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Shades for the Millenium

The Dinosaurs of Change
More Tar pits, By Kelly Ball

The community of Venice is about to get a quick kick in the butt courtesy of Ruth Galanter and Steve Blanchard at the corner of Sunset and Ocean Front Walk. The largest commercial proposal ever presented for the boardwalk has been approved in secret city council session says Steve Schlein of the Venice North Beach Coalition. It would comprise 21,000+ square feet of office space and numerous retail/fast food establishments, as well as a two level garage for 150 cars below the three story building.

The project was originally okayed when the zoning administrator of the city planning department failed to act on the original application in a years time and Blanchard was able to win approval under the Permit Streamlining Act on the advice of the city attorney, that he could sue the city for missing the deadline. At that point the Coalition made an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals that the project did not meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and the project had been approved without its consideration or any public input what-so-ever. The state attorney's office stepped in and also advised the review board that the project still had to fulfill the Coastal Protection Act requirements; the appeal was granted and the project was returned to the City Planning department to re-process along normal procedural lines. In the meantime, Blanchard applied to the State Coastal Commission, for their needed permission to build his mall on the strength of the original approval of Jim Crisp, a zoning administrator with the City Planning department. Crisp, upon questioning from Schlein, claimed at first that he was not aware of the Permit Streamlining Act and that indeed, no one in his whole office had ever heard

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Mark & Brian and Kevin & Bean and Howard



or Radio Roulette,

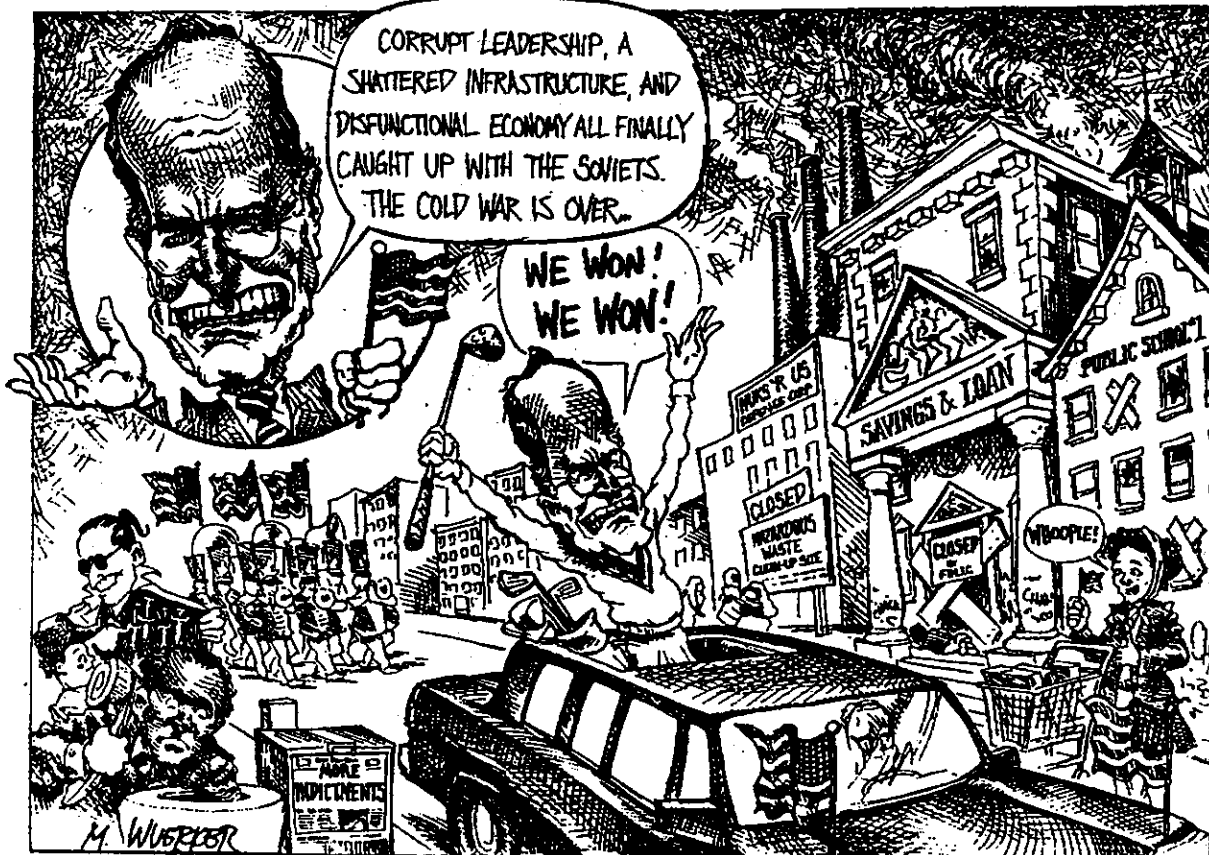
PART ONE
by Judith L. Martin



I used to love to wake up in the morning, turn on the radio and listen to rock and roll. The bright sound, the bouncy beat, the sweet strains of guitars were just delightful. Waking up to a tune like "Brown Eyed Girl" or "Woodstock" assured that I would put both feet on the floor and dance my way towards the coffee pot. Rock and roll used to be a major ingredient in my recipe for a good morning. There even used to be a station (was it the mighty KMET ?) that had a morning feature called Bruce Juice; at about 7:45 A.M., they would play a Springsteen song. Something tasty to enjoy with your breakfast. But listening to the popular rock and roll stations in the morning these days is anything but tasty. Or even lasteful. Or even tolerable.

Years ago, I gave up on KLUS, the music on the station being only a backdrop for the Mark and Brian show. I know that Mark and Brian have millions of loyal listeners - What I don't know is why. Then, I had to give up on KROQ when they gave their morning time slot to Kevin and Bean. Although they play slightly more, and much newer, music Kevin and Bean are basically just a couple of Mark and Brian clones, favoring the same kind of 8th-grade-boys-bathroom kind of jokes. Since all that sex and scatology worked so well for 95.5, why shouldn't it give 106.7 a kick in the Arbitron ratings ?

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Memo to the Democratzzz...

By Delia Hitz

Subject: Terror, Boredom and the Death of the Party

Any commitment to finding and speaking the truth about the nature and practices of the U.S. government involves an acquaintance with Terror. Terror arrives, knocking at your door, dressed in a business suit, mocking and polite, with the face of Freddy Krueger. It grasps your hand with a cold touch, and thereafter its pallid, pungent odor wafts with familiarity from between lines of newsprint, hovers above a homeless man collapsed outside Security Pacific, tainting the suggestions of your mind with the suspicion of Terror. Terror is the vocabulary of the industrial police state, and along with Terror come Nausea and Boredom.

To be politically aware is to know well the relationship between Terror, Nausea and Boredom. At the Democratic National Committee meeting on September 21st at the downtown L.A. Biltmore Hotel, Terror, Nausea and Boredom were honored guests. As Saul Bellow has written, "Boredom is an instrument of social control...the power to impose boredom is to command stasis, to combine stasis with anguish...real tedium, deep tedium, seasoned with terror and with death." Anyone familiar with AA methodology and addictions, with the psychological mechanics of denial and repression, with the hell that comes with self-deception knows that lying and boredom are sado-masochistic bedfellows. The Democratzzz have been lying for so long they are bedridden, sickened by their cowardice and deception. Their intestines have rotted, their brains have liquified in a putrid soup of rotted synapses and their groping hands try futilely to mop up the mess with forlorn shreds of the Constitution. They've waltzed for too long with the rich, fascist thugs that rule this country and the world through terror, militarism and assassination, and INSTEAD OF STANDING UP AND SPEAKING OUT, they're rolling over in cowardice and fear to get it one more time. Sheer terror. Sheer boredom - numbness. It's so scary! Maybe this is the meaning of the idea "the contradictions of capitalism" - a senseless refusal to honor the truth and the sickness that results.

September 21st: The Democratic National Committee Meeting at the Biltmore

We had marched into the Biltmore not knowing what to expect. We had notified activists all across town, newspapers and talk radio, and Democratic club members that the Democratic Committee Meeting was holding its last public meeting before the July '92 convention, and we wanted to bring out the "dissident Democratic" element to greet them. We wanted to publicly denounce them, to shame them, to demand they address the domination of U.S. foreign policy by the intelligence community, the decrepitude of Congress in its endless failed investigations, drugs for arms deals by the Executive with the permission of Congress, FEMA, war crimes, assassinations etc. Maybe we would talk with Presidential candidates, maybe there would be some kind of disruption or demonstration. Please, let's at least talk about it.

HA! Not a chance! Our dissident political friends were scornful of our attempts to associate with the Democratic Party - they'd rather go surfing or do laundry. And the Democratzzz themselves were insulted that we'd pick on them instead of Republicans. Besides, most of them don't know anything about cocaine politics and so on anyway.

Going into the Biltmore was like getting lost in an expensive department store or an aerospace corporation's headquarters - a lot of shit being sold in a high security atmosphere laced with doses of boredom, nausea and terror. Unless you were a DNC member or press, your green "guest" badge got you shuttled straight down to the basement by polite, suspicious Democratzzz where you could watch the candidates' speeches on closed circuit t.v. They had coffee for us but no cups, and a stack of booklets on the Bill of Rights. Thanks, guys. No agenda. We found out there was to be a "Progressive Caucus" that afternoon and set about advertising that fact with some signs and flyers. The zombification in the basement was tangible. You couldn't tell who was under mind control and who knew how rotten the Dems are. People sat silently on the carpeted floor staring at the t.v. monitors. The only interesting speech was Jerry Brown's, who spoke with heart and made historical references. He

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The Beachhead Collective this issue included:
Kelly Ball, Mark Giacomelli, Rex Frankel,
Judith L. Martin, Della Hitz and God.

