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Goddess Grappling

A New Counsel of Trent

by Kelly Ball

In what can only be described as an historic expose of US military barbarism, Barbara Trent and former BEACHHEAD collective member, David Caspar, surprised the world when they were awarded the Oscar last Spring for their documentary film, The Panama Deception! BRAVO!

Trent was decorated further in Panama on May 10 where she received The Gaspar Octavio Hernandez Award, the highest journalistic award of that country. It is rarely awarded and she is the first foreign journalist ever to receive it! She accepted the award on the behalf of the Empowerment Project, its staff and volunteers for countless hours of labor to first make the film and then disseminate it. Originally censored in Panama the Oscar Award helped cause its release. In her one week visit there she and the film were met every where with tumultuous standing ovations and greeted as a hero; perhaps this should read "Hera."

She presented the Oscar to the doctors from Santo Thomas Hospital who worked the night of the treacherous American invasion; two human rights groups: CONADEHUPA and Isabell Corro's, the Families of the Fallen of December 20; the Journalist's Union, which defied the government's ban on the film by screening it in April; the Torrijos Foundation where she met with Indian groups blacklisted after the American massacre; and representatives of the people from El Chorrillo, a barrio virtually destroyed in the invasion.

Trent said she was "not prepared for the depth of gratitude" extended by the Panamanian people. "It really breaks my heart to accept all of this affection for making a film that depicts my own country's invasion, a sad chapter in US foreign policy, and one of the greatest tragedies in Panamanian history."

The Oscar was also presented to Fort Howard Airforce Base where the reaction from the soldiers, was encouraging. She says that she is trying to arrange a showing there to the 14,000 military personnel in a safe and supportive environment where they will have an opportunity to share their feelings and their thoughts. It would be unthinkable that the rest of the country has an opportunity to see this film and US soldiers do not. That's right Barbara, you get to them!!

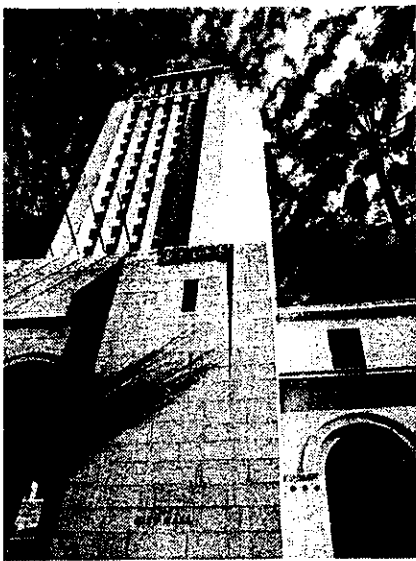
The Panama Deception, produced by the Empowerment Project is a non-profit media pool formerly located in Santa Monica, and recently moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. It has also been awarded the National Educational Film and Video Festival's Gold Apple, and the American Film and Video Association's Blue Ribbon.

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Director Barbara Trent signing autographs in Panama City.

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The 10 Lost Cities of L.A. (Once independent communities swallowed whole by the big L.A. Monster)

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San Pedro-Inc. March 1, 1888, joined L.A. August 28, 1909
Hollywood-Inc. Nov. 9, 1903, joined L.A. Feb. 7, 1910
Venice-Inc. Feb. 17, 1904, joined L.A. Nov. 25, 1925
Sawtelle-Inc. Nov. 26, 1906, Joined L.A. July 13, 1922
Watts-Inc. May 23, 1907-Joined L.A. May 29, 1926
Eagle Rock-Inc. March 1, 1911-joined L.A. May 17, 1923
Hyde Park-Inc. May 12, 1921, Joined L.A. May 17, 1923
Tujunga-Inc. March 1, 1925, Joined L.A. March 7, 1932
Barnes City-(Now called Del Rey) Inc. Feb. 13, 1926, Joined L.A. April 11, 1927

***source-L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.

Planners OK Playa Vista, Planning Commission Next

By Rex Frankel

A city with problems as big as L.A.'s should not even be considering allowing a massive real estate development on the last chunk of flat, green earth in the city, but it is. In a sea of concrete stretching 100 miles long, Playa Vista's 1000 acres now lie as a shimmering oasis, exploding each spring with wildflowers, and remained wet long after last winter's rains where condos may soon stand. And yet the L.A. City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing July 29 and a decision will be made to OK or not OK the development of 1/4th of the property that day with condos, office complexes, and lots more pavement. Odds are that the developer will pack the hearing room with their employees, consultants and other developers, as they've done in the past. Odds are that the L.A. Times and Argonaut will ignore all opponents and say just about everybody loves it, as they did after the last 3 public hearings. That's why the community must turn out at this hearing. Do we want outsiders telling our community what we want?

For more info from the City Planning dept. call 213-485-8009, ask for Gordon Hamilton. See you at the hearing!

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VENICE CITYHOOD-- The Time is Now!

By Ellen Gifford

In one evening, the Malibu City Council amended one of their laws and, according to a recent article, they did it in front of a cheering audience of Malibu citizens. Never mind what the law was about, the fact that it was handled quickly, without lengthy bureaucracy, with citizens participating, sounds too good to be true.

Last November found Malibu citizens developing their own General Land-Use Plan, with workshops being held for residents to familiarize themselves with the process. In December, Malibu citizens received press because they were planning their town center and determining where they would place their city hall. Imagine! They will be able to walk to their own city hall!

The Los Angeles County Planners have apparently spent almost ten years on the Playa Vista plan. The Venice Coastal Land Use Plan preparation has "dragged on for years" according to one newspaper account. Is it possible that the process is so bogged down because the planners do their developing in a vacuum...coming up periodically for air and approval, rather than allowing the citizens to fully participate in the planning of their own environment?

The Venice community has been lost in the sea of plans to overhaul schools at a cost of millions or carve up the mammoth L.A. School District into as many as seven jurisdictions. Venice citizens pay taxes that are being used for such endeavors as Metro Rail lines that exclude us, the development and distribution by L.A. city clerks of inaccurate district maps, and public matching funds to be used in the mayoral campaign, where there were 52, count 'em, 52 candidates. It is doubtful that many of those candidates ever ventured into our community long enough to understand our uniqueness and our unique needs. But, our taxes pay for their campaigns and keep, should they be elected.

It also appears that when we vote for someone we place trust in for City Council, we needn't get too excited if they win...we may end up with someone else when the districts are redrawn at the whim of someone in the city office.

Doesn't all of this sound like mass submission? Is this the path we want to continue to travel? When it takes a citizen 10 years of complaining about drug dealers in Venice before the police do something about it, doesn't that indicate some sort of attention problem? When your district representative represents other districts besides yours, on a city council that has 14 other representatives who also represent multiple districts, isn't there just the slightest chance our interests may get lost in the shuffle?

How do we get out of this corner of the Los Angeles world we find ourselves in? Is it time we woke up and looked around for a better place to live? How about that path to cityhood that Malibu took...Does that sound like a plan?

Cityhood is not a piece of cake. Malibu has learned that. However Malibu is dealing with the problems of being on their own...they are taking care of business and the citizens are participating. They are building their own future...controlling their own destiny.

Cityhood is not a piece of cake to achieve either. There are political figures who do not want to lose their grip on the Venice community and there are laws in place that make it difficult to get out of their grip. Those laws, however, can be amended.

The California Association of Detaching Cities (CADC) came together last year from communities who want the right to plan and manage their own city. Wilmington, Venice, San Pedro, Eagle Rock, Hollywood, Westchester and La Jolla currently make up the ranks of this organization. Their goal is to carve the way, through the state laws, to provide choice...community in a giant quagmire, or city in control of its own innerworkings.

There have been attempts to achieve Venice cityhood in the past. They failed because those attempts were at the city level, a small band of citizens butting their heads against the Los Angeles Wall of Bureaucracy. Working together, with other communities in the state of California, Venice citizens can be part of a much larger movement that will be reckoned with at the state level. Together we can do what has previously been undoable.

Each of the CADC member communities has an obligation to provide the financial support needed to achieve the goal. Venice citizens are invited to assist in raising that financial support. Your ideas and your time can make it happen. Interested parties are requested to call (310) 301-0580 for more information.



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Raw Gut vs. Government Rooks, Part 2

By Lisabeth Hush, Law CAUS Director

Until "none of the above" is a legitimate choice on a voter ballot, not voting will only be a vote for the most conservative campaigner, so if you think you didn't vote by not voting in the LA mayoral election, you're wrong. You did vote - for Riordan.

What's the best that can come from the next gubernatorial election? Maybe the threat of a "none of the above" ballot choice. Informed progressives and environment protectors don't want to be "the sure thing" they've always been for the democratic party. Kathleen Brown appears to be the front runner for the democrats to go against Pete Wilson. She's been out collecting big LA money since last year. Her stalking horse brother, Jerry Brown, with his "only \$100 from your pocket for me" killed the issue of little or big contributions. Sister Kathleen is in the business-as-usual corner. The bigger \$\$ the better. The sooner \$\$ the better. Incredibly, only a month ago, at an event in West LA, right after the coordinator of Women For gave a recap on the Ward Valley anti-nuke dump issue, Kathleen Brown actually "pitched" the pro-nuke position in this room full of anti-nuke, informed voters. She also took a dumocrat stand on pesticides, mentioning the smoke-screen medfly problem but not a nod to the real issue- aerial malathion and the expansion of pesticides (biocides) into the urban environment by the Food & Ag Dept (CDFA).

