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PARKING A TROJAN HORSE

by MOE STAVNEZER

Trojan horses didn't often look like apartment buildings but, then again, neither were they built by Werner Scharff. The proposed 40-unit apartmenthouse on Paloma Ave. for poor elderly people may be our own horse-of-a-different-color if some of the loose ends are not securely fastened in the real world.

As someone who has worked very hard in support of affordable housing and more parking in Venice, it is strange to feel so apprehensive about a development that includes both. But there are some good, solid reasons for my skepticism. Werner Scharff wants a zone change on Paloma which would allow a development 10 times greater than current zoning permits in order to house 40 of the elderly poor. He also proposes to provide 75 parking spaces, far more than are needed for the building, at least 40 of which he claims would be available to local residents (at a fee, of course).

The increased density of the building does not, in itself, trouble me if used for the purpose Scharff has stated. I am more troubled by the ramifications of the

parking proposal. Both aspects of the project must be considered. Questions abound—who will choose the tenants? who will set the income standards and see to it that only the poor become tenants? how will the rents be subsidized after Mr. Scharff, now in his 70's, is no longer with us? The government usually performs these tasks but, remember, this is to be privately financed and most of us have never dealt with such a proposal. But I think Scharff will answer these questions and make satisfactory legal arrangements for them because I am fairly sure that what he really wants is the parking!

Werner Scharff has a dream of his own. It involves redeveloping Venice in a mold that clearly resembles the 1970 plan for Miami beach west scaled down to meet current realities—renovation of existing buildings along Ocean Front Walk instead of the grandiose plans for knocking all the buildings down and constructing new hotels, condos and other accouterments of the wealthy (e.g. Werner Scharff). He owns a whole bunch of the property along OFW including the recently acquired Cadillac building where a court order

stands as the only impediment to his eviction of the current elderly residents of that building. Strike one! Werner has concrete plans for the Cadillac, a building transplant that will convert it to a 45 room "bed and breakfast" hotel which will include a posh Harry's Bar & Grille and require more parking than is now available on vacant land in the area. So, Scharff wants to be able to use the parking at Paloma to satisfy, on paper, the parking requirements for the Cadillac. Strike two! What are the details? The hotel and restaurant will require 63 parking spaces, the Paloma building a mere 10 totalling 73 of the 75 spaces at Paloma. Scharff, however, claims that most of the Cadillac parking will be satisfied in the Rose Ave. lot and will leave empty spaces available to residents on a more unofficial basis. In the meanwhile, on paper, the precedent of allowing commercial parking on a residential street, to satisfy the needs of high priced businesses on OFW, will be established! Strike three! So far, the only non-negotiable factor in the proposed Paloma building is the parking—Werner will not agree to set aside even one

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JESSE JACKSON and the RAINBOW COALITION

Ed Pearl

The struggle of Black people for identity equality and power has regularly acted as a force for social change in America. From the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, from Marcus Garvey to Malcolm X each generation of struggle signals the potential for national transformation and produces unique politics and leaders. Over the past two years, the politics are electoral and the newest leader is Jesse Jackson.

Jackson is not only tapping that drive towards power within the Black community, but captivating the media and capturing the national attention. Newsweek of January 13th headlines "Jackson Wins a 'Syria Primary'", and follows: "In almost three weeks of ceaseless maneuver and nearly continuous press conferences, Jackson (1) put Ronald Reagan on the defensive..., (2) eclipsed his seven rivals..., (3) rallied - indeed - positively galvanized his core constituency in Black America; (4) reopened communications between the U.S. and the government of Syria, and, almost in passing, rescued a Navy aviator from captivity.

What Newsweek neglected to mention was Jackson's outspoken linking of the Middle East crisis to the rights of the Palestinian people, as well as the tremendous pride within Black America for Blacks taking care of Blacks and dealing successfully on an international diplomatic level where the official white power structure had failed.

In the week preceding his November 3rd announcement of candidacy, Jackson was taking more progressive stands and ranging wider than all the other candidates combined: In Bonn and London, at New York City hearings on police brutality, at the Lincoln Memorial for the March on Washington, in the Waldorf Astoria for a gay rights dinner, in Bermuda meeting with a Salvadoran rebel leader, in New Hampshire getting visibility and in Mississippi registering voters.

That nationwide registration drive behind Jackson is especially significant as the largest sector of new registrants throughout the country is that of Blacks between 18 and 25 years old. Jackson himself has predicted that as many as ten thousand Blacks may run for office this year because of the work of Chicago's Harold Washington, Boston's Mel King, himself and others. The possibilities that lie within the re-engagement of this supposedly "lost" generation are politically tremendous, but the potential of a progressive and vital Black movement as part of a Rainbow Coalition raises those possibilities towards a popular movement which has never before existed in this country.