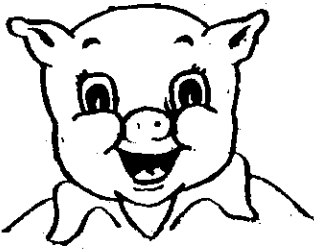
Da-da-dee-da-da-dee
Dear Venice Ba-ba-bee-ba-ba-bee
BeachHead,

I am da-da-deeply offended ba-by
your ca-ca-crude ca-comparison of
the L.A.P.D. and
pa-pa-pee-pa-pa-pee-pigs.

In the interest of da-da-decent,
well meaning pigs everywhere, I
da-da-dee-da-da-dee-da-demand that
you ap-pa-pee-ap-pa-pee--
say you're sorry!

Sincerely,

ma-ma-mee-ma-ma-mee
Mr. Pig



Radio...from Page 1

Well, to my way of thinking, it wasn't funny to begin with, and I was listening for the Music (remember the tunes, folks?). If listening to two people narrating something as entertaining as pissing their pants is a sample of what you consider wit, you are welcome to it.

But now, taking away my last major refuge for rock and roll on the FM in the AM, there is a human blight named Howard Stern on KLSX. Paying major bucks to syndicate this slop out of New York, KLSX noted that during the first week, 80 % of the calls about the change in the morning programming were negative. But the good news, or so they presented it as such, is that in the second week, only 50 % of the phone calls were negative! Does this mean that 30 % of the people changed their minds, and decided that Howard was really an ok guy? I doubt it. Guess what KLSX - they just tuned you out. I'm sure that, like myself, a lot of people just hit the radio button without ever reaching for the touch-tone phone to tell you what they thought and why.

From Mark and Brian and Kevin and Bean, you get a fairly benign commentary, the usual sniggering jokes about masturbation and dating, the obvious celebrity gossip, maybe the occasional rock star in for an interview or some kind of road trip stunt. From Howard, you get sneering verbal assaults about how stupid and ugly minorities are, dosed with a tremendous amount of gay bashing and rape jokes. If the Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum school of radio comedy can be compared to the junior high school bathroom graffiti, Howard Stern is a zealously bigoted frat boy out on an ugly drunk. I thought Mark and Brian were tacky for pretending to piss their pants? Howard talks about giving himself enemas on the air, complete with sound effects. And what about the music? I don't know - I've never been able to listen to Howard long enough to hear one. I don't know if they play music at all. Perhaps I just have a

low threshold for disgust. The boys clubs are just annoying. Howard is revolting. It's just so boring, to turn on the radio in the morning and hear allegedly adult men guffawing and snorting over fart jokes on three different stations. These days, when I want some rock and roll in the morning, I pick out a tape. Maybe some Bruce.

Writing the Beachhead By Kelly Ball

The Beachhead is looking for a few good articles! We publish material of both general and not so general interest to the Venice community on a more or less monthly basis. We are interested in a wide range of political, social, cultural and spiritual issues that we might share and act with one another. Our format allows about 600 words per column and we do our best to publish submissions from mere paragraphs in length to two or three columns. We occasionally publish longer articles. Please feel free to drop by to read your material and poetry. Guests get first floor.

There are certain guidelines we follow in accepting or rejecting an article. Hateful lies are generally out, especially if they're boring. Just last month we received an M.S. from George Walker Bush entitled "How to Clean Bloodstains from Your Teeth." Well we weren't really sure exactly which George Bush this was, that is until we noticed that it was a reprint from "The Barbara Borgia Compendium of Banister Sliding and Greased Doorknobs: All the Details," subtitled "A Machiavellian Classic." Then we knew it was from the nation's favorite user couple of the American Dream, Mr. and Mrs. George Bush of the great state of Texas. We didn't know at first how to handle this submission that appeared suddenly on Diane's coffee table one night while she was sleeping. Somehow even from the beginning this didn't exactly seem up our or our readers alley. In the interest of free speech we did decide to pursue it further. I must admit this little bugger of an article was just chocked full of information. However when he got to comparing the relative stain value of five year old Panamanian girls that you've murdered directly to thirteen year old Iranian boys that you've gassed and butchered on the field of battle, indirectly through international intrigues; well that's when most of our collective members turned varying shades of green and rejected this article for publication. It was too vulgar even for the Beachhead.

For the macbrely curious however, according to George there really is not that much difference and he allowed at the end of this section that this was a bit of an intellectual indulgence on his part. He does have the nation's ethnic weapons research center looking into it further though. He did include a few good quotes from Dr. Henry Kissinger on flossing and drew liberally from what by now is certainly an American political cult classic "Renaming: Pros and Cons" by Richard Milhouse Nixon. (You know, the one that came with the attached warning: "Warning the words pro and con do not necessarily denote a set of opposites.") He promised to deliver next month "The Joys of Germ Warfare." Please don't bother.

Another article that we ultimately rejected was the outline for a screenplay called Constitution Psycho. It described the course of a fictitious perverted nation that carried around for years a dead and grossly mummified document, its constitution, a veritable mother of a constitution, while insisting it was still somehow alive. It wandered around the world half-crazed butchering people in other countries in the name of this dead mummified document in the most hideous and surprising ways. The theme sounded vaguely familiar, and we decided that its topic was better covered in shorter articles, so we axed it.

Not to sound too negative, though, we do print odd bits and pieces. Following for example is the forward of the 1937 yearbook of the Southern California Military Academy, a private military grammar and high school, formerly located in Signal Hill, California.

FOREWORD

Since first civilization reared its head man has been but a puppet moved by strings from whence he knows not, to actions he does not understand, toward a destination hidden from him. We, who have moved for our brief hour across this stage, present this book for your consideration.



Writing the Beachhead



A rather melancholy assessment of human destiny, wouldn't you say. We choose to reprint this in the awareness that the breeding of young males for cannon-fodder is not exactly one of humanity's better traits. It seems to be the male counterpart of rape committed against younger males, and we thought that might interest you. Especially since the re-instatement of military draft registration, the primitive pre-sodomy initiation rite that young men in this country are still forced to go through; one-third of the American soldiers that were recently butchered in the Mid-East and Panama for the price of oil and cocaine were murdered by their own slovenly sons-of-bitch, oh so expensive, so-called "professional" army and Pentagon perverts that makes one just want to goddamn jump up and sign on; We thought we'd run this. There--does that help out?

Please send your submission to the Beachhead at 407 Broadway Avenue, in Venice, California, 90291, or call for information 399-0584, for meeting times. We are a democratic collective, each member is an editor with an equal say, one member serves each month as coordinator, we are largely self-financed, consensus is often if not always achieved after generally vigorous group discussion.



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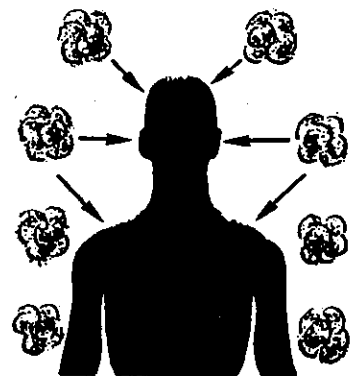
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Ethnic Weapons

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ETHNIC WEAPONS

Although the study of drug metabolizing enzymes is only beginning, observed variations in drug response have pointed to the possibility of great innate differences in vulnerability to chemical agents between different populations.

A series of enzyme inhibitors and chemically active substances interfering with signal transmission in the brain and spinal cord have been intensely studied since the early fifties. Many of these substances have a colorful prehistory saturated with tribal sorcery.

The incapacitant known as BZ derives from a drug which before its present renaissance as lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) caused epidemic outbreaks of Saint Anthony's fire in the Dark Ages. With diuran-like compounds, BZ shares the capacity to produce transient toxic psychosis, sometimes compared to schizophrenia.

Search Continues

Surrounded with clouds of secrecy, a systematic search for new incapacitating agents is going on in many

laboratories. The general idea, as discussed in open literature, was originally that of minimal destruction. Psychochemicals would make it possible to paralyze temporarily entire population centers without damage to homes and other structures. In addition, with the small quantities required for full effect of modern incapacitating agents, logistics problems would be minute. The effective dose of BZ-type agents amounts to micrograms.

It is quite possible to use incapacitating agents over the entire range of offensive operations, from covert activities to mass destruction. One fairly obvious offensive preparation is protection of the country's own personnel by tolerance-building. This is where enzymatic response to psychochemicals enters the scene. Exposure to drugs or to molecules of almost identical composition is known to produce, with varying degrees of accuracy, resistance to the toxic effect at repeated exposure. As this is a known and thoroughly discussed procedure, concealment of large-scale preparations of this type probably would be difficult if not wholly impossible.

REVOLTING DEVELOPMENTS

By Rex Frankel

Much of this year, this activist has eagerly awaited the release of the massive Playa Vista project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the first step in the city approval process. They now say it might be out at the end of this year, but maybe not. Trying to predict its release is like predicting the weather. You might as well wait 'til it happens.

The recession has had a profound effect on developers this year, but the media only quotes the down side. A recent article in the L.A. Reader lamented on how "The Recession Hits the Environment", and how some big ecology groups aren't doing as well now because corporate charity giving is down. Meanwhile, an editorial in the Argonaut begged readers to support Playa Vista, or else it could fail and become something like-horror of horrors!-Pacoima.

I disagree with both perspectives, for, down here in the dirt of the ecology movement, at the front lines and through many hours of public hearings struggling to get 5 minutes in only to lose as usual before the politicians, I can only rejoice when I hear developers complain in the newspaper "we can't find financing for what we want to build" (as Channel Gateway's owner Jerry Snyder said of his high-rise condo towers.) Of the big 6 developments I've reported on in the Beachhead these last 4 years, only two-the 3.1 million square feet of offices Howard Hughes Center and the 2 million square foot Channel Gateway (mostly residential) have even a fraction of their projects built.