Ms. Brown has to be nuke-educated that she can't play the "research and cures will stop! we must take responsibility!" card ever again. Medical nuclear use, whether it is beneficial or actually contributes to cancers, is not in jeopardy from stopping the Ward Valley nuke dump. And, about responsibility - who says we the people have to be responsible for the waste from the nuclear industry? Ms. Brown does. She's wrong. Monitored retrievable storage on site is the responsible way to handle nuclear waste in California in the foreseeable future, plus shutting down the state reactors. All of them.

Hopeful Ms. Brown needs to know now she'll never have "the girls" vote with a pro-nuke pitch. Brown says she wants to renew the California Dream and that dream is based on the foundation of education. Well, kids can't learn and teachers can't teach when they are inundated with pesticides in their classrooms, homes, libraries, playgrounds, food, water and air. The only California Dream worth having is an Organic California Dream.

California farm product sales are not in jeopardy from stopping the latest plans to aerial malathion spray all over LA and Orange and San Diego Counties. The big frost of 1992 proved that point. Despite major citrus crop losses, Sunkist posted almost one billion in profit - their second best year ever, because of the law of supply and demand. Less citrus, higher prices. Same would apply if medfly ever moved into the Central Valley, forgot its misery in that type of climate and soil and bred its way to total crop losses. The market price adjustments would fix it in the growers' favor.

Perhaps you've noticed the "Don't Move Backyard Fruit" signs posted here and there. Some 536 square miles in LA/OC are now quarantined as part of the spray again setup. Of course, we told them in 1989-90 that their signs need to have pictures and be in at least two languages. Did they care? No. Because the quarantine game isn't real.

What would it take to get the human snakes out the the California Agriculture, Health and Environmental Protection agencies? A governor who won't look the other way, who will actually campaign to stop sewerizing the state. The environmental, progressive coalition can force the cleanup of these houses of ill repute.

Ken Kizer's successor as head of California Department of Health Services (CDHS), Molly J. Coye, MD, picked up the ball on Kizer's most diabolic project (the nuke waste dump for the world) and has been broken field running with it for close to three years, dodging environmental guards and their pursuit of an Adjudicatory Hearing on the issue of waste burial only 20 miles from the precious Colorado River and a half mile off the worst traffic accident road in San Bernardino County.

Coye would seem to have had no reason to blindly carry the ball for the departed Ken Kizer (who went on to the presidency of a company suspiciously close in name [American Ecology] to the company he designated to operate Ward Valley dump -U.S. Ecology). Coye's always bounced from one good job to another - enough bounce to make you think she's really a "company" woman (as in domestic sabotage/espionage).

As then-assemblyperson-now senator-Tom Hayden put it to the CDHS project manager for the Ward Valley nuke dump, "Pinocchio" Don Womeldorf, "DHS acts more like a partner to US Ecology the proposed dump operator, than its regulator." Indeed. As physicist John Gofman, one of the first defectors from the nuclear establishment, dramatically says, "we physicists are all mass murderers and we deserve to be tried as such."

Gofman also says the only reason for nuclear medicine is to provide a front for the nuclear arms business.

The Environmental Guards - Committee to Bridge the Gap, Greenpeace, Ban Waste, Earth Island, Alliance for Survival, Roy of Hollywood, Americans for a Safe Future, Law CAUS, Abalone Alliance, the state Senate Rules Committee and other legislators arm-twisted and battered the pro-nuke forces to the edge of the adjudicatory level playing field, only to have the state appellate court cry "foul." The court came down with the decision that the Senate Rules Committee arm-twisted the Wilson administration unfairly in refusing to pass on the Russell Gould nomination for head of Health and Human Services unless and until he agreed to an Adjudicatory Hearing on the nuke dump issue. Too bad. The hearing would have allowed our side to examine and cross-examine under oath all the bad guys and we would have been able to present our own evidence and our own witnesses, with Dan Hirsch, President of CBG, and most formidable opponent of the bad guys in charge. No wonder they were quaking.

Venice's own Dan Hirsch has a successful track record against the Dept. of Defense, Dept. of Energy, removal of the UCLA reactor which was leaking into the math department in the 70's, and he sits as the nemesis of the Rocketdyne bad guys on the Rocketdyne Clean-Up Coalition, fighting tooth and nail right now for a top radiation epidemiologist to assess the radiation damage to workers at Rocketdyne. But the powers that be are fighting to have an unqualified (i.e., inexperienced with radiation epidemiology) team from UCLA muck up the study.

Bruce Babbitt saved the day for the anti-dump forces by stopping the eleventh-hour Ward Valley land transfer the Bush administration had set in motion. Babbitt gave himself three months to review the nuke dump situation. Three months are up now. If Babbitt "further reviews" sufficiently, then the Governor's race will be on in California and this nuke dump will be a main issue if we make it one.



Most commercial nuclear reactors are in the east. It doesn't take a big brain to figure that they'd all like to ship their waste to the less populated west. But shipments are highly dangerous. There are already 5 million nuclear waste transports a year. The Nuclear Information Resource Service (NIRS) in Washington, D.C. says that every 150,000 miles travelled there is an accident, regardless of what is being shipped. So, there's no way nuclear can avoid being in spills. On February 1, 1993, there was a head on collision on the 101 freeway just this side of Ventura. Medical nuclear cannisters were spilled all over the highway. The courier was cited for several violations, including not having placards on the vehicle indicating radioactive materials over 1 curie "hot." The actual figure was 2.316 curies.

The Dept. of Health (CDHS) Radiologics Division falsified its report and never indicated that besides a retail nuclear pharmacy shipping patient doses to the Santa Barbara area, there was this radiation generator being shipped by DuPont which was the hot item. CDHS covered for DuPont. Why? Apparently, state radiologic divisions protect manufacturers because they know that manufacturers ship very hot product. There is no requirement for lead shielding between the driver and his hot products. There is a rule that the hottest product is supposed to be stuffed in the middle of the less hot products, but who knows how they were packed. They were formidable on highway 101.

The eastern half of the country already has 67,014 spent fuel rods it wants to ship ANYWHERE. They'd love to make California or Nevada their destination. The west has 7,673 spent fuel rods in limbo. California doesn't have a nuke waste storage problem - the other half of the country does. Those who ship it make a fortune.

Those who store it after its shipped are off the hook in 30 years. What a deal! Marvin Resnikoff, an authority on high level waste, says if and when they start shipping the spent fuel rods from all the U.S. reactors we can expect 16 nuclear spills the size of the Three Mile Island disaster, so kiss your roads goodbye as your face goes whistling past them.

In case you haven't noticed, Congress is pro-nuclear. People aren't. Congress granted \$57 billion for cleaning up General Electric nuclear mess at Hanford, Washington. GE said it wasn't responsible and walked

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away without it costing them one penny. GE has the biggest lobbying group in D.C., about equal with Israel's. \$57 billion is the largest clean-up ever, and I'll bet you never heard about it before. Such is life without sufficient activists.

So what exactly is wrong with nuclear radiation coming at us? Well, before the mid-1940's the human body never had to deal with man-made radioactive materials such as Strontium 90 and radioactive iodines. The body takes a look at Strontium, thinks its calcium and sends it to the bone marrow (which happens to be the start-off point for the immune system). The body sends radioactive iodine to the thyroid and whether you are a fetus, an infant or an adult, you get the same dose which translates to megadose for any fetus and infant.

Dr. Jay Gould, author of Deadly Deceit, Low Level Radiation-High Level Coverup, states that these radioactive assaults on the bone marrow/immune system began with the atmospheric testing in Nevada and they picked up again when atmospheric testing was stopped, but commercial nuclear reactors came on line.

Also in the mid-1940's began pesticides (biocides), and anti-biotics. So, on top of the primary insult to the immune system of man-made radioactive materials, the body had to deal with these other poisoners also, and thus the immune system deteriorations of today. And who is dying now? The biggest mortality jump is in the 25-44 age group - just those folks who were most susceptible to the atmospheric fallout when they were fetus or infants.

Low level is a meant-to-be confusing descriptive term. Low level waste vs. high level waste means all radiated materials which are not spent fuel rods. Low level radiation bombardment means the equivalent of one x-ray every second of the rest of your life. The latest research indicates that the body, once again, has been stymied. It had its barriers perfected over millions of years against high level background radiation but then man-made low level came along and stumped it. The cells let it move in on them - they have no "star wars shield" - so low level can be worse than high level. And when reactor releases or waste seep into the drinking water and work into the food supply, that is ingested low level which for sure gives you cancer.

California doesn't need nuclear at all. Nor does it need pesticides (biocides). Clearly, something has to be done and won't be unless individuals decide to take action - get rid of these horrendous bureaucratic structures which perpetuate the poisons which are indeed killing us. Candidates for Governor take notice!

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Election Daze

Election Eve, November, 1992, the winds blew warm and hard across the palm trees of Venice, moving the rising ocean mist into position to reflect the amazing colors of the setting sun. The winds of change continue blowing the ancient dust of dated reasoning, blinding the eyes of those who still look for leaders.

