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FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD

OUR 250th ISSUE

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WAKING UP FROM THE AMERICAN DREAM

Reality Rears it's Ugly Head by Chip Gatz

What is it that people are supposed to believe in anymore? The Democratic Process? The American Dream? What does the threat of prison mean to someone living on the streets of South Central L.A.? Someone who not only can't get food, housing, health care, or a job to literally save their life, but now has to endure court-sanctioned public beatings for speeding violations. The system doesn't work. And at the risk of restating the obvious, it isn't just Rodney King. And it isn't just Albert Skiles, the police officer / murderer who shot two unarmed Samoan brothers nineteen times in the back before getting off scott-free with virtually no media coverage, because in the wake of the L.A. riots it became thought of as irresponsible journalism to broadcast the truth. And it isn't even just another war in some foreign country, because this time the war is on you. It's not just the assassination of another leader in the movement for peace or the total lack of accountability of a non-representative government run by toxic monopolies who wrap themselves in the flag because they'd rather burn the constitution, but that's definitely a big part of it. And no, it isn't the work of Saddam Hussein, rock cocaine, gang violence, or even Murphy Brown.

What it is is a whole shitload of people waking up from George Bush's American Nightmare for a blinder, more gentle nation. A whole shitload of people just beginning to wake up and smell the stench of a New World Odor. It's people of every color and every walk of life who are helpless, hopeless, disgusted, and pissed off at a system that encourages violence in lieu of justice for all.

Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary defines *facism* as "a system of government characterized by rigid one-party dictatorship, forcible suppression of the opposition (unions, other leftist parties, minority groups, etc.), belligerent nationalism & racism, and glorification of war."

Sound familiar? It should. It's George Bush's Amerikkka. It's Daryl Gates' indelible legacy. It's mainstream media's "Why ask why" mentality. Because a Good American doesn't ask questions. A Good American sells their time and labor in exchange for money to the same machine that they give their money back to at the end of the work day. A Good American follows George Bush blindly into battle in the war against their own human rights. A Good American doesn't question a verdict that not only condones violence, but says "Fuck you" to the entire black community. But it's not just a black thing, it's a poor thing. There's no war on poverty, there's a war on impoverished people. And there isn't a war on homelessness, there's a war on homeless people. But now all the poor rich folks in Brentwood are so scared and they just don't understand, and I feel so goddamned sorry for their asses. They voted in Bush. They cheerleaded Gates. They scoffed at the homeless, and now they'd feel so much safer if the National Guard would come and save them from all of those "random acts of senseless violence".

Wasn't that senseless violence we all saw on the March 3, 1991 videotape of the Rodney King beating? And isn't it true that the riots were merely a massive cathartic reaction to existing senseless violence that goes on (uncovered) in our cities everyday? And shouldn't it be expected that if you keep kicking someone long enough that eventually they'll get pissed off enough to kick back? And when they do, does that justify the suspension of the Constitution? When martial law is implemented by the same administration that's responsible for creating the problems that cause the upheaval in the first place, I want to know why. I want to know why because I smell a rat. I want to know why because the entire cost of all the damage done to L.A. during the riots was still shy of the cost of just one stealth bomber. And speaking of stealth bombers, I want to know why violence was the correct response to human rights violations in Iraq just a little over a year ago, but now it's condemned as sick and intolerable as a reaction to human rights violations here by the same administration. Last of all, why is George Bush still King of the New World Order instead of being in jail where he belongs? But I digress. A Good American does not ask questions. A Good American I am not.



Quayle: Putting the hex on Murphy Brown.



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OPERATION VENICE STORM 1992

The Latest Score is 5 to 4

The Supreme Court and The Pennsylvania Decision

by Judith L. Martin

I always seem to hear the really important news on the radio where there are no details, they just throw a headline at you and run on to the next topic. Here's what happened: Now you figure it out. So when I heard "The Supreme Court has voted to uphold Roe vs. Wade by a vote of 5 to 4", I was grateful that I was stopped at a red light. By the time it went green, my pleasant state of shock had given way to two thoughts. Damn, that was a close call, and Who do I thank for turning traitor on the Administration that gave them the job?

As I collected more information through the day, my question was answered, but I no longer considered it a close call. It was in some ways, a wound. Not the fatal blow that it might have been had Roe been overturned, had all the justices stayed in their pre-assigned ideological parking spaces, but a hard hit to take. I thought of the lines from "Romeo and Juliet", "'tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a church door, but 'tis enough".

By upholding the Pennsylvania case, we lost. By not overturning Roe, we won. By the pained judgement of three justices who were appointed by Reagan and Bush, (O'Connor, Souter and Kennedy) the right to choose remains a federal right.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the court's decision, and her statement was the careful but judicious analysis and presentation of the ruling. Skating over thin ice, the court drew some significant if convoluted lines. O'Connor's background on the Wade decision is fairly conservative; she does not favor abortion on demand, but she is loathe to ban abortion completely. Her ideological stand to drop the "spousal consent clause" from the Pennsylvania statute took the view that either a couple would, as a matter

Let's Hear It for Convenient Memory Loss

By Rex Frankel

Dear Beachheads:

It's been so dang hot lately the old noggin ain't been able to squeeze out coherent newsworthy stuff. But I've recovered. With this 250th anniversary Beachhead-issue not year-we should remember how the Free Venice movement started. Due to the depression or "prolonged recovery" as the optimists would say, much of the Beachhead's history has gone full circle. In the 1960's, while City Hall planned to evict the poor people in Venice for the 2nd phase of Marina Del Rey, landlords and high rents squeezed the flourishing coffee house scene out. Now, developer-speculators across the city are going bankrupt. Good Riddance! But the coffee houses have come back, places like Psychedeli and Carousel Cafe on Dudley Ave. or Van Go's Ear on Westminster, the Bread Box and Java Beans on Kinney Blvd. Now that yuppies are financially out of style, cheap eats are in. Malls are out.

Speaking of Malls, nearly everyone involved says the Marina Place Mall project is doomed. A sure sign of this is the For-Sale sign on the next door Miami Spice restaurant. A big hitch in solving the mall's traffic impacts would have been to have a 2nd access such as from Lincoln Blvd. thru the now-closed restaurant site. Yet, nothing is happening.

For the group called COAST, the plaintiffs in the only lawsuit remaining, the court case is still dragging thru the courts but victory may mean little. "People aren't going to malls anymore" said COAST board member Terry Conner last June 3rd to a homeowners association based south of the mall site. "They probably ought to give us an award, Prudential ought to, because we've saved them a truckload of money." Conner says malls are getting clobbered by what are called "category killers", discount stores like Wal-Mart & K-Mart that cater to cost conscious consumers as opposed to 1980's yuppies with lots of disposable income. Across Washington from the mall site, the Marina Collection mall is totally vacant, while Conner says the Marina Marketplace nearby is 70% vacant.

The attorney in both the dead Venice Town Council lawsuit and COAST's, Debra Bowen, is also running as the Democratic candidate for Assembly from the Venice to Palos Verdes 53rd district. Her Republican foe is ultra right winger Brad Parton, whose first and only campaign for elected office, as Mayor of Redondo Beach, was largely paid for by developers through fascist ex-county supervisor Pete Schabarum and his political action committee called the Southern California Caucus.

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The Sarcastic Fringehead

LETTERS



Beachhead.

Look, I know most of the few who will read this are knee jerk lightweight pseudo radicals who have put themselves in a political straight-jacket, unwilling to do the honest hard thinking to free themselves from rolling over for that fascist war criminal George Bush. I know the frustration that you feel, know you have been played for a chump time and time again, but do not cower in fear of being suckered. Know you must fight back with the most powerful weapon at your disposal; the ballot! None of you are going to make a revolution, have never fired a shot, or organized anything like a movement capable of liberating the country and world from the fascist empire of the USA.

Clinton may not be another JFK, and then again he may. He refused to be part of the Viet Nam War, was part of the anti-war movement, smoked pot and may have had a girlfriend. The only policy decision there was VietNam and he made the only correct decision.

On Mena airport in Arkansas, where the CIA under Reagan & Bush did their guns and drugs to Central America, I answer; name one governor, (including Brown) Senator, Representative, Mayor, or councilperson who ran the CIA out of their state or district. So, who? No it has never happened, but let us just blame Bill Clinton. Forget Jerry Brown's decontrol of S & Ls, who did nothing on RFK assassination or talked about Bush's dirty crimes. Clinton is after his ass. So take 15 minutes-vote democratic across the board and against Wilson's welfare assault. If you don't you are guilty of complicity in Bush Inc.

