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## BEACHHEAD Accused of Free Speech

One of our advertisers recently received the following xeroxed letter. He thought it serious, outrageous, and so brought it to our attention. We thought we'd share it with you so that you would know what we our up against from certain elements in this community.

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I will not be signing this letter for fear of retribution.

Sincerely, A concerned Venice Resident.

The articles included in the packet were two articles submitted by the Revolutionary Community Party, and an article critical of the moral majority. The staff would like to point out that we publish what we receive from the community. If the concerned Venice citizen who wrote the above letter cared to submit to us an article of 1,200 words or less, we would enthusiastically consider its publication. That is our policy.



## Paradise Lost

To the BeachHead -

Well, I haven't wrote a letter for a long time, so I am going to tell you the story of the Venice I knew & know.

I remember when I came twenty six years ago, Venice was a quaint little city by the sea. I remember the street car tracks were still on Pacific Ave. The Security Pacific Bank was on the corner, where the flea market is, and it looked like a bank in a western movie, all made of wood. Next door was Safeway. Across the street on the corner was the Pup - further down was the 49'er, a bar, variety store, dress shop & jewelry, & a shoe store. Then the liquor store, before that the Bamboo Hut. You could have a good time in the Bamboo Hut; it was family owned - they really made you feel at home. Xmas time there was a Xmas parade, with Santa & his horses, they used horses, and Santa's helper was a little girl, who is quite a big girl now. We would go in the Bamboo Hut, drinks for the grownups and toys for the children. Venture Inn, Town House, and the Bamboo Hut had free buffets New Years and most other holidays.

You could get a hamburger & fries for 50 cents at the Bamboo Hut. \$1.50 for a steak dinner with all the trimmings etc. Husbands & wives would meet at the Bamboo Hut and for \$6.00 a couple and all the beer we could drink, we would board a chartered bus and go to the ball game.

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"STOP MERCHANTS OF DEATH"

Photo By RICHARD OLIVER

# 56 ARRESTED DEMONSTRATION AT

by Peter Kelly

Los Angeles is the industrial heartland of the American military machine. Los Angeles County receives more money in Pentagon contracts than any other county in the nation. Orange and San Bernadino Counties are in the top 5, San Diego County in the top 10. In every one of our communities there is a business or factory, in every neighborhood there lives an individual, engaged in making the implements of death and destruction.

Barely 10 minutes south of Venice, at 2230 Imperial Hwy. in El Segundo, in a modern glass-and-stone structure, resides the corporate headquarters of one of the largest of the military-industrial giants, Rockwell International. Rockwell is engaged in almost every phase of the business of nuclear war, as well as nuclear power. They have major contracts for the MX missile and the Trident submarine. They are the sole producer of plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons. They are building the Navstar missile guidance satellite. They manage the military nuclear reservation at Hanford, Wash., where most of the weapons-grade plutonium is produced. They are also a major contractor for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor, which will produce more plutonium than it consumes, thus averting a "fuel shortage".

The men (and you can bet they are all men) who promote and oversee this madness go to work every day in neighboring El Segundo. A loose-knit group of peace and anti-nuclear activists overcame their horror at living so close to these madmen long enough to see that their proximity was a unique opportunity for confronting them.

On Monday, April 27th, fifty-six people were arrested at Rockwell's headquarters in El Segundo in a demonstration against that company's deep involvement in the business of nuclear weapons. Their civil disobedience action was the largest in Southern California since 1965 and was part of a coordinated day of protests at weapons facilities across the country.

The peace activists used the occasion to personally confront the Rockwell executives as they tried to go to work. The protestors, most of whom dressed for the event in skirts

# ROCKWELL

or dresses and jackets and ties, split into a number of groups and at irregular intervals placed themselves in front of the main entrance. While blocking the Rockwell people from entering, they tried to hand them leaflets and question them about Rockwell activities. Some groups made large banners that bore messages like "Bread Not Bombs, Convert To Peace" and "Stop, Merchants Of Death". Some simply joined hands and sang. One group of 15 Unitarians, including 3 Unitarian ministers, handcuffed themselves together and then handcuffed themselves to the front doors.

The groups were quickly arrested and charged with trespassing. Almost all were released on their own recognition within hours. Five demonstrators, members of the Catholic Worker, chose to stay in jail until their arraignment 3 days later. They all entered guilty pleas and were sentenced to time already served and no probation. The others will be arraigned later in May.

"Are you a victim of fear?", asked the headline on the poster advertising this action. Fear of increasing military production at the expense of the poor? Fear of an invasion of El Salvador? Fear of nuclear holocaust? All of us, perhaps more than we realize, are victims of these fears. We are also afraid, and rightfully so, of the men who are determined to maintain and escalate the military madness, the dance of death.

"I think it was a very successful demonstration", says Rev. Philip Zwerling of the First Unitarian Church one of the arrestees. "We know who they are, we know where they are, and we went there to challenge them and their actions in a very forceful and dramatic way. Some of them even ran to get by us so they wouldn't have to see us or talk to us. It was disturbing to them. When we are courageous, they're the ones who are afraid." ■



# Letters

Dear BeachHead-

Enclosed is \$5.00 subscription. If it costs you to process us, forget it; we can find the paper anywhere, and just keep this as a donation. (Big spenders..)

As I watch the Marina spill over into our neighborhood, I'm more and more grateful for the BeachHead. Thank you, thank you for your efforts, your spirit, your funkiness etc. etc.

Best wishes,  
Kathy Kartiganer  
John P. Marsh

Dear Editors,

Being a recent arrival in the Venice area, I just recently came across your very interesting paper. In the current issue is a short piece by Moe Stavnezer about the left hand traffic pattern out of Santa Monica Airport. This traffic pattern brings to Venice the admittedly dubious "benefit" of airplane noise. I myself hear it constantly where I am staying.

I am a pilot myself and am no stranger to the controversy about noise at airports and at Santa Monica in particular. It is a vexing problem and I am in a unique position to appreciate both sides of the problem. I don't like noise either. However, I do like to fly and have in the past made a living doing it. It is a troublesome problem and one that is not going to be solved easily.

I might suggest that Mr. Stavnezer look into why the airplanes are required to turn left instead of right. I suspect that there is some political reason. This stems from the demographics of the two cities of Santa Monica and Venice. It might be interesting.

The sad part of the whole affair is that eventually, the airport will probably get closed. It is sad because there are a good number of people who use the airport for both business and pleasure. A lot of people go skiing out of there. A good many make a living from the business it generates. Of course, pilots don't like to see any airport close. It is just another interesting place they can no longer visit.


Fliers are not all rich people. I have known many who spend everything they can get on flying. They drive beat old cars and live in rags just to get in the air. The pilots who make the big bucks are in the big jets. Believe it or not, most of them don't fly outside of their work. They are not interested.

Santa Monica is an airport full of people who are interested in what flying and airplanes are really all about; to some of us anyway.

So, I wrote the accompanying little piece. It represents a minority view I suppose. But then so do you. Perhaps it is not suitable for your audience. I think some people will appreciate the sentiment but it will rub their practical natures the wrong way. After all, who likes noise?

Sincerely,  
Robert Neefus

Staff note: It isn't.

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# MEETINGS

## NORTH BEACH

The third planning meeting for the North Venice area will take place on Wed. May 6, at 7 pm in the Old Venice City Hall, 681 N. Venice Blvd.

It is the third of four scheduled meetings to be held in Venice by the L.A. City Planning Dept. The Department will prepare a Specific Plan for the North Venice area which, after approval by the Coastal Commission, will become the determining factor in all future development in the North Venice area. The City will, in the end, produce a Specific Plan, drafted in the form of an ordinance which will mandate parking and height requirements, zoning, low income housing, and open space.

Wednesdays meeting will deal with height and density incentives for affordable housing, walk street preservation, parking requirements, and the Draft North Beach Task Force Specific Plan for the Ocean Front area.

The planner in charge of the project is Gurdon Miller. He can be reached at 485-3744, Monday thru Thursday.

## BIKE PATH

Councilwomen Russell has agreed to here North Beach residents once more on their feelings concerning the proposed additional concrete roller skate path on the sand in North Beach.

The project, which is a skate path from Dudley in the North to the Pavillion in the South, will be 8 feet wide, and in addition and next to the already existing bike path. The idea of the new path is to separate bicyclers and roller skaters so there will be less chance of accidents. The new path is also supposed to insure that only pedestrians will use the Ocean Front Walk.

The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 14, at 7 pm. Mrs. Russell and representatives for Parks and Recreation will be on hand to test the sense of the community on this issue, ie whether the path should be constructed or not.

The project has been opposed by the Venice Town Council, the Penguin Swim Club, and various residents. It is supported by the Venice Merchants Assoc. Mrs. Russell agreed to hear from her constituents once more when questions were raised as to the need for the new path, the absence of support for it, and whether or not it would do the job intended. Mrs. Russell has supported the path but has said that she is open to suggestions and to workable alternatives. The project is currently before the Board of Public Works which will render a decision on the project after it hears from the Councilwoman on the results of this meeting. The cost of the path is estimated at \$150,000.00.

# VTC NEWS

## APRIL MEETING REPORT

In the past few months there has been a change of focus for many of the Town Council activists. Since the most consistent and major activity of the Council is related to planning and development, and since the Coastal Committee is handling that work, the April meeting voted to temporarily postpone the regular full Town Council meetings. Interested parties are urged to contact and work with the Coastal Committee ( call 8235092

The following procedure was adopted for calling future Town Council meetings:

**NOTICE:** A minimum of two weeks notice to the public, including a published agenda, must be given prior to meeting date. Public notice consists of posting announcement at SPARC, NAPP, VCC, CSO, BEYOND BAROQUE, VENICE CIVIC UNION, and submitting the agenda to the BEACHHEAD community newspaper.

**PLACE:** All Town Council meetings must be held at the Venice City Hall.

**VOTING:** Items to be voted on must appear on the published agenda. Participation shall be open to anyone; voting shall be open to any Venice resident.

**MEETING RULES:** All meetings shall adhere to Town Council rules of procedure:  
1. Anyone may participate; 2. Any Venice resident may vote; 3. Any rule of the Chairperson of the meeting may be overruled by a simple majority of those present.

**ADOPTED:** April 15, 1981 by a vote of the regular monthly meeting.

# STORM DRAIN

by Bob Bennett

Riding along Ballona Creek Sunday, I came across two portions of the bike path fenced off and locked. One was only locked at the bottom and by lifting my bicycle and stepping over the two foot impediment I was able to continue my journey until I came to the eastern terminus of the path a little past Overland. Here both gates were drawn shut and locked with not one, but two locks.

I can understand closing off the bike path during heavy rains as the possibility exists that someone might get swept away by the swift running water; but why lock them on a bright sunny Sunday morning when there is barely enough water in the creek to float a styrofoam cup.

After turning around to head back, my way deterred by the locked fence, I decided to take a closer look at some of the effluent flowing from one of the storm drains that flow into the creek. Not having eaten, I was in no danger of losing my breakfast. Actually, the small stream trickling from the drain did not have the foul odor one normally associates with things of these sorts but I did notice a curious thing. Whereas the bike path has a fence across it and is locked for no apparent reason, the storm drain did not even have a fence across it, let alone a locked one.

It wasn't a small drain either, but six feet high. I had no problem entering the drain with my bike along side me, stomping my feet rather loudly in the hopes of scaring off any unpleasant creatures which may have decided to make this their home. I continued for about two or three hundred feet to a point where sunlight filtered in from an opening in the drain near a parking area. Here the drain narrowed to about four feet and still no fence. However at this point I decided to retreat as I was equipped for a pleasant bicycle ride, not an expedition thru the dark corridors of the L.A. sewer system.

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## Lilly Sabina Fairweather

Dear Beachhead;

I wanted to let readers know of the passing away of Sabina Fairweather, A.N. in March, 1981, in Montgomery, West Virginia. She had been ill with epilepsy and a brain tumor, and was in her late thirties.

For those of you who were not around Venice (1973-1977) at the time, Sabina was an ex-college professor who considered herself to be an androgynous shaman and guerilla theatre activist. Although a genetic male, s/he often dressed in surreal "third sex" and female clothing. S/he believed that people should not be criticized for the way they dressed. For awhile, at least, s/he was able to live the way s/he wanted to, and Venice provided some amount of safety for her.



Ms. Lilly Sabina Fairweather, a.k.a. Albert Michael Weber. Photo by Gerry Goldstein

I have been told by her friend in Montgomery that a member of a local historical association there had been documenting Sabina's life and taking photos of her art collages...so some of the finding of this often misunderstood person who was ahead of her time will be in safe-keeping.

Sabina's main belief was in the abolition of sex-role stereotypes. She was a good friend of mine and taught me alot about copying with life.

Sharon Bas Hannah  
PO BOX 203  
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(Staff Note: The Beachhead received the following communication from Sabina in April.)

Please! If you do /print/ will try to pay in stallments. Prob will have a steady SSI income \$238. Starvation here but detractor p.c. would be worse.

"Married aspiring transgender person with perhaps terminal cancer wishes to return Free Venice to fight Ronald McNazi and Immoral Fallwell minority. Will sleep with anyone if necessary. A slightly reformed 'Sabina' Please write."

Dear people. Old home week. I am half committed to be an ordinary Jesuit volunteer in the NorthWest as I still love Evrlyn Mar (who may be wondering around living a cardboard box or trash bin waiting to attack you I hope she has better sense to ask for help from Z but I must admit I am a Sexist Ideologue and have always hated all Genetic Males I came in pilgrimage in the beginning to try to understand Goldie and still haven't as I write this I am almost blind and am preparing to fight for Medicaide. I do not want Have Already made half hour of 16mm film with Lyn Wyatt formerly og W. Va. Cultural Center. I warn you to be very careful of Coke Head Gangsters who may run of New World as that is the same group that involved brilliant but diabolical director Michael Miller who not only did my film lived with poor person "Yarra" the Rain Bow Chaser (Carol Cane) who got mercilessly replaced anyway by Yevet Mineoi (who may be either next Dawn Defeat or next Queen of Spain, if Tell silly people "writing plays for film to research how it was done at studios like Biograph one page senarios only filled in when actually done. I am begging you to publish return ad I have never told anyone but shortly

before I left I was threatened with one better than Bob Wells. A early morning call from same above "if you ever bother me or any of my friends again I will have both your leggs busted and give you a free operation. I swear this is true...."