NASTY; NEGATIVE; NOWHERE--

politics is morally, intellectually and fiscally bankrupt.

I saw the aged tycoon speak with the grin of chimerical victory. "Safe, and friendly," he said; his goal for our *un* fair city.

I saw the young bureaucrat concede in congratulations to the robber baron on his new job, as his pouting wife looked on.

And the state, the ship that burns a thousand faces, sails on into uncharted waters. There the monsters lie in wait, from the depths of the collective unconscious. Term limitations insure that Magellan never makes it around the world...alive.

The new mayor may try to lease out the airport to his friends and provide a few more security guards to beat back the poor, but this will only serve to accelerate the erosion of the ever widening gap (Grand Canyon!) between those that have, and those that don't have shit!

And offshore, there rages the turning of the toxic tide, crashing against the fragile shores of all we've ever feared and hoped for.

We are missing a wonderful zen moment of bliss: we've been too busy fighting the power to enjoy the rot. Let us celebrate the rot, and the power will flow to us as mold and fungus and maggots. If We the People are to be shunned, despised, and treated like maggots by the powers that be, then by god, let us be maggots, proying upon the fallen corpse of authority, hierarchy and dominance!

Power to the worms and flies
Hurricanes and seismic cries
Death is sweet and terror wise
When we, the unjust rule, despise
Lust and wrath and greed, arise!
Fear and freedom are the prize.

DECAYED; DEFUNCT; DISINTEGRATED--

Earthly ashes, American dust
California carrion, L.A. rust...

With the rapturous imagery of smoke and flame and broken glass and gunfire and sirens and boom boxes blasting out "YO MAMMA!" still fresh in mind, I dream of San Francisco and Paris and Ecuador and Free Venice--yes, Free Venice!

Love, Light and Cityhood,

Mark Giacomelli

Assembly OKs new commission

SACRAMENTO — What's a government to do when an analyst says you're dysfunctional and relations in the big family of the state are threatening to erupt in feuds? The answer Thursday from the California Assembly: Create another commission.

On a 42-16 vote, the Assembly sent the Senate a bill that would establish the Commission to Reinvent California State and Local Government. The move came the same day an austere \$52.1 billion state budget took effect, slashing funds to local government and eliminating about 60 boards and commissions. S.M. OUTLOOK JULY 2, 1993 FROM NEWS SERVICE REPORTS

VENICE CITYHOOD

The Venice Cityhood Organizing Committee meets each month, on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 P.M. at the Senior Citizens Center at Pacific and Westminster Aves.

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spaceship earth, second transmission

20th century, 1993 A.D., Monday, July 19, 18:00 hours

i am still sequestered in my cubicle, spaceship earth, north-america, pacific coast, nation state of california, seaside town - Venice.

since my last attempted communication with you (april of 1986) seven years ago, Planet Earth continues to decline and spiral out-of-control through the solar system while somehow maintaining the pristine illusion of equilibrium.

there have been some major changes, hardly more than cosmetic, however; the wall of communism has fallen and capitalism has become our god; the undisputed savior of the world.

this state of affairs has kept the proliferation of nuclear weapons to a minimum; the only wars tolerated now are trade wars and/or ethnic wars; hardly an improvement from the old days, but much better for business.

nationalism again is rearing its ugly head; the atrocities of the past have been largely forgotten and are now only remembered by the elder crew members who look on in horror as the young rape, pillage and hate.

the greenhouse effect and the hole in the ozone layer has deteriorated and done some strange things to the weather. at this writing the midwest is experiencing the worst flood since its recorded history. earthquakes are now common in most regions. strange phenomenon has occurred; snow falling in 80 degree weather, etc.

the mood on the spaceship is tentative; the crew are adjusting to the unusual, extra ordinary occurrences as if they were normal; and there is an underlying anxious sense of denial of any suggestion otherwise.

everyone is becoming less rational; they babble inconsequential banalities; are addicted to the television terminal which brings them the oddest news with a minimum of truth and brings them these relentless fantasies, games and sport events to assuage their unease.

consumption has increased; while poverty, malnutrition and starvation are unprecedented; a case of the truly needy and the truly greedy.

horrible violence stalk the night and impinge on the day; they are reported over the airwaves as if they are nothing but slight disturbances, hardly something to concern oneself about; certainly nothing that should interrupt the natural flow of business or commerce.

the crew members are increasingly agitated; some now carry weapons all the time; the children are shooting each other, school is out of control; gangs and homeless people roam the streets; riots abound; there is a sense of hopelessness, heaviness and oppression.

many of us are on medication prescribed by the various health workers and many of us medicate ourselves; drugs and arms are sold on the black markets and even our governments and leaders have been implicated in many of these schemes. our leaders are cut of the same cloth because the system never changes; they are corrupt and self-interested.

my family and my family of friends are distant; we cannot share these dire truths with each other; we treasure what few joyful moments we can have together; we try to forget the unpleasanties; time is short; small talk is the preference. i oblige.



It's About Time Animals
Started Carrying Guns.

i am terribly alone; and there is no relief from my perpetual loneliness; there is no one I can talk to; i have taken up the ritual of shopping to fill the void; my cupboards are full but my soul is empty and lost.

this place is avaricious and ruthless; the clarion call waits for death i am dead, the sky is dark; death is everywhere; we cry out; silence

i have begun to have strange dreams and hallucinations; my friends now are not of this world; they appear to me from time to time. when I am driving, one friend appears in my rear-view mirror as if he were sitting in my back seat and somehow this gives me a quiet solace;

i fear I am losing my grip with reality, but then what is the reality? i refuse to accept the certified, stamped and approved truth of the other crew members; i feel they are deluding themselves; self-congratulating, and self-validating a terrible, insane barbarism which has no holds, no limits and will ultimately self-destruct.

our souls reach out for fulfillment; we light the candle; we impeach the gods; they are silent.

we long to go home; this journey needs to be over; our hearts are heavy with longing; we are homesick.

please help us; i implore you; anyone who may hear this transmission. i pray that you will not leave us to our own devices, for we shall all surely perish.

next transmission in another seven years 2000 A.D., 21st century...if i am still here.

end transmission
alice cramden

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In interviews from Panama, Trent repeated the request of thousands of Panamanians: that the US honor the Carter/Torrijos Canal Treaties, assist with the exhumations of the rest of the mass graves (maybe we could put Barbara Bush and her weasel assassin husband on the end of a shovel) and compensate the victims of the invasion. Thousands died there while the US military and State Department lied once again. She said however that the most frequent request was for the US government to refrain from supporting any political party by any means in the upcoming 1994 elections. The Endara government installed during the invasion received over \$10 million in campaign assistance from the Bush administration; while the drug trade still grew and flourished in Panama. The people there hope to create international attention in this next election in order to reduce the incidence of fraud, foreign intervention, and violence.

The Panama Deception is still being screened around the country. If you haven't seen it call (310) 828-8807 for local showings or arrange to have a private group showing in your home and neighborhood.

Saddam's Salad Days



Sander Johnson

Don't Collapse on Me

By Kelly Ball

This is the record of how Summa Corporation and its living corpse Howard Hughes, its defense factories and its gambling casinos colluded with mobsters and CIA war merchants. This is important now because some of the remains of Hughes' corporate empire lies fallow nearby, 1000 acres of mostly virgin swampland that their corporate heirs seek to convert into the largest real estate development in the history of the city of Los Angeles. After a record of numerous campaign contributions and sleazy political maneuvering few in this city question the ties between this corporation, organized crime and the identifiable parasites of the CIA. While the environmental impact will be immense and unavoidable from Playa Vista, the scars on America's conscience from Hughes past remain largely hidden. The following chronology is a summary of an extensive article from Rolling Stone Magazine by Howard Kohn, printed May 20, 1976. How long will it take Americans to figure out that when gangs run the government we have gangs in our streets? Or that the recent history of this country, from the heroin smuggling from Southeast Asia in the 60's and 70's to the cocaine epidemic of the 80's and 90's from Washington's terrorist wars in Central and South America; resembles the British drug wars in China of the last century; only this time, that war is turned on us by our fellow citizens.

1930 - Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano become friends in New York. Lansky later organizes mafia into International Crime Syndicate. ICS

1931 - Luciano carries out bloody purge of Mafia old guard.

1933 - Meyer Lansky befriends Fulgencia Batista, dictator of Cuba; opens casinos in Havana.

1936 - Luciano put in prison with a 50 year sentence by then NY attorney general Tom Dewey who later leaps to governor on his reputation for crime fighting.

1940 - Richard Nixon's first known trip to Cuba

1940's - Nixon runs poker games during war on Green Island in Pacific. Leaves with \$10,000 in 1945.

- Lansky moves gambling casinos to South Florida as war interrupts tourist trade in Cuba.

- "Operation Underworld" alliance of OSS with mafia; forerunner to CIA ties with organized crime from its inception to the present. Provided gangland assistance for allied landing in Sicily.

- Lansky takes over domestic Mafia; he boasts that its bigger than US Steel.