The Guardian, a national weekly, reports that in early January, a meeting took place in New York which was symptomatic of the variety of forces which must be welded together if Jackson's projected Rainbow Coalition is to become a national force. The gathering was attended and addressed by community activists, representatives from the la-

bor, peace, women's, lesbian and gay movements, as well as by Black, Latino, and Asian-American activists. Sally Guttmacher, a member of the Committee for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse (CARASA) sounded the theme of the evening, arguing that the campaign "had the potential of uniting people across sex, class and ethnic lines into a powerful political force." Ramon Jimenez of the newly formed group Latinos for Jackson also stressed the movement building aspects of the campaign, saying that Jackson "was an instrument for building a movement; before and after the primaries we need to work together." Here in Los Angeles the Rodriguez family, organizers of the well known CASA movement, together with Raul Ruiz, Rud Acuna and other long time Chicano activists are building a Latinos for Jackson chapter. They are stressing three issues: Organizing against the anti-immigration and racist Simpson Mazzoli Bill, and pushing for full employment and affirmative action. They also connect these issues to the current military expansion and our foreign policies.

The Jackson campaign poses a challenge for progressives. We can view it as a bandwagon on which to leap and offer a "correct" approach; we can deride it as a misleading of the masses into a party controlled by big business interests, or we can approach it as a catalyst which can move the entire struggle ahead. I choose the latter. We simply must explore and aid this impressive development for its potential far beyond June

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LETTERS

UPPER VOLTA

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Dear Friends;

This year I would like to invite you to help make this year a special one for children and families to the drought-ridden Sahel.

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-J.L. Scott

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You will find that God is not dead and Lennie Bruce is.

You should accept Bobby Souder's invitation to talk with him about Jesus, and I'm offering, too, and between the both of us, perhaps we can clarify it all for you.

Ruth Clark
Another Born Again Christian

Dear Beachhead,

Re: Carol Fondiller's own depiction of Werner Scharff, I feel it only fair for me to say and you to print that there are scores and scores of people dating back for more than three decades now, me included, who would find her impressions of Mr. Scharff, as I do, the very antithesis of what he really is. I don't feel it necessary to go into myriad details to defend her preposterous charges against him, but I do feel that it is time for a vacation from this unjust and on-going diatribe for Mr. Scharff and all of us who know, love, and respect him. C'mon, Carol, give the guy a break!

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Los Angeles County has a population greater than 42 states. Quality leadership is essential to the process of solving its complex problems. The current supervisor, Deane Dana, has not and is not providing the quality leadership.

Instead of governing with intelligence and compassion, we have endured shortsighted mismanagement and bungled government with results such as:

- * The closing down of community health centers & pharmacies to balance the county budget
- * The reckless advocating of county-wide condominium conversions.
- * A dubious proposal giving the supervisors carte blanche in the appointing and firing of all county commissioners, a procedure which drew sharp criticism from the County Grand Jury.
- * A callously mismanaged contracting-out program which resulted in controversy, questionable effectiveness, and a Grand Jury investigation.
- * The arbitrary withdrawal of the County's 15,000 employees from the Social Security system. This unilateral action resulted in the removal of over \$100 million annually from

the system upon which thousands of retired people here in L.A. depend.

* Forced the county into spending millions of valuable job-training dollars in a manner contradictory to the intent of the Reagan Administration. Congressional hearings have been set to investigate this bungle and county taxpayers are at risk of being forced to repay millions of dollars to the State of California when all the facts are in.

It seems that Mr. Dana, whose qualifications to serve were seriously questioned four years ago, has not learned much since.

For the past 5 years, I have served the 8 million people of L.A. as their County Assessor, representing more constituents than 84 United States Senators.

I have provided the 1.5 million homeowners and 250,000 businesses in the county with performance, not promises.

I have reduced the Assessor's department by over 600 positions, and I have achieved this reduction without lay-offs. In a single year, this savings to the taxpayers of L.A. is equal to the total claimed savings from the controversial contracting-out program.

Fiscal responsibility is nothing new to me, but my seventeen years in government service have also taught me human responsibility and I believe the people of Los Angeles County are entitled to both.

I intend to represent the citizens of the Fourth District with a hand on today and an eye on tomorrow. ♀



Primary News

by MILTON SHIRO TAKEI

California Scty. of State March Fong Eu announced Feb. 1 that she has selected 4 candidates, Sonia Johnson, Tod Ensign, Dennis Serrette, and Tom Condit, to appear in the Peace and Freedom Party presidential primary. P&F State Chairperson Emma Mar has indicated that she believes that at least one other candidate, Larry Holmes, will also be in the primary. Any candidate selected by the Scty. of State has until about April 2 to possibly withdraw from the primary, to be held June 5.