It is true to recreate the old illusion? I will need apartment to suffer doing all makeup twice a day I have already written awful things about Goldies figer Nails so it can't be with her.

With Love  
Pray for the Survival of  
All Fellow Mammals.

Viva Venice Libre. I am half blind due to coming and going syntomatic epilepsy Rasburry's to Jerry Goldstein. Please get this in. You are my Only clear contact: Feb. 23, 1981.

(The following information was supplied by Gerry Goldstein)

Former Venice resident Albert Michael Weber, better known by his/her chosen persona of Ms. Lilly Sabina Fairweather, died recently in Montgomery, West Virginia, according to long-time friend Sharon Bas Hanna, also a former Venetian.

Sabina, as he preferred (insisted) to be known, characterised himself as a trans-sexual transvestite mime and shaman and usually dressed in his own perception of women's clothing.

So dressed, including wig and make-up, he participated in Venice Town Council meetings, insisting he was a woman although he never did have surgery. Sometimes his emotional outbursts became violent, a phenomenon finally recognized by me as being symptomatic of psychomotor epilepsy. A brain scan at UCLA confirmed my guess and revealed a brain tumor as well.

But it was a year or more before Weber submitted to brain surgery for removal of the tumor. Meanwhile he married, and moved with his wife, Eve, to her home town of Montgomery, West Virginia.

Eventually Eve returned to California while Sabine (Weber) remained in West Virginia from where he recently wrote Ms. Bas Hanna that he was lonely and depressed.

Bas Hanna reports that his body was found by his landlord after Weber was not seen for four days, and was created without a coronor's report on cause of death. Weber attended Reed College in Oregon and is thought to have taught there. His parents live in Detroit.



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-3 Big Mountain elders: l.to r. Alice Benally, Lydia Watchman, and an unknown woman.

## FORKED TONGUE STRIKES AGAIN

-Four Directions

The struggle of Big Mountain Dine Nation must continue for the future generation and the land. Today, Indian reservations throughout the Western Hemisphere have been declared "National Sacrifice Area", because large deposits of natural resources have been found on Indian lands.

As the Big Mountain Dine Nation, which is also a part of Black Mesa region, contains a very large deposit of coal, about 21 billion tons, so we believe the large multi-national corporations have great interest in dealing with politicians and the tribal councils in getting at the land.

That is why effective April 20, 1981, U. S. Congress has issued Public Law 93-531 (Relocation Bill) and P.L. 96-305 (Life Estate Bill), to 6,000 Navajo and 70 Hopi people. The multi-national corporations have designed these bills for congress in dealing with the Indian people. But Big Mountain Dine Nation will resist at all cost and are determined to stay.

On September 22, 1980, four women from Big Mountain Dine Nation were arrested defending their homeland. Arrested were: Alice Benally, Sally Tsosie, Louise and Marlene Benally. They refused further destruction to their homeland and their way of life.

There is a need to ask for donations of food in support of this protection of people, land, water and air. Donations of flour, sugar, baking powder, canned goods, dry goods, and commodities of meat would be greatly appreciated.

If you would care to express your concern over this tragic event and contribute to the success of this organized support, please contact the office of the Four Directions (213) 620-1075.

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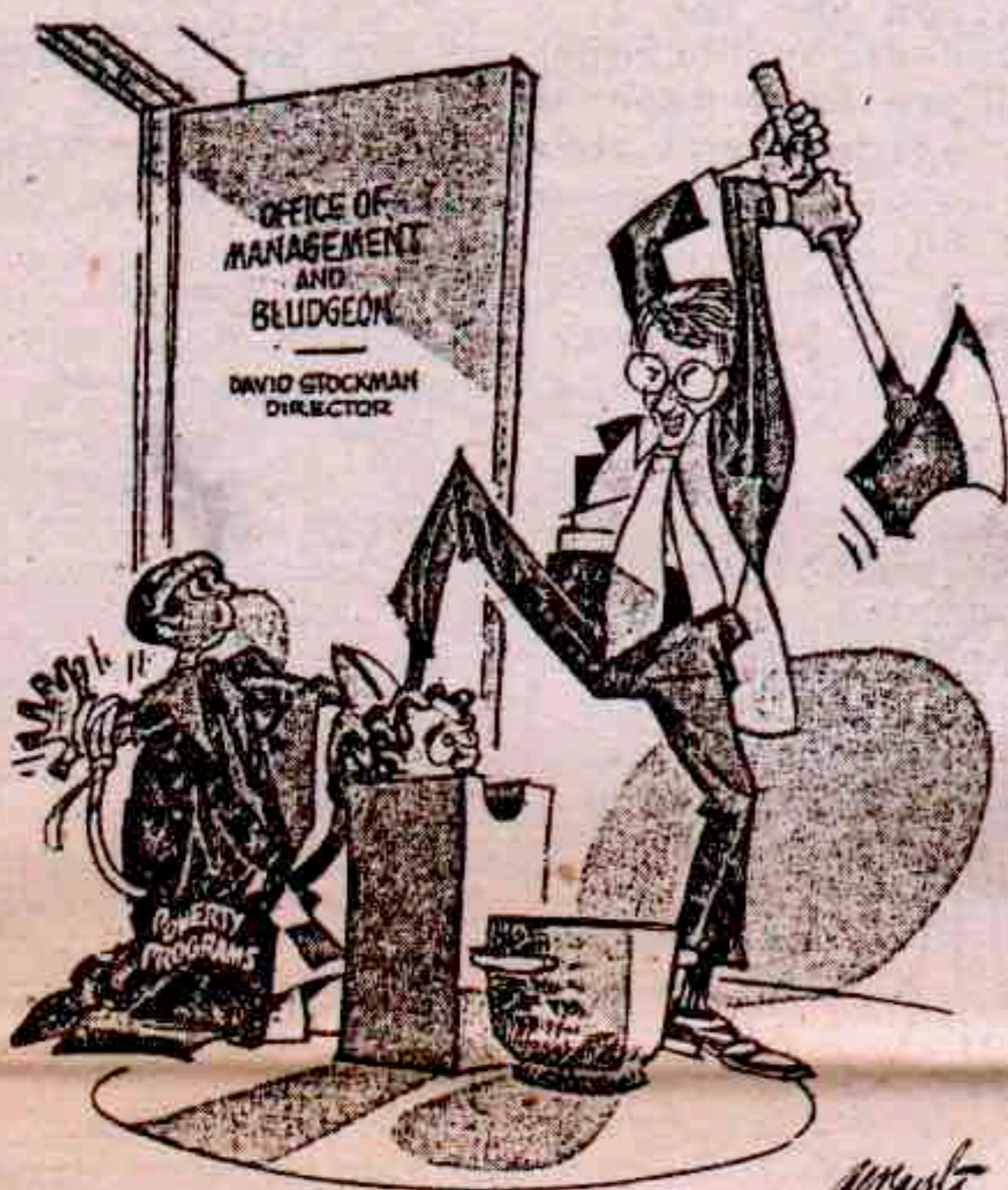
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# THE UNKINDEST CUT

By BILL BLUM

Of all the budget cuts proposed by Ronald Reagan, his March 6 recommendation to eliminate the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) can most accurately be described as a personal vendetta. Reagan's antagonism toward the LSC was nurtured during his two terms as California's governor. While in Sacramento, he was involved in a protracted and bitter wrangle with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), a poverty law agency which won restoration of a number of social service cuts he ordered. As a result, CRLA spent 4 years resisting Reagan's efforts to terminate its funding. CRLA was completely exonerated by a commission of retired Republican judges who found Reagan's charges of misusing public funds "totally irresponsible and unfounded."

Unsuccessful then and publicly embarrassed, Reagan now wants a rematch. If he wins, millions of low-income Americans will lose legal representation on civil issues.



'No, you may NOT call an attorney; we've already chopped that out of the budget!'

-Sacramento Bee 3/10/81

## Brief History of LSC

Up until the 1960's, free legal services were unavailable to the vast majority of poor people. Although several large urban areas had privately sponsored programs (through bar associations or social service organizations), the delivery of legal care was uneven and entirely insufficient.

In 1965, the first federally funded legal services were underwritten by the ill-fated Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) as part of Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." While legal services under OEO effectively reached millions, the program was severely jeopardized by partisan politics during the Nixon Administration which froze budgets and seriously compromised the ability of attorneys to represent their poor clients on a full range of issues. Much of the damage was engineered by Howard Phillips, late of the Conservative Caucus, Nixon's OEO chief.

During the 1970's, a major legislative effort was initiated to remove legal services from the executive branch and to insulate legal assistance from political pressures. Congress responded in 1974 by chartering the Legal Services Corp., an independent, non-profit corporation which distributes funds to locally controlled community-based programs that provide direct representation to eligible clients

## Legal Services Today

Today, more than 6,000 attorneys work in local legal aid programs for 320 regional non-profit agencies in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia and the District of Columbia. From an annual budget of \$320 million, the LSC spends less than 3% on administrative costs, making it one of the most efficient of federal endeavors. The starting salary of a legal services lawyer averages about \$15,000---well below the comparable rate in private firms.

Locally, more than 1,300 neighborhood programs fulfill the LSC's "minimum access" goal of 2 attorneys per 10,000 poor people. Last year alone, more than 1.5 million clients were served nationwide. But operating even at that level, legal representation for the poor remains far below the national average of 14 lawyers per 10,000 inhabitants.

## Attack from the New Right

Despite its apparent "cost-effectiveness," the LSC has provoked the enmity of the New Right. Howard Phillips, whose ax-grinding propensities rival Reagan's, formed the "National Defeat Legal Service Committee" last September. Although at that time Phillips doubted he had enough votes to eliminate the LSC immediately, he was hopeful that a Reagan victory would help to lay the groundwork.

Thus, Reagan's announcement couldn't have surprised and pleased Phillips more. Even Reagan's own transition team report recommended maintaining current budget levels for LSC. The Administration's motives were made clear recently when OMB Budget Director David Stockman was asked if the decision was budgetary or ideological. He replied that it was both.

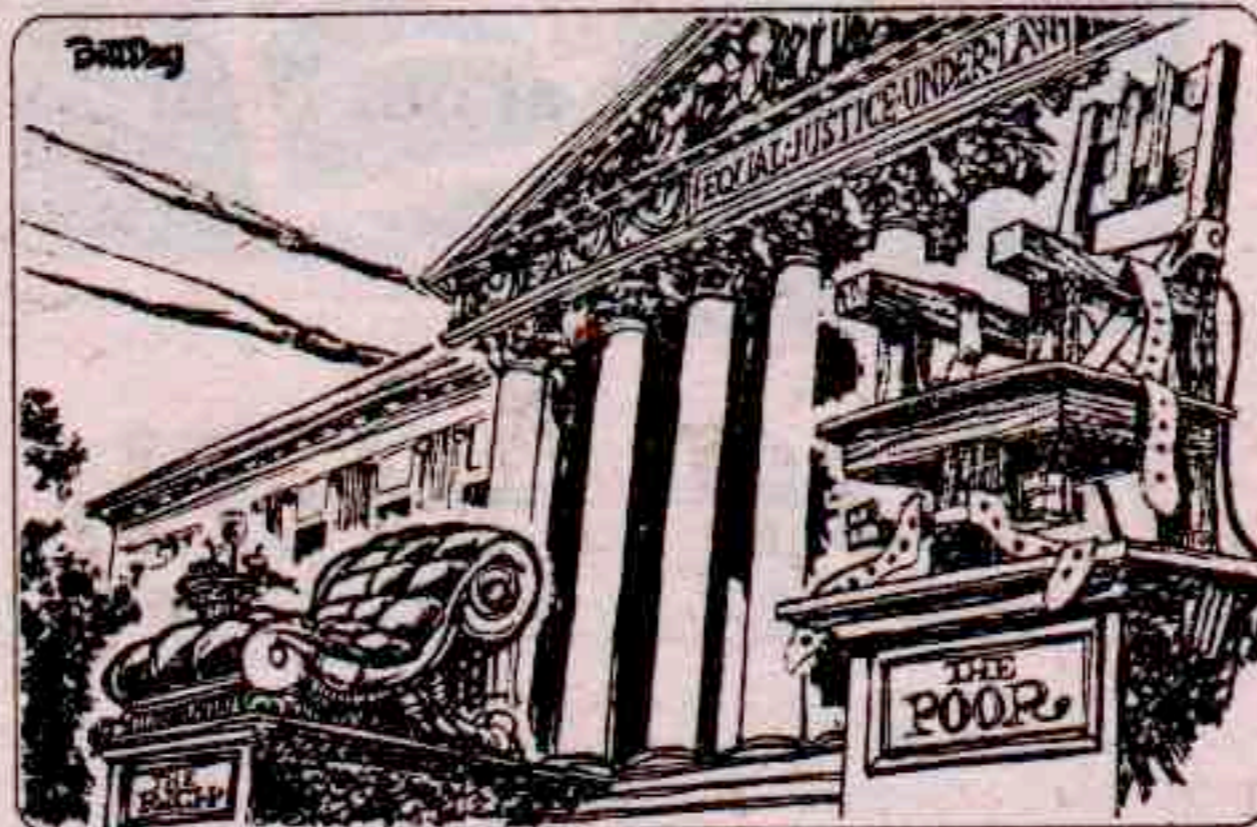
And while an attack was certainly expected, Reagan's plan stunned the poverty law community. As LSC President Dan Bradley commented, "Mr. Reagan has dropped an atomic bomb on legal services for the poor."

Perhaps Reagan's move is an attempt to mollify his slightly disgruntled far-right supporters. In addition, his Southwestern agribusiness constituency would be pleased to see CRLA finally stop its activities on behalf of California's rural and migrant poor. Throughout its history, LSC attorneys have filed numerous affirmative class-action lawsuits against business and all levels of government. It is these suits and other attempts at securing major legal reforms that have especially enraged conservatives.