- Hughes wins \$70 million aircraft contract on recommendation from Colonel Elliot Roosevelt, son of the President. Hughes money helps finance the Colonels romance with an actress. Maine Republican Senator Owen Brewster accuses Hughes of influence buying. Hughes money used to defeat Brewster in next election with a \$60,000 contribution to opponent. Hughes felt his actions were common in Defense industry and that he'd been unfairly singled out. Hughes turns to CIA as ally. It eventually devours him.

1942 - Naval intelligence bargains with Lansky for release of Luciano, in return mob patrols harbors in NY during war and aids in Sicilian landing by Allies.

Lansky's reputation soars with old line Sicilian mob.

1944 - To out flank Communist unrest, Naval Intelligence with aid of Meyer Lansky convince Batista to temporarily step down from power in Cuba. Exile in Miami. Elections held, pro-American candidate wins, considerable American investments temporarily saved.

1945 - OSS disbanded.

- Shortly after VE Day, Gov. Tom Dewey signs parole papers for mobster "Lucky Luciano." Lansky merges rival gangs: International Crime Syndicate formed.

- Bugsy Siegal, junior partner of Meyer Lansky moves to Las Vegas and invests \$2 million of syndicate money to begin Las Vegas strip. Pioneers concept of hotel/casino.

1946 - Nixon elected to the House of Representatives. Receives CIA aid in campaign.

Is befriended by fellow freshman Congressman - Miami playboy - George Smathers. Introduces Nixon to Richard Danner his campaign manager and former FBI agent. Danner had been fired by City of Miami as City Manager for playing both sides against the

middle in gangland dispute over control of city police department. In late 40's he is known as guide to Lansky's gambling "Gold Coast" in Miami. He later goes to work for Howard Hughes as Hughes liaison to Nixon. (Tangled web begins here.)

1947 - Allan Dulles, Thomas Dewey and secret group of others, mostly East Coast establishment, lobby for intelligence agency. Truman signs National Security Act creating CIA. It receives nearly unlimited power. Nixon solicited by Dewey for confirmation vote. CIA becomes patron of U.S. multinational companies abroad.

- CIA calls Luciano in Sicily to help break Marseilles dock strike; his thugs beat and murder strikers who refuse to load weapons for American financed French massacre in Indo-China. Heroin begins to flow into France and all Europe under cover of Indo-Chinese War.

- CIA ships arms and money to Laotian opium growers employed by syndicate. CIA planes used to transport raw heroin

- Luciano arrives in Cuba to lay ground work for return of mob to Havana. Adds heroin labs to already present cocaine trade. Cuba soon becomes center for international narcotics trade throughout the 50's.

- Jack Ruby goes to Dallas. FBI receives report that he is syndicate payoff man to Dallas police. Ruby had been a mob employee since age 15 when he ran errands for Chicago gangsters. By 1963 he was friends with Chicago Don Sam Giancana and New Orleans Don Carlos Marcello. The 1950 Kefauver Commission found him to have links with David Aras, a member of the same syndicate circle as Paul Dorfman and Jimmy Hoffa.

- Bugsy Siegal quarrels with Meyer Lansky over casinos in Las Vegas. He is soon shot and killed by gunshot through his living room window. John Roselli and Moe Dalitz replace Siegal.

1948 - Richard Danner introduces his elementary school friend Bebe Rebozo to Nixon; later all three become partners with Congressman and Senator George Smathers in questionable real estate deals.

- CIA funnels more than \$1 million from secret budget to Dewey's campaign for president as well as providing volunteers and endorsements and funds to Congressional candidates. Lansky funnels Syndicate money to Dewey as well. Not all Mafia Dons contribute.

- Dewey leaks CIA findings on Alger Hiss to Congressman Nixon. Case brings him nation wide attention.

1949 - Hughes begins designing and manufacturing for CIA.

1950's - Nixon, Smathers, Rebozo joint holders of property in Cuba. Lansky persuades other mobsters to invest in Cuban hotel/casinos, the concept pioneered in Las Vegas by Bugsy Siegal. Casinos earn Syndicate \$100,000,000 annually.

1950 - Senate Kefauver Committee finds Richard Nixon's yachting companion Tatum "Chubby" Wofford ran a major gambling center in 40's at his Wofford Hotel in Miami Beach.

- Nixon takes California Senate seat. Red baits rival Helen Douglas with data received from CIA. Receives campaign contributions from Mafia handled by his dirty tricks specialist and campaign manager Murray Chotiner. Chotiner helps keep bookmakers out of jail in Los Angeles.

- Hughes begins hiring ex-CIA employees as top administrators and eventually becomes nation's leading CIA contractor. Howard "Everyone has a price" Hughes contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to all levels of politicians including Nixon. 1951 - Allen Dulles becomes Deputy Director of CIA. Arranges for CIA backing of Eisenhower-Nixon ticket. 1952 - Batista retakes Cuban dictatorship on heels of a \$250,000 bribe administered by Lansky to Cuban president to resign. Nixon and Smathers become ardent fans of Batista. Smathers is known as Senator from Cuba. One month after Batista's return Danner takes Nixon on tour of Havana casinos. Also along is Dana Smith, administrator of slush fund that almost knocked Nixon out of 1956 VP race. (Remember Checkers speech.) Cuba becomes safe haven for American entrepreneurs, none more successful than Lansky and Luciano.

- Dewey influences Eisenhower to choose Nixon for running mate. CIA slips money to campaign through front groups. After only 6 years in politics Nixon becomes VP of U.S.

- Allen Dulles becomes CIA Director, his brother John Foster Dulles becomes Secretary of State.



RICHARD DANNER



ALLEN DULLES



BUGSY SIEGAL

1953 - Justice Department decides against the prosecution of Meyer Lansky, even though IRS shows he is cheating on his taxes.

1955 - Nixon travels to Havana to pin award on Batista.

1956 - Justice Department begins to investigate mob in Las Vegas. One indictment claims Lansky skimmed \$36 million from one casino alone.

- Hughes contributes \$100,000 to Nixon to help him fight a dump Nixon as Vice President move by Harold Stassen. "Loans" \$205,000 to Nixon's brother Donald to set up a burger stand that's never repaid.

- Justice Department antitrust suit settled by consent decree. Hughes Medical Foundation which technically owned Hughes Aircraft is granted tax exempt status denied twice before and saves Hughes 36 million a year in taxes. ("Zero Tolerance" takes on new meaning.)

1957 - Justice Department fails to carry through on an attempt by immigration authorities to deport Lansky.

1958 - Castro leads revolution in Cuba. Lansky supplies arms against him.

- Mary Carter Paint Co. set up by Allen Dulles and Tom Dewey; launders money for Cuban exile army, later becomes Resorts International buying out Bahamian casinos from Meyer Lansky.

1959 - Castro siezes Havana, Batista and Lansky flee Cuba the same day. Castro jails Jake Lansky for 25 days; closes casinos, by end of year, deports mobsters and razes the dope labs. Loss of Syndicate profiteering as well as laundry for CIA. By 1960 all gangsters are deported, mostly to U.S. CIA

begins hatching numerous plots to retake Cuba behind Eisenhower's back. E. Howard Hunt recruits Cuban exiles for assault on Cuba at Bay of Pigs. He is former CIA political action officer in Guatemala and recommends same strategy used to overthrow democratically elected government there for Cuba. CIA installed government in Guatemala provides secret base for action. VP Nixon is head of covert actions. Cay Sal Island in the Caribbean owned by Howard Hughes is used as training ground. Hughes has his own designs on casino industry for his own money laundry and expects to come to some accommodation with the Syndicate according to former aide. If caught at Cay Sal Hughes was to explain that he is making a film and the

wooden boxes marked Toolco, then the parent company of the Hughes organization. Vice President Nixon illegally oks invasion plans for Cuba. (Shades of Nicaragua!) Ex casino mobsters Russel Bufalino, James Plumeri, George Levine and Salvatore Granello use Cuban contacts to supply CIA with scouting reports on Castro's troops. These reports vastly underestimate Castro's troop strength leading to later wipe out of CIA army at Bay of Pigs. Syndicate's chief representative for Bay of Pigs preparations is Santo Trafficante, former Cuban casino and narcotics administrator for the mob. (His son would later smuggle tons of heroin from Southeast Asia using his father's CIA connections) Trafficante's chief contact was Frank Sturgis apparently a double agent in Castro's army. As invasion time neared a CIA plot to assassinate Castro recruited Trafficante, Sturgis, Hunt and Robert Maheu, Howard Hughes' chief administrator. Lansky places \$1 million reward for assassination of Castro. Allen Dulles personally supervises recruitment of Maheu. CIA asks Maheu to enlist Syndicate for job.

- In August Jack Ruby visits Havana casinos at invitation of Lewis Mc Willie to interview for job. There is still hope at this point that Castro will keep Casinos open.

- VP Nixon intervenes at Justice Department to hold up Hoffa indictment for misuse of Union funds. Late 50's - McClellan Commission is Congressional study of organized crime. JFK member, RFK is investigator.

1960's - J. Edgar Hoover denies the existence of organized crime. He's severely embarrassed by RFK Justice Department's exposure when Syndicate informer Joe Valachi testifies on national television.

- CIA dirty tricks specialists lured away from Cuba by the enchantment of Viet Nam; among them Project Phoenix terrorist William Colby, later CIA head. 20,000 Vietnamese intellectuals, teachers, librarians, small town mayors etc. suspected of socialist sympathies are brutally assassinated during course of war.