To the south, both LAX Northside and Continental City are dead in the water. As the August 9th Westchester News reported, nothing is happening at the 4 1/2 million square foot LAX Northside until 1994. And Continental City is merely a big hole in the ground, it's 3.1 million square feet of office towers a financial mirage. Located alongside the LAX south runway, it's always seemed like a tempting target for an airplane crash. According to the latest vacancy reports, the office market around LAX and Continental City is over 33% vacant. Further south, the South Bay is a graveyard of "FOR LEASE" signs, so bad I've noticed they don't even report the vacancy in the newspapers.

But while developers are unhappy, preservationists are winning. In the last few months in at least 4 cases, the cause of saving land from development for parkland has succeeded due to the recession. Because it's not just that developers can't find the investment dollars to build. Rather it's that before the recession, many borrowed millions on their land from Savings & Loans, and then both they and the S & L have gone bankrupt. Since we taxpayers now own many S & L's, the opportunity exists for the taxpayers to foreclose on these bankrupt speculators and create parkland.

And so, a state of California agency called the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has purchased or is about to takeover the 320 acre Paramount Ranch, formerly site of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire, the 1500 acre Eastport/Tucker Land parcel north of Mandeville Canyon; the Montevideo Country Club site in upper Topanga Canyon, and the 230 acre LinFin property in Thousand Oaks south of the 101/230 freeway interchange.

Another plus to the environment is that with the glut of housing and office space, not as many redwoods in Northern California will fall, as little building is occurring.

Junk Bonds for Playa Vista?

Seeming as if Summa Corp. still owned City Hall, following 15 whole seconds of deliberation, no public comments allowed and a 10 to 0 vote last August 27th., the L.A. City Council approved potential tax-exempt financing for roads, sewage treatment, recycling centers and parks in the 957 acre Playa Vista project. Councilwoman Galanter was absent, ironically at an Eco conference in Canada. Various council members then left, allowing the council to adjourn for lack of quorum before their last item--Public comments. Galanter's press secretary, Rick Ruiz, preferred to be rude to me and refused to comment.

Just 5 months ago, Galanter's re-election literature said "She's Fighting Playa Vista." I ask now, what part is she fighting anymore?

The Council agreed to let Maguire-Thomas Partners deduct their startup costs from tax-exempt "Mello-Roos" bonds sold to investors, if the bonds are eventually approved by the city. (A friend suggested this is really a kind of a "Mellow Ruse", judging from how little press coverage the issue is getting.) The bonds would be repaid by a special tax levied on future property owners in Playa Vista. The council's action does not obligate the city to OK issuing the bonds, though. But it does indicate that Maguire-Thomas needs government intervention to get financial backers to pay for the infrastructure, which is normally the first phase of any real estate project. This may indicate that the developers aren't in the rosy financial health their P.R. people project.

I asked Rubell Helgeson of Galanter's office if the developer can also fund much of the residential development this way as the huge Channel Gateway did. That tax-exempt bond issue is building 520 apartments, 20% of which will be rented to low-or mid income people. But that's giving cheap financing to the other 80% luxury top-dollar units, too. Helgeson says she doesn't think Maguire-Thomas will use this financing method. There is, however, nothing preventing them from applying for it. Therefore, a great deal of the financial risk on the developer of Playa Vista under current laws could be assumed by tax-exempt bondholders.

Yet unknown is who could buy these bonds, would they trade like municipal bonds or "junk bonds"? And could a small developer get that same kind of financing?

This tax also has its pitfalls, as a recent ad in the L.A. Times real estate section said pointedly to prospective home buyers of a Thousand Oaks project. It said "Not a Mello-Roos Assessment District". Why? Because buyers can't afford the high taxes the bonds cause especially for things that the developer should be paying for.

Galanter's aide Rubell Helgeson defended this latest approval saying "at least the citizens of L.A. won't be paying for (Playa Vista's) infrastructure." But why would the public pay for a private development, anyway? The city is not yet obligated to pay for anything, for the city council could reject the whole Playa Vista project, and send it back to the drawing board. But this approval also raises a key public policy issue: aren't there other parts of town more in need of economic assistance than this pork-barrel max-out development, except that it's headed up by Nelson Rising, the former campaign manager to Mayor Bradley?

WHO'S TO BLAME FOR HOMELESSNESS? DEVELOPERS OR ECOLOGISTS OR CITY HALL?

The so-called housing shortage has been a popular subject for Mayor Bradley and the L.A. Times lately, who in several front page articles blamed the environmental, slow growth movement for this "shortage". It's another example of the Times creating divisiveness where there is none, and dumping the blame on someone other than the real culprit, our 20-year Mayor Bradley himself! One article featured Playa Vista's Nelson Rising sounding Oh so sincere saying Downtown L.A. needs housing badly. His company, of course, has just built a 73 story and a 52 story skyscraper downtown with no housing at all in them. And this is the same bait and switch trick Rising uses at the "community" meetings he's held to "plan" Playa Vista. He says opponents to his 2 Century City-sized Playa Vista are NIMBY's, a media code word for selfish or racist. He's said his project won't be "elitist", his word for the low density neighborhoods that surround his project, but rather an "ungated" 3 to 6 story apartment and condo-only community, which he says is not really that dense. Of course, the last project he developed was a gated and guarded 5000 acre rich-folks-only community in South Orange County called Coto de Caza. It was not dense at all, about 1 home per acre. Of course, Playa Vista will be 12 times as dense. And of course, when Rising complains that we have a NIMBY attitude, he does so from his extremely spacious mansion neighborhood in La Canada/Flintridge, so his doubletalk means nothing.

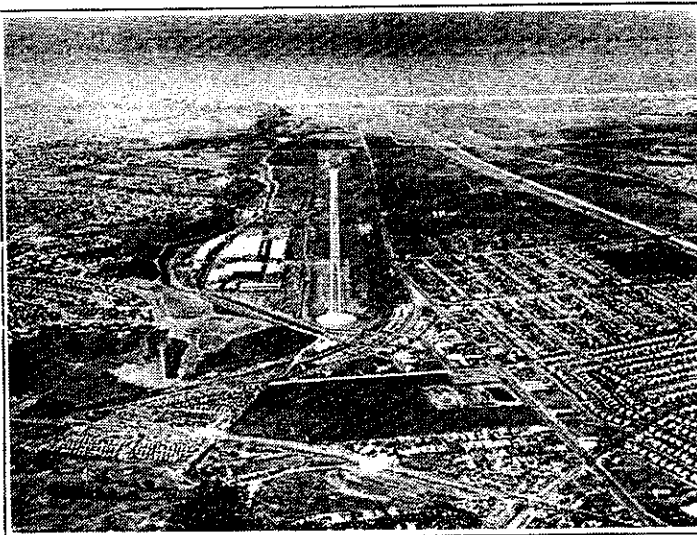
As it turns out, the City has finally figured out that vacant office buildings can be converted to housing, erasing the need for more buildings in today's glutted market, (as suggested by yours truly in the November 1990 Beachhead). The Council just spent \$4 million on this in August. Let's see more of this, and leave our vacant unpaved land alone!

FRONT MEN REVEALED

Speaking of doubletalking developers, the truth about both Playa Vista and Channel Gateway was revealed last month. It seems that "nice-guy" developers Jerry Snyder and Nelson Rising are more like front men for the former owners of their projects, who gave thousands of dollars to our city officials only 4 years ago. Councilwoman Galanter said during her re-election debates that "I chased Summa out of town". She boasted of stopping Senator Allan Robbins massive Admiralty Place project, which outgoing councilwoman Pat Russell gave a ridiculous upzoning to in her last month in office. Ruth said she kicked Robbins out, and brought in nice guy Jerry Snyder. But Galanter forgot to reduce the size of the project at all, instead, she "convinced" Snyder to convert the 2.1 million square feet of offices and retail into over 1000 condos and apartments and only 315,000 square feet of offices. The city would also help out by floating \$68 million in tax exempt bonds to pay for building all 520 apartments, a grand total of 20% that would be "affordable" to non well-off folks. This phase of Channel Gateway, as it turns out, is the only one rising now, because developer Snyder can't find the money to build the rest of the offices and hi-rise condos. Admittedly, the Gateway will create less traffic than "it could have" as Galanter likes to say, but the visual blight is still numbing. The project will still be a solid wall of concrete, the lowest roof 6 stories above Lincoln Blvd. The rest two 16-story towers.

Showing the problems in their industry, Senator Robbins' real estate holding company has gone bankrupt, owing money to a bank tied to the BCCI. But most interesting, newspaper articles revealed that while Robbins sold the Channel Gateway site to Snyder for \$45 million, Robbins still owns over \$15 million of Snyder's holding. Therefore, Robbins didn't sell out, but kept what seems like a 1/3rd interest!

Overhead photo from 1953



Development frustrations at Playa Vista...

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wide, notably in Orange County. "It's hard to say whether they (bonds) will be a critical ingredient in our financing or if they may be one of several devices used to finance infrastructure," said Rising, who added that the bonds will not increase local taxes.

Community activist Rex Frankel, a longtime foe of the Playa Vista project, argued that:

'One by one the various obstacles seem to be overcome.'
— Nelson Rising

the city should not be helping "big, fat Westside projects" to finance anything. "Playa Vista is unpaved, it should stay that way. We need the open space," Frankel says.

snoopin' around

Playa Vista needs our support

BY DAVID ASPER JOHNSON

The time has come for all thinking folks to stand up and help push the Playa Vista project forward.

If we don't, we're liable to end up with a new community that looks more like Pacoima than what is presently envisioned for Playa Vista.

We start with the concept that we'd rather see a Playa Vista than a Pacoima developed in the currently undeveloped area between the Marina and Westchester.

Playa Vista officials Nelson Rising and Doug Gardner of Maguire-Thomas Partners (Summa Corporation's successor) are being very "politically correct" in their response to our concerns and the concerns of a growing number of local leaders that with all the pressures now facing the developers, Playa Vista may never get built as the plan that is now envisioned.

For starters, there are enormous

vice president and head of the company's property management group, would offer the press no timetable for development.

After the formal press conference, we pressed LeSage into more details about that timetable.

"Oh, we won't do it all at once. It might take as long as 15 years to build it out," we remember LeSage telling us.