## Sticks and Stones

Phillips has inaccurately characterized legal services as defending sodomites, and transexuals, organizing prison unions, "employing avowed Marxists like Staughton Lynd" and "lobbying for new laws...which will further socialize America." Joining in the chorus, the conservative Heritage Foundation, in its theoretical study, Mandate for Change, accused the LSC of "social engineering" through its class-action suits.

These charges are not new. In the past, LSC appropriations have often been weakened by conservatives who have attached restrictions on program activities. For example, representing clients on issues involving unionization, abortion and integration is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, the 1978 Moorehead Amendment to the Legal Services Act (sponsored by a conservative, Rep. Carlos Moorehead[R-Calif]) forbids lobbying around any pending legislation.



## Old Myth Exploded!!

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## LSC Doing its Job for the Poor

Even with these restrictions, however the LSC has continued aggressive legal representation on behalf of the poor. Contrary to the skewed picture painted by Phillips, many class-action lawsuits have actually resulted in a net benefit to governmental agencies because they often challenged bureaucratic delays in administering social programs. In addition, pursuing one case on behalf of several different clients is also a cost benefit. But the major litigation criticism begs the question: Less than .2% of all legal services activities are class-action suits.

Operating primarily in areas of landlord/tenant, domestic relations, welfare benefits and consumer fraud, most cases involve only individual clients. A typical Legal Services client is a single mother with preschool children who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). More than a fifth of the clientele are working poor. In Los Angeles for example, income eligibility for a family of 4 is set at \$645 a month.

## Support from ABA & Others

In keeping with his conservative economic views, Reagan favors turning the problem of legal representation for the poor to the private bar. Programs such as judicare--similar to Medicare--have been tried on a limited basis in some states, as have other pro-bono publico or voluntary efforts of local bar groups. According to American Bar Association President William Reece Smith, however, "it soon became evident that only a small portion of the civil legal needs of the poor could ever be met by this voluntary approach. Without a federal program, the doors of justice remained shut to millions of our nation's neediest citizens."

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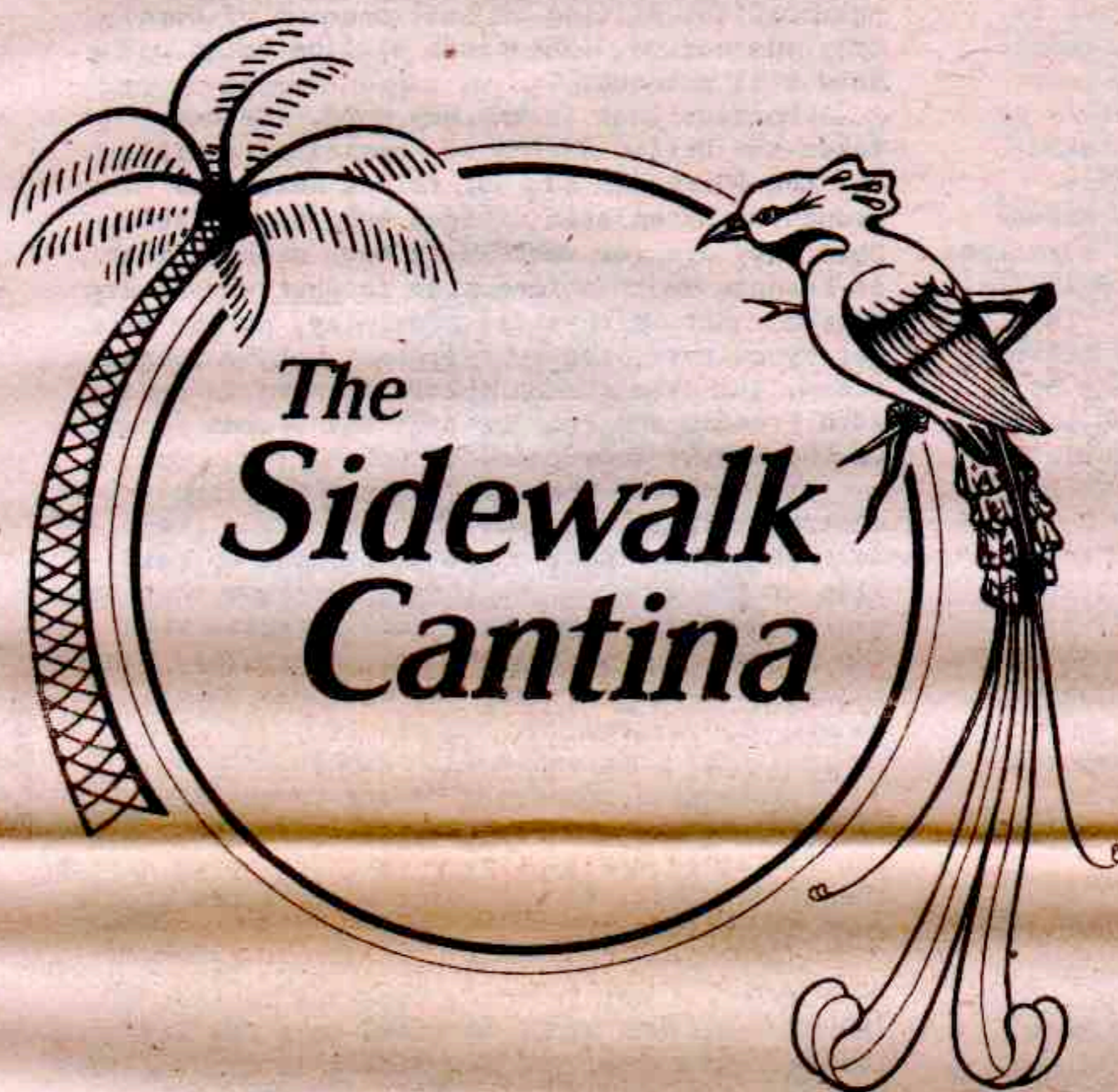
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# a Manifesto

## NEW AMERICAN MIDDLE

By Christopher Toussaint

We are the people who believe in peace unless attacked; abortion only for incest, rape, or a clear and present danger to the mother. We are the people who grow their hair long and short. We vote our conscience. We take life in stride. We trust as many people as we can, not to mention In God. Most of us don't carry handguns. We are the people who the two extremes of right and left want to continuously influence and don't care how many humans are killed in the process.

We are caught up in that great gulf called the MIDDLE of the political spectrum. We don't want a revolution but we want changes made when our right to question authority is revoked by those in authority. We are, above all, people. We take each issue as it comes down the information channels and weigh them individually as to where we want to place ourselves in this curious world of extremes we call politics.

Usually these days, we find people around us who are also sometimes "leftist" and sometimes "rightist" depending on which Issue of Political Debate we find ourselves talking about. This is healthy, unless taken too far to either extreme.

From knowledge of our bodies and the heavenly bodies we know that Nature strives to be balanced harmoniously. Same with our social bodies--our customs & beliefs. They possess a lefthandedness and a righthandedness which balances the "body" when it "walks".

Unfortunately the body constantly loses balance, thanks to the two extremes. Everything becomes relative to every other thing. So we can perceive "rightness" and "leftness" only by judging where we perceive ourselves to be on that spectrum in relationship to every one and thing which comes into contact with us during our everyday experiences. No easy task, eh?

In today's race-to-buy-guns society we people in the MIDDLE are losing defectors to both sides at an alarming rate. This is why the world is becoming more and more unstable. Something must be done to let both factions know that we are not going to stand by and let ourselves become victimized by their paranoia--real or imagined.

A new contingency of those of us still balanced in spirit and in wisdom must make itself known to the world!

"The NEW AMERICAN MIDDLE (NAM)!" I can see it now. And guess what? It'll have no leader. Rather many spokesmen and women.

Our mascot can be the SHEEP. I'm serious. We can infiltrate our way into underground socialist and traditional military-industrial magazines. We can offer an alternative to the

League of Women Voters and other non-partisan or apolitical groups. We'll no longer claim to be in the majority, even though secretly we'll all know we are!

What do you mean there's already a leftist NAM (New American Movement)? Great, just what we don't need--another Nam...

The diplomatic NEW MIDDLE won't be as boisterous as the "left" nor as self-righteous as the "right". It will be low-key and do its work by dissolving the differences between the two extremes. Where the other two may decide to break off and commit war we will direct our attention immediately and judge which faction is more and which is less to blame for any provocation, killing or infringement of territory/possession. The truth will be known. The word will get out.

United--that is the key word. We have taken the United States of America as a title for the 50 states but our fellow Americans around us often seem divided even to the point that they are now sabotaging each other. That is because we have forgotten in what way we are United. Not by physical proximity, not by race, not by culture, not by religion, not by common enemy, but by a common Spirit to live in Peace, with Freedom and Prosperity. The decent people in the MIDDLE know this.

This is why they are in real spiritual control. They also know that sometimes they must shun the middle position to take up one side or the other. But they always know that they are only providing a balancing operation when the pendulum gets stuck to one side. This flexibility is powerful only to those who choose to use it sparingly.

### REDEFINING THE "MIDDLE"

Since this country's "swing to the Right" of 1980 changed things drastically for the leftist folks, so too is it now catching up to affect the middle folks to the point where a new middle must be defined.

Here, with your kind permission, will I offer my humble, if not in fact, humorous version of the NEW AMERICAN MIDDLE'S stand on a few key issues: (Remember, the New Middle is nothing more than the Old Middle slightly realigned towards the liberal to offset the ongoing conservative gains of 1980-81. Also remember, you may disagree with my slant and still consider yourself in NAM if you want...)

### ON THE ECONOMY

The problem today is not that the rich are treating the poor badly.

The problem is that they're just not treating them at all. The rich must be taught by the Rich in Spirit.

In capitalism vs. communism, capitalism must always win out.

But in the corporation vs. the community,

the community must always win out.

### ON CRIME

Police are still the good guys, as long as they don't carry knives.

The NRA and organized crime will have to go but who has the guts to tell them so?

### ON RACISM

This is where the two extremes promote & provoke the most hatred and violence for each other. Sure there's differences between the races but is that any reason for hurting one another?

### ON ENERGY

We burn natural gas, coal, or uranium to generate electricity to power our refrigerator/freezer to make ice cubes to cool the hot water we boiled on the stove with natural gas--all for a glass of iced tea! We have been told that energy sources are limited, but that is only in the imagination and daring of those who tell us that. Those who see this will never run out of iced tea...

### ON POLLUTION

So many people are so hooked on technology that they'll create new inventions, with their corresponding new pollutants, just to avoid encountering their polluted environment.

### ON THE SOVIET UNION

They have leaders who are just as crazy as (if not more or less than) our leaders. This is the scariest problem our world faces!

### ON REAGAN

He is "hard a' starboard" from every single Democrat and yet has the ability to change if his strict moral sense pervades. The Nixon aura still surrounds him and his life being spared was a good omen but I wouldn't equate the two. Hollywood can take a star only so far. War is not a movie genre...

### ON THIRD PARTIES

John Anderson, Ted Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Jerry Brown, Ed Clark, and Barry Commoner should get together. They are all still afraid of where this country is going--and that common fact is what unites them.

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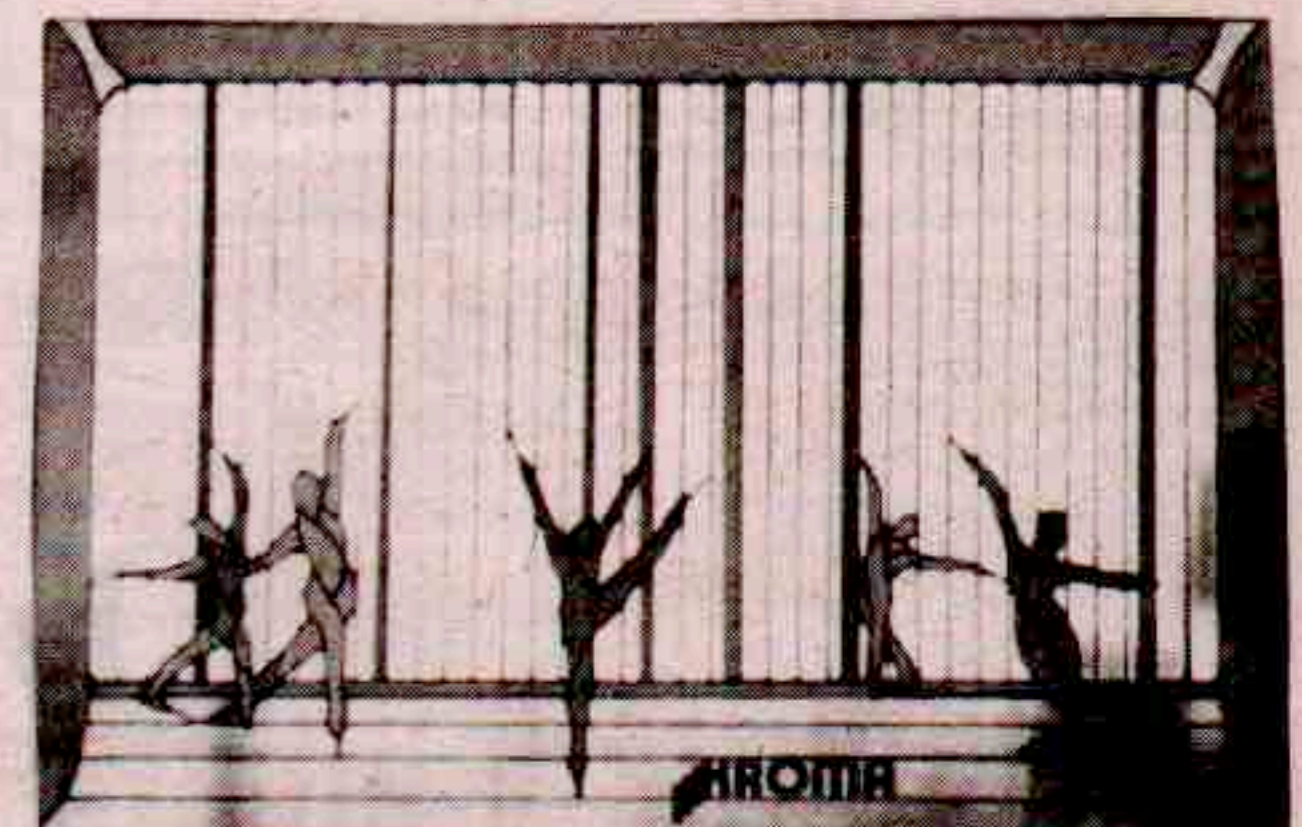
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"... Become A Thumbtack In The Heel Of Fascism ..."