Radical feminist Johnson is seeking the nomination of the Citizens Party. Ensign is a lawyer with the New York-based G.I. rights group, Citizen Soldier. Serrette is the candidate of the Consumers Party and the New Alliance Party. The New Alliance Party, of which Serrette is a member, is best known for being under the leadership of New York therapist Fred Newman. Condit, a long-time P&F activist, would be the candidate of the P&F members who did not wish to support any of the other candidates on the ballot in the primary. Holmes is the candidate of the Workers World Party, and was that party's vice-presidential candidate in 1980.

The Peace & Freedom Party has been participating in the Search Committee for a United Left Presidential Ticket (SCULPT). Ensign and Serrette both sought the SCULPT nomination, but the SCULPT convention Nov. 25-27 did not choose a candidate. In 1972 & 1976, the P&F presidential candidate was the People's Party candidate nationwide. In 1980, P&F was not represented in any national nominating convention, and a deadlocked state convention chose Maureen Smith to run only in California. □



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Operation Greylord

STAFF NOTE: Operation Graylord was a Federal "sting" operation which resulted in the largest number of judicial indictments in U.S. history. All manner of judicial persons were indicted including several Federal judges, court clerks and attorneys. Most of those indicted have cited entrapment as a defense..

by FRANKLIN BURKE

Regarding Chicago's infamous Graylord scandals...those crooked jurists who when caught red-handed taking bribes. "Operation Graylord."

A friendly knowing lawyer is friends with a friendly willing judge. The scene is a Chicago courtroom--the lawyer has a very wealthy Northshore client whose young teenage daughter is involved in a marijuana bust. The "mean rat" cops arrested her (along with her dope-smoking peers) and charged her with drug possession.

To get his rich client off the judicial hook - friend lawyer Dan has a working relationship with Judge Wiley. multi-rich Northshore hired lawyer Dan to defend his wayward daughter. "I'll get your daughter off scotfree, but it will cost you in the six figure bracket" -Dan says-"The judge has to be paid off too-you understand?" "Perfectly," says Northshore. "Anything to get my poor little innocent daughter off," and Northshore dishes out a large sum of moola to coniving lawyer Dan. Its the way things work.

Meanwhile, behind court scene in a smoke filled judges chamber room - between lawyer Dan and Judge Wiley - "Listen Wiley," says Dan, "you've got this rich Northshore kid coming up on your court agenda - I've worked deal with her old man, where we both can profit financially to get her case dismissed - understand?" "What's she charged with?" Judge asks. "Smoking grass," Dan says. "Don't worry Dan" - Judge says - "no sweat." "I can split with you 50-50 and no questions asked." Dan says. "We've got a deal," the honest law abiding Judge says. "We're friends ain't we?" "We've worked together before."

The following day in Judge Wiley's courtroom - "Cissy Northshore" the clerk announces. Lawyer Dan steps forward - "I represent the defendent, your honor. The poor dear child was too sick to appear in court in person. She's just heartsick over this whole matter as are her beloved parents." "The court understands," says the judge. "These are legal terms being worked out between the defendent's attorney and myself."

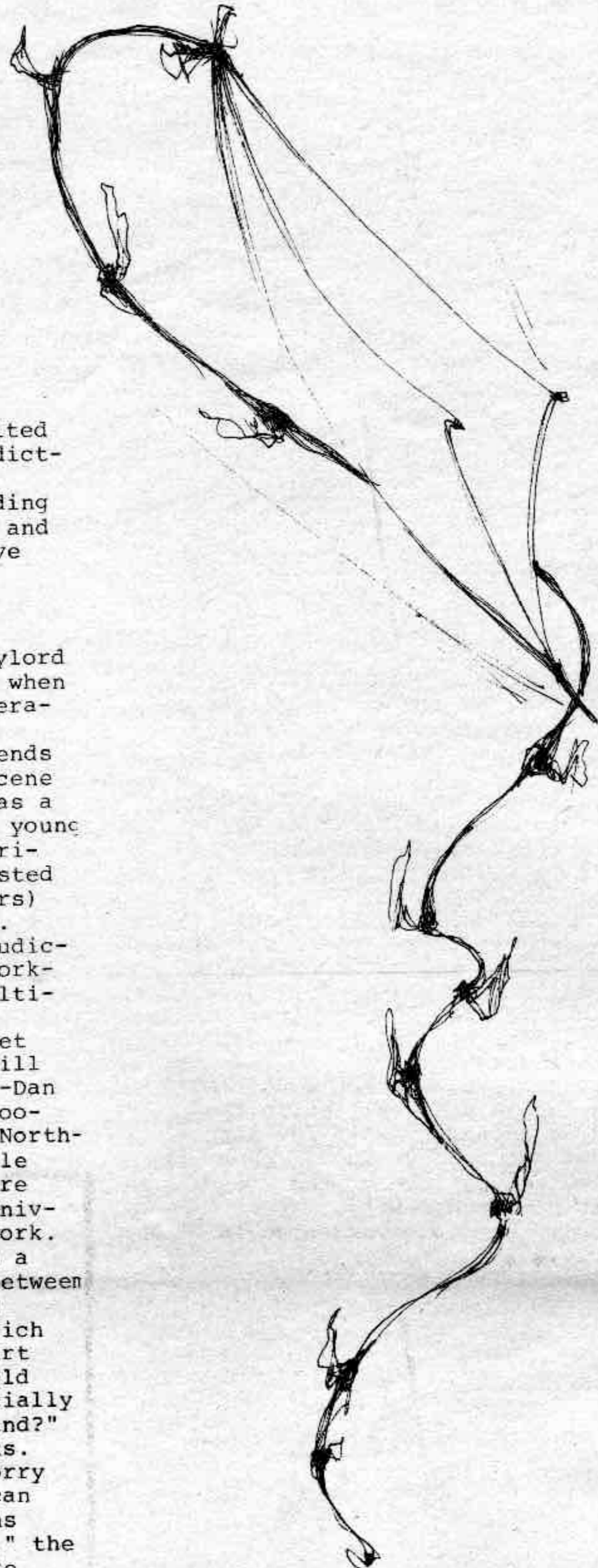
"The child is charged with a marijuana misdemeanor your honor," says lawyer Dan. "The court understands the child's predicament perfectly," the judge says. "This is something that we in the law profession understand each other. We've handled cases like this before. No sweat."