Bill Mitchell

The World Ends Tomorrow and YOU MAY DIE!

(Well, no, probably not... but whatever you do, just keep reading!)

THE FAR SIDE By Gary Larson



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Dear readers--it has come to our bleary-eyed attention that we screwed up in the February Beachhead (#248) in the typesetting of Bill Mitchell's article on the JFK movie. Yes, Kennedy's fuse was snuffed out on November 22nd 1963 not November 23rd. Another amazing revelation! Somebody, please, Call *Hard Copy*...

Beachhead.

Is this a story about Glen & Diane? Not really, but it could be, you decide. To me, its about art.

Diane is a woman, living on the beach. Glen is her man, she is his woman. Maybe I've said too much. I live on the beach all my life. They are my friends but I don't "know" them. They're drinking Ciscos & smokin & Diane decides to paint. She gets some paint & Glen brings her a sheetrock wall 4ft by 8ft or some fucking thing, huge! & she paints a landscape full of people, the boardwalk, excellent. I think someone bought it. So Diane, I believe, instigated the piece, which is large & Glen is jumping in with paint & brush & they are causing a "scene."

Straightaways its done, Glen gets her another canvas, which is a free-standing drywall room divider, from God knows where & Diane starts another picture. This time I think of some Voodoo Witch sacrificing a macaw.

As I mentioned they are causing a "scene". People are hanging out, talking, questions & snapping photos & Glen, who is no dummy, puts out a collection tin, thereby enabling people who cannot afford "fine art" to support the arts.

This is all happening in the street! Glen is a strong young black man vibrant & full of life living rent free on the beach with an intelligent white woman who evidently threatened the well being of some of our local bourgeoisie, because the police ordered them to cease & desist with the public painting, accusing Glen with variously extorting hustling panhandling & causing a public nuisance. Being an outspoken young man, Glen was taken into custody posthaste. Diane was also arrested. Their painting was also arrested & destroyed in transit.

The only crimes I'm aware of being committed, having witnessed the sequence of events, are assault kidnapping & destruction of private property by the local law enforcement agency on behalf of parties unknown. Terrorist attacks upon freemen.

Organize: --Citizen Denizen

"4 Legs: Good, 2 Legs: Better"

by Moe Stavnezer

[NOTE: To put this letter in proper perspective the reader should know that it was written on 3/20/92, and submitted to the Beachhead by mail shortly afterwards. It's in response to 2 articles which appeared in the early or mid-March Beachhead. The Rodney King verdict and its aftermath had not yet occurred. The impact of the "Anita Hill factor" was not yet tested in our political waters. Judge Karlin had not yet been propelled into office by the thinnest of margins by an overwhelmingly white vote.

The decision to print the letter followed my phone call to the BH inquiring about its letters-to-the-editor policy and was conveyed to me a few days ago. I write this note on June 4, 1992].

I have the following comments/responses to articles in the last Beachhead.

Pardon my disrespect but, aside from Judith L. Martin, very few women, or men for that matter, I know think that the Thomas/Hill debate was about sex. Rather, it was all about power, who has it, who wields it and who suffers its

indignities. Sexual crimes, like any violent crime, are ways of displaying that power. People with power pick on people without power in order to control them. People without power become violent from frustration and rage and frequently strike out at people with even less power than they have. Rape, for instance, is no longer viewed by the feminist community, or law enforcement agencies alike, as a sexual crime. It is a violent crime, a crime of aggression against an assumed helpless victim. Roe v. Wade is a challenge to men's control over women and sex is merely the means to that end. To confuse them displays a profound lack of political understanding.

I am also awestruck that our social conscience, Ms. Martin, did not even mention the Rodney King and Latasha Harlin affairs as important enough to make her "list of important news stories". Well hey, Judith, lets talk about racism and its connection to sexism as a serious issue. A woman judge, who happens to be white, powerful and attractive excused a deliberate murder as being understandable under the circumstances and allowed a cold blooded murderer off with a suspended sentence. I can just imagine your horrified indignance if the shot had been fired by a man.

All of the victims in these cases were African-Americans. I'm sure it crossed your mind, as it did mine and so many others, that the outcome of the Thomas debacle might have been very different if the accuser had been a white woman. But ole Clarence knows about power and certainly knew that if he fooled around with a white woman he'd damn well better marry her. Which is exactly what he did. Your seeming lack of understanding of these core issues is racist to the max, Judith!

Kathy Sullivan's "Shittyhood" article is an interesting display of the "I'm right and you're wrong" kind of idealism. Kathy didn't get what she wanted so she took her toys and went home. But idealism is only one part of a complicated equation and tempering one's idealism with the real world is called maturity. Frequently the conflict between the two results in resorting to the "C" word--compromise.

Compromise does not have to mean giving up one's ideals but it does mean recognizing that other opinions and feelings may be as valid as your own. Can you imagine a healthy relationship where one person always got his or her way? In politics that's called a dictatorship. The entire notion of democracy, and our constitution, is based on balancing conflicting interests. There are times when one simply cannot, or should not, compromise and other times when compromise is both reasonable and acceptable. How and why you pick that time is extremely important.

I suspect that I am the culprit who Kathy says told her that compromise was necessary for attaining certain objectives and that cityhood would have an economic cost attached, a cost pooh-poohed two years ago just as it is today. (The analogy Kathy makes to Russia freeing itself is quite curious since that country has now opted for the very same "free-market" system which has got us in the economic mess now plaguing this country. It also displays an unwillingness to distinguish between political and economic systems).

Finally, the notion of not being willing to hear different ideas is almost comical in the new "Unfree" Venice Beachhead where the party line is the party line and "never is heard/ a d-scenting word and the skies are not cloudy all day." And some animals are more equal than others!

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A Matter of Life and Death

What is Activism?

By Mark Giacomelli

Faced with the choice of Perot, Clinton and Bush, popular disgust looms larger than the federal deficit. Representative democracy has overstayed its welcome. The fact is, no one is more qualified to govern the people than we the people. Only a synergized network of computer, television and telephone, accessed from the home in a teledemocratic form of voting directly on the issues, without being blocked by a bungling bureaucracy, will provide the human family with the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness it has killed and died for throughout recorded time.

"Right message, wrong messenger," is a growing platitude in these times, beginning with Jerry Brown and his "politicians are scum" message, followed by Perot and his "electronic town hall", and topped off with Clinton as "change agent", a term I first heard used by Timothy Leary, way back when, in a discussion about David Bowie. Dan Quayle's "moral fiber", no doubt, takes the cake!

Teledemocracy is the greatest structural tool in facilitating humanity's self realization, so Perot almost had me going--until he mentioned that Congress would still be able to vote their conscience. WHAT CONSCIENCE?! That was enough for me, without even mentioning...well, what's the point--he was good enough to bow out with grace at just the right moment.

Now, concerning moral fiber...may the gods and goddesses help us! where do we begin? how about Nebraska.

Franklin Community Credit Union, based in Omaha, was looted of \$40 million and what, in the words of former Nebraska State Senator, John W. DeCamp, looked like a financial swindle, soon exploded into a "hideous tale of drugs, Iran-Contra money laundering, a nationwide child abuse ring and ritual murder."

DeCamp's recent book, The Franklin Cover Up, documents in graphic detail how Laurence E. "Larry" King of the Franklin Credit Union turned over funds to CIA covert activity and participated in a blackmail scam against the political and financial elite by catering to their fleshly fantasies and weaknesses, setting up sexual trystes with children which often ended in the most brutal torture and murder. An army of Rosemary's Babies, recruited from orphanages and foster homes were regularly flown to Washington D.C. and other cities where they would be sexually abused at decadent parties of the Satanic elite, where the ritual killings of abducted children were reported to have taken place. The guest lists of these ignoble events are alleged to have included none other than President George Bush.

But whether or not the President is a sex criminal-pedophile-Satanist-child killer, Bush's criminal incumbency goes back further than even the October Surprise. The event that set the stage for Bush's ascent to power was nothing less than the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, whose ritual decapitation provided the ultimate prize for the secret society of Skull and Bones.

"Moral fiber", indeed!

As for Clinton as "change agent", well, I see little more than the same, tired, Trilateral "transfer" of power. I hope I'm proven wrong on that one. We'll see.

So what to do in the face of pure evil and its control of seeming endless wealth and power? Well, after being sober for an entire year I still find that to be a damn good question. There are answers.

ACTIVISM DEFINED

A little networking goes a long way. Organization, focus and outreach: these are the formulae for effectiveness.