By The National Resistance Conference, March 20-22

We the members of the Youth International Party, faced with a threat to everything we've known and worked for, call on the *Real Majority*, the majority in this country who *did not vote for Ronald Reagan*, to embark on a course of total obstinate non-cooperation with Haig, Reagan and the Moral Majority, wherever and whenever they strike. We believe that anyone that does not actively encourage resistance is in fact *discouraging resistance*, and for this reason we are setting forth the basic points of agreement the *Real Majority* have in common— to draw the line, past which we cannot compromise.

1. The greatest threat is not just war abroad, but regimentation at home. De-militarize America! Unionize the Army. We deplore the splits in the anti-war, anti-draft movement which are fostered by the attempt of one left-wing faction or another to take over the whole thing. And we feel that anything less than one hundred percent encouragement to draft resistance is doing the work of the Government.

2. We vow to stop Ronald Reagan from stealing from the poor to give to the rich. If he wants less government, snooping and intrusion, let's start with the Feds, and the Defense Department. We will protest. We will demonstrate. We will haunt Reagan's footsteps wherever he goes.

3. Uptight, upright bigots are the natural constituencies of the Haig-Reagan War Junta. Today's attacks on the sexual freedoms we wrested from their control are the bigots' payoff. Youth has a right to define their own sexuality! We demand full and equal rights for all people, gay, straight, and bisexual, to make love uncoerced.

4. We believe that any erosion of a woman's right to choose contraception or an abortion is an attack at the underpinning of all sexual liberation. It was this right, more than any other, that cut the chains which bound us to a life of early, unwanted pregnancies, and a lifetime of working in factories to pay for it. Keep the government out of women's wombs—stop forced sterilization of poor and Third World women!

5. The rising tide of racist incidents and murders shows that the Nazis, Klan and their friends amongst the authorities, have brought home to America the death squads of El Salvador and Soweto. We deplore any attempts to solve this problem by abolishing the Bill of Rights. We are working to build Rock Against Racism in this country to fight the fascists. We believe that these sick racists ought to be recognized as the genocidal maniacs they are, and treated accordingly. However we can no longer trust the government. We support neighborhood vigilantes like those in Atlanta.

6. Though we feel Nazis should be dealt with like "crazy people," at the same time we oppose the use of phenothiazines against prisoners and dissidents in general. Nobody should be forced to take drugs to "cure them" that are more unhealthy than drugs they are already taking. No drugs should be forced on people at all.

7. The main drug that is being foisted off on our communities is heroin, by means of subtle media campaigns and deliberate and calculated diversion of enforcement by Reagan and such groups as the so-called War on Drugs. As long as 85% of all drug busts are still for pot, anyone who spouts the "War on Drugs" line is doing their work. Heroin is the ultimate commodity—the perfect instrument of neo-colonialist exploitation of our cities by the Mob, CIA Cubans, and neo-Nazis abroad. Both as a long-recognized tool of counter-insurgency, and because smack is controlled by World Fascism, we call for the formation of a new group, *Citizens against Heroin*, to struggle and educate around this issue.

8. At this moment, from the Indians of Dakota to the coal miners of West Virginia, people are being dispossessed by the energy barons and their cancerous conglomerates. The planet belongs to the people! We demand housing for the squatters, living wages and control of the workplace for the workers, respect for Native American Treaty Rights, land for all the dispossessed, and legal pot for the farmers. Multinationals out of North America now!

We will put out this call for resistance everywhere: throughout the whole counterculture, throughout the schools, through the factories and neighborhoods, in the countryside, in the media, and the System itself—to all free-thinking people who are debating whether to go along or resist, wondering whether or not the Moralizing Majority is the majority, we call on you to rise up and become a stone in the jackboot heel, a thumbtack in the foot of fascism!

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# SUCH A DEAL

by Dorothy Lank

Angry and frustrated, George Mahoney wrote a check for \$350 to a local transmission repair shop for repairs he said that he did not authorize; this payment was the only way he could get his desperately needed car out of the shop. Mr. Mahoney then drove to the bank and stopped payment on the check. He didn't know what to do next about his grievance and about his anger. Then someone told him about the Neighborhood Justice Center. He called the Center and talked to an intake worker, who within a few days arranged a mediation with the shop owner. Three days later in the evening, a trained NJC mediator helped Mr. Mahoney and the shop owner to work out and sign a written agreement which was satisfactory to both of them. Mr. Mahoney would pay \$100 for parts and the shop owner would absorb the labor cost and the warranty would last 6 months.

While the facts have been changed to assure confidentiality, this is one of many disputes which have been settled satisfactorily at the Neighborhood Justice Center.

The NJC was established in April 1978 and has continued at its present site in Venice ever since as a free and confidential service. It is funded by the United States Dept. of Justice and is a public service project of the Los Angeles Bar Association.

Mediation is an effective way of helping people find just resolutions to their disputes outside of the courts and off the streets. The mediator does not impose a settlement; they will assist the parties in resolving their own differences. The majority of the disputes are between landlords and tenants, merchants and consumers, employers and employees, neighbors and family members.

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# MACHINE NEEDS

# GREEN

by Karen Mathews

A year ago this June Venice architect Glen Small, in the final phase of a feasibility study for the City of Los Angeles, invited the public to meet the Green Machine.

An estimated 400 people stopped by the proposed site to examine models, read magazine and newspaper articles that had been written about the project, and spend some time in a simulated greenhouse corridor and new Airstream trailer donated for the weekend. They were also able to talk with the architect and his consultants.

The weather was beautiful, flags (courtesy of Colors of the Wind) flew, and the public's response in questionnaires distributed at the site was overwhelmingly positive, with over 70% in favor of the experiment.

In the following months it became apparent that many people were intrigued with Small's version of modular, energy-efficient housing, and felt that it had a significant contribution to make to housing of the future.

Interest in the Green Machine both in the United States and abroad increased. There were feature-length articles in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and architectural publications such as *L.A. Architect* and England's *Architectural Design*; Small was asked to speak about the Green Machine in Canada at the First Global Futurist Conference in Toronto, and before the Alberta Association of Architects; the Green Machine was recently included in the Bicentennial "L.A. by L.A. Architects" exhibition.

Because of the media attention, and the City of L.A.'s active involvement in the project, many Venice residents expect to see the Green Machine rising any day now — when in fact it might never be built.

The obstacles are time and money. Although the City is prepared to supply the services of its departments and the use of City-owned land, it cannot provide construction funds. Approximately \$1.8 million is needed, from a combination of governmental and private sources, but the fundraising process is slow and complicated.

In Small's opinion, "If construction funding isn't secured in the next year, the project might be abandoned." Inflation drives the cost of the project up daily, and although experimental prototypes are usually expensive, one more year may stretch costs beyond what is economically possible. Time also affects the credibility of the feasibility study: many figures are already out of date and need revising. Time has a personal effect as well: Small began work on the Green Machine four years ago, and doubts he can continue giving time and money to the project for more than another year.

With active encouragement and support from Councilwoman Pat Russell and Los Angeles Planning Director Calvin Hamilton, funds were secured last year to finance a 6-month feasibility study. In a November 17 press conference Hamilton announced that the study was ready, and that he was on his way to Washington to begin raising money for construction.

That process continues, a complicated procedure being dealt with by a city government which has more than enough complicated procedures of its own. Although there are city staff members whose jobs include grantwriting, their responsibilities cover many projects at once; and every grant that the city applies for must go through Council, a procedure which averages six weeks. Meanwhile, grant deadlines pass, and opportunities are missed.

The city's fundraising process is discouraging to those who care about the project. But the strong, continued support of Hamilton and Russell, and an unwavering dedication to the project's goals, lead Small to emphasize that he is still optimistic.

If the Green Machine were a private development, with units sold to the highest bidder, it might well have been built months ago. But keeping the project non-profit will make it accessible to people of modest incomes, and the energy systems will not be compromised. Small views the present difficulties as an unavoidable part of working with the government, and working with the government as the only way to ensure that The Green Machine will remain true to its goals.

Other reasons for optimism:

- Two large corporations have expressed serious interest in

funding the project; and conversations with Department of Housing and Urban Development officials in Washington have been encouraging. The City is currently working on a funding proposal in HUD's Innovative Housing category.

Especially important to HUD — although this applies to other granting agencies as well — is some indication that the community the project is designed for wants it. In other words, a show of community interest and support is vital.

• In response to this information, Citizens for the Green Machine was organized in February of this year. Although its primary function will be to organize community support for the Green Machine, it also hopes to publicize the project, provide information and materials to those interested in its progress, and eventually to help the City in its search for funding.

Progress is being made toward those ends. Materials illustrating and explaining the Green Machine have been developed and printed; and it was decided that the most direct way to illustrate community support was to compile a list of supporters — in effect a petition — and the task of compiling this list is progressing. Endorsements are being sought from local civic groups, individuals, and local politicians. For added impact endorsements are also being sought from individuals and groups outside the community known for their concern for energy self-sufficiency, ecological principles, and affordable housing. Unfortunately, this process is (also) a slow and time consuming one.

As is true of all prototypes, the Green Machine needs — no way around it — a lot of money. It also needs involvement of the people who think it should be built.

What you can do:

1. Fill in and mail the form below. It will get you information, and you will add to a vitally-important supporters list.

2. Write Councilwoman Pat Russell (7166 W. Manchester Ave., L.A.), Assemblyman Mel Levine (9581 W. Pico Bl., L.A.), and/or Senator Alan Cranston (10960 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.). Tell them you think the Green Machine is important and deserves their support.

3. Volunteer to help. Anyone with grantwriting or fundraising experience is especially needed now; and at a later date there may be petition circulation, fundraising events, or newsletter production and circulation.

Venice is being offered a unique opportunity. There will be immediate benefits to the community in the creation of a new community park and an important, visually stunning structure on a site which will otherwise be used for a (larger) parking lot, and from the provision of 24 badly needed low and moderate income housing units.

And in the long run, the potential benefits are even more exciting. Housing that is affordable, easily and quickly constructed, good for the structure's inhabitants — and good for the earth — will not miraculously appear. The Green Machine is a first step toward these goals, and the miracle is that so much groundwork has already been laid, so much red tape has already been suffered through.

But if the Green Machine is ever to be built, the next step is community involvement.



The Green Machine is an ecological housing experiment which will — if construction funding becomes available — be owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles. The building uses passive and active solar heating, concentrating parabolic disc solar collectors for 75-100% electrical power generating and 100% hot water heating, rain collection for drinking water, recycled water for subsurface irrigation, greenhouse planting for food production, recycling of garbage, and manufactured housing in the form of travel trailers and specially designed housing modules. Visually the Green Machine appears to be a pyramid-shaped trellis covered with

foliage. The bulk of the median strip bordered by North and South Venice Boulevards, Venice Way, and Pacific Avenue will be developed for additional beach parking and a park-and-ride facility. Slightly less than one acre has been allotted to the Green Machine, over three-fourths of which will be open space featuring a community park and garden plots. Because of the great need in Venice for affordable housing, residents will be low and moderate income, with an emphasis on families and senior citizens.

Mail to: **Citizens for the Green Machine** (821-6845)  
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- Yes, I think the Green Machine is an important experiment and should be built. You may use my name as a supporter.
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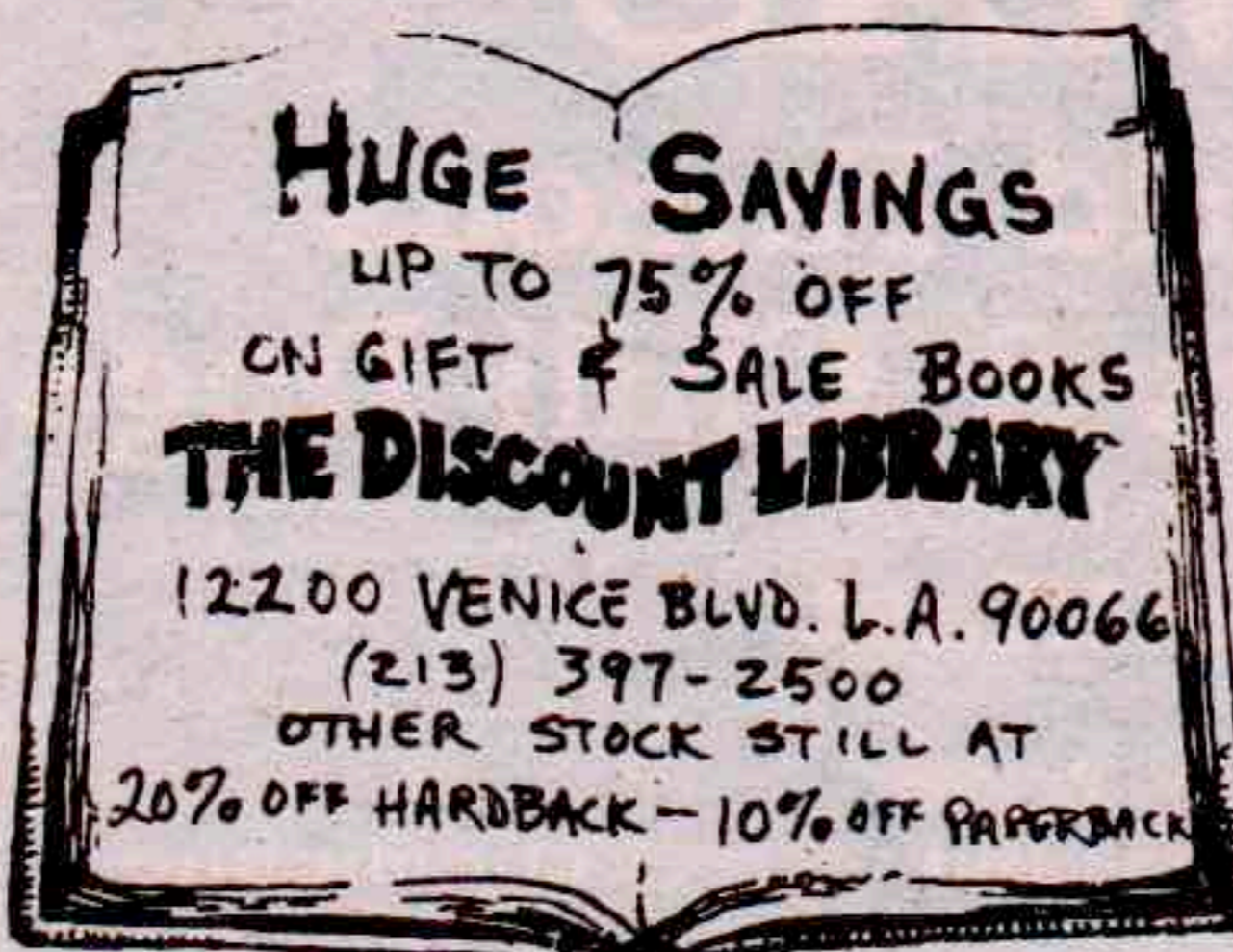
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# Sprouts ALIVE!