"Those cruel mean cops arrested an innocent child, your honor," says lawyer Dan. "We move to have this case dismissed- thrown out of court- on the grounds of insufficient evidence." "So moved," says the judge. "Case dismissed. Next case."

So the legal wheels roll and legal justice gets thrown out the window. These legal crooks are guilty by association - and are dealing in bribes and under the table payola. Everything was taken care of and with no questions asked.

The people of the country get cheated out of a legally honest trial. The judge and lawyer are incompetent legal professionals. The whole thing stinks out loud and is a mockery and miscarriage of legal justice in the U.S. court system.

(This is an example of what might happen in our U.S. courts) American citizens are mad as hell about Graylord and aren't going to take it anymore. ▶



The Homeless Economy

by Rhonda Ridabot

How many people are living on the street? Laundry mats? Bushes? Parking lots? Beaches? Behind trees and buildings? How many people are living in their automobiles, including vans? How many people are living with their friends?

AND DO WE CALL THIS LIVING?

Is there any way of actually figuring out how many there are and how rapidly they are increasing?

Some Ideas:

The unlawful detainer office records evictions; only completed cases, settled, will provide that answer. We do know that the propert owners are winning eviction cases, 99% to 1% tenants. Those figures were approximate in Oct. 1983. But as to the number of tenants put out into the street from these, many times, illegal evictions, those figures are not available.

In some areas, particularly Venice, an obvious increase of street people is occurring. Backpacks, cars, vans, transients, and a lot of them.

And where do they go for food and shelter?

Not to Ronald and Nancy's house to be sure.

As far as food for the homeless-there is about 1/2 of what there was available 6 months ago. The food bank has been low and food distribution agancies have been forced to reduce the size of the bags of food down, just to make sure that there's enough to go around.

As far as clothing for the homeless-your better cities garbage can is probably the best bet. We prefer to either trash it or the thrift store.

And don't get caught being homeless either. You could end up in jail. But they are crowded too, so that isn't a good answer either.

You would think a supposed improved economy would mend some of the above mentioned problems.

As a result of higher rents, certain agencies report that as many as 10 people are living together in one bedroom apartments. What is the solution?

GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND AWARENESS OF A GROWING PROBLEM, NEEDING ASSISTANCE AND STUDY.

I don't imagine the homeless would ever unite and revolt, or would they? ■

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The Kite Festival

by Mathew Tekulsky

The paper rustled as she worked. First a bend here, then a bend there, until a recognizable shape issued forth. He watched her intently. She had a soft look about her, an aura of composed innocence. He thought of touching her, but refrained. She seemed to be too busy and yet she embodied an air of tranquility that invited some form of contact. He made a joke and she smiled.

He had read about the kite festival a few days earlier. She promised to get some library books on the subject and he offered to purchase the supplies on the way to her apartment. It was a small place on the beach and there were lots of newspapers on the floor. She put on an old Bob Dylan record.

"Let's see," she said. "We've got string, tape and balsa sticks, but what can we use for the body?"

"How about this?" he said, holding up a newspaper.

"Great idea," she laughed.

So they began to build the kite, and he began watching her.

"Maybe this time I've found the right girl," he thought.

Just then the phone rang. She disappeared into the bedroom but the conversation was drowned out by the record player. When she returned she asked if he believed in psychic phenomena.

"That was a friend who just came back into town. I haven't seen him for a while, but I was thinking about him last night. Isn't it funny the way those things happen?"

The record came to a halt and he hurried to turn it over. The sound was a welcome relief.

"Put your finger there," she said, pointing to the sticks, "and I'll tie the string."