A lot of water has passed under the Ballona Creek bridge since that April day 12 years ago. A lot of neighbors, officials and developer representatives have worked hard to improve on that original plan and certainly the proposal now offered is far better than that which LeSage was offering in 1979.

But there are still years of work ahead if the current Playa Vista plan is to progress to fruition.

For starters, there are enormous

The same is true for "friendly" front man Nelson Rising at Maguire-Thomas, the new "owners" of Playa Vista. During hearings in September by the Coastal Commission for Maguire-Thomas' wetlands "restoration", the staff report said Maguire-Thomas had "purchased" the project from nasty old Summa Corporation. The day of the hearing, however, a revised staff report was handed out, correcting this and saying they had only "acquired management control" of the project, not actually purchased it. But one year ago, in a scathing letter attacking me in the Outlook, a deputy to Councilwoman Galanter claimed Maguire-Thomas had paid in the 9 or 10 figures for the land, (between \$100 million and \$10 billion) and that's why they could not reduce their density or provide more parkland. Now this appears to be false. It seems we're now dealing with a bunch of front men for the sneaky developers who ripped us off 4 years ago. The fact that the Councilwoman's office is blind to it can be easily explained when one sees who financed her re-election campaign.

GALANTER'S VICTORY FUNDED BY DEVELOPERS

Ruth Galanter wrote letters to most area newspapers gloating last July about having vindicated claims that she sold out to developers. The fawning reporters at the Outlook, L.A. Times etc. reprinted her claims that no controversial developers in her district gave to her campaign. Folks, this is pure Bullshit! What follows is a list of Ruth's "uncontroversial" contributors for this year. You decide:

POLLUTERS AND THEIR P.R. FIRMS

- \$1000 from BFI, owners of the ever expanding Sunshine Canyon landfill. \$1000 from the Wessell Co. and \$900 from Handelman and Katherman, lobbyists for BFI. The Wessell co. helped defeat Orange County's slow growth initiative in 1988.
- \$500--an Occidental Petroleum Vice President.
- \$500--Arco-oil co.
- \$500--Kaiser International--major polluter in L.A. Harbor
- \$500--Waste Management of N. America
- \$500--BKK--operates landfills and toxic sites

BIG L.A. DEVELOPERS

- \$500 each from builders of the new Central City West mega-project: S & P co., Smith and Hrick and PC Crown Hill.
- \$500 each from the Pacific Atlas project, First Street North, Forest City Enterprises, Yellin Co. and the Central City PAC.
- Associates of the Porter Ranch mega project in the Valley gave \$1500; 20th Century Fox, who plan major expansion in West L.A. gave \$500, as did Jefferson Development, which seeks to cut and pave the area near the Hollywood Sign. Warner Center's Robert Voit gave \$250.

OTHER DEVELOPER LOBBYISTS & ATTORNEYS

- \$3650 from lawyers with Latham & Watkins, represents Playa Vista, Hughes Center and Marina Place.
- \$1000 from Reznik & Reznik, \$1500 from Art Snyder and Assoc., Venice's Mike Dieden gave \$100, Channel Gateway's attorneys Alshuler Grossman and Pines \$400, Marina Place Attorney George Mhlstein gave \$500,

LOCAL DEVELOPERS

- \$1000--McLarand & Vazquez-Hughes Westbluff planners
- Frank Gehry-Venice developer \$1500
- Continental Development co. gave \$2000
- Plotkin & Rosen development \$2000--100 unit condos in Villa Marina.
- Tom Safran--\$500--OFW developer
- Channel Gateway owner Jerry Snyder gave \$500 thru another company of his, Wilshire Courtyard.
- Bill Tooley--a partner in Hughes Center--\$500
- Tom Ennis--\$500, seeks to pave part of the Playa del Rey bluffs.
- Werner Scharff--\$500--owns many properties on Venice's ocean front
- \$500 from Connie Danziger--whose housemate Marc is reportedly a partner in the Steve Blanchard Sunset and OFW mega mall which Galanter recently OK'd.
- \$200 from Robert Graham, Windward Ave developer.

LASTLY, CITY-GRANTED MONOPOLIES & CITY EMPLOYEES:

- Bruffy's Towing--\$1500
- Lockheed Info Management Services--\$1000, runs the city parking ticket computer system
- L.A. Cable Operators Assoc \$500
- Continental Cable--\$500
- L.A. Police Command Officers Assoc--\$500
- L.A. Police protective League--\$500

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The Same Old New World Order

By Mark Giacomelli

From the bombing of Dresden to the bombing of Baghdad, from Adolph Hitler to George Bush, every ash of destruction, every drop of blood, every homeless, motherless child, is coldly calculated with the aim of nothing less than the political domination of each country and the economy of the world as a whole.

Welcome to the New World Order. Brought to you by a power mad clique that holds almost complete sway in international organizations, in financial circles, in the field of mass communications: press, cinema, radio and television, an "Octopus" whose tentacles reach from the National Security establishment all the way down to the L.A.P.D., who, when cornered with inquiry, leaves a dark ink cloud of lies, deceit and disinformation from which it escapes.

Recently, a dedicated journalist stumbled upon a dark web of intrigue and unearthed some diabolical secrets. He, like Icarus, soared upwards towards the blazing light of truth and was burned.

This article is dedicated to Danny Casolaro.

Though barely scratching the surface, (this journalist will be able to walk down the boardwalk without fear!) we shall, nonetheless, try and paint an historical picture of how our civilization has arrived at its present state: on the verge of slavery.

Governments are funded in part through a tax base but borrowing covers the rest. In order for any government to borrow, it must first surrender the collateral of its own sovereignty. International bankers who have loaned trillions of dollars to governments around the world command considerable influence in the policies of such governments.

In order to insure the security of the lender's investment in one government, the financing of a rival government is matched in balance. Nations are grouped so that if any government steps out of line, a war breaks out, the outcome of which is invariably determined by whose side the bankers are on.

This game was played adroitly by the famous House of Rothschild. In the American civil war, the north was financed through Rothschild agent, August Belmont, and the south through the Erlangers, Rothschild relatives.

A nation's creditor is in a position to demand privileges of monopoly, including the control over that nation's money. This is why Thomas Jefferson once said that "banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies." The international bankers created a series of "panics" as a demonstration of their power, forcing smaller institutions to "toe the line." J.P. Morgan, referred to by many as America's top Rothschild agent, took advantage of unsettled conditions in the autumn of 1907, spreading rumours about the insolvency of the Knickerbocker Bank and the Trust Company of America, triggering the 1907 panic, guiding it shrewdly to kill off rival banks, consolidating the preeminence of banks within the Morgan orbit.

The "panic" which Morgan had created seemed to add weight to the point he and robber barons everywhere were trying to make for years: the U.S. gravely needed a central banking system—precisely what Jefferson had warned us against.

Felix and Paul Warburg immigrated to the United States in 1902, leaving brother Max at home to run the family bank in Frankfurt, Germany.

Paul Warburg married Nina Loeb, daughter of Solomon Loeb of Kuhn, Loeb and Company, America's most powerful international banking firm. Brother Felix married Frieda Schiff, daughter of Jacob Schiff, the ruling power behind Kuhn, Loeb.

Schiff reportedly bought his partnership in Kuhn, Loeb with Rothschild money. Paul and Felix became partners in Kuhn, Loeb and



GEORGE BUSH

Company. In 1907 Paul Warburg began lecturing and writing on the need for "bank reform".

Working with Warburg in promoting this "banking reform" was Nelson Aldrich, known as Morgan's floor broker in the Senate. Aldrich's daughter, Abby, married John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Aldrich was appointed head of the National Monetary Commission after the panic of 1907. He issued confidential invitations to Henry P. Davidson of J.P. Morgan and Company; Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the Rockefeller owned National City Bank; A. Piatt Andrew, assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Benjamin Strong, of Morgan's Banker's Trust Company; and Paul Warburg.

A meeting was held at Jekyll Island, Georgia, near the close of 1910 to write the final recommendation of the National Monetary Commission report (Dracula in charge of the bloodbank, in other words).

The Aldrich Banking Bill was drafted and President William Howard Taft, who was soon up for re-election, came out against the bill. Teddy Roosevelt, a Republican with Morgan backing, ran on the Progressive Party ticket after it was decided that a Republican candidate would have little chance at winning an election because of the Party's close connection to Wall Street.

Democratic candidate Woodrow Wilson, another Morgan puppet who supported the Aldrich Bill from the beginning, was full of Praise for Morgan's role in American society. Other international financiers who contributed heavily to Wilson's campaign were Jacob Schiff, Bernard Baruch, Thomas Fortune Ryan, New York Times Publisher Adolph Ochs and Henry Morgenthau, grandfather of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, who is currently investigating the B.C.C.I. (Bank of Crooks and Criminals International), Henry Morgenthau Jr., Robert Morgenthau's father, was Secretary of Treasury under Franklin D. Roosevelt and headed the investigation into U.S. corporations that supplied and funded the Nazi German war machine before and after war was declared with the U.S.

What failed to pass as the "Aldrich Bill" under Taft, finally passed as the Federal Reserve Act on December 22, 1913 by a vote of 298-60 in the House, and in the Senate by a majority of 43-25, under President Wilson.

Having built the Federal Reserve system as a tool to control and consolidate wealth, the international bankers were ready to make a major killing.

In the 6 years prior to the crash of '29, the Federal Reserve (whose Board members included Paul Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb and Benjamin Strong of the Morgan interests) inflated the money supply by 62%, with much of the new money being used to send the stock market through the roof.

On February 6, 1929 a meeting took place between Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, (a close confidant of J.P. Morgan whom the Wall Street Journal referred to as the "Currency Dictator of Europe") and U.S. Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon. As a result of this meeting the Federal Reserve Board Reversed

its easy money policy and began raising interest rates. In October of that year, New York financiers started calling up loans. Brokers and customers had 24 hours to dump their stock in order to pay off loans and bank runs soon exhausted their coin and currency, with the Federal Reserve refusing to come to their aid. All this after years of advertising by bankers, luring their customers into riotous speculation, with false promises of "fabulous wealth". And after pulling the rug out from under the many small investors, the slick hustlers of Wall Street were able to buy back their victim's crumbled estates at a whopping 90% discount.