James C. Hovey and Will Raabe, proprietors of the Comeback Inn, a local vegetarian cafe and new age fusion jazz showcase, have been searching for a way to offer the public highly nutritious and healthy foods for a reasonable price. When they connected with life performance artist Leslie Labowitz, who grows sprouts and distributes them to health food stores and restaurants, they were introduced to a variety of sprouts, a live food, which is now the specialty item on their menu. Leslie is the co-founder of ARIADANE, a social art network, and has performed and exhibited internationally. During her 3 years as an administrator at the Woman's Building she has appeared on radio and TV, and most recently performed in London and New York. She invited Will and James to her "sproutfarm" where the following talk took place:

**J.H.** This is sort of like a miniaturized agricultural project.

**L.L.** It's a farm. I became a farmer. I've been doing this for a year now and I'm just beginning to feel confident that I know the art of sprouting. It takes a while to get in tune with the plants. Once you get, I guess, the vibration of the whole experience, then everything kind of flows and it happens.

**J.H.** What is live food and what are the benefits of growing and eating sprouts?

**L.L.** The whole diet idea of eating sprouted food and raw vegetables is considered to be a live food diet. Viktoras Kulvinskis is one of the main innovators of getting the word out on live foods. He wrote the book "Survival in the 21st Century!". His ideas are that the only way to survive in a toxic society, and survive at a time when there may not be enough food is to live on raw food. What is live food? What makes, let's say, sprouts different from carrots." Live food is food that is still living as you eat it and the whole process of it is still very much alive. If you germinate a seed, it's in the process of growing. Even when you buy sprouts in a store, they

are still growing. They grow on your table, they grow when you put them in your mouth, they are alive! Whereas a carrot taken out of the earth, the live process, it's roots are cut off, it's no longer growing. The minute that it is harvested it loses its vitamins and minerals, whereas with live food it only continues to build the amount of nutritional support to your body. Part of this whole live food consciousness is the idea of using wheat grass, growing wheat grass and juicing it. Wheat grass is part of this attitude as well as using vegetable plankton, spirulina, which is by far more superior in quality to soybeans, yeast, cheese, fish, meat, eggs, and whole milk. It contains all eight amino acids essential to human nutrition, along with chlorophyll and many other vitamins and minerals vital to your body's maintenance and good health. There is a whole new way that I think the society, the world, will have to learn how to eat for what the future is projected.

**J.H.** I think, first of all, the food is going to be very expensive, especially meat, and people will have to dig into their own resources.

**L.L.** That is exactly true. That brings me to another point. Most of the live food is grown with water, it doesn't take up much space. One grower with the right set up could easily feed a community the size of Venice. Basically, my diet consists mostly of Spirulina now and the live food, sprouts. Although I eat other kinds of food, I spent about 80¢ a day. That's very unbelievable in our time to end up spending that little on food. My desire for protein is quenched by Spirulina. The sprouts are also complete protein. Although for someone like myself, I am retraining my body, I still have needs for a different kind of protein. When I put an avocado or nuts in my sprout salad, I feel more complete. Spirulina is also very good for low blood sugar, as is wheat grass. The important thing about the live food diet is the fact that each sprout has its own individual thing that it does:

like foenugreek and radish sprouts are liver cleaners. The wheat sprouts are very sweet and they are very good for people with hypoglycemia, because they raise the blood sugar; it helps to control hypoglycemia. Then, of course, Mung and Carbanzo, lentils, scuki and peas ... you can live on that. They have enough vitamins and minerals that you can live on. Then when you add the indoor greens like buckwheat and sunflower, then you have everything. The other thing that live food does, it acts as a detoxant -- and that's important! Kulvinskis says that people should gradually move towards an ultimate, what he calls to be a "fruitarian", to eat only fruit, but along that process you have to detoxify your system. When you live in the city, you have to protect your system against the toxins, which already are in the city. When sprouts are at their highest state, like 3 days after, they have the equivalent of fruit. In other words, the quality in your system is the same as fruit without the sugar. Also, it protects you against radiation, or smog, or any kind of toxant, especially if you worry about radiation. Spirulina...is really an antiradiation. We haven't proven it scientifically, yet, to be any kind of cure for that, but it definitely protects your system against it.

**J.H.** I am wondering if there is any relationship between food and behavior...

**L.L.** Oh, for sure there is. It is very true.

**J.H.** There is an education that needs to be put out about what toxins are and why.

**L.L.** You're having these responses, James -- What I found, the sprouts, on a spiritual, metaphysical level are like a regeneration of birth; they are a birth and life cycle in an amount of 2 to 3 days -- and people are just very attached to that. I mean, on another level: even people who don't eat vegetables, when I walk in a store with a bag of highly concentrated sprouts of all variations, that energy is really strong. When people look at it, they're just drawn to it. I don't know what it is, but I know, it has something to do with being attracted to life.

## TENANT RELIEF?

### SIEROTY CONDO-CONVERSION BILL

By Elizabeth Elder

2 bills to protect renters from condominium conversion evictions was introduced March 24th by Sen. Alan Sieroty (D-W. LA)

Though seriously amended in the Local Government Committee, the first bill, S.B. 874, has gone now to the Finance Committee and then to the Senate floor.

As originally written by Sieroty, the bill would have required that tenants of apartments converted to condominiums or cooperatives be offered the right to continue occupancy, subject to reasonable rent increases. (Under current law tenants have a right to buy their apartment unit when it is converted, but often cannot exercise this right because it is beyond their financial means.)

As amended, the law would not be mandatory, but rather would serve as a "model" to local governments, who could adopt it if they wished. Also as amended, the right to continue occupancy would only apply to people age 65 and over. (Those people in Sacramento sure know how to gut good bills, don't they?) But even as amended, the bill is a step in the direction of more rights for tenants.

The second of Sieroty's bills, S.B. 875, was not seriously amended in the Local Government Committee before it goes to the Finance Committee and then to the floor. Under recently enacted provisions of law a city or county must prepare a housing element for its general plan which identifies existing housing needs of persons and families of low and moderate income. S.B. 875 would ensure that a condominium or cooperative conversion could only be approved by a city or county when it would have no adverse effect on the low and moderate income housing element of the city or county general plan.

Condominium and cooperative conversions are aggravating an already difficult situation for renters. The reduction in new construction of rental units, combined with the removal of units from the rental housing market because of conversions has resulted in an actual loss of rental housing in many communities throughout the state.

The number of conversions approved each year by the Dept. of Real Estate has increased tenfold during the years 1975 to 1980. In 18 months alone - between January, 1979 and June, 1980 - nearly 37,000 units were approved for condominium conversion.

The resulting decrease in available rental units causes skyrocketing rents in the remaining buildings and forces tenants to leave the community or to pay a disproportionately large share of their income for rent.

This situation is particularly difficult for people on low and moderate incomes. These people cannot afford to purchase homes or condominiums in today's inflated housing market and must therefore compete for apartments where the number of available affordable units is continually decreasing and rents are increasing.

### SIEROTY "JUST CAUSE" EVICTION BILL

Legislation requiring "just cause" for evictions has been introduced in the Legislature by Sen. Alan Sieroty (D-W.LA) and Assemblyman Tom Bates (D-Oakland) (S.B. 345 & AB 623). The Senate bill will be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tues. 5/5, with a close vote expected. The Assembly bill will be heard by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on Wed. 5/13. Telegrams should be sent to the Chair, Elihu Harris of Berkeley urging a yes vote.

The bills would protect renters on month-to-month tenancies by prohibiting evictions except under specified conditions, such as failure to pay rent, dis-

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turbing other tenants, damaging the premises, or removal of the premises from the rental market.

Under the bills, if tenants are evicted without "just cause," monetary damages could be awarded, and the tenants would be given the option of moving back into the premises.

Current law allows landlords to terminate without any reason the tenancies of persons who are renting on a month-to-month basis.

"Our legislation would prevent evictions for such reasons as the tenants exercising their 1st Amendment rights, questioning a rent increase, joining a tenants union, or requesting new or improved services from their landlord.

"It is time the Legislature gave attention to the problems of renters. 3 years ago, the problems of homeowners were addressed by Prop. 13. Renters have not benefitted under Prop. 13; on the contrary, rents have increased. The Legislature can, by passing these bills, at least provide for renters some security from unfair and arbitrary evictions," the legislators said.

The following organizations have indicated support for "just cause" eviction legislation: CHAIN, Calif. Commission on Aging, League of Women Voters, Calif. Conf. of Catholic Charities, Calif. State Students Assoc., C.E.D., W. Center on Law and Poverty, Calif. Rural Legal Assistance, Consumers' Union, Calif. Labor Federation (AFL-CIO), N.O.W. and the A.C.L.U.

# MONEY is the Message

By MIKE WELLS

People assume that what they read, see, and hear in the media is true, thus they are able to make intelligent decisions and embody opinions and attitudes accordingly. Once these people have come to their conclusions, which are based largely upon what they absorb from the media, they can and do take actions founded upon these conclusions. I believe that the large multi-national corporate monopolies have a major influence in the media and that they control to a large extent what information the masses acquire and how they acquire it. The multi-nationals have interests which require certain attitudes to prevail among the masses. By controlling the flow of information, the masses are able to propagate amongst them.

One word which I've noticed is being used in the media much more frequently is "terrorist". I happen to think that this word is extremely dangerous because the people and movements who are being labeled with it are in fact third world people who in most cases are fighting clandestine wars to end the oppression which is denying them the rights of self-determination and freedom. The multi-national corporations, with the backing of the U.S. government, are constantly trying to spread and protect their power. They obviously want to crush any resistance to their greedy system. When resistance movements start to spread and begin to pose a legitimate threat, the imperialists have to isolate them and try to destroy them. When the U.S. government starts to send military aid to other governments who are protecting U.S. interests, it becomes necessary to set a mood amongst the American people which will allow and even back up such actions. That's where the media enter the picture as imperialist tools.

## unkind cuts

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The ABA has put its support squarely behind the LSC, as have numerous local bar groups with Smith's calling Reagan's decision "unsound, unwise and not in the nation's best interest." A number of leading jurists and elected officials--notably Sen. Alan Cranston(D-Calif)--have also assailed the President's decision and vowed to oppose him. Moreover, editorials across the country, including those run by the New York Times, Washington Post and L.A. Times, have strongly supported continuing the present program.

Perhaps most significantly, a large number of diverse nonlegal organizations have thrown their support behind Legal Services, including the American Association of Retired Persons, National Council of Churches, NAACP, AFL-CIO, UAW, Mental Health Assoc., National Urban League and the League of Women Voters to name but a few. In addition, Rep. Peter Rodino(D-N.J.) introduced HR 2506 to continue full funding for the LSC; the bill is now pending before the House Judiciary Committee, which he chairs.

## Friends are in Need

The LSC will have to rely on its friends to argue its case because the Moorehead Amendment prohibits programs from initiating letter-writing campaigns. Indeed, letters figure prominently in the fight. Reagan has received 30,000 anti-LSC letters thus far and only 200 in favor of LSC--a fact directly attributable to Phillips' early efforts. One of LSC's most vocal foes, Rep. James Sensenbrenner(R-Wisc), has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate charges that LSC has been lobbying in violation of the Moorehead Amendment to persuade Congress to extend its life.

It is clear from his decisiveness that Reagan wants to take his LSC grudge match to the mat. The House is scheduled to begin deliberations on his proposal this month. If Reagan wins, some legal aid programs will begin to close their doors as early as this summer.

Without recourse to legal representation to resolve their disputes peacefully, the poor may have no other alternative but to take their frustrations to

Another function of the media is to distort and even block out certain social and political events of the past in order to serve the purposes of the state. An example of this is the portrayal of the Native Americans as "savage" killers of innocent pioneer men, women, and children. An almost complete genocide has virtually destroyed the Native Americans, and all in the name of expansion (imperialism) and profit. And yet this destruction of a race of human beings has been distorted so much that the Indians have become the savage "terrorists" of the American West.

I saw a show on television recently which was about the shooting of four students at Kent State University in Ohio. The show Kent State which aired on national television was in my opinion distorted. Kent State was based in part on a book of the same subject which was written by James Michener. Michener also wrote Centennial which added a whole new chapter to the distorted ourstory of the Native American. The idea I got from watching Kent State was that the shootings were caused mostly by 1) the inexperience of the predominantly young, disoriented National Guardsmen, 2) the personal attitudes of individual Guardsmen towards the students, 3) the provocative actions of the students. Reports have since surfaced contrary to these theories such as the fact that the Guardsmen were in reality experienced in riot control and most likely weren't disoriented.

All of the little lies and distortions of the facts being fed to us by the media all add up to one very damaging contortion of the truth. We must wake up and realize we are being manipulated. We must recognize words such as "terrorism" for what they really imply. The next time you read the L.A. Times try replacing the word "terrorist" with the words "freedom fighter" and see what happens.