When the kite was completed, a feeling of accomplishment reigned over the room.

"God," he thought, "I hope it works."

At the beach, the sky was full of kites. But despite their magnificence, something was lacking. None were homemade. She looked at their patchwork quilt of a kite and stared at him proudly.

"Let's give it a try," she said.

"Grab the string and run. I'll throw it."

It worked beautifully for a moment, but then the kite came crashing to the sand. They walked over to inspect it, relieved to discover that it was still intact.

"Let's try again," she said.

This time, it remained in the air a bit longer, only to come tumbling down. After a few more efforts, a hiatus was in order.

"Let's get some food," she suggested.

When they returned, the sun was lower and the surf was threatening their toweled area. He again longed to touch her, to caress her back and balance her hand in his. But the experience with the kite had drained him. Afraid of failing again, he chose not to act.

Shortly thereafter, they gathered up their belongings, but decided to give the kite another chance. Just then, two children, a boy and a girl, approached.

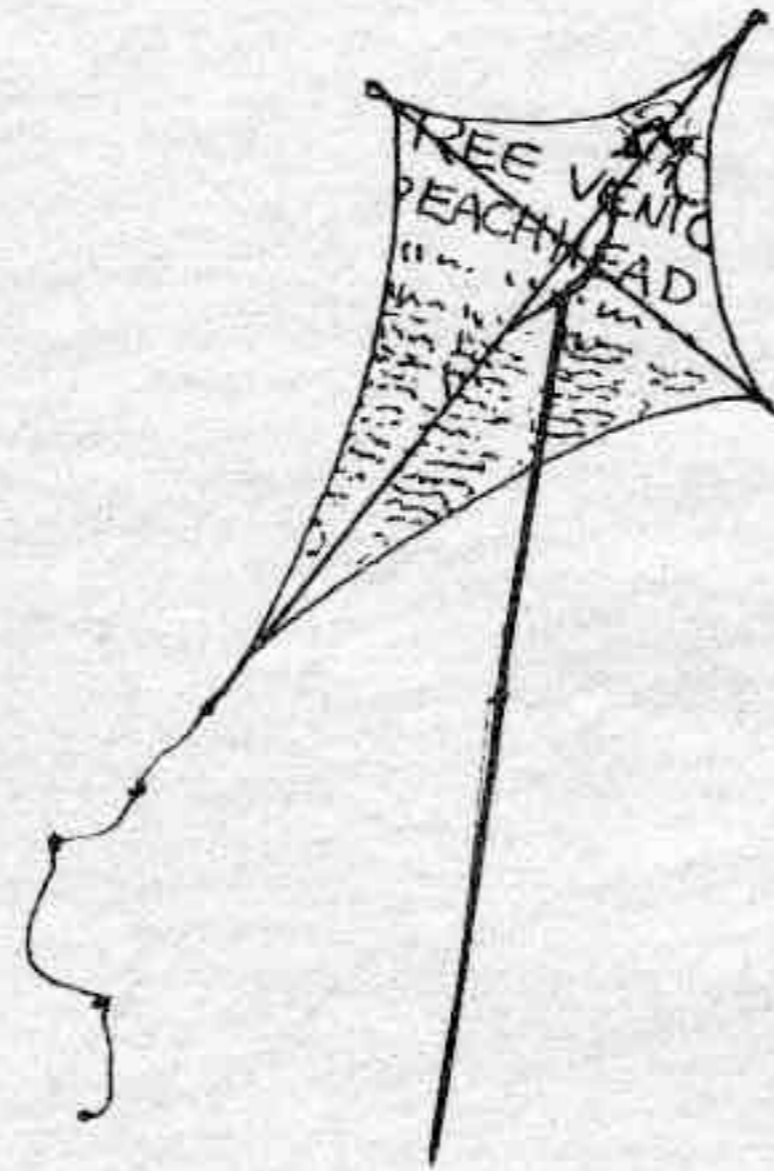
"What are you doing?" the boy asked.

"Trying to fly a kite. Do you have any suggestions?"

"You tied the string in the wrong place," the girl said. She corrected it. "And you're trying too hard. You don't have to run. Just stand there. Watch."

With a flick of her wrist, the kite was airborne. It flew gracefully, frolicking in the breeze. She pulled it in casually.

"Here, you try."