Perhaps the greatest evil to befall our earthly habitat is the greed driven environmental destruction of the same. Heroic battles have been waged and won in this area most notably by the Rocketdyne Clean Up Coalition. I cite this case as an example of note to all who would be knighted in that most noble of crusades--the Salvation of Mother Earth.

June 13, 1959: a partial meltdown occurs at the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field Lab, in the Simi Hills 3 miles West of Chatsworth. Spillage of rad waste and toxic chemicals happen frequently and soil and ground water are contaminated, with wind blown radio-active particles being scattered who knows where during peak years up to 1969 at Simi Hills Rocketdyne. Knowledge of all this is covered up until 1978; meanwhile, drinking water supplies accumulate an "unusually high" amount of radioactivity.

Sloppy waste management by Rockwell is facilitated by full-on collusion with the Department Of Energy. All the while the EPA is unaware(!) that Rocketdyne is even operating a nuclear reactor on the premises.

Finally, on May 14, 1989, the DOE "discovers" radiation and toxic chemical contamination of several areas on the 2600 acre Rocketdyne site.

Then, in August of that year, trichloroethylene and tritium are discovered in the ground water and soil of the adjacent Brandeis Institute, used as a summer camp for children.



Rockwell/Rocketdyne's mountaintop laboratory, home to years of research involving nuclear reactors and rocket engines. The view is looking south from Sage Ranch State Park. The lab is located off Valley Circle Blvd. at the top of Woolsey Canyon Road.---photo by Rex Frankel

Testing was initiated as a result of ongoing press coverage and the Rocketdyne Clean Up Coalition, whose activism and community organizing resulted in the resignation of the Canoga Park Rocketdyne President.

Rocketdyne had applied for a 10 year renewal of its hot lab license and because of pressure from the neighborhood group, scaled back their request to 1 year, to finish the TRUMP-S project (Transuranic Management by Pyropartitioning-Separation); a method of extracting tritium, cesium and strontium from high level rad waste, leaving a much smaller mass to dispose of. Low level rad waste could then be shipped to a permanent storage site, presumably, for them, the proposed Ward Valley site, which has also been temporarily blocked in a sizzling movement of local ecologists.

Activists were then successful in driving nuclear research and activity out of Simi Valley all together, hounding Rocketdyne all the way to Missouri, where there, too, they were forced to shut down.

3 cheers for the Santa Susana Knolls Homeowners Association, Committee to Bridge the Gap, the Southern California Federation of Scientists, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and others who have rid the L.A. area of one more merchant of death.

Recent film makers also worthy of honorable mention are (besides Oliver Stone!) Mark Mori and Susan Robinson for **Building Bombs** and Debra Chasnoff for **Deadly Deception**, which will be shown on Sunday mornings at 11:15 at the Laemmle Monica 4Plex, through August 2nd.

These two spectacular films show how Dupont, Westinghouse G.E. et al are in the business of death, by any means necessary, and offer very poignant accounts of their victims--employees and nearby residents, stricken with cancer, leukemia and other deadly diseases.

We now have a \$1.7 trillion toxic clean up bill awaiting us!

Organization, focus and outreach. We've seen a few examples of how political and artistic activism can make a difference. Then there is the direct approach.

5 years ago the U.S. arrived at a clear advantage in first strike nuclear capability with its Navstar computer satellite system, designed by Rockwell International. Enter Katia Koumisara...with a sledge hammer! U.S. first strike technology is set back, and Katia goes to the slammer.

May 10, 1992, Katia is out of prison and Navstar is back in place, bigger and bolder than ever. This time it's Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller who sneak into Rockwell's Seal Beach facility and bash the hell out of the current attempt at a Navstar computer system. They face ten years in prison.

Then there's Rick Springer, who smashed Ronald Reagan's crystal eagle in Las Vegas, as his own, unrehearsed gesture of quintessential "monkey business", bringing global attention to the need for a nuclear test ban, which had previously suffered a severe case of media blackout.

The problem with this brand of rugged individual-type illegal direct action, is that one could either end up in prison or even dead! It's like taking the weight of the whole world upon one's shoulders in much the same manner as would a politician. The world has outgrown the need for heroes. The responsibility for salvation must be shared by all.

As I entered deep into the jaws of the very incarnation of society's greatest fears, in other words, driving down Century and hanging a left at Western at 3:00 pm. on April 30, 1992, right in the middle of the LA riot, and as I parked my car, got out and walked around, talking to all the brothers and sisters, I felt the love and the power and the adrenaline and the dynamism and the sense of community and citizenship that we will need to take back our democracy. These people were not the ones looting and burning, but they were just as outraged as I was at the reprehensible verdict spewed upon the citizenry the day before. The inexcusable behavior of others can be judged only as insane. Neither to be condoned, nor taken lightly--a warning and a call for change.

CAMELOT

Knights! Artists! Activists! Prepare for battle!

When Kennedy's head was taken as trophy to those who now sit upon the bloodstained throne of power, something else was taken from we the people--our innocence, our idealism and our quest for moral excellence. These are the 3 drops of inspiration that turned to a sea of tears into which sank our only defense against tyranny--Excalibur! We must, therefore, find the Grail in which lies our idealism and our quest for moral excellence, which will lead to our exoneration. Our innocence is gone forever, but we can and must win back our honor.

When we find the Grail, the silver cup of what we once knew, and the world that might have been and what could still be, then the Lady of the Lake, symbolized by the Statue of Liberty, will return to us with the sword of reason and justice, forged in the flames of her torch--Excalibur!, with which we shall slay the Beast of Tyranny.

Lance to Grail! dripping with the 3 drops of inspiration as we sprinkle the bread of wisdom upon this sacred land feeding the eagle who shall once again soar into the sunlit skies with its watchful eye, guarding against the political vermin that would encroach upon our habitat of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Don't forget to vote!



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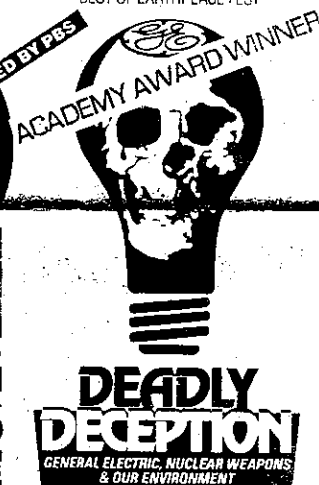
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Says Hugh Kaufman of the EPA's Hazardous Site Control Division: "The technical requirements for the Ward Valley site are weaker than those they impose on local waste dumps... If the facility gets built, California will become the major dumping ground for the nuclear industry. California will be the toilet of the U.S.!"

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NUKE DUMP THAT THREATENS OUR WATER SUPPLY!

The Panama Deception

Documenting the Mass Murder Thing

By Kelly Ball

Remnants of shredded corpses, mass graves, miles of burned out neighborhoods and terrorized people thrown into barbed wire refugee camps sear the screen, in the Santa Monica based Empowerment Project's latest film "The Panama Deception." The degradation of George and Barbara Bush's celebration of evil is exposed in this extensive and well produced documentary as well as the "official" panderers and pimps of a cowardly US military, mean spirited and venal Congress and their corporate and media cheerleaders. It shows that the invasion had little to do with the threat of Manuel Noriega, less to do with drug running and everything to do with the extension of a US military empire. It is a hellish reminder of the degeneration of our culture and points to the real struggle of our race; not system against system, but civilization itself versus a rampant barbarism that lures us to a new corporate feudalism faced with Nazi cruelty under the obscene excuse of justice.

On December 19th, 1989, the nation of Panama was brutally invaded by 26,000 US troops. This movie, two years in the making, documents that invasion and its murderous results. It covers the history of US-Panama relations since 1903, and the strategic importance of this land to US imperial designs in South America.

Panama was formed as an independent nation at least partly by the institution of US agents near the turn of the century. Formerly part of Columbia it was broken away when the Columbians refused to deal with the North Americans over the Panama Canal. Started by the French, the northerners took over the project, a treaty was signed without the presence of a single Panamanian, giving what became the Canal Zone to the federal government in Washington forever. It has been the source of irritation to the Panamanians ever since. An "apartheid" system of laborers and masters was established that persisted until the military coup of 1968 that placed General Omar Torrijos in power. He ultimately became a reformer and was popular with the people; in 1978 he signed a treaty with Jimmy Carter that would remove US military



Movie Director Barbara Trent informs US military MP that her interviews are going forward.

presence and return the Canal to Panama in the year 2000. Eight months after the ascension of Reagan, General Torrijos died in a plane accident that was officially deemed an accident, although eyewitnesses claimed they saw a midair explosion. It is suspected that this was another US assassination of foreign as well as domestic leaders. At this juncture, Manuel Noriega head of the Panama Defense Force and CIA asset since the 60's (with the exception of the Carter years) assumed the leadership of Panama. He was a known drug runner when he was rehired by Vice President George Bush at hundreds of thousands of dollars; which fit the pattern of co-operation of the CIA with drug running strongmen throughout the third world, most notably the heroin lords of Southeast Asia. He helped arm the Contras in Costa Rica while his drug running was overlooked by VP Bush who at the time was in charge of the war on drugs. (It is of course interesting to note that this "covert war" in Nicaragua coincided with the unprecedented Cocaine epidemic in this country that currently rips our cities apart.)

