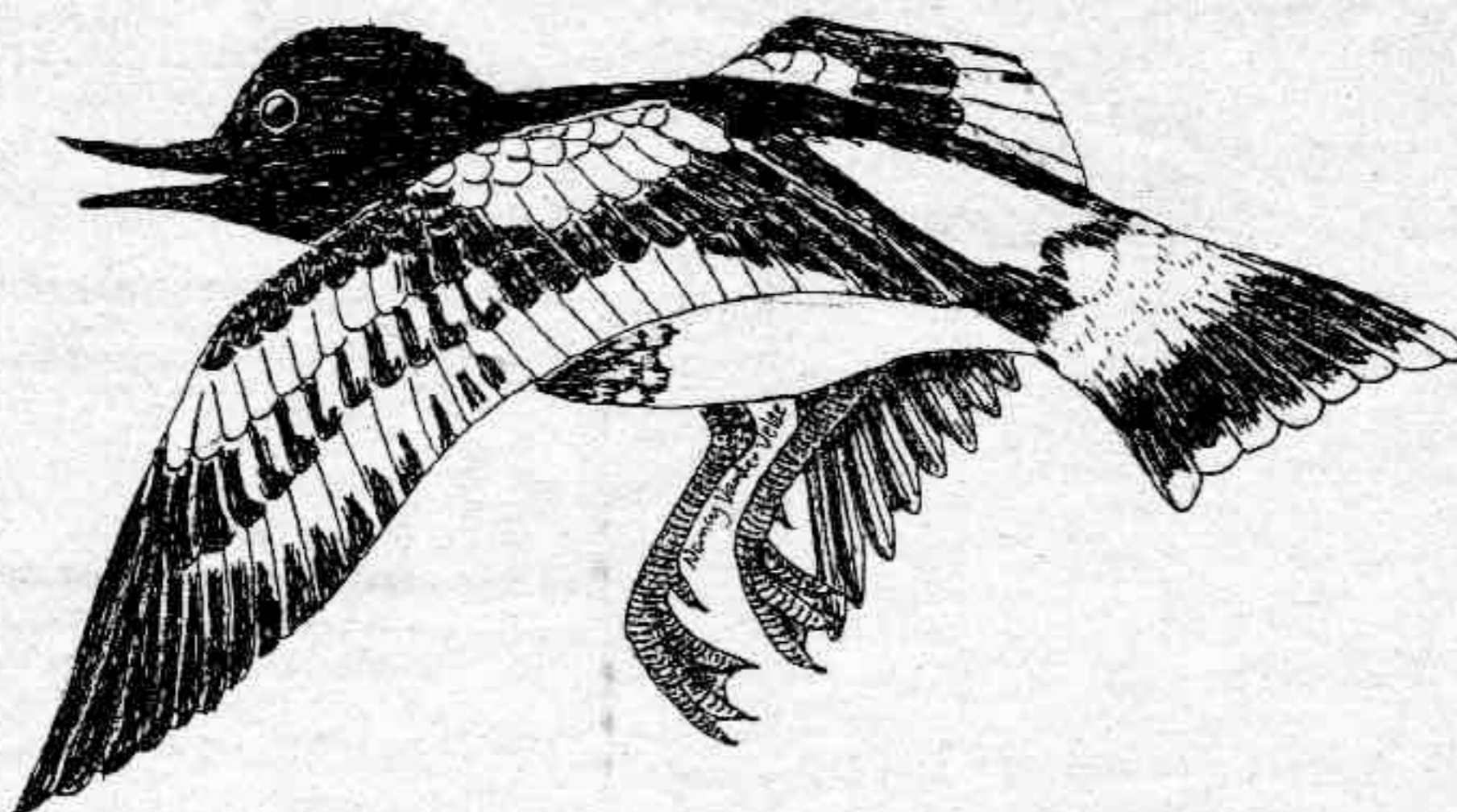
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# Community events

## RELIGION

CHURCH IN OCEAN PARK 235 Hill Street Santa Monica 399-1631  
 April 7: EASTER SUNDAY/APRIL FOOL'S DAY: Satyrist Darryl Henriques speaks.  
 April 14: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY: A contemporary liturgy from Jewish tradition. 10am.  
 April 21: HOW WE ARE A PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY: RECOGNIZING EACH OTHER. 10am.  
 April 28: Part Two of "How We Are A People..." Parts Three and Four later. As usual at 10am; Child Care provided.