1960 - 1963 Kennedys declare war on organized crime. RFK quadruples Justice Department division dealing with it; takes best crime fighters to Las Vegas. He is furious but not surprised when he learns of CIA links with Giancana to hit Castro. JFK enforces ban on anti-Castro activities infuriating CIA.



E. HOWARD HUNT



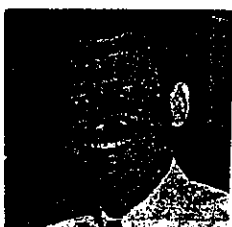
SANTO TRAFFICANTE



MEYER LANSKY



HOWARD HUGHES



GEORGE SMATHERS

1960 Robert Maheu, Hughes' chief lieutenant and former FBI agent helps Hughes win many CIA contracts for Hughes; is recruited by the CIA to help assassinate Castro. He in turn recruits leading mobsters John Rosselli, Sam Giancana and Santo Trafficante. Dulles himself supervises CIA alliance with Syndicate.



ROBERT MAHEU

1961 - Lewis Mc Willie former Havana casino manager leaves Cuba to take job at Cal-Neva Lodge that allegedly is partly owned by Sam Giancana.



SAM GIANCANA

1962 - Nixon vacations in Bahamas after defeat in California gubernatorial race.

1963 - Ruby visits Mc Willie in Las Vegas; makes phone calls to mobsters Dorfman, Irwin Weiner, another Hoffa confidant and Barney Baker, called Hoffa's ambassador of violence.



JOHN ROSELLI

- RFK announces he's taking best crime fighters to Las Vegas, home turf of CIA ally, mobster John Roselli.

- Nov. 22, 1963 Kennedy's personal emissary to Cuba, a French journalist, begins talks with Castro; by end of day these plans lay dead.

- Warren Commission asks CIA Deputy Director Richard Helms to investigate ties between Ruby and Las Vegas gambling community. Eight months later he reports back that he found nothing. Former CIA Director and Commission member Allen Dulles remains silent on CIA ties to organized crime.



RICHARD HELMS

1964 - Lansky finds new home for casinos in Bahamas. After turning down a \$2 million bribe Sir Stafford Sands, Minister of Finance and Tourism does finally accept \$1.8 million in legal fees for the necessary permits. Lansky in turn betrays Stafford by leaking the deal information to the Wall Street Journal which in



SIR STAFFORD SANDS

turn wins the Pulitzer Prize for the story. Sands steps down and in the ensuing election, Lansky pores thousands of dollars to the campaign winner Lynden O. Pindling.

- RFK leaves Justice Department to run for Senate, Syndicate busting turns back to J. Edgar Hoover who focuses on communist subversives and pervers. Syndicate begins to recover from Kennedy years.

1965 - Lansky's front men removed in Bahamas and replaced by the Mary Carter Paint Co. a CIA front set up by Dewey and Allen Dulles. In one of his last official acts Sir Sands issues required permit for \$240,000 legal fees. Mary Carter becomes Resorts International which purchases land there. Casinos give CIA a conduit to send funds to terrorists throughout Central and South America. Continues to deal with syndicate in casinos and circumstantial evidence still points to Lansky like skims.

- Hughes sells TWA stock; avoids submitting a recent photo.

1966 - Hughes moves into the penthouse of Desert Inn from the back of a truck, up a service elevator where he remains in seclusion for years. He soon owns Desert Inn, the Sands, the Castaways, the Frontier, the Landmark and the Silver Slipper. Hughes name gives casinos legitimacy though he stays in contact with Mo Dalitz, a Wall Street Journal article reports millions are still being skimmed. Robert Maheu, ex FBI who had served as intermediary between the CIA and Syndicate handles Hughes takeover. Never sees Hughes in person. Many rules waived by State Gaming officials including submission of recent photo. Syndicate forms symbiotic relationship with Hughes organization providing expertise for running casinos. Investigations of Syndicate members Moe Dalitz of Desert Inn and owners of the Frontier and Sands were aborted upon Hughes takeover. Dalitz is used frequently for advice. Gangster John Roselli collects \$250,000 finder fee in sale of Desert Inn to Hughes. Hughes blitzes media to assure that he has driven mob out of town.

- Robert Pelouquin suddenly resigns from the Justice Department to work for Resorts International in Bahamas. Formerly had worked for Naval Intelligence, National Security Agency, Security Division of Justice Department and then chief of first Organized Crime Task Force also within Justice Department.

1967 - Lansky's front men disappear from Vegas as Howard Hughes buys out casinos.

1968 - RFK assassinated - biggest threat to syndicate removed as well as early end to Viet Nam war. Nixon

becomes president, one of his first moves is to fire Robert Morgenthau, U.S. attorney in NY who is investigating syndicates connections in the Bahamas. (Years later it is Morgenthau that blows whistle on BCCI banking scandal that is still swept under carpet away from public view)

- Candidate Nixon visits Bahamas and is an honored guest at a Resorts International casino opening. Resorts board chairman is James Crosby, son of secret Dewey/Dulles CIA lobby member from the 40's. He was placed in 1958 in parent company to Mary Carter Paint Co, called Crosby Miller Corporation. Crosby had already given Nixon \$100,000 before New Hampshire primary that led to Nixon's comeback. He was introduced to Nixon by Rebozo.

Rebozo's bank is later investigated for laundering contributions from Crosby to Nixon during Watergate hearings. Nixon received account #1 when the bank opened in the early 60's. It is suspected of skimming and laundering money for Resorts.



- Hughes sends Robert Maheu "BEBE" REBOZO as special emissary to Nixon.

- December - Maheu takes \$50,000 in \$100 bills from Silver Slipper Casino and flies to Palm Springs to give to Nixon. Nixon balks at the brazen bribe and Maheu returns to Las Vegas. He contacts Richard Danner who introduced Nixon to Rebozo and had worked on Nixon's '68 campaign. Danner becomes Hughes employee as liaison to Nixon. Hughes agrees to send money through Rebozo to Nixon.

1969 - Hughes representatives meet in Bahamas with CIA front Resorts Int. executives to discuss buying Bahamian casinos. Hughes tells Maheu in taped conversation to wrap up Bahamian government. Investigative reporters still are hot on trail of Lansky and his connections with CIA Resorts. Hughes will provide a better cover as he did in Las Vegas.

- CIA further lures Hughes into the Bahamas with promise of Glomar explorer contract which will soon make Summa Corporation, the biggest CIA contractor in the country.

Hughes four favors from Nixon: 1) Sends 1969 memo to Maheu telling him he "should get to our new friends in Washington to see what could be done about keeping the war in Viet Nam going," the major market for his helicopters. By 1974 Hughes is the eighth largest Pentagon contractor and largest contractor to the CIA. 80% of bids are secret. 2) Hughes gets major atomic testing ground moved from Nevada to Amchitka Island in Alaska at a cost of \$100 million. 3) Receives approval from Nixon in 1969 to take over Air West. First \$50,000 arrives at Rebozo's bank for Nixon. in Manila envelope. 4) Hughes wants anti-trust laws waived so he can acquire 6th major casino, the Dunes Hotel. After three secret meetings between Attorney General John Mitchell and Danner, approval is given. Second \$50,000 is taken once again in Manila envelopes to Rebozo. Maheu explains to Hughes lawyer that "certain political obligations must be met." Danner later testifies at Watergate hearings that Mitchell believes that Hughes in fact is not driving the mob out of Las Vegas. Dunes deal eventually falls through leading to Maheu's ouster.

- Deportation proceedings against John Roselli dropped at behest of the CIA.

- CIA provides papers and speedboats to former Batista secret police for drug smuggling. They in turn assassinate various "leftist" leaders throughout Caribbean.

1969 - Larry O'Brien, later to become chairman of the Democratic Party, is Hughes chief representative in Washington for two years, during which time \$100,000 bribe is delivered to Nixon.

- By 1970 with \$2 million in backing from Resorts International, Intertel a private security agency is formed by Robert Pelouquin, recruiting operatives from inner precincts of CIA, FBI, IRS, NSA, Dept. of State, Scotland Yard, Customs Bureau, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Bureau of Narcotics and J. Edgar Hoover's only nephew. Intertel is formed to cover Resorts casinos to allegedly drive away mobsters. In fact it becomes a private CIA for hire. Installed as VP of Intertel is James Golden, ex secret service guard of Nixon in the 50's, security director at the 1968 Republican Convention, director of security for Resorts; and later a top security agent for Hughes before he returned to Nixon in Washington as chief of organized crime section in the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

1970 - Chester Davis, longtime Hughes counsel and bitter rival to Maheu, approaches Intertel, the Resorts International security agency which has better CIA ties than Maheu. Intertel become security company for Hughes' Las Vegas casinos.

- At midnight Thanksgiving Eve, Intertel agents carry Hughes down a backstairs of Desert Inn. Decoy limosines head for civil airport while Hughes is ferried to an Air Force Base for a trip to the Bahamas on a

Lockheed Jetstar. According to one source Hughes is met by Intertel executive, James Golden. Only two weeks later does Maheu realize that Hughes is gone and that he's fired. He thereby becomes a threat to Nixon with his knowledge of \$100,000 bribe from Hughes as his loyalties are cut adrift; which in fact does lead to its revelation.