Noriega was however no "yes" man as events were to soon show. He became popular in his own country and sponsored the 1984 Contadora Peace talks that called for the end of US military presence in Central America, thus angering his US patrons. He played both sides of the drug game as well. In 1987 he participated with the DEA in a sting operation called Operation Pisces that resulted in the arrest of hundreds of drug smugglers and the freezing of bank accounts which had the result of angering a number of US business men. By this time his allies in the Reagan administration, North, Poindexter and Casey were fired, discredited or dead and the days of his usefulness were numbered. Intense pressure was put on him by Washington to increase US military presence and

renegotiate the canal treaty; all of which he steadfastly refused. In 1988 he was indicted somewhat hypocritically in Florida for drug running. The footage of Bush calling him a drug running tyrant and a threat to US national security with the background of the Maine coast is of course one of the more humorous parts of the film. Economic sanctions were imposed on Panama and ten million of your American tax dollars were funneled to handpicked opposition candidates in the upcoming Panamanian elections through

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It is at this point that the potency of this film explodes with the tragedy of Panama. Thousands of innocent people were massacred by the mercenaries of corporate America. Bodies lay strewn for days in the barrios of Panama City, American tanks repeatedly rolled over the bodies of the dead as well as the injured while blocks and blocks of poor neighborhoods were burned. Eyewitness reports of execution after execution of civilians dragged from their cars and riddled with bullets; handcuffed PDF members butchered by US soldiers in front of their comrades by the proud and noble members of the US armed services. Mass graves were hastily constructed, 15 have been found so far; yet only three, two years later, have been exhumed. Labor, political, cultural and university leaders were harassed and arrested and held without bail as the US set about to the restoration of democracy in Panama. Lie after lie from US military spokesmen and our million dollar a year media anchors on the public airwaves are shown. The editor of the newspaper "La Republica" was arrested and held without charge for 18 months and not a word from Ted Koppel or Peter Jennings. Coroners records of the thousands murdered were stolen by members of the Southern Air Command, while hundreds of US military