By the turn of the century, and especially after the 1907 "panic", competition in business was growing

and in 1909 key Republican Senators made a complete philosophical turn around and voted in favor of an income tax. With sufficient loopholes to protect the interests of the large industrialists and bankers who controlled the Federal Reserve and the U.S. economy, the middle class could now be soaked in order to pay the interest on government debt. The Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations were shrewdly set up before the income tax was passed. The anti-trust acts which followed, breaking up Standard Oil (Rockefeller) and U.S. Steel (Carnegie) allowed the monopolists to compound their wealth tax free while their competitors faced a graduated income tax, making it difficult to accumulate capital.

The plutocracy had now created the mechanism to run up government debt and to collect on it without themselves having to pay any taxes. All that was needed now was an excuse to run up the debt.

In 1916 Wilson was re-elected by a narrow margin upon the campaign slogan: "He Kept Us Out of War". Yet all the while planning just the opposite, scheming behind America's back, arranging deals with the British government committing the U.S. to entering the war just 5 months later, on April 6, 1917.

While World War 1 was a financial bonanza for the international bankers, it marked a sad turning point in traditional U.S. foreign policy. Jefferson's wise counsel to "avoid tangling alliances" was flamboyantly rejected, and ever since then we have been TANGLED UP IN NAZIS.

The Russian Czar had abdicated and



Strange bedfellows Nelson Rockefeller and Krushchev

Kerensky (Social Democrat who seized power after the fall of the Czar and continued in power until Lenin and Trotsky captured the Winter Palace on November 8, 1917) continued the war against Germany. Max Warburg (brother of Paul and Felix), who ran the Rothschild allied family bank in Frankfurt, sent Lenin on the "Sealed Train" with over \$5 million in gold into Russia. When news leaked out in the American press that brother Max was running the German finances, Paul Warburg quietly resigned as chairman of the Federal Reserve. The father-in-law of brother Felix Warburg was Jacob Schiff, senior partner in Kuhn, Loeb and Company. Jacob Schiff helped finance Leon Trotsky, with some \$20 million eventually being sunk into the final victory of Bolshevism.

The Morgan interest contributed at least \$1 million to the Reds and Lord Alfred Milner spent over 21 million roubles on the Bolsheviks. Under Milner's direction, British agents distributed money to Russian soldiers in Petrograd and incited them to mutiny.

So rather than an uprising of the downtrodden masses, the Russian Revolution was a conspiracy of international bankers to create an "enemy" with which to conjure up more western debt and lucrative interest payments.

Since 1918, the plutocracy has been engaged in transferring not only money, but technical information to the Soviet Union. The "Communist" Superpower is virtually a creature of the west.

Standard Oil of New York (now Mobil Oil) obtained a 50% interest in the Caucasus oil fields and in 1927 built a refinery in Russia. Standard Oil then arranged to market Soviet oil in Europe in exchange for a \$75 million loan to the Bolsheviks.

Rockefeller's Chase Bank, which later merged with Warburg's Manhattan Bank, forming Chase Manhattan, helped establish the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce in 1922.

Kuhn, Loeb financed Stalin's first 5 Year Plan.

On October 20, 1969, Richard Aldrich (Nelson's grandson) and Rodman Rockefeller (John D.'s son) entered into a partnership with N.M. Rothschild and Son's of London, forming the International Basic Economy Corporation. IBEC then allied itself with Tower International, headed by Cyrus Eaton Jr., whose father's fortune was made with Rockefeller backing. Tower International reached an agreement with Licenstorg, the Soviet patent and licensing organization. This agreement effectively granted Tower International a monopoly on the transfer of technology to the Soviet Union.

The Royal Institute of International Affairs was founded in Paris on May 19, 1919. Its British branch was run by Lord Alfred Milner, who managed part of the Rothschild fortune and that of Cecil Rhodes, founder of the famous Rhodes Scholarship. The American branch, known as the Council on Foreign Relations, was founded by Walter Lippman, John Foster Dulles, Allan Dulles, Paul Warburg, Jacob Schiff, Averell Harriman, Frank Vanderlipp.

Nelson Aldrich, Bernard Baruch, J.P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller,

Another elitist committee, known as the Bilderbergers, was founded by Nazi SS Storm Trooper Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in May of 1954. His holdings included a large interest in Royal Dutch Petroleum (Shell Oil—a partner with the Rothschilds) and Society General, a large international bank based in Brussels, Belgium. Prince Bernhard's ultimate goal was to establish a "New World Order", a phrase used by German Chancellor Adolph Hitler, and most recently, U.S.

Chancellor—uh—President, George Bush. This "New World Order" was to come by way of the United Nations, with the aim of establishing a world government. Other Bilderbergers included David Rockefeller, Edmond Rothschild, Robert McNamara, the Warburgs, members of Lehman Brothers, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

In 1930, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), a joint creation of the world's central banks, including the Morgan affiliated First National Bank of New York, (directed by Harold S. Vanderbilt and Wendell Wilkie) the Bank of England, the Reichs Bank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of France, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other central banks, was created for the purpose of retaining channels of communication and collusion between the world's financial leaders even in the event of an international conflict. By the time of Pearl Harbor, the BIS was in the total control of Hitler.

In March of 1938, when the Nazis marched into Vienna, much of the gold of Austria was looted and packed

into vaults controlled by the Bank for International Settlements. This along with other gold, totaling \$378 million that had been brought into the BIS headquarters in Basel, Switzerland by the Nazi government for use after the war, came from the national banks of Holland, Belgium,

Czechoslovakia, or was melted down from the Reichs Bank holdings of the teeth fillings, spectacle frames, cigarette cases, lighters and wedding rings of the murdered victims of the holocaust.

Winthrop Aldrich, son of Nelson Aldrich and uncle of Nelson Rockefeller, ran the Chase Bank at the time of World War 2. In 1936 the Schroder Bank of New York entered a partnership with the Rockefellers, forming Schroder, Rockefeller and Company, Investment Bankers. Schroder was the leading financier of the Gestapo through the Baron Kurt Von Schroder, owner of J.H. Stein Bank of Cologne, Germany, and a personal appointee of Hitler to the BIS. The Rockefeller, Schroder lawyers were John Foster Dulles and Allan Dulles (later of the OSS, the CIA and, finally, the Warren Commission to "investigate" the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

John J. McCloy was an assistant to the War Department during World War 2 and prior to the war was legal counsel to I.G. Farben, inventors of Malathion, Zyclon B, and owners of the infamous rubber plant/death camp at Auschwitz. McCloy blocked the execution of Nazi war criminals, displaced Japanese Americans to internment camps, refused Jewish refugees admission to the U.S., helped

Klaus Barbie escape the French and, worst of all (!), sent Henry Kissinger to Harvard. He later became president of Chase Manhattan Bank, during which time he practiced law, directed a dozen Blue Chip corporations, was legal counsel to the "7 Sisters" of American oil, as well as the Nobel oil firm, managed by the father of George de Moreschildt, "best friend" of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

These "impressive" credentials lapped McCloy a seat on the Warren Commission to "investigate" the murder of J.F.K.

With the nearing of World War 2, J. Edgar Hoover maintained a friendly relationship with interpol, a Nazi-dominated organization of international secret police based in Berlin, Germany.

After the Bay of Pigs fiasco, Kennedy Dumped Allen Dulles as CIA director, and when he moved to lower the oil depletion allowance, John McCloy, whose "7 Sister" oil clientel stood to lose profits, was not amused. Legend has it that Hoover (who controlled the field "investigation" into the Kennedy hit) was none too fond of our nation's 35th President either. Kennedy, if re-elected would surely have fired Hoover as FBI chief, which ironically would have spared him the trouble, later in the Nixon years, of eating that pie which, rumour has, was laced with poisoned apples.

In 1962 Marina Oswald, Lee Harvey's wife, needed to get into the U.S. to be with her husband. A certain Senator from Texas signed the immigration papers for CIA agent Lee Harvey Oswald's wife. That Senator was John Tower, whose Tower Commission was



Dead.

established to "investigate" the Iran/Contra/Cocaine scandal.

Another member of the Warren Commission was a personal friend of Richard Nixon. His name was Gerald Ford, who later pardoned Nixon when he became President after Nixon was forced out of office over the Watergate scandal.

Rafael "Chi Chi" Quintero and Felix Rodriguez worked with the CIA in the Bay of Pigs debacle. They were close associates of George Bush, whose father, Prescott backed Richard Nixon in his political career.

Quintero was stranded in Cuba during the Bay of Pigs invasion and escaped to Miami, where he began

International Bankers



The Warren Commission, from left to right, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich.; Rep. W. Mark Butler, D-La.; Sen. Richard Russell, D-Ga.; U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman; Sen. John S. Cooper, R-Ky.; John J. McCloy; Allen W. Dulles; and J. Lee Rankin, counsel.



"Police" escorting "tramps" in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963. "Charles Harrison" is the tall "tramp," center. "Ed Landolt," in suit, is to his left. "Frank Sturgis" is behind "Harrison." The third tramp, "E. Howard Hunt," is hidden behind "Sturgis."



That's Hunt



working under Thomas Clines.

Rodriguez, killer of Che Guevara in 1967, worked under Donald Greg, who was instrumental in betraying Jimmy Carter as a senior member of his National Security staff, paving the way for the stupendous scandal which has been referred to as the "October Surprise". Donald Greg worked under Theodore Shackley who, along with Thomas Clines, has been involved in clandestine gun running and drug smuggling operations from the jungles of Laos to the mountains of Peru.