- Maheu comes under IRS scrutiny; confides in Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun. Greenspun in turn tells that great American liberal, columnist Jack Anderson about the \$100,000 and he publishes this in 1971; ten months before Watergate. Greenspun then in turn flies to Oregon to tell Nixon confidant Herb Klein that public knowledge of the bribe could sink Nixon.

Early 1970's - CIA provides agents to monitor Hughes enemies. While Vietnamese and US conscripts are butchered for profit, Hughes is personally earning 1.7 million dollars a day from U.S. government contracts, eighty per cent of which have been awarded in secret without competitive bid. Thirty-two contracts are held with CIA, the most held by a single contractor. 1971 - Hank Greenspun, editor of Las Vegas Sun gathers boxful of Hughes private papers as well as information on \$100,000 bribe to Nixon, much of it presumably from Maheu. He reveals this to Jack Anderson. On August 6th the bare outlines of bribe are re-vealed in Anderson's column, ten months before Watergate. Greenspun warns Nixon through aide that this knowledge could sink him.

- Syndicate members charged with taking kickbacks from unions, head of CIA NY Bureau shows at trial in their favor.

- Nixon commutes sentence of Jimmy Hoffa, signals the end of Kennedy era syndicate busting legacy. Soon after, Teamster contributions flow into Nixon's campaign treasury.

- Howard Hunt who claimed to leave CIA in 1970 after 25 years as an agent spends first half of '71 at Mullen Agency, a CIA front posing as a public relations firm. It had been purchased the year before by Robert Bennett. Bennett in turn had been hired by the Hughes organization to replace Larry O'Brien in 1970 as their representative in Washington. It is Bennett that allegedly introduces Hunt to the Hughes security director in the early



ROBERT BENNETT

planning stages of the Greenspun breakin to find what he knows about Nixon through Maheu. Bennett the son of a former Senator and a Mormon, helps set up 150 dummy campaign committees so Nixon donors can avoid gift taxes. Apparently Nixon's men while happy to have a new ally with connections to Hughes do not know that Bennett serves the CIA as well; when Chuck Colson approached Bennett to help Nixon plug up his leaky affairs by "borrowing" Hunt. According to 1974 congressional testimony the Mullen Agency had been a CIA front since its inception in 1959 arranging cover for agents abroad as well as assisting CIA activities in this country. After Maheu's firing Bennett supplied White House with information about Maheu's friendship with O'Brien; for the CIA he investigated how much influence Maheu held with Nixon; and for Hughes he traced the extent of Maheu's relationship to the CIA. After Watergate Bennett's loyalties remained with CIA and Hughes at the expense of Nixon. Colson later comes to view Hunt as CIA double agent spying on White House who had been posted in the Mullen agency by Richard Helms, then CIA director. When reporters begin to close in on CIA connections of Watergate burglars Bennett uses his influence to steer media away from story. Later with orders from hireups in CIA he begins feeding stories to still persistent Washington Post reporters Woodward and Bernstein. As friend and confidant of Colson he learns about White House dirty tricks which he tells Woodward. Bennett does not tell Woodward about his agency's connections to CIA or about plans to breakin to Greenspun's office, or the \$100,000 bribe from Hughes; thus also protecting Hughes organization from scrutiny. Many of the Post stories in the fall of 1972 came from Bennett, who still has free White House access, and is named in this article as the mysterious "Deepthroat" that was the catalyst for Woodward's Pulitzer Prize winning stories, late in 1972 that led to Nixon's fall. Colson also claims that it was the CIA through Bennett that fed these stories to Woodward.

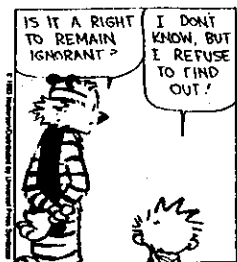


CHARLES COLSON

1972 - Nixon's proposed Huston Plan to set up domestic intelligence bureau is seen as power grab by CIA and splits White House and spy agency into competing camps.

- Clifford Irving's hoax interviews with Hughes still contain disturbing accurate details are thought to

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have come from Maheu although he apparently has nothing to do with it.

- NY Times headlines that Maheu's notes from Hughes are in Hank Greenspun's office safe. Howard Hunt ex CIA operatives officer at the Bay of Pigs meets with Ralph Winte, Hughes security director, to discuss commonality of interests between Hughes and Nixon. Winte agrees to find floor plan of Greenspun's office for breakin. Hunt and Liddy fly to Los Angeles and meet Winte at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel two weeks later. Winte supplies hand drawn map and offers lookouts. Hunt wants Hughes organization to furnish getaway plane to Central America. Ehrlichman tells Nixon that breakin is success though Liddy, Hunt and Winte later claim that the breakin was aborted and never happened. Greenspun said there was a breakin but that nothing was stolen. (But then who's splitting hairs at this point?)

- Break in at Democratic Party headquarters and safe of Larry O'Brien, Democratic Party Chairman, former employee of Hughes who had been fired along with Maheu. Fears that he knew too much like Maheu. Burglers all CIA and veterans of the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

- Nixon frees Calvin Kovens, partner to Hoffa: more secret money to Nixon in amount of \$30,000. 1974 - Special prosecutor Archibald Cox begins to zero in on Rebozo's handling of \$100,000 bribe from Hughes to Nixon. When he fails to stop investigation, Nixon fires him in what is called the "Saturday Night Massacre."

1975 - CIA intervenes to squelch a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Hughes.

- Robert Bennet shuts down Mullen Agency because of exposure as CIA front during Watergate. Goes to work for Hughes organization as a vice-president and liaison to the CIA.

- Sam Giancana gunned down in his Chicago mansion shortly before he is to testify to Watergate investigators.

- Meyer Lansky lives undisturbed in Miami Beach. After more than 50 years as a mobster he serves less than two years in prison.

- CIA relations with organized crime do not change despite revelations.

1976 - Howard Hughes supposedly dies in Bahamas, having failed to purchase any casinos there. Resorts' security agency spinoff, Intertel still provides security force for Hughes Las Vegas casinos. Danner still a Hughes employee.

Its hard to believe that the former mayor of this city, the former chief of police, the former representative of the 6th district, the Board of County Supervisors, Maguire-Thomas, the Los Angeles Times and any number of the veritable pillars of our community while cheerfully promoting the Playa Vista Project; have somehow failed to notice the unsavory past of the Summa Corporation and its collusion with organized crime and the obvious lying filth of the CIA. In Italy right now there is an ongoing massive campaign to rid herself of the the cancer of the Mafia and government corruption. Can we here in the United States do any less. Ruth Galanter I don't expect you to be Joan of Arc, but which public figure will finally drive this war profiteering and gambling scum out of our city. Will it be you, Richard Riordan? Will it be you Willie Williams? How about our new FBI director already touted as being tough on crime? Fat chance! Our nation which is so obviously decaying will not turn itself around until we finally recognize and imprison those that obviously do so much damage to the common good.

Opinion:

Its time to call the cards in, for waiting in the wings, Are those that carry submachine guns, Uzis and other things.

Time to call an Angel, apply celestial heat. Because our future still lies frozen Beneathe their icy balance sheets. Forty Libraries closing in LA County alone: Celebrate the new dark age!: Diseased genetic clone!

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Nelson Rising: This Blood's for You!

by Kelly Ball

Nelson Sinking
Something's stinking!
Is it you?
Is it you?
Is it you, you, you?

Nelson Sinking
Something's reeking.
Its a corpse!
Its a corpse!
Its a corpse, corpse, corpse!
Its jelly beans in a jar; its a game.
Don't you wish to count them?

Nelson Sinking
Something's leaking
Its the blood!
Its the blood!
Its the blood, blood, blood!
Nelson: "This Blood's for You!"

Nelson Sinking
Some things slinking.
Its a golem.
Its a golem.
Conjured apparition.

Creation of the Golem: A Summation

Feed Golem feed!
Its a feeding frenzy!
A weapon's industry treat!
At the banks of wars red rampage,
Your sustenance a carnage cocktail;
Its a holocaust!
Death spasm of generation;
Napalmed incineration.
Sauteed lightly with sprigs of reason,
Quivering flesh is always in season;
Its on the Menu

Today's Specials:

Stuffed breast of U.S. serviceman aux heroin oriental;
Its been freeze dried and comes with French vegetables.
A set of needled teeth at every plate
A fast food joint
A moments wait,
Its sew - sew - sew good!
At only 5,000 Vietnamese per serving
The envy of your table.
Their government property
Its patriotic!

Or perhaps if you would:

Central American women's veal
Her foetus ripped out with U.S. steel;
Parboiled in a cocaine curry
Really golem there's no hurry
We've been cooking since 1776.
Flesh so delicate
Its served with a spoon.
Order a slice of hot craven pie
And wink at the chef
All the waiters wear blinds.
A scoop of gouged eyeball at the side
Its traditional
YOU KNOW
I scream, you scream
We all scream....
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
Get it Golem!
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
Ah nostalgia!
The Reagan White House favorite.

We have patio dining
Meet the Bushes.
Aren't you pair a sight?
And hey you necrophiliacs!
How about a piece of U.S. WAC?
Her brains blown out in a sneak attack
Serves herself on a silver platter
That's it golem have at her
What could it matter?
Its the liberal thing to do
Drool is cool!