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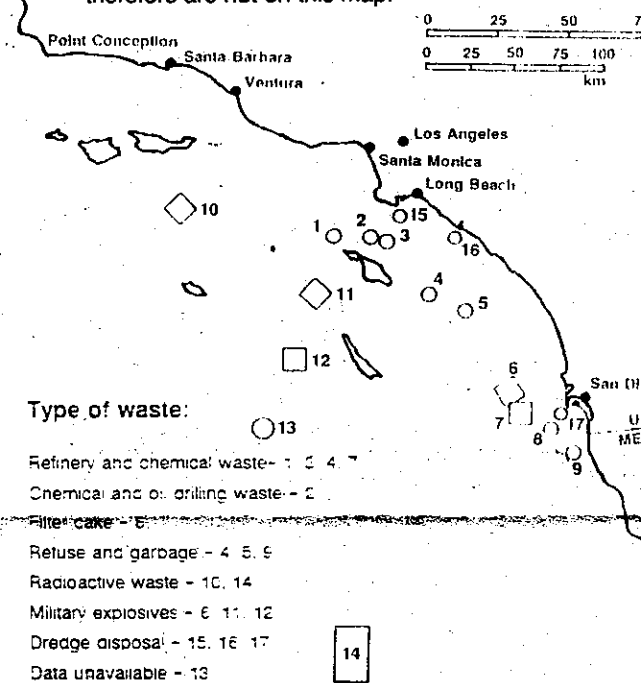
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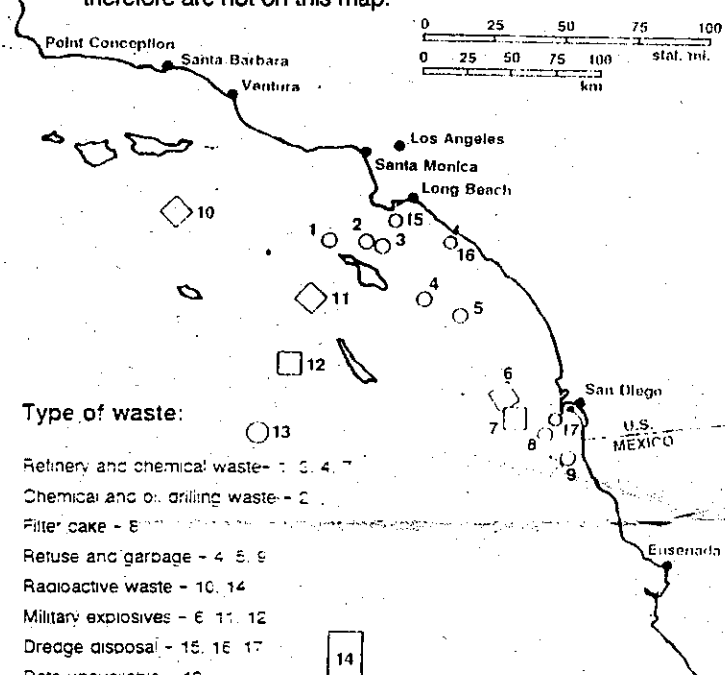
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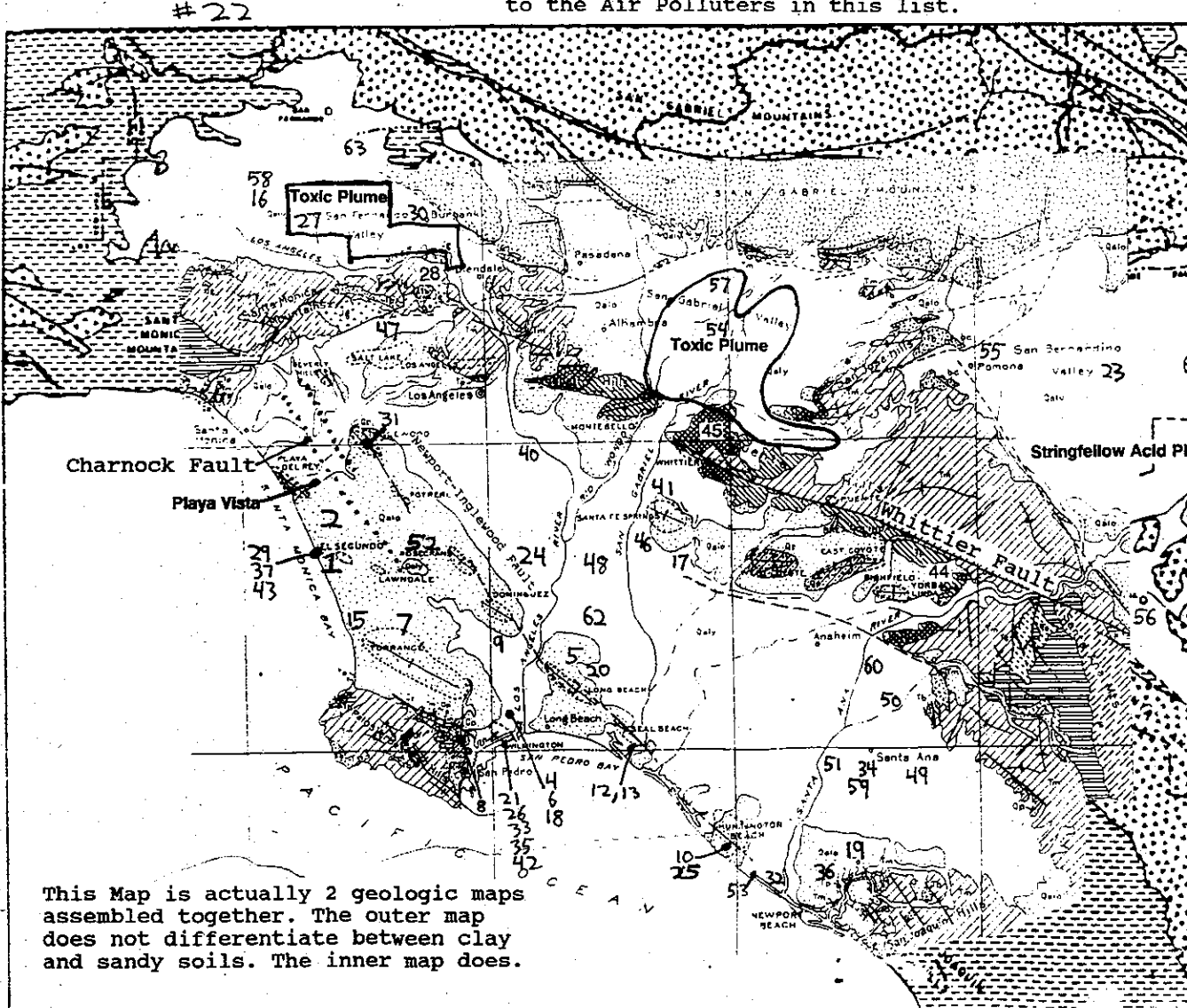
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- #9--Shell refinery, north Carson, 20945 S. Wilmington, 4265 tons a year plus toxic spills.
- #10--Bonanza Aluminum--Huntington Beach, 20101 Golden West St.--4228 tons a year
- #11--Cal Portland Cement, Colton, 695 S. Rancho--3957 tons a year
- #12--SCE Long Beach power plant, 690 Studebaker Rd.--3649 tons a year
- #13--L.A. DWP Long Beach power plant, 6801 Westminster--3607 tons a year
- #14--Norton Air Force Base--San Bernardino--3573 tons a year, plus assorted groundwater contamination
- #15--SCE Redondo power plant, 1100 Harbor Drive--3412 tons a year
- #16--Van Nuys Airport--3365 tons a year
- #17--Golden West refinery--Santa Fe Springs--13539 Foster Road--2954 tons a year
- #18--Shell refinery--Wilmington, 1622 E Sepulveda--2777 tons a year, plus toxic spills
- #19--John Wayne Airport, Orange County--2727 tons a year
- #20--Long Beach Airport--2628 tons a year
- #21--Champlin Petroleum, Wilmington, 2402 E. Anaheim--2620 tons a year
- #22--Sun Oil--Pico Canyon/Santa Clarita, 26835 W. Pico Canyon Blvd.--2337 tons a year
- #23--Ontario International Airport--2138 tons a year
- #24--Goldenhill Wood Products, Lynwood, 2540 Industry--2104 tons a year--mostly TOG and ROG
- #25--Phillips Petroleum--Huntington Beach, 20101 Golden West St.--2013 tons a year.
- #26--Southwest Marine--L.A. Harbor, 985 S. Seaside Ave.--1898 tons a year
- #27--General Motors--Van Nuys, 8000 Van Nuys Blvd.--1888 tons a year, plus solvent spills
- #28--Pacific Energy/Toyon Canyon landfill, Griffith Park--1766 tons a year
- #29--SCE power plant, El Segundo, 301 Vista del Mar--1749 tons a year
- #30--Burbank Airport--1744 tons a year
- #31--Chevron oil field, Baldwin Hills, La Cienega/Stocker and Fairfax avenues--1720 tons a year
- #32--Orange County sewage treatment plant, 22212 Brookhurst St.--1628 tons a year
- #33--Texaco--Long Beach Harbor, 2050 Edison Way--1595 tons a year
- #34--Steelcase inc., Tustin, 1123 Warner Ave.--1467 tons a year
- #35--SCE power plant, Terminal Island, 2655 Seaside Blvd.--1464 tons a year.
- #36--West Newport Oil, Costa Mesa, 1080 W. 17th St.--1404 tons
- #37--Hyperion Sewage treatment plant--1337 tons a year plus huge seafloor toxic blob of heavy metals from 5 and 7 mile offshore sewage pipes.
- #38--Rohr Industries--Riverside, 8200 Arlington--1252 tons
- #39--Riverside Cement, 1500 Roubidoux--1169 tons a year
- #40--Vernon City power plant, 2715 E. 50th St.--1166 tons
- #41--Lewis Industries, Santa Fe Springs, 10035 Geary Ave.--1162 tons a year.
- #42--Shell Oil--L.A. Harbor, berths 167-169--1162 tons
- #43--L.A. DWP power plant--Playa del Rey, 12700 Vista del Mar--1149 tons a year--mostly NOx
- #44--Shell oil--Yorba Linda, 4024 Valley View Ave.--1114 tons a year
- #45--Puente Hills county landfill, 2800 Workman Mill Rd.--1093 tons a year
- #46--Powerline Oil--Santa Fe Springs, 12354 E. Lakeland Rd.--1086 tons a year
- #47--General Foods, Hollywood, 1127 N. Mansfield--1056 tons a year.
- #48--Paramount Petroleum, 14708 Downey--1045 tons
- #49--Tustin US Marine Corps Base--1044 tons a year.
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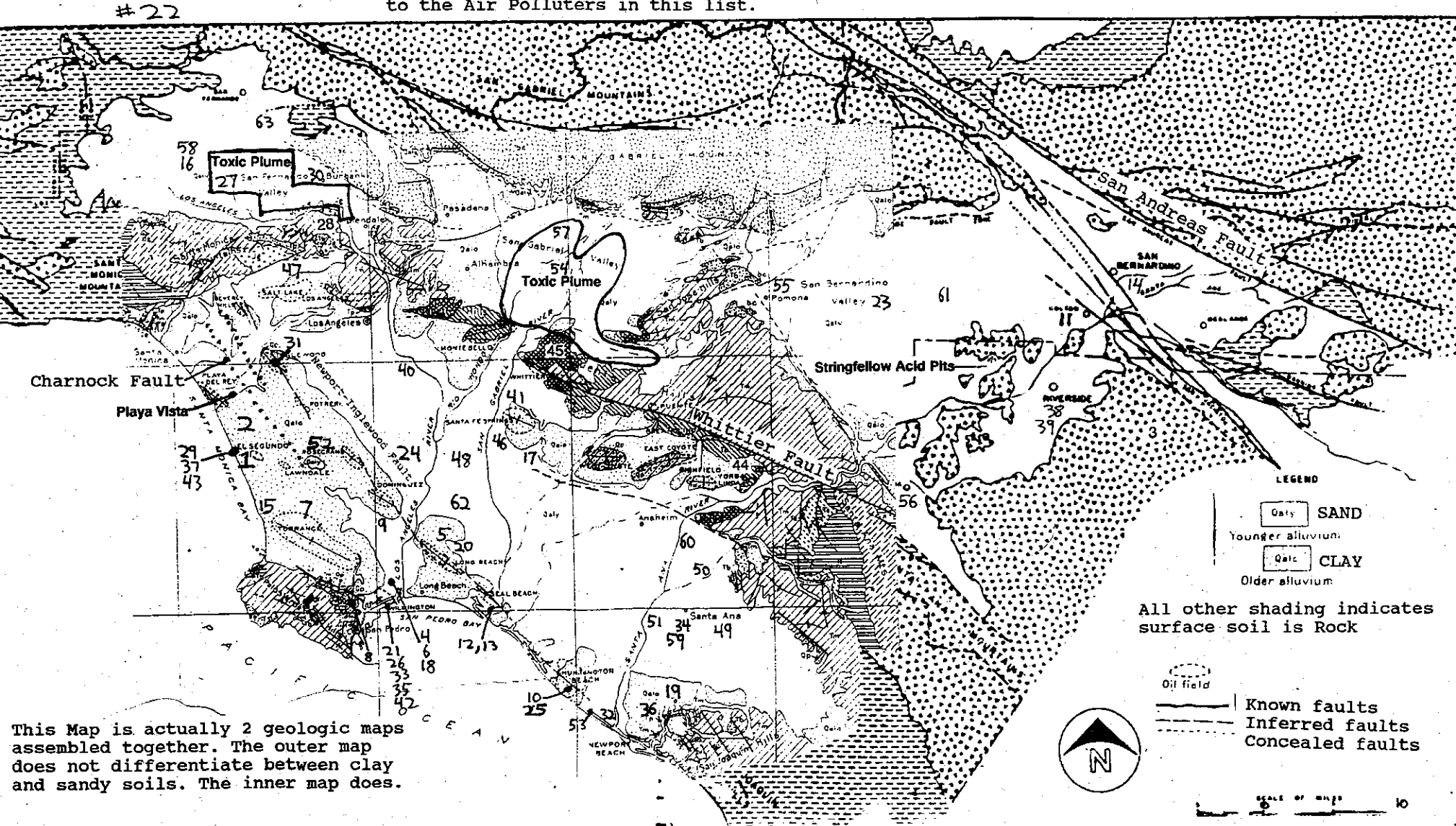
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- #54--Ball Corp--El Monte, 4000 N. Arden Drive--982 tons
- #55--Simpson Paper--Pomona, 100 N. Erie St.--959 tons
- #56--Manville Corp--Corona, 1251 Magnolia--937 tons
- #57--Avery Label--Monrovia, 1616 S. California--873 tons
- #58--Continental Can co--Van Nuys, 8201 Woodley--833 tons a year.
- #59--U.S. Polymeric division--Santa Ana, 700 E. Dyer Rd.--832 tons a year.
- #60--Great Western Carpet Cushion--City of Orange, 2060 Batavia--831 tons a year
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- #63--L.A. DWP power plant--Sun Valley, 9430 San Fernando Rd.--798 tons a year.