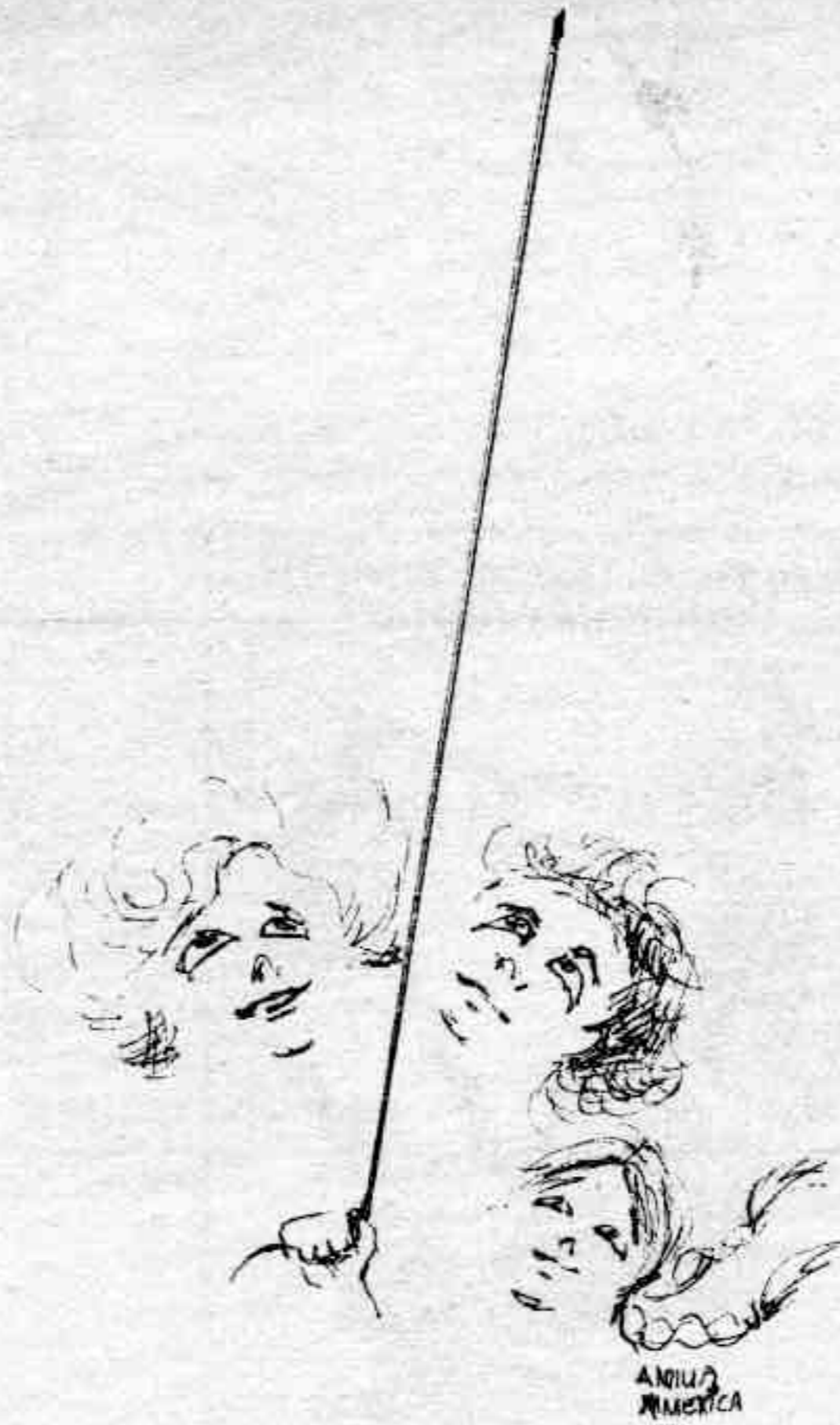
But the kite refused to fly. After a few moments, it was upset by a large gust. He heard the balsa sticks break. The newspaper was torn and the string was tangled.

The children scampered off and he bent over to pick up the kite. He noticed a trash can, approached it mechanically and dropped the kite into the darkness.

The trip home was interminable. Back at her apartment, they folded the beach towel lengthwise and moved closer to each other as they gathered it together. Finally, he touched her shoulder gently and kissed her. She did not resist, but he felt her uneasiness.

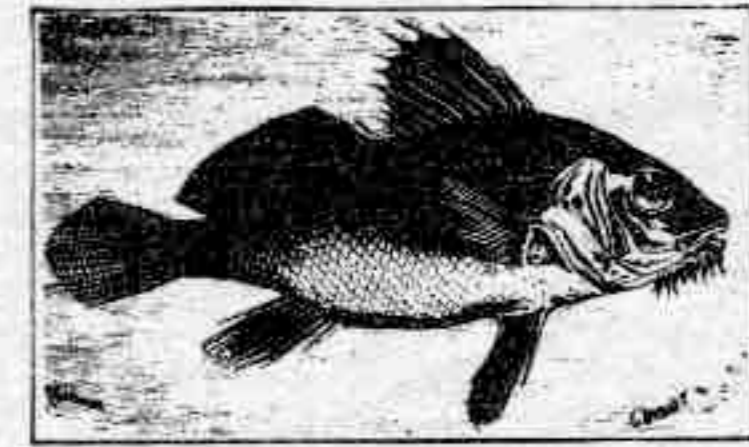
After he left, he kept wondering about the phone call earlier in the day, and he cursed himself for not having had the courage to ask about it. Meanwhile, the failure of the kite nagged at him incessantly.