SINGLETARIANS Programs are at Forbes Hall, 1721 Arizona, behind the Unitarian Community Church, Santa Monica. 394-4318  
 April 7: VOYAGE TO UNDERSTANDING Joyce Catlett, speaker. \$3 donation. 8pm.  
 April 14: ARE WE EXPECTING TOO MUCH IN A RELATIONSHIP \$3 donation. 8pm.  
 April 21: REJECTION--THE PAINS OF GETTING IT AND OF GIVING IT. Andrea Schalman, speaker. \$3 donation. 8pm.  
 April 28: HOW TO BE A WINNER IN RELATIONS OR JOB Marcia Levin, speaker. \$3 donation. 8pm.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES 2936 W. 8th Street 389-1356  
 April 7: Reverend Philip Zwerling will observe Easter Sunday in his sermon "Practicing Resurrection" at 11am. Service is translated in Korean & Span.  
 April 14: Ed Asner, well known actor and political activist, will address the congregation on "Combating Reaganism At Home and Abroad," 11 am.  
 April 21: "What's wrong with Charity" will be the topic of Rev. Philip Zwerling's sermon at 11am. Child care.  
 April 28: Dr. Gordon Stein, President of the American Rationalist Federation, will give a talk titled "Why Are People Afraid of Atheists?"

## ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWAGE IN SANTA MONICA BAY. The EPA and Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold the final public hearing on whether the U.S. should grant to the City of L.A. a 5 year extension to the Clean Water Act requiring full secondary treatment of sewage before discharge into the S.M. Bay. Monday, April 22, 1PM, 107 So. Broadway, Rm. 1138 in L.A.

LOS ANGELES OCEANIC SOCIETY 22421-3 Jeffrey Mark Court, Chatsworth 91311. (818) 341-0277.  
 April 24: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SEE, IT'S WHAT YOU GET Gil Geesey, marine (7pm.) microbiologist speaks about pollution.  
 April 30: TOUR AN OFFSHORE OIL RIG. Guests of Chevron...pickup at Marina del Rey.  
 SIERRA CLUB-ANGELUS CHAPTER The Airport Marina Group of the Sierra Club will hold a general meeting, April 8 at 730 pm. in the Community Room at Burton Chase Park, Marina del Rey. Duke and Kay Martin will present slides on river boating.



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## POLITICS

LOS ANGELES ARTISTS CALL AGAINST INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA. For info, call 255-9923  
 COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL For Info: 938-6241  
 PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY MEETINGS The 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 1354 West Washington Blvd. Call 396-3555 or 392-5049.  
 SANTA MONICA DEMOCRATIC CLUB--Senior Citizens Recreation Center, 1430 Ocean Ave., S.M. Info: 453-5322. The Democratic Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month except on holidays. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!  
 MAR VISTA-VENICE DEMOCRATIC CLUB April 2, 8 p.m meeting; 3744 Barrington, Mar Vista. Topic: A video look at the people of Russia. Vote Tuesday, April 9! For info: 397-0440, or 392-5075.

HORROR TALES of chemical and biological warfare. Send \$8.95 (includes handling) for "A Higher Form of Killing," 274 pages to RECON, Box 14602, Philadelphia PA19134

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VENICE SKILL CENTER--Free course in Medical-Clerical Office Procedures. Certificate of Completion issued, job placement assisted. Apply in person between 8am-1130am and 1pm-2pm at 611 Fifth Ave.  
 April 14: LES THOMPSON QUINTET jazz at the Pavilion and political networking. Call Glenn Hopkins, 399-0011 for info.

GUNTER'S-1009 W. Washington Bd. 399-9503. Cheesecake and Politics. Gunter's Coffee House Salon on Sunday evenings is the place for social, artistic and political discussions.

## WOMEN

ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR WOMEN 1147 S. Alvarado Street, L.A. 90006 Info: 381-7805  
 April 13: CLINICAL ISSUES IN TREATMENT OF ADDICTIONS One-day conference, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Loyola.--642-2800  
 April 13: FROM VICTIM OF INCEST TO INCEST SURVIVOR One-day conference for survivors, from 10am to 4pm. \$15 fee. More info: 381-7305.  
 April 20: AUTONOMY IN RELATIONSHIPS One-day workshop for women, from 10am to 3pm. \$15 fee; call 381-7805.  
 April 27: THE ADULT CHILD OF AN ALCOHOLIC IN THE WORKPLACE One-day workshop for women, from 10am. \$15 fee.

## MUSIC

April 6: THE MINUTEMEN and LAWDALE will play at the Beyond Baroque Center. \$5 admission. 9pm. 822-3006  
 April 14: Jazz at the Pavilion and networking (God, how I hate the word!) by area activists. Les Thompson Quintet, begins at 2 pm. More info, call 399-0011.  
 SUNDAYS: Live classical or jazz music at Venice Place. 1031 W. Washington Bc Noon-3pm. More info: 396-5809



## POETRY

BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY/ARTS CENTER 681 Venice Blvd. 822-3006.  
 April 12: Novelist JOHN RECHY and writer BRUCE BOONE will read from their work. 8pm. \$5 admission.  
 April 14: Open readings. Free. 8pm.  
 April 19: NY poet STEVEN HALL'S play "Turbo Sporty" will have its West Coast Premiere. 8pm. \$5 admission.  
 April 26: Poet/critic ROBERT PETERS and writer JAMIE DIAMOND will read from their work. \$5 admission. 8pm.  
 May 5: Open readings back on usual first Sunday of the month. 8pm. Free.