Why L.A.'s Shaking...

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The other types of faults go east to west, such as the Malibu-Santa Monica Mountains faults, and the Santa Susana Mountains faults. In these the land on the north side is rising, while land to the south is dropping.

The Landers faults which ripped 20 feet or more in July are not on the adjoining map, but are the next faults to the east of the San Andreas.



The Latest Score is 5 to 4

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of course, discuss the decision of abortion before having one, or, if the woman choose not to discuss it with the father, there may be sound reasons why she would not wish to include him, such as fear of violence or personal harm.

Ladies, stand on your chairs and shout Hallelujah! The Supreme Court has recognized the fact that we are adults. Imagine, being able to make a decision about your future and your needs in complete, legally sanctioned autonomy!

Provided, of course, that you are over 18 (Ouch!) because up until that age you need parental consent (Yikes!) and there will be a required waiting period (Oh No!). So, get down off your chairs and smell the coffee. This is more than the old good news/bad news kind of spread. This is a major tragedy. Why?

Well, in a society that hyper-sexualizes children and teenagers while keeping them ignorant and embarrassed about contraception, in a culture where fewer and fewer people reach the age of majority with their virginity intact, the number of single teenage mothers goes up every year. So, more young women drop out of school and give up their plans for the future, creating further despair and greater economic burden, and you know this tune so well you can sing along with me.

Had the court been truly enlightened, the parental consent clause could have been annulled on the same argument as the spousal consent clause. If you have a good relationship with at least one parent, and you are seventeen years old (or younger) and pregnant, odds are excellent that that is where you will turn for advice and support. But after citing fear of violence from a spouse, how can the court ignore the threat of violence within the family? Have they never heard of a single instance of a woman telling her family she's pregnant and ending up out on the street as payment for her honesty?

The brutal reality of it is that it is the youngest women who have the latest abortions; because they didn't know they were pregnant, or didn't know how far along, or just hoped they were wrong. They are not just scared, they are paralyzed. If your parents are not the type who give advice and support in everyday situations, how could anyone imagine that telling them you're pregnant is going to improve the relationship? Since there is no federal funding to assist (and every teenager has a few hundred in the bank for an emergency, right?) to add to this burden with parental consent and a waiting period is to ensure that young women who are already in anguish will have to suffer even more. But this is the perverse logic of the anti-choice platform. By condemning both abortion AND contraception, the only options on the table are chastity or marriage. Step over that line and you are a bad girl, and you deserve whatever horrible fate awaits you. (Does anyone else notice that there don't seem to be any bad boys in this scenario?)

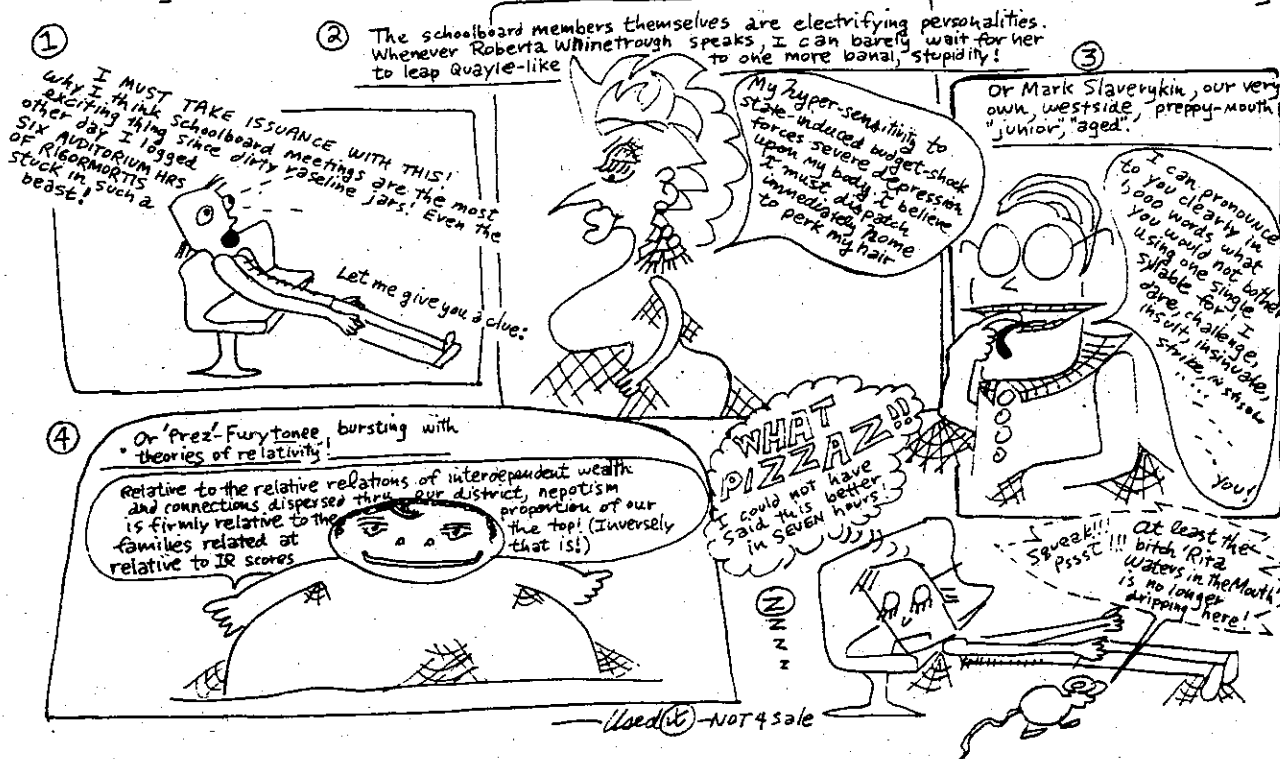
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It's not a victory, but it's not a defeat. It's just another wound in the long battle for women's rights, and one that will hurt for a long time. For many, if not all of us, the issue of abortion is at least as deep as a well, and just as wide as a church door. All we can do is hope that this wound will not be fatal to any of the women whose lives it will touch.

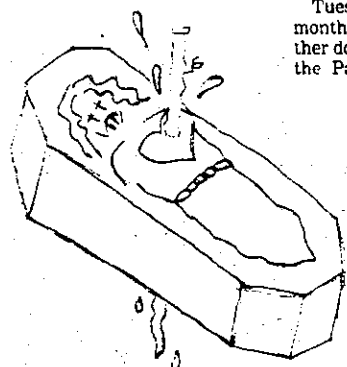
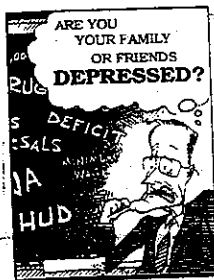
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Concerning: April Beachhead Issue Excerpt; [Zippy the Clown gets excited over how boring are schoolboard meetings.]



CRAMPED?



Marilynn and Dan, Do You Believe?

Marilynn and Dan do you believe
That what you send you will receive,
Or that a shaft of morning light
Will pierce the evil of the night.
That in grisly timeless hours
All the ghosts that you've devoured
Will come to you like little lambs
Frisking in the clover?
Echoed shrieking mothers' cries
When you tossed the poison die.
Will you faint in fear and swoon
At memory of the puncture wounds?
You won't think of Murphy Brown
When Styx's Charon takes you down
Where butchered children will abound
In the place he makes your ground.
And there for an eternity or two at least.
.....chained and bound.

You won't be found.
In the deep you don't sleep
Sleep,
Sleep,
Sleep,
Blood trickles from your nose and feet.
Clank.
Clank.
Clank.