He tried not to think about it too deeply. ■ ■

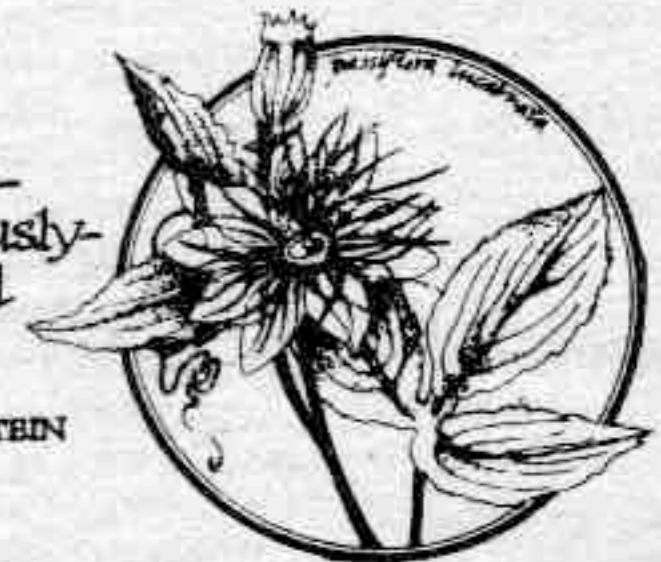



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space for community parking if that space might be required for the Cadillac. Hint, hint?

A number of Venetians have met in the past few weeks and discussed these problems. At present our position is that if the questions raised earlier about the administration of the apartments is legally resolved we will support the project if the following limitations on the parking are legally required and enforced. All of the parking spaces are reserved for residential use! The spaces be made available to residents who live between Speedway and Pacific Ave. Lastly, some type of audit be conducted yearly to verify the residential use.

The whole matter came before a hearing examiner for the L.A. City Planning Commission in late January. Many of the issues raised above were aired at that hearing--as well as many flatly opposed to the project no matter what compromises could be reached. The hearing examiner, John Parker, caught most of the hints and concerns of the residents. His recommendation for total denial of Scharff's proposal listed 9 major reasons why the Commission should deny both the zone change and the coastal permit. Traffic, density, inconsistency with the current plan and zoning were the most compelling arguments raised in Parker's recommendation. The commission is scheduled to consider the matter at its March 1st meeting in Rm 305 of L.A. City Hall (sometime after 9:30am). Since it is rare that the commission opens such meetings to public testimony, there may be no reason, except perverse curiosity, to attend that hearing. Rest assured, however, that no matter what the outcome of the commission meeting, the matter is not closed.

Meanwhile, on a personal level, it is a sad commentary that I feel so distrustful of something I want to support. Experience tells me that people who won't agree to "putting it in writing" don't really intend to do it.

The ball is in your court, Werner. ■

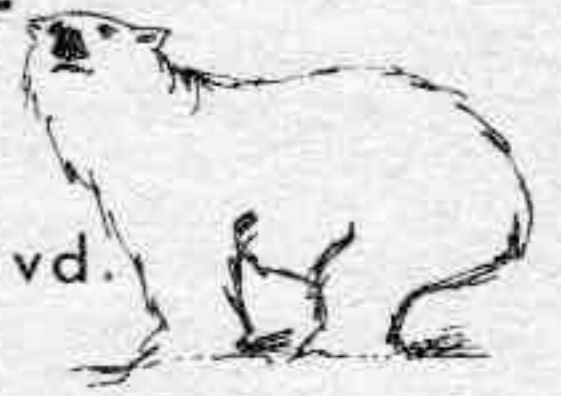
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and November, and respect the heightened capacity of members of the Rainbow Coalition to see their own interests as going beyond putting it in the hands of elected officials and beyond elections themselves. The sense of power and possibility exists right now and the chance should not be missed.

I believe it would be a mistake for people to register away from the Peace & Freedom or Citizens Parties. It might endanger the very existence of those invaluable institutions. There is an essential need for third parties as both platforms for honest, radical ideas which are rarely allowed in the controlled parties. They are also groupings leading towards an independent party based on workers as well as the very groups Jackson is trying to unite. The current process of the Rainbow Coalition working together on many working class issues, albeit inside a controlled party, is a most significant step towards that long-range goal. As those issues are betrayed by the Democratic Party leadership, people will more clearly see the need for that separate party. It is the job of progressives, third or first world, to offer organizational and political experience in strengthening positions and bonds between groups. It's also a rare opportunity to learn from and share in the the experiences and aspirations of the people with whom we wish to build a new and human society. The campaign dynamic which is pulling us together right now might only exist through the primary. It's up to us to help create a new and ongoing dynamic.