## 65% of Young Women Own Guns

United Press reports that more than 65% of young women in this country own guns and keep them in their households, this according to a survey by Glamour magazine. The survey showed that most of Glamour readers, 18-25 years old, were against gun control. A total of 68% did not believe handguns should be banned, and 80% were opposed to banning rifles

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Staff Note: We urge you to write letters in support of LSC to U.S. Senators Alan Cranston and S.I. Hayakawa at New Senate Office Building, Wash. DC 20510 and to Rep. Robert Dornan, House Office Building, Wash. DC 20515. You are also urged to call the Venice Legal Aid Office to see if there is any group working to support LSC. The phone no. is 392-4177.

# VENICE ART WALK

The second annual Venice Art Walk will be held on May 17th. Proceeds will benefit the Venice Family Clinic which provides free, primary medical care to low income Venice residents and has been doing so for the last 10 years. A number of "established" physicians supply their services gratis to the clinic along with a large volunteer staff of health professionals and other health workers. The clinic, affiliated with UCLA, also receives services from St. John's and Santa Monica Hospitals. In 1980 there were 8,000 patient visits recorded.

An unusual aspect of the art walk in May is that the public is invited to attend. Cost is \$25. Participants will view the working environments of the artists right in their studios, as well as their current art pieces.

About 25 well known Venice artists will be participating. Among these are: Lita Albuquerque, Michael Asher, Ed. Biberman, Annette Bird, Ron Cooper, Stephanie DeLange, Guy Dill, Laddie John Dill, Fred Eversley, Robert Graham, Lloyd Hamrol, and Charles Christopher Hill. Also Diana Hobson, Charles Kessler, Margit Omar, Eric Orr, Roland Reiss, George Rodart, Sherry Scheer, Alexis Smith, Eugene Sturman, DeWain Valentine, VASA, Ruth Weisberg and John White.

Galleries to be open for the tour are: Ace, Tony Bill, Lonny Gans, L.A. Louver, Peace and Plenty, and Malinda Wyatt.

Ruth Bloom is art walk chair. Donated quality art will be the subject of a 'silent auction and sale' during or after the walk. Adelle Yellin, related to Venice real estate tycoon Ira Yellin, is among the art walk organizers. For further information call Pat Cross at 822-2428.★

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## SCIENCE SLICKERED

by D.A.Barber

One legacy of our educational system is that it has left the average American lacking an understanding of even the most basic science. Due to fund-cutting and a lack of interest carried from the government and scientific community, down to the student, many have missed a decent science background, not for want of enthusiasm but for lack of exposure.

Scientists became the new aristocracy in the 1960's, when big bucks were going into the space program, the research of cancer and defense. But mistakes were made and science became a word you didn't let your mother hear you say. The anti-technology feeling was amplified by the abuse of sophisticated weaponry in Viet Nam. Unfortunately it was priorities and quality, not science itself, that should have been attacked. Never-the-less science education budgets were slashed as the legacy of too much "High-Tech", too fast, manifested itself in environmental problems. Education bore the backlash through the 1970's as industry tried to slip things through that didn't quite do what they were intended to do. The Technology increased but quality control didn't, and as politics seeped into the laboratory a term that was first coined in the 30's was rediscovered by a new generation. Technocrat.

The political decisions in this country are increasingly based on their scientific content. Choices concerning synfuels, MX missiles, supersonic aircraft, nuclear power, microwave ovens, birth control and chemotherapy face us all. Making informal political decisions on these issues requires some grasp of science and technology. Yet the absence of statements on scientific/technological issues during the recent presidential race suggests something about coming priorities.

One main source of science education funding is the National Science Foundation (NSF). Currently, though, only 8% of their total budget goes to the schools—a two-thirds drop over the past twelve years. A report last year to the president from the Secretary of Education and the acting director of NSF called for a "new national commitment to excellence in science and technology education for all Americans."

The weekly Science, published by the National Association for the Advancement of Science, recently stated in an editorial that solving our education problem might be done by, "placing more emphasis on science and engineering in high schools and college, where minimal standards of technical literacy should be required of all who aspire to graduate." And Isaac Asimov, in an essay in the L.A. Times, that "the public, it's concern and it's reactions must not be based on ignorant emotion alone. Of millions who watch sports events, a vanishingly small percentage can play any of the games they watch with anything approaching professional skill, yet virtually all understand the rules well enough to appreciate what they see. The public must then, in the same way, understand science if it is to react intelligently."

Enter the mass-marketed science magazines, touched off by the phenomenal first year success of OMNI - from the people who bring you your monthly copy of Penthouse. Some half-dozen new science mags have hit the stand. ABC wants a "20/20" format science show, tentatively called Quest, while CBS blasted Walter Cronkite off in the cock-pit of it's 30-minute UNIVERSE. PBS has Carl Sagan's COSMOS and of-course everybody's favorite NOVA. Who knows how long it will be before the networks pick up the old 30-minute adventure/science cartoon series, "Johnny Quest." Even the New York Times has got a special Tuesday section on science. It's great. It means an education for those who missed out in school, and a fix for the science junkies. But like every junkie knows, the stuff you get on the street isn't all that pure.

The mass-media is going to help us over come our science ignorance via lush photography and easy to understand

articles. But a quick look behind the boardroom doors of these new mags is rather sobering. Basically, like any other industry, the media plays corporate "follow-the-leader" chess. The Washington Post Co. owns Newsweek, so Time, Inc. counters with the purchase of the Washington Star. Time, Inc. publishes Sports Illustrated so in April 1980 Newsweek hits that market with Inside Sports. Now Time, Inc. has hit us with the science mag, Discover. And so it goes. In the corporate boardrooms of the big media this move is understandable since both Time and Newsweek learned a long time past that "science" cover-stories ALWAYS SELL THE MOST COPIES.

Consider the new science magazine Discover. JFK used to say that the news magazines (Time/Newsweek), which are read by 40 million everyweek, were the singularly the best way to reach large groups of "undecided votes." But there is a general consensus with staff members who have worked both sides of the news mag street, that Time and Newsweek would rather take on a story that the world is already familiar with then take on anything new.



For forty years Time's view of the world was that of Henry Luce - socially, morally, intellectually and politically (he's always favored the big R). Media critics feel that Luce's blur of fact and opinion is still evident today at Time, whose publisher, John Meyer, has publically stated that his magazine is "very pro-business" (the controlling interest in Time, Inc. is a Texas industrialist). In a pronuclear essay a few months before Three Mile Island, Time was calling the anti-nuclear movement "obstructionist." This is all something to ponder while laying down your two-bucks for Discover next month.

One corporate alternative to Discover might be the Hearst Corporations new science mag, Science Digest. It has actually been around in a "TV-Guide" size for several years, but was aimed at a different age group. The new expanded format is for us big kids, and is part of a 20 month expansion program in which Hearst is spending \$154 million to buy five daily newspapers, a tv station, a hardcover book publisher and a technical publishing house. This year sales are expected to reach \$1 billion, one-third of that coming from magazine sales. But unlike Time, Inc., there is little contact among the staff of the various Hearst publications.

Hearst also leans toward "safe science." A recent issue carried an article entitled, "Radiation: How it affects us." It was written by a New York Times reporter. But rather than the reporter that was sent to meet Silkwood, or the one who covered Three Mile Island, the author was a prize winning Viet Nam reporter. Why?

That same issue of Science Digest contained twelve feature articles and a skeptical look at the general slant of these articles is interesting.

"Genesis Revealed"-evolution as viewed by the founder/director of the government's NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies.

"Crisis Overhead"- hype for the government's Space Defense Center buried in the Colorado Mountains.

"Detectives who stalk Disease"- hype for the government's Center for Disease Control.

"An Amazing New Galaxy is Formed"- hype for the government's National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

"Fusion Power's Utopian Promise"- hype

for the government's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"Man Vs. Bug"- hype for the government's Department of Agriculture.

"Natural Drugs Prescribed For The Brain"- hype for the government's National Institute for Mental Health.

"A Dance Of Pure Energy"- an excerpt from a great book, but the staff of Science Digest could not resist including an insert article hyping the government's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Now don't get me wrong, the government does fair work but it has been reluctant, in the past, to recognize research done outside their own laboratories particularly if the results conflict with their own. If the studies are of European origin, there is a lot of snickering heard.

With this in mind, flipping through a recent copy of Discover yields similar party line results.

"Computers as artists"- hype for the government's Lawrence Livermore Lab.

"Eye In The Desert"- hype for the U.S. Geological Survey.

"Hurricane"-hype for the National Hurricane Center.

"A Scan for Mental Illness"- hype for the Brookhaven National Lab.

"Lessons From The Mountain"- more hype from the U.S. Geological Survey.

"Detroit's Brainy New Autos"- This two page blurb reads like an auto industry press release. It's followed by an increadable 8-PAGE ad for Ford Motor Company.

Even the U.S. Postal Service ran an ad in this issue. This is not just selling safe-science by the mass-media, it's "government approved." But it's more than just approved.

In 1977 a not so government approved study estimate put the CIA's finger's in the pie of at least 50 newspapers, with the agency employing at least 400 American and 800 foreign journalists, camera operators, editors and publishers with an enormous budget. The list is long; Time, Newsweek, New York Times, Life, CBS, ABC, NBC, California's Copley News Service, Hearst Corp., UPI, and AP. The New York Times is considered the CIA's most valuable asset by media critics, since it has the largest foreign news bureau of any news group. And CBS once set up a hot line between the network headquarters and that of the CIA. Even Radio Free Europe has been criticized as a notorious CIA propaganda front. The CIA also has a nasty habit of planting stories in the American press, which brings us back to our story.

Time recently refused to print an ad for Mother Jones (on the new administration's hit-list) unless MJ first changed the wording of the ad. The copy that didn't sit well in Time, Inc.'s corporate tummy stated; "An inside report on Carter's ties to the nuclear industry," and also an "expose of the cigarette industry and the tobacco-stained members of congress it owns." Or how about "CIA newsplants or corporate media..." No, Time was not ready to tell it's readers about such topics and there is no reason to believe that Discover, Science Digest, etc., will be any different in their dealings with safe-science. But that's OK, these science mags are not the only source of information around, just the best marketed. Alternatives exist. Two of the best are:

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# racism in the eye of fear

The following article was originally submitted to the Ocean Park Perspective last December. It has not appeared in that paper, however, and at the writer's request, the Perspective released the galley to be printed in the Beachhead.

Elise Mallove's letter in the November 1980 Perspective is a clear example of the terrible dangers in organizing white American communities around their fear of crime, as Communities and OPCO have done in Ocean Park with federal Law Enforcement Assistance money, as the Venice Beachfront Assn., Neighborhood Watch, and the Venice Concerned Citizens are trying to do in Venice.

In her letter Elise Mallove tells of an evening after dark when she was standing outside at the top of her stairs, when "I suddenly noticed a black man (I am by no means possessed of any prejudice) staring up at me, and my reaction was an immediate and hysterical scream. He disappeared instantly, and within 30 seconds I had three neighbors at my side, none of whom knew me. The mystery man has disappeared into the night but the intensity of my fear is allayed by the fact that I have caring and responsive neighbors."



Hart is out of prison. His wife has divorced him. He has to try to get his job back and somehow re-establish relations with his 13-year-old son.

Like Hart, the Santa Monica Black man who startled Elise Mallove is lucky he's still alive. If he had panicked and tried to run from the police he would quite likely have been shot, and his death would have caused only a fleeting ripple in the press and in the system. Police in Santa Monica, unlike even the LAPD, shoot high-velocity soft-nosed dum dum bullets in their guns. Using dum dum bullets against enemy soldiers in war is legally a war crime. When dum dums are used against a civilian population the classification is genocide.

Another Black man at the foot of the stairs, James Baldwin, charged white America with genocide, and he based this not on people's intentions but on the effects of their acts. In a letter to his nephew written 18 years ago on the centennial of Emancipation (in *The Fire Next Time*), Baldwin said "This is the crime of which I accuse my country and my countrymen, and for which neither I nor time nor history will ever forgive them: that they have destroyed and are destroying hundreds of thousands of lives and do not know it and do not want to know it.... But it is not permissible that the authors of devastation should also be innocent. It is the innocence which constitutes the crime."

Elise Mallove was also grateful to the Santa Monica police for their "most helpful, courteous, and efficient" response.

About the same time as this letter, in the second week of November, the L.A. Times ran a series of articles about a young black man, Keith Hart of Oakland, who had been released after two years in Folsom Prison because a secret witness had cleared him of all charges.

Several years ago Hart, on his way home from work, had stopped off in a white neighborhood to look at a house for sale. A suspicious neighbor called the police. Subsequently when a robbery, abduction and rape occurred on that block, Hart was arrested. The victim failed to pick him out of a lineup, but after a 45-minute conference with the "helpful, courteous and efficient" Oakland police, she identified him as the rapist and he was sent to Folsom.

Now, two years later, it's established that someone else committed the crimes, and Keith

And they are able to consolidate what's important to them for the immediate approaching future — white communities organized around their own self-interest, fearful of and antagonistic toward minorities, where the people have been primed (again referring to Elise Mallove's letter) for a long step toward a South African situation where Blacks are not allowed in the white community without a pass, a long step back toward lynch times when a Black man could be summarily murdered for looking at a white woman. They are building a base of white support for heavier oppression and the expansion of police power. They are neutralizing opposition to repression and police murders in Third World communities. (When some of us at the Neighborhood Watch rally at the Pavilion tried to raise the question of police murders we were shouted down with the cry, "Eulia Love didn't live in Venice!") Well, but what about people's


## CITY THREATENS TO CLOSE RECYCLING CTR.

The Police Commission and the courts are threatening to close U.S. Recycling Center, located on the Venice traffic circle at 200 E. Grand. The center has been open for several months and has filled a great need here in the community.

According to City authorities the recycling center is improperly operating in a commercial zone and requires a zoning variance to continue to function. The owners are just breaking even on the recycling and cannot afford the zoning variance just now. They have asked that they be allowed to remain on the spot for several more months until they can locate a new site in the Venice community.

They are scheduled to go to court on May 15. They have requested that Venetians who support the recycling center write to Councilwoman Pat Russell and ask that she held the owners obtain a 'conditional use' permit from the City so they can continue to operate for a few more months.