By Kelly Ball

Patriot Missile Kills Exaggerated, Congress Is Told

By MELISSA HEALY
TIMES STAFF WRITER 4-8-92

WASHINGTON—The Patriot missile, a star of the Persian Gulf War that since has been tarnished by criticism, may have destroyed only one of the 90 Scud missiles Iraq fired at Saudi Arabia and Israel, experts told Congress Tuesday.

In testimony before the House Government Operations Committee, the General Accounting Office—the investigative arm of Congress—said that the Army could not adequately document its claims that the Patriot intercepted 80% of the Scuds fired at Saudi Arabia and 50% of those aimed at Israel.

Steve Hildreth, an expert for the Congressional Research Service, added that by the Army's own methodology the Patriot intercepted and destroyed the actual warhead of only a single Scud missile.

Tuesday's hearings, coming after months of controversy, cast further doubt on the vaunted ability of the Patriot to defend troops and

populations against the missiles that are proliferating throughout the Third World. It also raised questions about the Army's ability to investigate the performance of one of its own weapons systems.

Iraq's Scuds were regularly seen exploding in flight after Patriot missiles were shot aloft to intercept them. But independent experts now believe that many of those missiles, which were crudely welded together, actually broke up during flight. In those cases where the Patriots intercepted the Scuds, they regularly failed to hit the warhead, leaving the missile's most deadly component to fall intact to the ground.

Army Maj. Gen. Jay Garner, deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, defended the Patriot on Tuesday, calling it "a terrific success story, tactically, psychologically and politically," which "exceeded our expectations."

But Garner acknowledged that in response to congressional inquiries the Army has lowered its assessments of the Patriot's suc-

cesses. The Patriots were successful against more than 70% of the Scuds Iraq fired at Saudi Arabia during the conflict and more than 40% of those fired at Israel, Garner told the panel.

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), chairman of the subcommittee investigating the Patriot's performance, called on Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to order an independent evaluation of the Army's analysis "by a group that does not have an interest in the outcome."

Conyers said that Cheney has yet to respond.

"In future conflicts, we could unnecessarily endanger soldiers' lives if we deploy the Patriot based on overly optimistic assessments of its capabilities," said Conyers. "If American soldiers think that they can depend on Patriot battalions destroying nine out of 10 enemy missiles, when the actual defense capability may be closer to one out of 50, it would be a disaster. If we know that, but refuse to admit it, then the offense is criminal."

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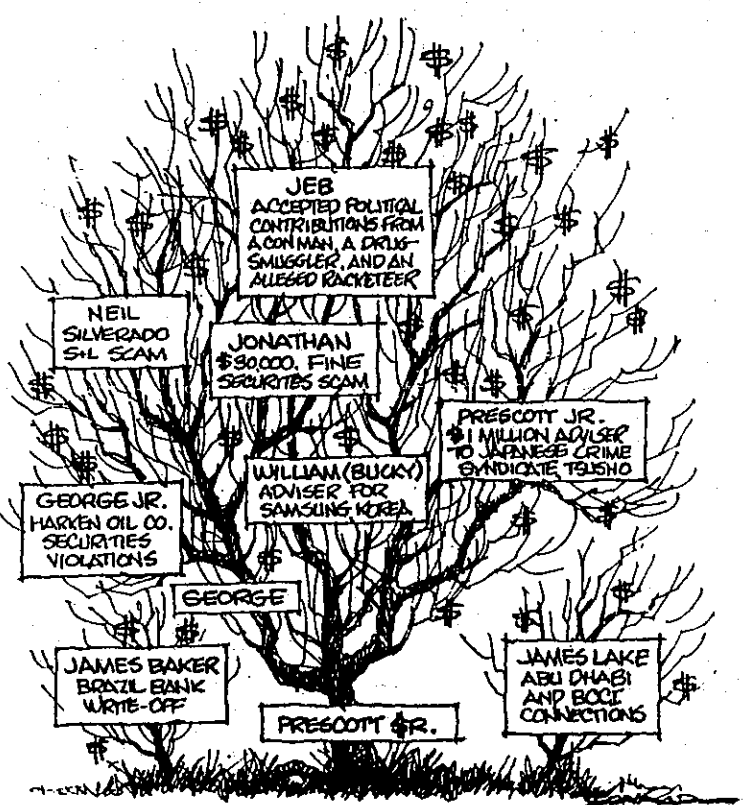
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It's too bad Bowen's hands aren't too soiled either. While the newspapers call her an environmental lawyer, she plays both sides of the issue. She first filed the Venice Town Council's suit against the Marina Place Mall in September 1988. Seven months later she brought a rushed offer of \$12 million from the developers, which was voted down in a stormy 2 hour meeting, the only discussion the membership was allowed. But Bowen and the VTC's president were at that time forming their own private corporation separate of the VTC to help spend developer "mitigation" funds, which is what the \$12 million was offered as. Ex-President Dell Chumley-Morgan expected to one day get \$50,000 a year running the newly created "non-profit" Venice Resources Corporation. Bowen's legal fees are now being paid for the COAST lawsuit from a trust funded by the developer of the Channel Gateway project. Channel Gateway is being renamed, again folks. It's now called Marina Pointe.

Bowen now represents the land baron of Downtown Westchester, Howard Drollinger, and Werner Scharff, who owns major chunks of the Venice ocean front.

Speaking to the homeowners after Conner, Bowen called the lawsuit over the mall "A war...an out and out war." Little did the audience know that Bowen's "war" was much like George Bush's war against Saddam Hussein in which President Bush played both sides.

I had the opportunity to ask Bowen at this public forum what she as an "environmentalist" state politician would do about the biggest, most environmentally devastating project in her district, of course, I mean Playa Vista. Bowen replied, just like her mentor Ruth Galanter said almost 2 years ago at the start of her re-election campaign: "I'm waiting to see what the Environmental Impact Report says." Once Galanter was re-elected the city council began setting up tax-free bond financing for the Playa Vista mega-city, with not a word of Galanter's opposition. I pointed out to Bowen that traffic experts say Playa Vista could bring up to 250,000 more cars to our streets. "Can't you comment on that?" "No", Bowen replied, "I don't know what they are proposing yet". Well surprise surprise! Let's hear it for convenient memory loss! Bowen might succeed as a politician yet. You see, 2 and 1/2 years ago, Feb. 15th, 1990, Bowen wrote a letter to the Argonaut going into detail about how Galanter's negotiations had been the toughest anywhere on Playa Vista and the new version was much superior due to Galanter's "good" works (AKA compromises). But now that Bowen's a candidate she doesn't "know what they're proposing yet." Bowen's a slippery one. What will Bowen do if she's elected? Who knows? Does she deserve your vote? Who knows, compared to the opposition. More on developer dirt in the next issue...



The Family Bush

20 Things We Can Do to Heal L.A.

Solutions the L.A. Establishment won't consider

By Rex Frankel

#1: Send Peter Euberth and his corporate buddies at Rebuild L.A. back to Orange County.

Green L.A.:

- Enact a policy of no more chopping and paving of L.A.'s remaining green spaces. Declare Playa Vista a greenbelt.
- Convert vacant office space to low and moderate income housing.
- Restore all remaining or historical but now dry wetlands.
- Plant a system of urban forests, community gardens and botanical gardens on vacant lots throughout L.A.
- Enforce L.A. City's open space standards, which say the city should have 4 times the parkland acreage it now has just for its existing population. No child should be forced to play in the street.

Fix L.A.:

- Revoke the Chevron refinery's ocean dumping permit.
- Build an arcwide network of green waste composting centers to save landfill space and provide fertilizer for community gardens, etc.
- Build a simple light rail system--no mega subway--radiating out from downtown L.A. in all directions. Spend rest of subway money on electric car research.
- Build a system of bike paths elevated or otherwise separated from streets.
- Moratorium on big developments until neighborhoods are given control of their futures.

Small is Beautiful

- Decentralize the monstrous City of Los Angeles into the 35 distinct communities which make it up--like the City of Venice, City of Watts, City of Wilmington. (This would be a good thing to do across the USA)
- Break up the LA School system and L.A.P.D. and give control to the newly independent cities.
- Spend the "peace dividend" created by federal defense spending cuts on the newly independent cities, and let local voters decide how it's to be spent. More local control will create lasting peace and local empowerment. Small cities make their citizens's votes count. No one's vote now matters to the L.A. City bureaucracy--except big business and their lobbyists.