The Jackson campaign within our local Congressional District meets every Sunday night at 7:30 PM. Call the office at 395-4078 for the location and other information. There's also an important Jackson Caucus meeting 3 PM, Sunday, 1 March 11th, in Virginia Park, near the Santa Monica Frwy and Cloverfield. We'll be choosing potential delegates to the Democratic Convention in August. ■

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Fri. Mar 9: A Salute to Edward Field with guests Gerald Locklin, Ronald Koertge, and Charles Stetler, donation \$3.

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Fri. Mar 23: Visual artist Robert Cumming reads from his fiction works

Fri. Mar 30: Writers Rande Russell and Ed Friedman read from their works, donation \$3

RELIGION

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Mar 4: "Kundalina Yoga, Way of Energy" by Lisa Bell

Mar 11: "Is Justice Burger Right?" by Attorney Anthony Carsola.

Mar 18: "Sex Toys" by Bobbie Japha

Mar 25: "The Central American Crisis" by Blase Bompene

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Mar 18: "Songs for the Human Condition" Peter Alsop

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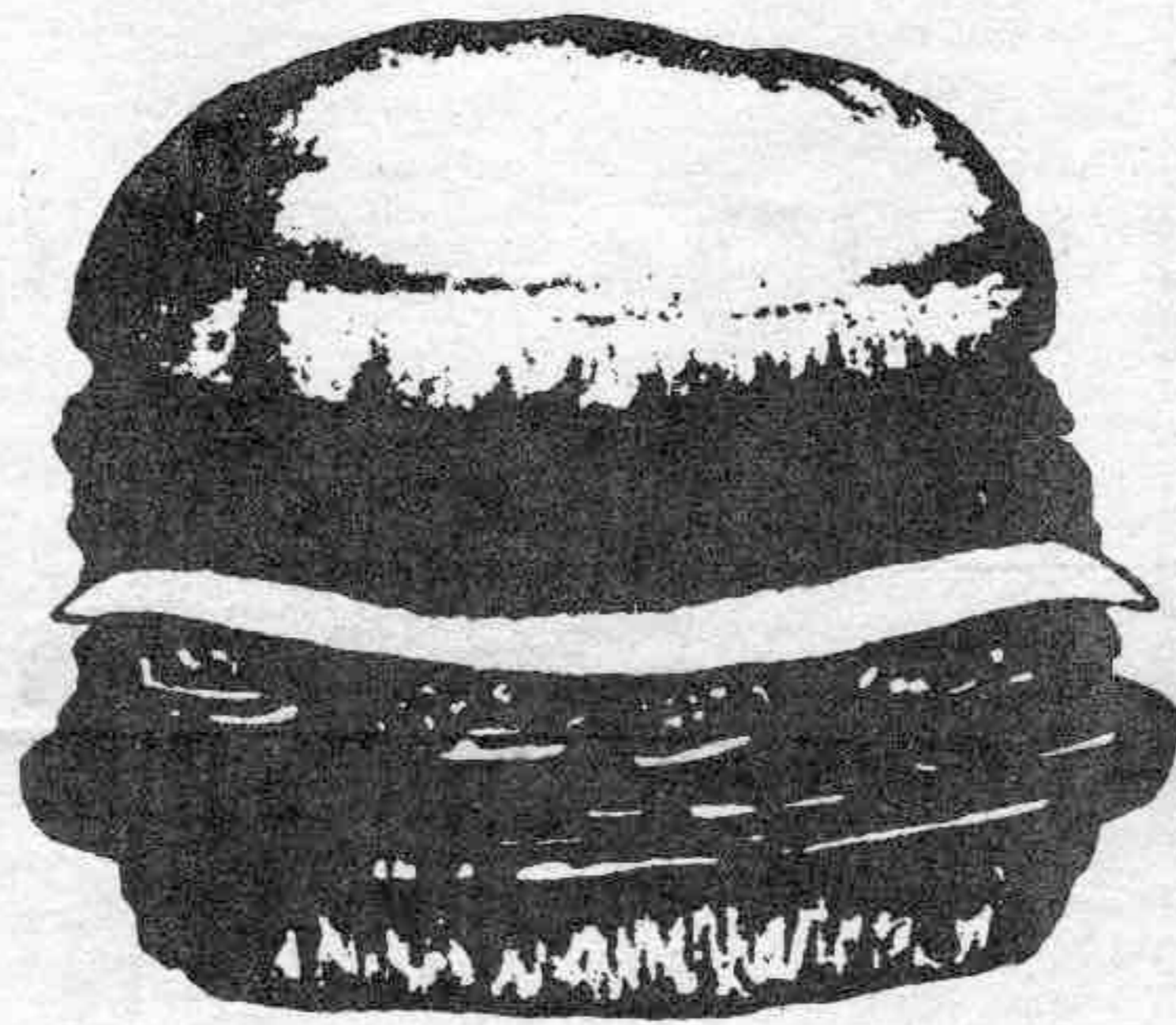
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