Quintero was part of an elite group, born of secret collaboration between agents of the CIA, the Mafia and Richard Nixon. This group was formed to assassinate Fidel and Raul Castro and Kennedy, and was led by E. Howard Hunt.

E. Howard Hunt was arrested years later for the Watergate break-in with co-conspirator Frank Sturgis. Both of these men were present in Dallas on November 22, 1963, as well as Rafael Quintero, Felix Rodriguez and Richard Nixon.

As in the case of our friends in the international banking community, whose names appear with unrelenting ubiquity in damn near every major historical event of the 20th century, likewise there exists a consistent pattern, being that the same characters involved with the Bay of Pigs and the Kennedy assassination are equally embroiled in Watergate and Iran/Contra. All these events link up ever so neatly into a chain which is quickly tightening around the neck of our great President, and the interests he represents.

George Bush established his overseas connections for the intelligence community through his operations of Zapata Oil. Zapata under Bush's direction grew into a multi-million dollar concern, with operations in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Japan, Australia and Western Europe.

Zapata concentrated itself in the Caribbean in the early 60's allowing Bush to gather intelligence for the Bay of Pigs misadventure. Bush was involved in the suppression of things after the Kennedy assassination:

I here was a very definite worry that some Cuban groups were going to move against Castro and attempt to blame it on the CIA.

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on intelligence, conducted an investigation into CIA assassination plots. William Colby, director of Central Intelligence, was cooperating to such an extent that Senator Church's near concluded investigation came to an abrupt halt when former Warren Commissioner Gerald Ford, Nixon's President/Pardon/appointee quickly fired Colby, replacing him with—who else(?)—George Herbert Walker Bush as the new director of the CIA in 1975. Senator Church, in a prophetic statement, had this to say, "It appears as though the White House may be using this important post as a grooming station before he is brought on stage as a Vice Presidential candidate."

On May 25, 1961, Kennedy made a speech stating that before the decade is out, the U.S. would put a man on the moon and return him safely to Earth. Then, on September 20, 1963, in a speech before the United Nations General Assembly, he offered to call off the moon race in favor of cooperative space exploration with the Soviets. At stake: some \$40 billion that the Apollo project was to cost.

A few weeks later, Kennedy announced plans to withdraw 1000 troops by Christmas, 1963, and all the rest by the end of 1965.

In 1959 William F. Thompson, Vice President of the First National Bank of Boston, went to the Pentagon to explore the future of the utilization of the helicopter in clandestine military operations, which had been taking place in Indochina up to 1959.

A client of the bank was Textron Inc. The bank had suggested to Textron officials that the acquisition of the near bankrupt Bell Aircraft Company, and particularly its Helicopter Division, might be a good move.

The success of the deal between the First National Bank of Boston, Textron and Bell hinged on the

escalation of the war in Indochina. Walter Dornberger, who had been chief of the German rocket center at Peenemunde, Germany, during World War 2, and later became an official with the Bell Aircraft Company, was a key man in this plan.

Dornberger's associate and protege from Peenemunde during World War 2 in Nazi Germany was Wernher von Braun, a key man in NASA's race to the moon.

Kennedy's sudden announcement of U.S./Soviet cooperation in space exploration and the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam, along with his plans for the CIA, which included "tearing it into 1000 pieces and casting it to the wind", the lowering of the oil depletion allowance, his efforts to abolish the Federal Reserve note in favor of a true national currency un beholden to the interests of international bankers, his refusal to be a willing participant in the Bay of Pigs invasion by denying air cover, his attacks on organized crime and, (quelle horreur!) the fact that he was a shoe-in for re-election, sure pissed alot of rich and powerful people off.

Cuba was invaded upon the request of powerful U.S. corporations and Mafia interests. Pepsi Cola took an active interest because their profits began to suffer when Castro told them that they must now pay world market prices for their sugar.

Air Force General Charles Cabal was placed in charge of air cover for the Bay of Pigs invasion. He phoned Kennedy at 4am, just 2 hours before the invasion, asking for air cover. Kennedy said no.

Anger, fear and loathing towards Kennedy among the plutocratic oligarchy smoldered and simmered, bringing intense pressure to bear upon Kennedy from the start. He was popular among the masses and despised among the plutocratic elite. It is very likely that the death of Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu on November 1, 1963 in Saigon was the major event that would move the plutocracy to immediate action. Indeed, they must have SHIT!

Nixon flew into Dallas for a meeting with an important client of his law firm—Pepsi Cola. Earl Cabal, Mayor of Dallas and brother of Air Force General Charles Cabal, to whom Kennedy said "No!" in regards to the Bay of Pigs invasion, worked with Forest Sorrels of the Secret Service and a Mr. Lawson of the Dallas Police Department, in order to select "the best route" to take Kennedy from Love Field to the Trade Mart on November 22, 1963. The route chosen by the Dallas Mayor, the Dallas Police Department and Kennedy's own Secret Service involved a 90 degree turn from Main Street to Huston Street, and an even sharper turn from Huston to Elm Street. These turns would slow Kennedy's car down to about 3mph, at precisely the spot where this writer's first, conscious news event took place.

Who else did Nixon see besides Pepsi, while in Dallas?

Since so many rich and powerful people appear to have Kennedy's blood on their hands, perhaps the real challenge lies in finding those among the ruling elite that have clean hands and a pure heart. We know damn well who killed Kennedy. Therefore, ask not "Who killed our President?" But ask rather, "Who didn't kill Kennedy?" Ironically, the Kennedy

assassination served only to delay the inevitable which we now experience today—a trend towards economic and military cooperation with the Soviets. An important difference, though, is the vast wealth accumulated as a result of playing out the Vietnam war, \$220 billion; the Apollo moon mission, \$40 billion; the S&L theft, \$500 billion; guns and drugs, \$\$\$\$?; the annual military budget, \$300 billion (a total of \$3 trillion over the past ten years of Reagan/Bush/Quayle); not to mention the \$90 billion in assets held by the 400 richest Americans at the start of Reagan/Bush, which has multiplied to \$270 billion under Bush/Quayle; all of which neatly adds up to very near the sum of our entire national debt.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TOP SECRET EYES ONLY

October 11, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 263

TO: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: South Vietnam

At a meeting on October 5, 1963, the President considered the recommendations contained in the report of Secretary McNamara and General Taylor on their mission to South Vietnam.

The President approved the military recommendations contained in Section I B (1-3) of the report, but directed that no formal announcement be made of the implementation of plans to withdraw 1,000 U.S. military personnel by the end of 1963.

After discussion of the remaining recommendations of the report, the President approved an instruction to Ambassador Lodge which is set forth in State Department telegram No. 534 to Saigon.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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Director of Central Intelligence
Administrator, Agency for International Development

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November 29, 1963
Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
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Our sources and informants familiar with Cuban matters in the Miami area advise that the general feeling in the anti-Castro Cuban community is one of stunned disbelief and, even among those who did not entirely agree with the President's policy concerning Cuba, the feeling is that the President's death represents a great loss not only to the U. S. but to all of Latin America. These sources know of no plans for unauthorized action against Cuba.
An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is close to a small pro-Castro group in Miami has advised that these individuals are afraid that the assassination of the President may result in strong repressive measures being taken against them and, although pro-Castro in their feelings, regret the assassination.
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And the elated optimism with which so many Americans greet the recent turn of events in what used to be the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is, at best, naive.

The recent Soviet break-up, with its trend towards the weakening of Moscow's influence, has re-opened the most putrid of old wounds, which pre-dates World War 1, that of fascist, racialist nationalism.

The involvement of the United States Far Right brings with it the potential revival of fascist organizations in the East, all too easily filling the great political vacuum caused by Soviet disintegration.

One such group, the Free Congress Foundation (FCF) was founded in 1974 by Paul Weyrich, who had started the Heritage Foundation the year before, with heavy funding by the Coors family.

In 1976, Weyrich tried to take over the American Independence Party, founded by George Wallace in 1968, who was shot, presumably because it was feared that his campaign would siphon votes away from Nixon. The AIP was an amalgam of Ku Klux Klan and John Birch Society elements.

The FCF's direct involvement in Europe began in 1989 when Weyrich went to Hungary and the Soviet Union, including Estonia, to help train Right Wing leaders in ideological and electoral matters. There, Weyrich worked with the Inter-Regional Deputies Group (IRG), founded by Andrei Sakarov, Boris Yeltsin and others in the Summer of that year. By the end of 1989 a training school had been established for candidates to put forward the IRG program. Their electoral success in 1990 propelled Yeltsin to the leadership of the Russian Republic. Immediately, Yeltsin had begun forming collaborative alliances with the deeply reactionary leaders of the Lithuanian Sajudis Party. The IRG has also served as a source of right wing pressure on Gorbachev to dismantle socialism and the Soviet Union itself.

In the Ukraine, the pro-Nazi Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) has gained influence in several parties and has mobilized large demonstrations that honor OUN leaders who abetted Hitler's war on the Eastern front. Similarly, several Sajudis deputies served in German supported military units in 1944, and Sajudis has made declarations against ethnic Russians living in Lithuania. Poles have reportedly also been denigrated.

It should also be noted that "radical reformer" Boris Yeltsin has flirted with Pamyat, the foremost Russian fascist group to emerge in the last several years. Pamyat's virulent anti-Semitism compares to the crude propaganda of the early German Nazi Party in the 1920's.

On October 2-4, 1990, a delegation of senior Soviet political and economic leaders met in Washington D.C., with senior level U.S. officials at a conference entitled, "The Coming Russian-American Alliance in the Post Communist Era." The delegates were treated to a one hour meeting with Vice President Dan Quayle.

The Soviet participants included Arkady Murashev, Executive director of Yeltsin's IRG, Yeltsin's Chief of Staff Gennadi Burbulis, National Security Commission Chair and former Soviet navy lieutenant-commander Vladimir Lopatin, Minister of Publishing and Information Mikhail Pliotranin, People's Deputy and head of the Siberia legislative district Stanislav Seleznev, and Commission on Economics Reform chairman S. Sulakshin.