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In the context of genocide that word "innocence" can be misconstrued. We are not innocent. Rather, we in our white communities are engaging in a massive and self-serving denial of responsibility. Particularly around the question of crime, what deliberate blindness, what arrogance, gives us the notion that we are entitled to enjoy the privileges of this system, and at the same time insist on the "right" of remaining free of any responsibility for the genocidal brutality that holds it together?


When Rev. Jim Conn of the Church in Ocean Park said he was bringing a quarter of a million dollar Law Enforcement grant into the community, I expressed my doubts about using that kind of money. But Jim assured us that there were no strings attached, that "we" would co-opt "them" rather than them co-opting us.

Now, two years and a second grant further down the line, I think it's possible to say that neither side has co-opted the other, but rather that there's

been a mutually acceptable trade-off. We in our congresses and councils are allowed to have (or at least to struggle for) rent control, low-cost housing, toxic waste disposal, solar power, even seats on the City Council. real fear of crime? What do I have to offer?

Not much. We should keep good locks on our doors. We should stay inside at night; there is a de facto curfew outside, because a variety of war is going on in the streets. The police tell us at every meeting they go to that they can't prevent crime. Neighborhood block clubs may make us feel better, but they can't prevent crime. Nothing can, really, short of resolving the issues of that war.


I am not saying that I believe these street criminals are freedom fighters acting for the liberation of their people (though I do believe there is a rage here which when directed in other ways is considered political). They are the human product of a massive, historic, and systematic oppression qualitatively different from



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anything experienced by whites, that takes the name of genocide. Genocide is the foundation of what our world stands on; it is the fundamental character of American society. We whites are its beneficiaries.

The situation is putting forward real freedom fighters, such as Geronimo Pratt, such as the eleven Puerto Ricans in federal prisons demanding their United Nations status as prisoners-of-war, and other Third World prisoners demanding international P.O.W. status such as the eleven Black men in Mississippi prisons around the Republic of New Afrika, such as the 17 Black men facing death trials at Pontiac Prison in Illinois. We should use our town councils and community congresses to support these movements, not out of guilt but as a matter of historic responsibility. But doing this will not promptly free our cities of crime.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't protect and defend ourselves against assault. But when we organize white anti-

crime political movements linked with the power of the state, we go beyond self-defense and lend our weight to genocide. There is no way of organizing white communities around their fear of crime without feeding into genocide. If you do it in a fascist way, as in Venice, you get what we had in November in the *Ocean Front Weekly*, the call for firearms training in the white community, the blatantly racist demand that police cordon off and saturate the "ghetto" and "barrio" of Oakwood; if you do it in a "humanistic" way, as in Ocean Park, you get a community of Elise Mallove's ("I am in no way possessed of any prejudice; my reaction was an immediate and hysterical scream.")

We need to do again what we did during the Vietnam War, and work to lose our innocence about America. These neighborhood anti-crime committees congratulate our innocence and make it willful.

Robert Wells

Paradise Lost contd. . .

Come back to a buffet dinner. Those were the days. 49'er bar moved across the street and became the Town House. Gus owned it. He still tends bar on Mondays at the Town House, he owned the Town House then. He can tell you about Venice. I sure remember John Hamilton. He sure was a nice man with his toothless grin & his 20 cent glass of wine. The St. Charles Hotel, and then the liquor store, another hotel, the dime store, & then of all places the beatnik hotel, what a place. No problems, everyone seemed to get along.

Corner of Pacific and Westminster was a Mom & Pop grocery. Where the dress shop is on Westminster & Speedway, another little market. I lived at 20 Westminster, lived there when my baby was born twenty three years ago. People were on the boardwalk then night and day like they are now on Sat. and Sunday. I used to work at the Lafayette, then I moved on to work at Luckey's in P.O.P. Rents were \$55 to \$65 a mo. I had a one bedroom house on Brooks Ave. for \$65 - gas bill was about \$4 a mo. and lights \$10 for 2 mo. You could carry four bags of groceries home for \$20, now you can't get one bag for that. A bottle of coke for 5 cents. So much fun riding the tram for 10 -15 cents to Santa Monica. My husband worked nights, I would take my baby for a walk some times at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, you could sleep with your door open. The P.O.P. was so nice to go to. Hot dog stands, little shops, hotels, etc. Things to do and places to go without fear. The elderly people sit on the beach till 2 o'clock in the morning, there was no fear of getting mugged. You really did not hear so much of rape and robbery as I recall. There were more jobs here then. Little factories on Main Street, I worked in one for Mattel. And then Boom, everything went to hell - They started tearing Windward Ave. down. Moved the Safeway across from the post office, the bank where the Safeway was. Only thing left that's running from the old days is Town House, post office, Vals Drugs, St. Charles, and the liquor store at the end of Windward and Speedway. I guess a few more strewn around, but that's what's left on Windward. Then they started in P.O.P. and all the houses started going right on down to Windward. The poor old people that sat on the benches are gone, so are the homes sold out from under them Oh! They were paid for them, but who pays for the memories? You could have all the furniture you could carry from those places free, before they tore them down. How sad, some of the lots are still empty and that's been 19 years ago they started to tear them down. And then I remember the rents started to climb then. I furnished me a two bedroom apt. 17 years ago with the free furniture and my rent was \$75, and they are still climbing. So that's a short story of Venice and its downfall. Venice went when they uprooted families and their homes. People moved on to who knows where. I know some of those poor old souls are dead and I know they must of really enjoyed sitting on those benches as much as I do now. It's really sad to see so many empty places. Especially along the boardwalk. The board walk is the heart of Venice, and to look at it now, nothing really there but good old memories. Pacific Avenue used to be called Trolley Way.

So now we got the Doug Chrismases and the Lance Robbins, etc. So what if he can paper his walls with bad checks, some people don't even have a wall. It's people like them that's breeding crime here in Venice, because people don't even have a wall. How about the down and out people in Venice? It's starting all over again like 19 years ago, they aren't tearing down buildings, they're tearing the hearts out of people and the greedy landlords are driving people to frustrations that are causing muggings, robberies, etc.

Take Charmers Market, for example. I am surprised he don't charge a cover charge to get in there. I went in there - lamb chops \$7.95 lb., Pork chops \$7.95 lb., lamb \$4.00 a lb. He ought to have a swift hoof in the pants for those prices. And I noticed \$3.95 for some kind of a root, and his pastry prices are outrages. If he thinks I'm going to get a sweet tooth over that, he's got a hole in his doughnut. Well, Beachhead, hang in there. We've still got Venice. We

Out To Sea

COAST LAW

BY MOE STAVNEZER

MAYDAY! MAYDAY!.....

I'm beginning to feel (and probably sound) like the boy who cried wolf every time I compose another horror story about Sacramento & the Coastal Act. But truly the situation is getting worse.

There are, at this moment, some 60 bills floating around the various committees in the State legislature that vary from mild to absolutely horrendous. One, in fact, is a constitutional amendment to abolish the Coastal Act. Most of the worst bills deal with the policy area of the Act; those sections that address specific issues such as housing, wetlands and development of agricultural lands. All of these, and more, are being discussed and "negotiated" on a daily basis. Additionally, there are bills concerned with various procedural matters such as turning over the entire permit process to the cities after the Regional Commissions self-destruct in June.

Unfortunately the Coastal Commission is involved in these negotiations & is cooperating in some of the worst of them. Story is that Assembly member Doug Bosco (from the northern Calif. coast) has threatened to cut off the Commission funding if it doesn't cooperate. Seems Bosco is on the Budget Committee and a subcommittee that controls the Coastal Commission's money so his threat is real. Other Coastal Assembly members are also bringing great pressure on the Commission and freezing the pro-coastal forces out of the negotiations. The result has been chaos. Rumors are flying all over the place and, lacking any solid lobbying or political intelligence, it sometimes takes days to sort truth from fiction.

The beginning and the middle of May will be crucial for the survival of a meaningful Coastal law. The Assembly Natural Resources committee, in the past a staunch ally, will hold hearings on, & vote on, most of the bills. Headed by Tom Hannigan of Sacramento, the committee is not very friendly this year and some of its members are sponsoring some of the worst bills. Crucial members include Mel Levine, Hannigan, Bosco, Tom Bates, Sam

Fat Cat Plan?

High Spirits & Precipitous Planning



Dear friends, when will it all end? More than a decade after my first involvement with a Plan for the future of Venice I was back at Venice City Hall for the second of what are supposed to be the final and determining meetings to create(?)/establish(?)/recommend(?) /approve(?) the Specific Plan for the North Beach area.

Much of what I heard was an echo of many too many gatherings in the past. The discussions moved from housing shortages to parking problems to trams along Venice Boulevard to zoning densities and height restrictions. But this time a few new phrases were also tossed around. "Solar easements" and "air rights" were mentioned along with some colorful talk about being railroaded by the city, and advocacy of the preservation of "historically groovy buildings".

Those representing the Venice community (that is to say: anyone who showed up) have grown more sophisticated over the years, and the meaningless generalities spoken by the latest-designated L.A. City Planner were met with pointed challenges. His description of events in the history of local planning activism left alot to be desired, and he stated openly that modern planning is done "in response to real estate market pressure". It made me wonder why a meeting had been called at all.

The establishment of a 45 foot height 'limit' (the same as currently exists on the Marina Peninsula) along North Beach Ocean Front Walk seemed fine to him since -as he falsely alleged- the people who live on the pedestrian courts can only see small patches of ocean out of their bathroom windows. When confronted by residents asking for recognition of specific existing problems (like 34 legal parking spaces for the 105 units on Horizon Avenue) he responded with convoluted, bureaucratic gobbledegook or talked about Palo Alto.



Farr, Terry Goggin & Byron Sher. The Coastal Alliance and Sierra Club are organizing lobbying trips to Sacramento in all parts of the state. If you can make a trip to Sacramento or contribute money for someone else to go please let us know. Call Moe at 822-4725, Art Brown at 540-6543 or Ruth at 477-4633. Make checks payable to the Coastal Alliance and mail to 824 Amoroso Pl. Venice, CA 90291.

Is it any improvement to go from an L.A. City Planner who (in 1974) called Venice 'an area of substandard uses whose preservation would be foolish' to one who when asked the purpose or product of

these critical planning meetings said he wanted -to quote him exactly-: "higher quality better easier". Will the citizens of Venice tolerate such unintelligible non-speak?

Well neighbor, more meetings are scheduled. Contact the City Planning Dept. for details of time and place. All your efforts may be futile in the face of what the city calls "inevitable conventional forces", but you might turn out to be an inevitable conventional force yourself.

-Lance Diskan-

first got to stand together and fight and take care of her - him - it.

Please withhold my name. I have to get a money order for my rent.

(name withheld) -

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# Born Again

by John Lawson

At 74 the old man was beaten bloody at 9:50 p.m. and born again at 10:20 p.m. with a new lease on life. It happened in the city of Venice, California on the night of October 13, 1980, a Monday night.

The intense fear of corroding, desperate poverty is what created crime, ignorance, war, disease.

An increase in world unemployment, also the abuses of power that choke off solutions, and a lack of fair buying power for each: all human beings, that is what creates crime for all of us.

Especially, and most important, there is the need for a new world monetary system that will not exclude the majority of humans from freely trading for goods and services amongst themselves.

Why should a few hoard all currency while the rest of humanity wallows in poverty and dies by the millions from hunger, malnutrition and vile exposure.

Every day some high politician drags his feet on a new monetary system some more people die and the statistics rise for illiteracy, for lack of medical help, lack of housing and the horrors of nuclear war comes closer.

Now, this very moment the war on crime is carried on in the wrong places by the wrong people with the wrong weapons. Thousands die, are robbed, raped, tortured while authority looks away and discipline is mocked.

No place or class is safe. Not even the small town of Venice, California, pop. thousands on the outskirts of Los Angeles, pop. millions.

In this Venice (another Watts of disadvantaged blacks, Mexicans, and whites) mounting statistics for all kinds of crimes each day show murders going up from 14 in 9 months to 40 in 1980.

Multiply these figures by equal rises in any suburb of London, Paris, Tokyo, Mexico City, etc. and the world figures on crime shows what "depression," or "recession" really means.

It means hand to hand brutalities between innocent victims and criminals. Since the majority is the dispossessed poor it means poor fighting the poor or defending themselves from the poor. With the wealth sacking them on in a "divide and conquer" Fascist Gobel tactic.

So we asked a Venice victim "How does it feel to escape being a murder statistic?"

"It's hell!" he answers. "You are all alone with no one to help you!"

"Tell me about it!"

His face takes on the look of cold fear, eyes wide. "I never want to go through that again. You are so helpless. You against a mob. Completely at their mercy even when you are quick. You have to get help."

"Who do you suppose is causing all this crime?"

"You know it isn't one person. It is those 'guys' that own all the money. One of their men says: 'We are in for a very hard time.' 'We must fight 'inflation' with 'recession' and so on and so on; he pushes the button and things happen. Right down the line. Wheel within wheel until it reaches me, a 74-year old man at the bottom of the heap." ■



## CAUSES & CURES: CRIME IN VENICE

There is little doubt that crime is a major issue in this community. Recognizing that many people have strong opinions about, and experiences with, crime, the BEACHHEAD would like to encourage a discussion of the issue. The BEACHHEAD is promoting a discussion of crime in terms of this community, that is; why do you think it exists here? what social/economic circumstances are involved here? what can we do ourselves to deal with it here? The BEACHHEAD encourages you to submit your opinion letters. Send to us at P.O. Box 504, Venice, CA 90291.



# Victims of Venice

Anne Alexander

July 1978 My first day as a Venice person, after heroic efforts which included a week of lugging boxes on my lunch hours and calling in sick yesterday to move two carloads and clean up the old apartment. Finally everything is pretty well in place - books on shelves, paintings on walls, and all the storage stuff crammed with maximum economy in the 1 1/2 closets allotted to me. Every time I move I get better at it, particularly the skill of packing the car like a Chinese puzzle.

Then last night two friends with a pickup truck helped to bring the mattress, desk and chairs. We unlocked the back gate and pulled the truck into the parking area. When we had finished unloading, my helpers turned down an offer to stay for coffee. We lingered at the door saying our thank yous and you're welcomes and goodbyes, as two men in sport shirts and slacks strolled up the walk.