## ART

SPARC SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ARTS RESOURCE CENTER 685 Venice Blvd. 822-9560  
 March 30-April 26, "Missing Project #2" 15 artist respond in a mixed-media exhibition. What's Missing in the 80s? May 4: Evening of Performance Art. 8pm. Gallery hours: M-F, 10-5, Sat 11-5  
 ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER 519-1874 3601 South Gaffey Street San Pedro  
 Through April 21 LIGHT GAMES Artists and Scientists working with light.  
 CAL STATE LONG BEACH UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM 498-5761 1250 Bellflower Blvd. Through April 21: Stephanie Weber, mixed media paintings.  
 Through April 21: Susan Rothenberg, print and drawing.  
 Through April 21: Rita Yokoi, and environmental installation.



JOHN FORKNER, Artist/Optical Engineer, is illuminated by projection from his "Installation" at Angels Gate Gallery. Mr. Forkner's work is part of the show LIGHT GAMES, an exhibit of art works performed with light. At the Angels Gate Cultural Center through April 21. 3601 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro.

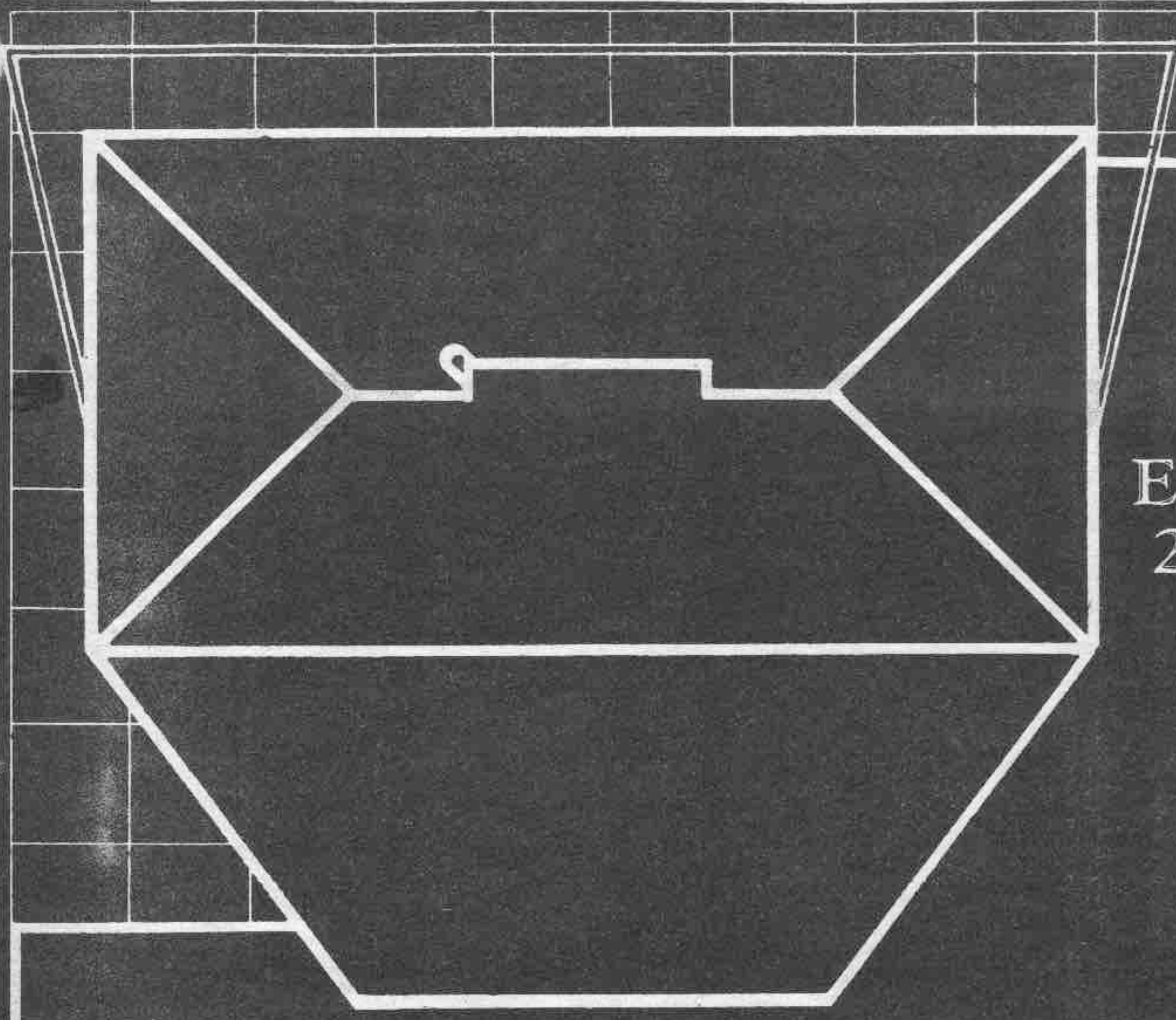


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