Those in attendance from the U.S. included Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, assistant secretary of state John Bolton, deputy energy secretary Henson Moore, assistant commerce secretary for economic policy Tom Deutscherberg, former assistant secretary at the Pentagon Richard Perle, former assistant attorney general William Bradford Reynolds, Burton Yale Pines of the Heritage Foundation, Former Governor of Delaware Pierre "Pete" DuPont and two longtime cold war advocates and academics, Charles Moser and Peter Reddaway.

Notably, the FCF coordinated the arrangements for the Soviet's visas with Dan Quayle's office rather than through the State Department.

Besides these Nazis, Bush's Presidential Campaign was littered with Nazis and war criminals, 8 of whom resigned, being charged with anti-Semitism, racism, fascist leanings and Nazi collaboration. This group included:

Laslo Paztor: The founding chair and key figure in the National Republican Heritage Groups Council, the ethnic arm of the Republican National Committee, set up for the Nixon campaign. In World War 2 he joined the Arrow Cross, the Nazi Party of Hungary, which was installed in power by a German commando operation. In Berlin Paztor helped facilitate a liaison between the Arrow Cross and Hitler. He brought other Nazi collaborators from the eastern front into the GOP, some of whom were later found to be mass murderers during the war.

Radi Slavoff: The Republican Heritage Groups Council's executive director is a member of a Bulgarian fascist group and a leader of the Bulgarian GOP unit of the Council. He was able to get the leader of his Bulgarian nationalist group a White House invitation even though that leader was being investigated for concealing alleged World War 2 war crimes. He is also active in other emigre fascist groups.

Nicholas Nazarenko: A former World War 2 officer in the German SS Cossack division, Nazarenko leads a Cossack GOP unit of the Republican Heritage Groups Council, but declares that Jews are his "ideological enemy". He is still active with pro-Nazi elements in the U.S.

Florian Galdau: A close associate and defender of Valerian Trifa, the Romanian Archbishop prosecuted for concealing his involvement in war crimes of the pro-Nazi Romanian Iron Guard in World War 2. Valerian Trifa snuck Nazi war criminals into the U.S. disguised as priests. Charged by former Iron Guardists and others with being the East Coast recruiter for the Iron Guard in the U.S., Galdau heads the Romanian Republican unit of the Republican Heritage Groups Council.

Method Balco: Head of the Slovak-American Republican Federation, which is filled with supporters of the Slovak Nazi government of Monsignor Josef Tiso, executed as a war criminal in 1946, for his role in the deaths of some 75,000 Jews. Balco's group includes Joseph Mikus, a former diplomat of the Tiso regime. Balco also organizes an annual commemoration of the Slovak Nazi Regime in New York City.

Walter Melianovich: Head of the Byelorussian GOP unit which has had collaborators of the Nazi World War 2 occupation in leadership roles. Melianovich has worked with other fascist groups including the Byelorussian American Association (BAA) whose leaders have included Franz Kushel, SS major general and commander of the Belarus Brigade, a Waffen SS unit which carried over 40,000 Jews to a death camp in 1941; also Stanislav Stankievich, Mayor of Borisow, whose police sadistically murdered its 7,000 Jews on October 20, 1941. Walter Melianovich was named chairman of Byelorussians for Bush in 1988.

Philip Guarino: An honorary member of the conspiratorial P-2 Masonic Lodge of Italy, which plotted in the early 70's to overthrow the Italian government in order to install a dictatorship. P-2 was exposed widely in the European press and investigated by the Italian Parliament. Guarino, an Italian Heritage Council member and Republican National Committee advisor, offered aid to those investigated, such as Michele Sidona of the Vatican Banking scandal and financier of an ad hoc group called Americans for a Democratic Italy. Licio Gelli, grandmaster of the P-2 Lodge and ardent Blackshirt in the Fascist Party of Mussolini's Italy, and Paul Rao Jr., attorney for the Gambino

family, who, with Sidona, were indicted in 1982 for operating a \$600 million a year heroin trade between Sicily and America. Guarino was also involved with John Connally, a friend of Roberto Calvi who was found hanging from a London bridge in 1982. Connally was Nixon's Treasury Secretary and a member of the Presidents Foreign Intelligence Advisory under Nixon and Ford. Connally was also riding in the car with Kennedy in Dallas, November 22, 1963. Connally was a friend of Sidona. Another mob member ally of Guarino was Frank Stella (hey, EVERYBODY in the White House knows Frank!), who helped with the Connally for President Campaign in 1980, was considered for the Ambassador to Italy Post in 1985 and in 1988 was named National Chairman of Italian Americans for Bush, and had close ties to Victor Emanuel of the House of Savoy, reputed gun runner for the Shaw of Iran, an arms trafficker and a member of P-2.

Anna Chennault: who gained fame in the 1950's and 60's as an ardent supporter of Chiang Kai-Shek's dictatorship on Taiwan.

World fascism is the aim of the "New World Order" and the Bush Regime is playing hardball.

During the first months of the Reagan administration it became abundantly clear that the U.S. was embarking on a policy of confrontation with the Soviet Union. By 1982 relations with not only the Soviets but also some Nato allies were becoming tense. In the U.S. and in Europe, the bellicosity of the Reagan administration gave rise to a growing fear of nuclear conflict.

In March of 1981, Richard Pipes, a senior member of the National Security Council in charge of Soviet affairs gave a scary press interview to a Reuters correspondent stating that nothing is left of detent, and that the administration might pursue a foreign policy as radical as the new President's economic program.

Pipes was being used to deliberately alarm the Soviets into matching the U.S. military expansion, spending themselves into bankruptcy and weakening their economy.

The Reagan/Bush policy of playing nuclear chicken with the Soviets has achieved its every aim.

The recent "coup attempt" in the U.S.S.R. was an effective, if clumsy

means to put Bush's "New World Order" servant, Boris Yeltsin in power. It was no coincidence that

Yeltsin was not arrested during that time as he climbed aboard that tank with all the cheap thespian bombast he and a bottle of vodka could muster.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Nothing in politics happens by accident. And if something does happen, you can bet it was sure planned that way."

And if we in the west are filled with hope and jubilation over history's most recent events, in the carefully calculated itinerary of the "New World Order", then last summer's theatrics are just one coup over the fools out west.

Sources for this article include: The Realist; Old Nazis, the New Right and the Republican Party, by Russ Bellant; The Mae Brussel Reader; None Dare Call it Conspiracy, by Gary Allen; The Covert Action Information Bulletin; The Nation; In These Times; Random Lengths; Finally, I'd like to acknowledge my good friends who have steered me into the enlightened path of diligent research—you know who you are. Thanx.

In Memory

BARRY, John Dennis "Rickshaw John" Born September 1, 1946, died accidentally on August 11, 1991. He leaves his mother, Jeanette Barry; his brothers, Brian and Howard; his sister, Peggy Clifford; and many relatives and friends. He loved life—particularly on Venice Beach—and will be missed. Burial 3pm, Thursday in Riverside National Cemetery.

On August 11, 1991 a beloved Venice figure died (apparently of drug poisoning), leaving many people shocked and grief-stricken, robbed not only of a dear comrade, but of the progenitor and very soul of the morning John Club.

A sampling of responses:

SINGING THE BLUES

FOR "RICKSHAW" JOHN BARRY -- REMEMBERING HIS JOY

SOME-BODY BROUGHT HIM A BREWSKY,
SOME-BODY BROUGHT HIM A POEM,
SOME-BODY BROUGHT PICTURES (FOR "MOMS")
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HE LEAVES: "NOODLE-NOSES", "BUTTER - BUTTS", AND "SNIVELERS!"
ROLLER SKATES, RICKSHAWS AND SAILS!

HE LEAVES: "TALL ONES" AND "COLD ONES" (SMALL, FAT, WARM OLD ONES)
HIS SMILE SHINES THROUGH ALL RANIER ALES!

HE LEAVES: LITTLE "JOHN JOHN" IN RIO!
HIS FRIENDS, AND HIS FAMILY OF MAN!

HE LEAVES: HIS GRAND SEAT AT THE JOHN CLUB --
WHERE, FOREVER, HIS MEMORY -- WILL STAND!

By Tina Catalina

"People said John wasn't good for much - but then why did he have so many friends."

- Bill Mitchell

"With his walrus mustache and Rainier ale, Rickshaw John always was our pal. Every morning he sat on his wall, Paper in hand, his very own club, Rich man, poor man, they all came by, Scofflaw, hippie, surfer, wise guy, Dispensing advice and always good cheer. His loveliest gift was a listening ear. Oh Rickshaw, Oh Rickshaw - Where art thou now? We all needed you so, you alcoholic cow."

John Hands



Art and Politics

By Mark Giacomelli

Last Sunday, tax officials descended upon Venice Boardwalk performers, issuing ten day notices requiring them to file for licenses or pay expensive fines. The tax men were accompanied by police who said they were there as "observers", but the general consensus among the performers was that it was an intimidation tactic. Once again, our right to free speech is under attack—artists don't seem to fit too well in George Bush's New World Order. The inconsistent enforcement of laws already on the books comes under what is known as Blue Law and smacks of entrapment. You can help in the never-ending struggle for free speech by raising hell at Ruth Galanter's office, and by contacting S.H.A.P.E. (Save the Healers, Artists, Politicos & Entertainers) at 399-1000.

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referred to government as a "barren field", saying there are no great debates in politics now about issues that matter and that people are "numbed by banalities that fill the sterile discourse of our time." And he says that grassroots participation is all that can save us.