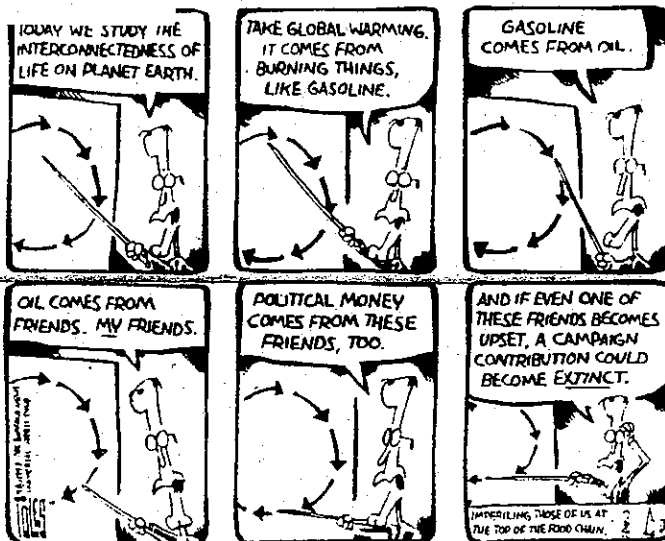
Justice:

- As a way to halt brutality by Police and County Sheriffs, deduct damage settlements from the police pension fund. Make cops self-policing.
- Put all political pay raises to the voters.

Create a level political playing field:

- Require TV and radio stations to give all political candidates equal amounts of free commercials during regular programs at election time, since broadcasters are using public-owned airwaves.
- Ban campaign contributions to politicians from outside of their district.
- Levy a monopoly tax on the L.A. Times.
- Create a network of non-profit neighborhood radio stations, much like Radio Free Venice which was shut down by the feds last year. The Bush administration says radio stations around the country are failing, so he wants to relax monopoly laws to allow big networks to further consolidate their hold on the US broadcast industry. Let's do the opposite.

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15 to 1 by Ku De Ta

(This rather inflammatory and true song was not heard at all during the L.A. Riots or "disturbances". It got a lot of play on MARS-FM last year, but other stations "ignored" it.)

It all began as a high speed chase, through the valley in L.A.
Like a nightmare come to life, under the cover of the night
Out of control, once begun, 15 to 1 a little police fun
Behind a badge and a bear mentality
Serving up a gang of brutality

They rushed Rodney King with a P.D. facial
His color was black so it must of been racial
Cops stepping of in the wrong direction
We're the ones who need protection
It's a fact people gettin' abused
It could have been me or it could have been you
On the door it says "To Protect and Serve"
That's a joke word

They handcuffed him! They threw him to the ground!
They hit him with a taser, even while he was down,
They didn't like the color of his skin,
Said "when we're thru with you, BOY,
See if you come round here again!"
AND THEY HIT HIM AGAIN!!

They're trying to tell us this was an isolated incident,
Do they really think we'll believe this?
Hell NO! I don't think so
And if you do you better check the video,
Cause on the street you gotta roll with wisdom
You can't beat the crooked system
Watch your back, don't play dumb
They're playing the game of 15 to 1

So have you had enough? Or maybe you need some more?
We're the judge and jury, You gotta beg in our court
No one will ever believe you, And we'll be sure to lie.
When it comes down to it, it's your word against mine.

Buildings That Say 'Back Off'

**L.A. Considers Record
Payment in King Suit**

■ **Defensive architecture** proved its worth in the riots, as fortress-like structures fared well. But critics say the trend breeds ugliness and separates the haves and have-nots.

Doubts Cast on Data in Gang Report

■ **Pollution:** Senate GOP leader says legislation easing regulations on L.A.-area refineries would help in riot recovery.

Death Toll From Riots Inflated, Detectives Say

Defense-Oriented Malls

D.A. Videotapes Supporters of Denny Suspects

Poll Links TV Coverage to Unrest

ON-GOING DISTURBANCES

Operation Dessert Pigeon or His Date With Alexander The Great

Georgie Borgia, baited wolf cry,
Kissed the boys and made them die,
Served them up as pigeon pie
At the threshold of our eye.
Do you see this twisted hour
The grave ghoul mistress the nation dowered,
Will this country's heart repent;
For the blood that it's spent?
At the twilight of the lie
The cracking of the alibi.
Do you think the L.A. Riot
Has a thing or two with the cannibal diet?
Murderous Holocaust political pirates
Slavers, merchants, billy-club tyrants,
Covert Contra killer whores,
Cocaine epidemic sores,
The war's been prancing through our doors.
Masses and masses of mass murder
Laced together by the Judas herders
From Viet Nam to Salvador
Give me! Give me! I want more.

By Kelly Ball



KING BEATING TRIAL Tape played of laughing police officer

KEY TESTIMONY

■ Voice that prosecutors contend is that of defendant **Officer Laurence Powell** on the audiotape of a police radio broadcast speaking to a Los Angeles Police Department dispatcher: "Victim of ah... ah... (laughter)..."
Unidentified voice in background: "Beating..."
First voice: "Yeah (laughter). Numerous head wounds. (laughter)."

RIOT

By The Dead Kennedys, from their 1982 album "Plastic Surgery Disasters"

Rioting--The Unbeatable High
Adrenaline shoots your nerves to the sky
Everyone knows this town is gonna blow
And it's all gonna blow right now

Now you can smash all the windows that you want
All you really need are some friends and a rock
Throwing a brick never felt so damn good
~~Smash more glass~~
Scream with a laugh
And wallow with the crowds
Watch them kicking peoples ass

But you get to the place
where the real slavedrivers live
It's walled off by the riot squad
Aiming shotguns at your head
So you turn right around
And play right into their hands
And set your own neighborhood
Burning to the ground instead

(chorus)
Riot--the unbeatable high
Riot--shoots your nerves to the sky
Riot--playing right into their hands
Tomorrow you're homeless
Tonight it's a blast!

Get your kicks in quick
They're calling the National Guard
Now could be your only chance
To torch a police car

Climb the roof, Kick the siren in
And jump and yelp for joy
Quickly dive back in the crowd
Run away now don't get caught

Let's loot the spiffy hi-fi store
Grab as much as you can hold
Pray your full arms don't fall off
Here comes the owner with a gun

(chorus)

The barricades spring up from nowhere
Cops in helmets line the lines
Shotguns prod into your bellies
The trigger fingers want an excuse

Now
The raging mob has lost its nerve
There's more of us but who goes first
No one dares to cross the line
The cops know that they've won

It's all over but not quite
The pigs have just begun to fight
They club your heads, kick your teeth
POLICE CAN RIOT ALL THAT THEY PLEASE!!

Riot--the unbeatable high
Riot--shoots your nerves to the sky
Riot--Playing right into their hands
Tomorrow you're homeless
Tonight it's a blast!

L.A.P.D. To PROTECT AND SERVE



L.A.P.D.

(to the tune of The Doors' "L.A. Woman")
By Mark Giacomelli (c) 1991

Driving past a donut shot an hour ago
Seen a bunch of police men through the window
With their sick jokes on the police radio
They were knocking out a negroe
Punching out his lights
It's just another routine, y'all
Killing tonight
Killing tonight

(chorus)
L.A.P.D.
L.A.P.D.
L.A.P.D. coming after you!
L.A.P.D. coming after you!
Run from the killers...
Dressed in blue
Dressed in blue
Dressed in blue, blue, blue
Ohhh, Yaahhh!

Police sadists, brutal madness
Gas chambers, nazi gladness
With their sick jokes on the police radio
They were knocking out a negroe
Punching out his lights
It's just another routine, y'all
Killing tonight
Killing tonight.

Ohhh, yaaahhh!!!

I see your head is broken,
Swelling getting higher
If they say they never clubbed you,
You know they are a liar!

Sitting in your jail cell,
Nazi jailers roam,
~~Scraped and scarred,~~
Behind bars,
Rats chewing all night
On your toe,
In the hole,
Can't go home, home, home,
Ohhh, nooooohhhh!!!

(chorus)
L.A.P.D.
L.A.P.D....

Burn it down for Rodney!
Gonna riot for Rodney!
Gonna riot, Rodney!
Riot! Rodney!
Go, Rodney, Rodney!

I said WOW, BANG, DAMN!
YEAH!

Drivin' past a donut shop an hour ago,
Seen a bunch of police men through the window,
With their sick jokes on the police radio,
They were knocking out a negroe,
Punching out his lights,
It's just another routine, y'all
Killing tonight,
Killing tonight.

(Chorus)
L.A.P.D.
L.A.P.D.
L.A.P.D. coming after you...