Besides which....

These fools deserve to die
They're the ones that buy this lie.
In their bloodstained uniforms
Its goddamned easy to conform;
At a word from us they perform,
For a place to lay their head
On the piles of the dead.

So when you've satisfied yourself golem
Do try frappe of Tri-lateral filth: Its low-cal.
Spurs your appetites to even greater heights.
A triple layer of greed, fear and deception,
A medal or two at your reception,
The blood dripping from your chin
Nobody sees what you've been.
We have screens for your convenience.
Remember golem, this restaraunt pays you to feed.

So eat it up golem!
Slurp it up golem!
Gulp it up golem!
It's all meant for you, you, you!
Now you exist golem!
(Don't you?)

Adding it up.

Nelson Rising
Something's sinking
Its my country
Under weight like you
Nelson: Awareness is rising



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Sander Johnson

Hey Junior G Men. Recognize this glamorous crime fighter? Why its J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover of the Feathered Boa Institute in his favorite crime fighting outfit!

Chicken Little and the Mad Cow from Hell

By Mark Giacomelli

The sky is falling! Literally. Retarded jet streams and a verticle atmospheric circulation breakdown have begun a new atmospheric regime, indicating that the worlds climate, as we know it, is dying. Polluted clouds are forming at lower altitudes, then icing over and dying in mid air. Petroleum powered engines are "EXHAUSTING" the atmosphere.

Prior to the 1970s cirrus and cirrocumulus clouds would appear at around 25-35,000 ft. Now, cloud formations at these altitudes appear to be gone forever. Altocumulus clouds which normally appeared at 14,000 ft. are now being reported as low as 6,500 ft. As a result, global weather patterns have become extreme, with hurricanes growing more intense, incessant rain in some areas, harsher drought in others. There used to be a differentiation in time between the different directions in cross country flights. A tail wind would decrease the return trip by as much as a few hours. No more: there is no longer any *weather* up where the planes fly.

In March of 1981, the Reagan administration reversed the traditional "open door" policy of the U.S. Weather Service where any citizen could freely obtain weather reports. The records are now sealed and sent to USWS headquarters in Virginia and access to this information now takes considerable time, money and effort.

The Reagan/Bush "restructuring" of the USWS was undertaken presumably at the behest of oil interests in order to cover-up the increasingly grave damage that the petro-chemical industry is doing to the world's climate.

But environmentalists will have to come down from the clouds to address another equally urgent matter: bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), commonly referred to as "Mad Cow Disease", a fatal degenerative disease wreaking havoc across the U.K. and also confirmed in Ireland, France, Switzerland and Denmark. It may have already hit the United States.

First diagnosed in the U.K. in 1986, the disease hits adult dairy cattle and causes dementia and death. The incubation period is 2-8 years.

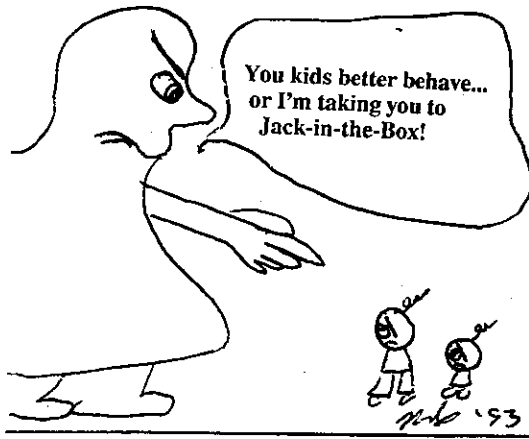
BSE is believed to be caused by a prion, a protease resistant protein totally devoid of genetic material (either RNA or DNA). Its infectivity still survived a one hour exposure to temperatures as high as 360 degrees celsius and it is highly resistant to irradiation and other agents such as formaldehyde. Experiments also indicate that temperatures reached during pasturization of milk as well as the cooking of meats do not kill the agent. (Raising the cooking temperature from 140 to 160 or even 260 degrees is a joke!)

Emergence of the BSE disease has been associated with the feeding of large amounts of meat and bone meal to young vegetarian dairy calves. The use of animal protein in commercial dairy rations has increased substantially over the past 3-6 years right here in the U.S.A.

The disease has also been known to cross over species barriers. Hysteria in the U.K. broke out over an infected cat known as "Mad Mac". The cat was fed cat food made from beef and it developed the disease, suffering dementia, then death. Ostriches from German zoos developed the disease after being fed meat from a local emergency abattoir.

It is standard procedure in the Arkansas poultry industry to include ground chicken-by-products (i.e. beaks, claws, feathers, tumors, etc.) in the basic chicken feed. Consequently, there are entire sections of poultry processing plants devoted strictly to cutting off cancerous growths (that are then thrown back into the feed) from the dead chickens before the final packaging and delivery to our dinner tables.

Potential transmission of the disease to humans is a matter of grave concern. Dr. Stephen Dealler of Leeds University Medical College says that if humans eat infected meat they will have a 50/50 chance of contracting the disease and has called for government to keep all meat from mature animals out of the food chain, concluding that, "No one who knows enough about this subject would feed their child a beef burger."



SHERLOCK, THE COSMIC INVESTIGATOR, VISITS THE BIRTH OF THE VENICE BEACHHEAD

Carl Jung, the Swiss psychologist, said that whatever takes place at a particular moment in time has the characteristics of that moment in time. He believed, as do astrologers, that there is a synchronistic correlation between the location of the planets and events taking place at that moment on earth.

With that in mind, Sherlock, The Cosmic Investigator, a renowned astrologer in his own right, was asked by one of the Venice Beachhead's elite investigative reporters (also a political activist and poet) Mark Giacomelli to zone in on the birth of the Venice Beachhead Newspaper and share with avid Beachhead readers his findings. The results of his cosmic investigation are as follows.

I, Sherlock, was given December 1, 1968 as the date the Venice Beachhead Newspaper was born. Looking into the celestial sphere at that moment, the following information was revealed to me.

The Sun (will, purpose, self-expression) and Mercury (communication, the written word, transmitter of knowledge, the Messenger God) were both in the freedom loving sign of Sagittarius. This was very appropriate because the fire sign of Sagittarius stands for honesty and straightforwardness (very direct and blunt in the expression of their thoughts and beliefs). They have a tendency to speak the undiluted Truth.

They are serious thinkers, concerned with the well-being of society as a whole and are deep lovers of liberty and freedom. They have an ability to see into the future (the key phrase for Sagittarius is "I see") and their insights border on prophecy.

The ruler of Sagittarius, Jupiter, was in Libra. Jupiter is the planet of expansion and Librans are concerned with peace and harmony and are known for their ability to analyze what is occurring in the society around them. It is the sign of justice. In otherwords, the Beachhead is concerned with society's trials and tribulations in a big way. With Mars also



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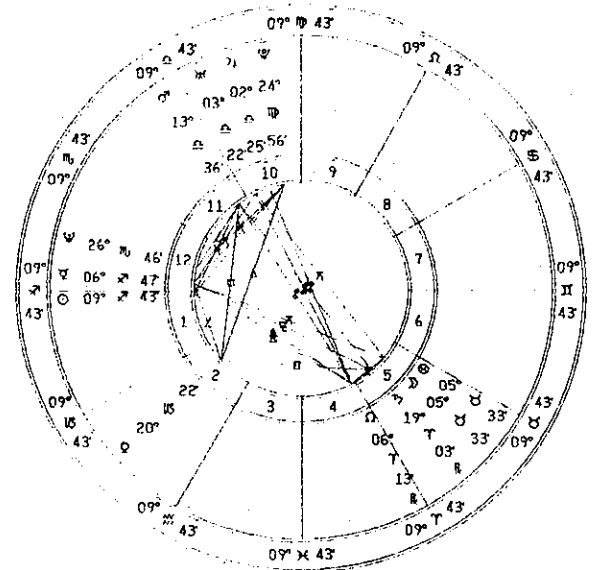
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in Libra the Beachhead will go to war intellectually to fight for justice and peace.

Uranus, the planet of revolutionary change, freedom, and higher consciousness is also in Libra (when three or more planets are in the same sign in a chart this is called a "stellium" and indicates that sign's characteristics are very evident in that chart's personality). It is conjunct Jupiter and this symbolically represents the "progressive reformer".

Many new ideas are generated concerning social conduct and revealed to the public. The conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter in Libra indicates that the Beachhead's motto could be something along the lines of "freedom, liberty and justice at all costs".

Saturn is in Aries and this stands for one who is initiating a whole new cycle of experience --- a pioneering effort. With this position of Saturn, headaches can be produced; there is a tendency to be short on diplomacy.

Also there is a tendency to be in business for themselves, taking care of their own needs without requesting help. With Saturn squaring Venus in Capricorn (government and corporations) this indicates this is not a money making operation but instead "a labor of love" in a fight against governmental and corporate abuse, greed, injustice, and curbing of individual freedoms.

With the Moon in Taurus, the Beachhead would be concerned with the emotional and financial well-being of the public.

It is especially interesting to note that Mercury (expression of ideas) was in exact trine aspect to the Moon's North Node (the future). This indicates that great skill exists in understanding prevailing social attitudes, trends and institutions and that the communications made to the public would be to their advantage.