"Is this Marnie's place?" says one of them.

"Yes," I reply.

"Are you Marnie?"

"No."

"Who are you?"

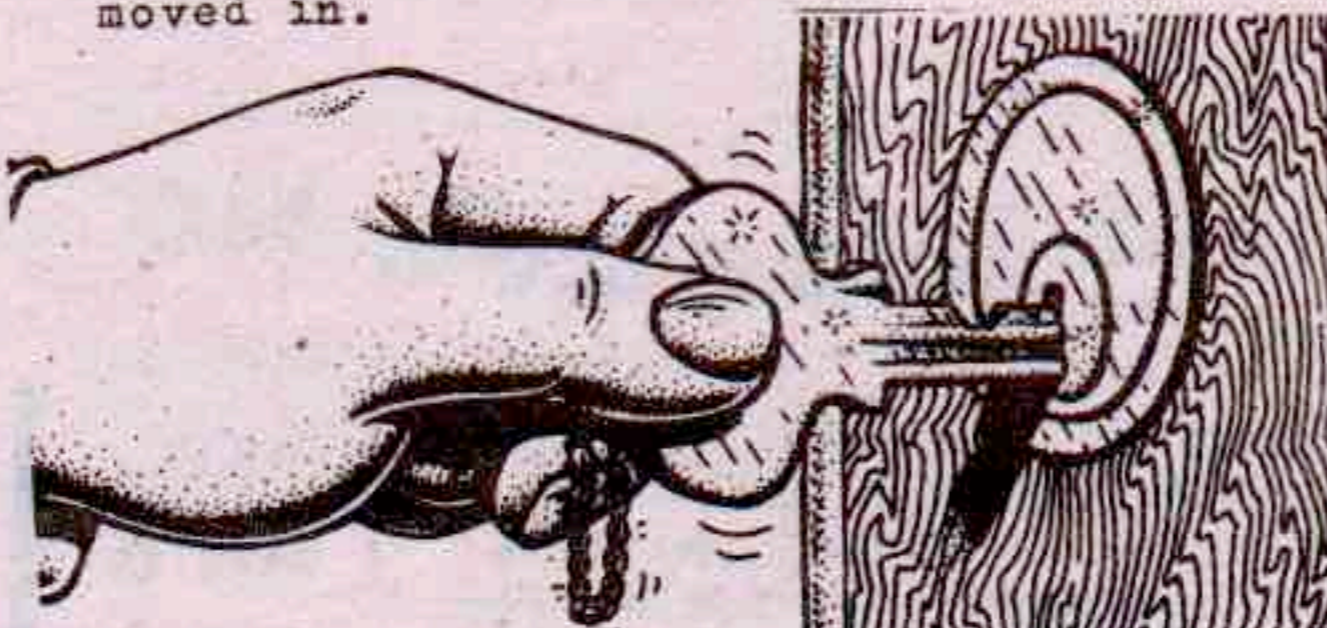
"I'm her new roommate. We're sharing the apartment. Who are you?"

"We're police officers." They indicate the badges pinned to their casual shirts. A third man arrives on foot from the same direction, similarly dressed. The first continues, "One of the neighbors called when they saw the truck. They've been burglarized here before."

"It's too bad the caller didn't notice we were carrying things in, not out. It would have saved you guys a trip."

August 1978 My roommate used to work as a dispatcher and is on very good terms with a number of police officers. Nevertheless, Marnie was robbed a couple weeks before I moved in. She tells me how she came home from work to find a front windowpane broken, through which it is possible to reach around and unlock the door, which is exactly what happened. She enumerates the missing items. The television was too big to move. One of the things taken was her huge old heavy cumbersome vacuum cleaner. She suspects the kids from the Chicano family next door, for no better reason than that they tease her little girl sometimes. I doubt it, but she is not rational on this subject.

December 1978 This apartment is the downstairs of a duplex situated on the back half of a lot on a residential street in the area known as Oakwood. The four months I've lived here so far have brought a lot of changes. My daughter is back from her summer visits. My original roommate moved out. My boyfriend moved in.



We've gotten to know the neighbors: Donald and Rick live upstairs; fronting the street is a single-family house where Marcia and Bill and their little girl live. At the beginning of the month they were out of town for a couple of weeks, and a friend of Donald's was house-sitting. One evening the friend left to have dinner with the guys upstairs. When he returned less than an hour later, someone had pried the hinges off the back door and ransacked the house. The T.V., tape recorder and radio were gone, along with a lid of grass and Marcia's favorite roach clip.

Last night the house was entered again, this time by breaking the high window near the fireplace. When the family came home, however, nothing was missing. "There wasn't anything left to take. The marble table is too heavy to carry," says Marcia. "I wish they had taken the vacuum cleaner."

December 1978 Not too long ago, my babysitter Carol's mother was the victim of a purse-snatching. While shopping at the local supermarket, Mrs. Fiori set her pocket-book down for a minute, and when she looked again it was gone.

A few days ago it happened again. She took the bus home from work, because two months ago her car was totalled by an uninsured driver and she hasn't been able to have it fixed yet. Proceeding on foot from the bus stop, Mrs. Fiori stopped at the bakery. Just as she reached her own front walk, carefully carrying the large box that contained a birthday cake for her son, a young guy who was passing by grabbed her purse and ran. There were two paychecks in her wallet, plus some cash. The loss was an especially hard blow, of course, because of Christmas coming up.

I tried to interest one of the newspapers in this misfortune, maybe as a Hundred Neediest Cases type of story, hoping that a generous reading public would chip in for the holiday needs of a family of one woman and three kids. This project was unsuccessful but also unnecessary; the story had a happy ending anyway. Mrs. Fiori's co-workers took up a collection and presented her with a hundred dollars. One of the neighbors went to his credit union and borrowed an amount equal to what Mrs. Fiori had lost, then loaned it to her. The company stopped payment on her checks and will replace them in 30 days, so she can reimburse the neighbor. So Carol's mom came out \$100 ahead, and discovered a lot of friends in her time of need, and finished her Christmas shopping on schedule. That's Venice for you. ■



# COMMUNITY NEWS



### C.E.S. MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

May 9, 10 am. all members invited to discuss and vote on policies and elect officers of Coalition for Economic Survival. St. Johns Episcopal Church 514 W. Adams Blvd.

### CULT CLINIC

Information and guidance for parents, relatives and friends of young people captured by cults. Clinic is operated by the Community relations committee of Jewish Federation Council's Task Force on Cult and Missionary Efforts. No charge for the non-sectarian clinic. Info and appointments call 852-1234 x2650

### L.A. MEN'S COLLECTIVE

Eight year old anti-sexist community org. open to men of all backgrounds, races, & sexual orientations. Potluck suppers & rap groups are regularly offered on the first and third Sundays of each month at the Meeting House, 1440 S. Harvard, Santa Monica, from 7-10 pm. Info 396-3655

### L.A. COEANIC SOCIETY

May 7, Thurs. A Fantastic look into the World of Wreck Diving.  
May 17, Sun. Marine animal identification workshop. Reservations. Free  
June 13, Sat. Seasons in the Sea. 10 am. Burton Chace Park Community Bldg, Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 8 pm. Info 340-0094

### Reproductive Rights Teach-In

Thurs., May 14, 6:30-9:30 pm KPFK. Sponsored by CARASA with Betty Brooks, Drucilla Cornell, Debbie Freeman, Sherna Gluck, Ramona Ripston, Maria Rodriguez, Louise Sherley, Joan Vogel.

### SSI. Medicare, Soc. Sec.

Tues, May 19, 1:30 pm. Lecture on Social security, medicare, medicade, and SSI. Changes in benefits beginning July 1 is the topic. Mar Vista Public Library 12006 Venice Blvd 390-3454.

### Rape and Incest Issues in Psychotherapy

Sat. May 16, 9 am-5 pm. One day seminar for helping professionals. FREE. Reservations required. Sponsored by Antioch Univ. and LACAAW. 300 Rose Ave., Venice info. 392-8513

### Dance

Sat. May 16. May Dance sponsored by OPCO at Church in Ocean Park. \$3.50 Bear, wine

### Youth Concert

May 12, 7:15. Santa Monica Chamber Orch. will give youth concert of selected Baroque music for strings. Don Quixote Suite by Telemann, music by Handel, Sammartine, and Pergolesi. Conducted by David Avshalomov. FREE Santa Monica Alternative School, 2802 4th, at Raymond. 392-2641

May 17, Sun. 2:30 pm. Santa Monica Chamber Orchastra will will play full length concert at Church in Ocean Park 392-2641

### StreetCrafts and Entertainment

End of May. Apollo Foundation, 658 Westminster invites artists and craftspeople to participate in two day street fair perhaps at end of May. Call 392-8733.

### "The New Moral Right: Impact on the Jewish Family"

Sun. May 17, 7:30. Topic of 5th Annual S.M. Jewish Communal Service Inst. Keynote speakers Rabbi David Saperstein and Dr. Stanely Scheinbaum. \$3. 1827 California St. S.M. 393-0732.

# FILM

### Films on Third World Women

Fri, May 22, 7:30 pm. "Bush Mama" filmed in Watts. Black people fighting back.  
Fri, June 5, 7:30. "Blood of the Condor" award winning film about Bolivian Quecha Indians fight against sterilization. \$2.50. Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center 1213 N. Highland Ave.

### "We All Have Our Reasons" Film on Alcoholism

May 10, 11:30-1:30. Film, Women Drinkers speak out about alcohol. The first film to explore the reality of drinking and women. Filmed on location in women's bars, along the streets, and at the Alcoholism Center for Women. Spnsored by same. 1147 S. Alvarado. 381-7805 \$3.

### We Are the Guinea Pigs.

May 8, 7:30 pm. Fri. Film on the nuclear disaster at Three Mile Island. Recently shown at FILMEX. Examines accident at TMI through interview with residents, plant workers, scientiests and gov't officials. FREE First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St., Los Angeles 389-1356

### Battle of Algiers

823-4759  
Fri., May 15. Film benefit to free 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners and supporte Independence for Puerto Rico. \$2.50, at Marine Park, 14th and Marine, S.M.

# THEATER



Photo by Barbara Reardon

DIRECTOR APRIL WEBSTER (far left) talks to members of the cast of CHARMS, a new play by Venice-based dramatist Wayne Lindberg, which opens May 21 at The Church in Ocean Park for a three-weekend run. From left-to-right are Webster, Kim Marie, Jane Burch, Alan Jordan.

# ART

### ARTREACH

Offering a series of management courses to artists and non-profit arts orgs in May and June. Topics include: The artist as entrepreneur, technical assistance providers and their programs, strategic planning, private sector funding, and fundraising campaigns. One year course in accounting and financial management specifically designed for area is offered ARTREACH is a technical assistance prog. funded by Calif. Arts Council. Info: Ha-ry Orzello 467-6690 or Robin 544-0326

### CONCEPTIONS s.p.a.r.c.

May 10-June 5. Painted, drawn, cut and photographed images in honor of Mothers Day. Old Venice Jain 685 Venice Blvd.

### Art in Public Building Prog.

Sat., May 9 10 am. Meeting to discuss potential artworks for two new State office buildings in Van Nuys and Long Beach. 8 artworks are to be selected. Contact Alan Sieroty's office for more info. Ask for Evan Kaizer 479-4244.

### Packard Gallery

May 3-31. Recent paintings by Genevieve Blons Tu-Sun 10am-5 pm 1510 W Washington B 1. Venice 396 8911

# POETRY

### Old Venice Jail Poetry

FREE  
May 5 Richard Weekley & Doren Robbins  
May 12 Doraine Poretz & Katherine Wells  
May 19 Deena Metzger  
May 26 Latino Writer's Workshop  
June 2 Trinidad Crystal, Orié Sherman, & Carole Marie  
Venice Jail, 685 Venice Blvd. 822-8560

### Valley Contemporary Poets

May 8 Ann Stanford and Henri Collete  
June 12 Wanda Coleman.  
Woodland Hills Community Church 21338 Dumetz Rd. Woodland Hills \$2 990-4226

### Poets in Performance

May 4-5 poetry of Susan Miller, director by Mari Gorman, performed by Susan Miller and the Strox Co. \$5 Odyssey Theatre 12111 Ohio Ave WLA 827-0808

### Beyond Baroque Poetry

Fri May 8, 8 pm L.A. poety Paul Vangelisti and Robert Crosson.  
Fri, May 15, 8 pm evening with Barbara Einzig, L.A. writer  
Fri, May 22 8 pm. Jean-Paul Curtay "Letterism and Body Poetry".  
Fri, May 29 8 pm. poetry of Jackson Maclow, N.Y.  
Fri, June 5, 8 pm. A reading for poet James Schuyler, 1981 p8litzer winner. Old Venice Jail 681 Venice Bl. 822-3006

### George Sand Poetry

Sundays, 4:30 FREE  
May 10 Marv Friedenn, poetry & essay read.  
May 17 author, cirtic, social commentator Malcolm Boyd will speak about "Reflections on My 20 Books"  
May 24 Discussion aith authors Julia Kessler and Elaine Partnow  
May 31. Discussion, Pub. party for Marj. Perloff and new book Poetry After Symbolism Rimbaud to Cage.  
George Sand Books 9011 Melrose 858-;648

# WOMEN

### Women Writers West

May 16. Eloise Klein Healy has been added to the list of speakers for the conference on women writers. Other speakers included Lee Levy on agents, L. Schweitzer on writers journal. etc/ Every imaginable topic for writing and publishing game. \$35. L.A. Valley College 781-1200 x410

### Women on Wheels Presents

Sat., May 9 8 and 10 pm. Sun May 10 7:30 Terry Garthwaite, Rosalie Sorrels and Bobbie Hawkins - 3 Solo Voices, an evening fo song and story. Continuum Studio, 8970 Ellis Ave. L.A. 665-7535.

### Widow-to Widow Support Group

Tues, May 19, 7 pm. Ten week seminar to help women deal with the changes brought about by widowhood. FREE Y.W.C.A., 2019 14th St. Santa Monica 455-2332



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