This astrological configuration favors those who work with the mass media --- those who need or attempt to get public acceptance of their ideas.

With Neptune in Scorpio sextile Pluto in Virgo this indicates that deep down the Beachhead is used as a vehicle to attempt to influence society through exposing subterfuge at its deepest levels leaving not a stone unturned (Pluto in Virgo) and provide opportunities (sextile aspect) for a higher expression of universal love (Neptune) beyond mere exploitation of man's natural desires (Neptune in Scorpio) which only results in selfishness, greed, and lust.

With Sagittarius and Libra so prominent in the Beachhead's chart this could account for the fun-loving spirit (Sagittarius) found in bringing this publication to press each edition and in the many cartoons and other art-work (Libra) found in the paper. Neptune in Scorpio accounts for the dark humor found there.

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alone - insane
transparent clear
but from way in here
I can't see too clear
across the roof top miles of
residential installations
economic insulation
do I feel safe? - not tonight
no way - no sir
it's a free for all
a wake up call
a big F.U. an I.O.U.
a pay back - a kick back
a cry - a scream - a thunder bolt
that rumbles up from bowels of hate
and tumbles out of blistered lips
and hands that grip
without a print from fingertips
that grab at dreams too long denied
a black tie - white lie event
a toast to resentment
hail - hail the gangs are here
lets torch a store and cheer

with bricks and sticks and bottles
blasting back the class distinctions
institutionalized injustice
trust is just a fools demise
the wise disguise there furry well
but not tonight
fright has no face - no race
no wrong or right
there ain't no side - no black and white
no place to hide

BEHIND MY WINDOW...PAIN

alone - insane
I hear sirens crying
prying open empty avenues
blocks of toxic shops
in fiercely raging blazes
warning lights ignite the sky
and scrape the ground
around the corner sniper sights are set
to pluck intruders from their perches
churches preaching providence
to pacify the swell
"O lord have mercy on our souls
and deliver us from this hell"
I'm not well - not at peace

BEHIND MY WINDOW...PAIN

alone - insane
my only friend is the flicker of a tube
the utterance of some boob
I'm addicted to that cube
I'm a prisoner on the wings of vultures
sucking on the nipple of a media culture
flying high and safe above
far enough away to sit in judgment of
I'm a voyeur slave
on the good ship video wave
no life boat on this pleasure cruise
I'm kept afloat by my remote control
my VCR rolling tape
of an Angeles rape
escape? - not tonight
no way - no sir
It's a blur - a smear
a tear drop smudge on the page of a
Dear John letter from a jilted lover
I switch and skip across the stage
the channels gasp to catch the rage
in clips and snips
between the horror
hawkers hack at open wounds
slipping in suggestions of how to groom
stay tuned

it's a movie - a novel
a campaign slogan
a headline - a deadline to be met
an editor's pet project
towards a promotion
I'd be suspicious - if I wasn't Suspect
BEHIND MY WINDOW...PAIN
alone - insane
I strain to catch
the greedy little patch in my brain
as I see you snatch those goodies
"you fool I would have been hooded"
what about me? - where is mine?
up pops my greed
that old familiar warning sign
but its too late
I'm skating on thin Ice
how nice it would be to have a brand
new dot - dot - dot
what have I become tonight?
BEHIND MY WINDOW...PAIN
alone - insane
I fall asleep - with fright
spooning with the lie
tomorrow's gonna be all right

By Seth Kaufman

I'VE BEEN HEARING VOICES LATELY

by Mark Giacomelli

Her full red lips glowed with the
warm fire and her hair, black as night,
shown with the light of a million stars.
She opened her large, round, piercing
blue eyes and rays of luminescence shot
forth like crystals in the rising sun.
Yohimbine was in my tea and aphrodite
danced within my soul.

Gabrielle, angelic messenger of
music, gift for all time, upon the sands
and under the palms of Venice, she
came to me and we vanished into the
cool and clouded forests of the north.

She, the Mistress of Sound, my hands
and fingers apprentice to her timeless
skills--music was born within me, as
she sang the tales of another land, far
away across the sea, of yet another time
when I would find her once again.

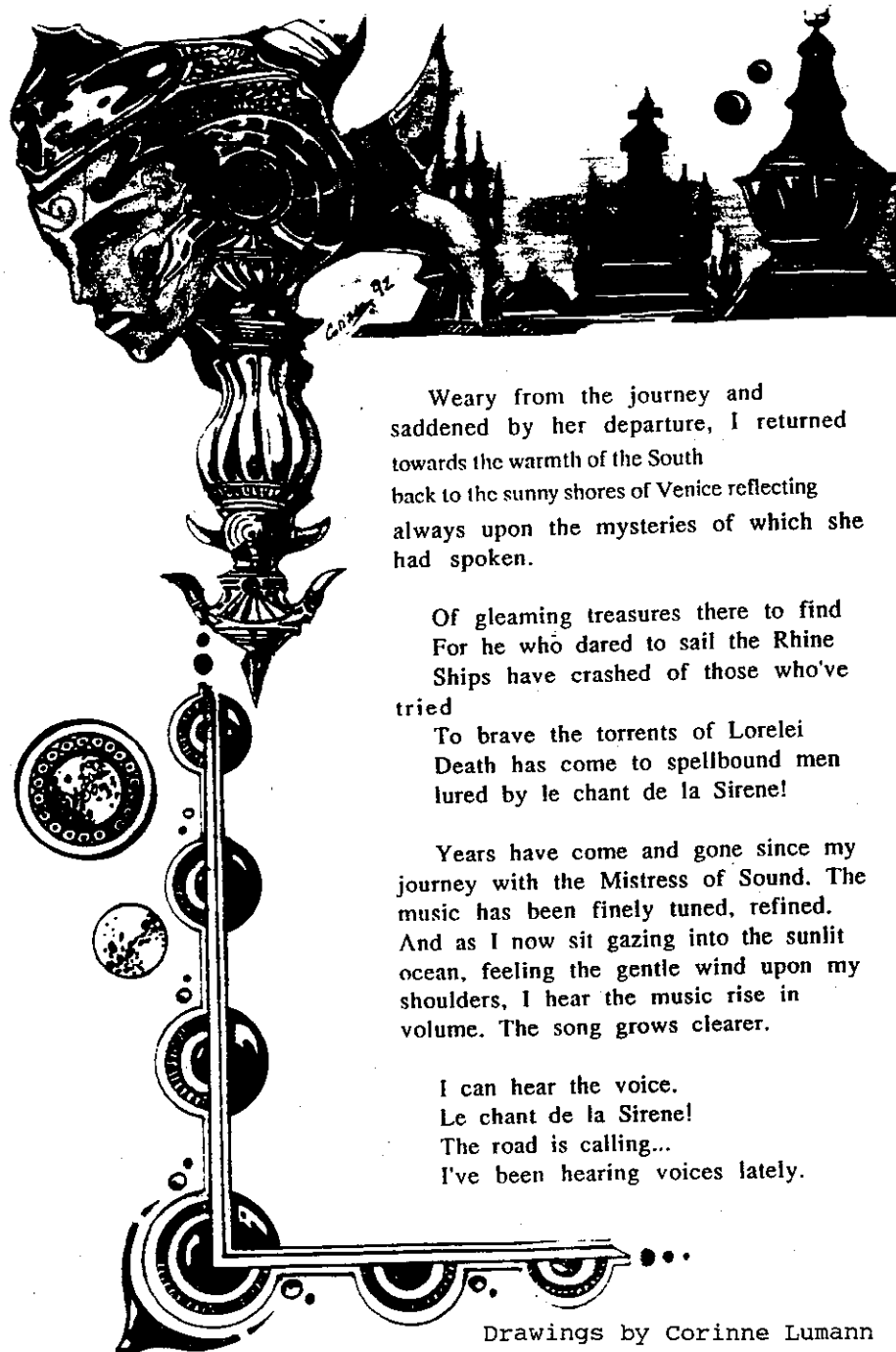
"Je suis la Sirene
You will find me near the Rhine
With hair as gold as a thousand suns
And eyes as blue as the sky
I leave you now, but a day will come
When your journey must begin
You'll know the time when you hear
the sound

Le chant de la Sirene."

"Gabrielle!" I called, as she crossed
the stream.

"I have to go." she turned and said,
as her blue eyes turned to amethyst and
tears from her face fell like gems into
the gentle brook, sparkling with the
morning sun. She disappeared into the
green and mist.

continued...



Weary from the journey and
saddened by her departure, I returned
towards the warmth of the South
back to the sunny shores of Venice reflecting
always upon the mysteries of which she
had spoken.

Of gleaming treasures there to find
For he who dared to sail the Rhine
Ships have crashed of those who've
tried

To brave the torrents of Lorelei
Death has come to spellbound men
lured by le chant de la Sirene!

Years have come and gone since my
journey with the Mistress of Sound. The
music has been finely tuned, refined.
And as I now sit gazing into the sunlit
ocean, feeling the gentle wind upon my
shoulders, I hear the music rise in
volume. The song grows clearer.

I can hear the voice.
Le chant de la Sirene!
The road is calling...
I've been hearing voices lately.

Drawings by Corinne Lumann