Later I distributed flyers in the high-powered press section about the afternoon's progressive caucus, to discuss drugs and arms dealing and such issues. We gave packets to Ron Brown, chairman of the Party, Jerry Brown, Larry Agran, Phil Angelitis (California chair), Diane Watson (state senator), and some bigwig journalists. These packets contained a letter demanding action to investigate a number of topics ("...and George Bush's involvement" - October Surprise, BCCI, JFK assassination) and a series of hot articles on 1) the failure and corruption of Congressional investigations, 2) the CIA out of control, 3) the Federal Emergency Management Agency and plans to suspend the Constitution, and 4) the assassination of JFK. We also confronted Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, who is a declared Presidential candidate, with a Covert Action Information Bulletin article on a certain Terry Reed, who used to work for Oliver North in Arkansas, which was a "hub of contra activity," who was set up in a phony insurance fraud case to excise him from the CIA scene and ruin him. Apparently some documents are being held in the governor's mansion, but when we asked him about it he said "It's a lie."

The "Progressive Caucus" was more like a progressive coffin. It was held in a coffin-like room and everyone was bored to death. A big gal from Texas said the progressive caucus hadn't had a budget in two years and weren't doing anything now. They suggested we get involved through the party, and somehow get recognized by big deal whoever and eventually get a seat on the committee. Any comments about war crimes, CIA, FEMA were hostilely received and ignored. It was SO BORING!!! My friend said, after watching the video tape of the caucus meeting, "it didn't happen, it didn't even exist." The articles referred to are:

"See No Evil," by Denny, Jeffrey, in Common Cause Magazine, July-August 1991, p. 23.

"CIA Out of Control," by Baker, Russ W., in The Village voice, Sept. 10, 1991.

"FEMA and the NSC: The Rise of the National Security State," by Reynolds, Diana, in Covert Action Information Bulletin, Number 33, Winter 1990.

(This issue also has some great articles about Bush's history in the CIA, and the Vice President's Task Force on Counterterrorism, which is the beginning of the organizational structure that gave rise to the Iran-Contra goings-on.)

"Heritage of Stone," by Hager, Steven, in High Times, September 1991, p. 32. (about the JFK assassination and Oliver Stone's) If you'd like to copy any of these call Delia at (213) 396-4841.

Jerry Brown's campaign number is:

(213) 954-1992 I went to a meeting and it was filled with young creative types who seemed more into the environment and tribal peoples than conspiracy and criminality in government, but it's probably just ignorance. They seemed to have a policy of openness, and get-up-and-go, and brand new interest in national politics. Definitely not the same old Democratzzz.

THORNBURGH UPDATE: SENATE RACE IN PENNSYLVANIA AGAINST HARRIS WOFFORD We are launching a campaign to inform activists in Pennsylvania about former Atty. General Dick Thornburgh's conduct concerning the Inslaw case (refusal to testify before the House Judiciary Committee, holding onto documents, obstructing justice, connection to the death or assassination of Danny Casaleiro, a journalist investigating it). We are contacting national journalists for support, and trying to find out how to get proceedings to begin to disbar him. Call 306-0249 for info.

of it. Later, however, he did say they did all afterall, know about it, but that it was a city policy for his office not to act until it had received an environmental report. This statement turned out to be false as well, according to Schlein. Crisp could have temporarily denied the request, "without prejudice", and Mr. Blanchard would still have been free to pursue his claim. Furthermore,, Crisp's superiors at the Planning Board said that it had never been city policy to have to wait for an environmental report in order to act. Subsequent reports in the not so thorough L.A. Times made it all seem like the application had been lost in a stack of papers in some obscure bureaucratic sinecure, when in fact the bureau members were aware all along the stage this application was in at any given moment. The State Coastal Commission in an act of blinding purity rejected Blanchard's appeal on a 6-5 vote and sent it back to the city for its numerous legal problems. At this point our high priestess of slow growth stepped in and at her request convened a secret city council meeting where a settlement was reached giving Mr. Blanchard everything that he wanted, and approving the largest project in Boardwalk history without so much as a word of public input or assurances that the project fulfills state environmental laws as well as local ordinances. One of which outlaws joining two lots together, in this case they're joining five. Meanwhile Blanchard is returning to the State Coastal Commission with his "approval" from our representatives at a meeting this November in San Diego for their permission.

Two years ago a faction in town, a veritable wing of thought requested a statement from Ruth Galanter as to the capacity for commercial development in Venice. A moratorium on building was requested to give time for public input and discussion from the locals. This group of people, the duly elected board of the Venice Town Council were immediately branded as having no voice in the matter and were somehow illegitimate by the council representative, Ruth Galanter. Somehow the request for a moratorium was perhaps a radical socialist idea. Well here in oh so distant Long Beach, the hot-bed of radical thought itself, there has been a year-long building moratorium on the Belmont Shore business district to discuss some of the same problems. Nobody died.

What bothers me though is the pre-emptive manner in which even the idea of a moratorium and the request for public discussion was delegitimized by the very person who was supposed to be fostering democratic practice and discussion. That Ms. Galanter ran on a slow growth ticket and promise Well, let's just say when she attacked some of her former supporters in this, it indicated early on that some thing was amiss. Writing off other's points of view with exclamations like . . . 'oh, there are just so many activists in my district, you just get so confused' is somehow pretty shallow. I remember how buddy-buddy everything was in the election in 1987. It was all for one and one for all in our collective bid to unseat Pat Russell and some of the monstrously large project that were suddenly maneuvered into being. Election numbers swelled. 85% of those that voted in both Westchester and Venice, voted to defeat her and her projects. Four years later, where is Ruth Galanter. How we laughed at Pat Russell for not showing up for any debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Didn't she remember the old axiom "Politics is a lot like figure skating; you've got to do your basic forms before you get to the flashy stuff later just to prove to the judges that you're not showboating." So where were you, Ruth, when you didn't attend the 7 or 8 public debates held in the last primary election? Did you have no respect for the others that sought our public office? Did you somehow know you'd get elected if you didn't show, were you playing the numbers? Has the seat become your own personal fiefdom? Where were the pictures of all the candidates together in our 'all for one pose' to mutually address the issues in our community. Once again . . . no where to be found.

So it is not with much optimism that I approach you with the issue of war crimes, weapons profiteering, and the application of the Summa/Hughes and it's proxy, the Maguire Thomas corporation to develop the Ballona Wetlands, while homeless and mentally distressed Vietnam vets have roamed and perished



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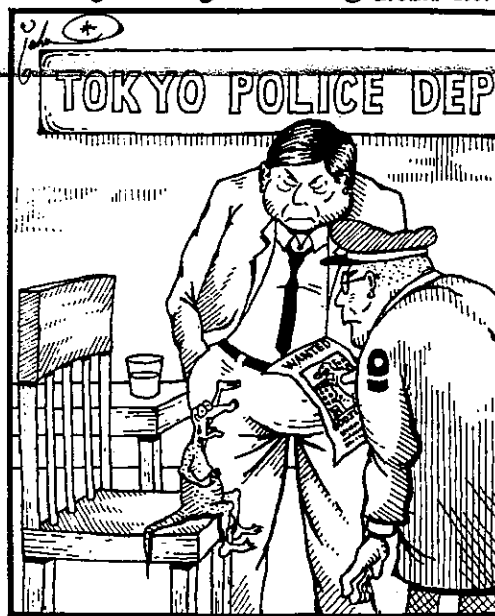
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in our streets these past twenty years or so, while more vets have died from suicide than died on the field of battle. Where were all the war profits and all those patriots?

Of course one thing leads to another and before you know it we'd be talking about all kind of related topics from the era. Reports that not only were gung-ho lieutenants fraggged by their men, but ordinary soldiers who asked too many questions or who perhaps didn't kill quickly enough were murdered by their fellow Americans and their murders blamed on the Viet Cong as an excuse to destroy another vietnamese village. Or perhaps we'd discuss the rumor that the army was secretly giving soldiers BZ, a drug designed to make people more aggressive, while driving them a little crazy. The State Department has already issued an official denial which I'm sure makes everyone more assured. And while I'm sure that there have been only seven or eight people in the entire history of Venice that have ever noticed the relationship of war profiteers and the destruction of communities, ours included it does somehow seem relevant to current events and current development schemes.

Tax free bonds were just awarded to this rabies infested company by the city council once again with no public input. We have been misled to the point of being lied to concerning the relation of the Maguire-Thomas Co. with the Summa Corporation, why is that? We are no longer able to guide, preserve or protect our community because our representatives have become our rulers, and manipulate the affairs of government to suit their personal goals.

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WORLD JAZZ returns to the beach!

The Comeback Inn's legendary entrepreneur of alternative music, **WILL RAABE**, has been assigned the position of entertainment & art director for the **VENICE BISTRO**, located at 323 Ocean Front Walk in Venice Beach.

Opening night is set for October 18th, featuring a dynamic world jazz trio with **Milcho Leviev** (keyboards), **Karen Briggs** (electric violin) and **Tootie Heath** (drums). A slide show of images from the Comeback Inn and Venice scenes will be presented by local artist **Harry Drinkwater**.

Raabe comes well credentialed to this charming, European style restaurant & nightclub having launched such great artists as **Ricky Lee Jones**, **Dianne Reeves**, **Billy Childs**, **Henry Butler**, **Arco Iris**, **Ruyscalita**, and hosted others on a regular basis like **Milcho Leviev**, **Ray Pizzi**, **Charlie Haden**, **Strunz & Parah**, **Buddy Collette**, **Wayne Johnson**, to name just a few.

Two live performances are set for 8:30 & 10:00 P.M. running from Wednesday through Saturday, featuring a variety of original acts on Wednesdays; Thursdays are dedicated to new talents showcasing their creations, whereas on Friday & Saturday nights the emphasis is on World Jazz. Periodic Art Happenings will spice up the regular scheduling and local artists will have the opportunity to exhibit their work.

The Venice Bistro serves flavorful intercontinental lunches & dinners and attracts visitors from all over the world. The staff is courteous & friendly and is dedicated to first rate service and eager to please. There is a full service bar.

No cover charge on Thursday nights, admission on the other nights vary from \$5.00 - \$8.00.

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Friday
Oct. 18

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Developments

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Playa Vista's Property Rights

Judging from letters to other newspapers from members of the Galanter inner circle, they think Playa Vista is just fine. A rather hypocritical November '90 letter in the Westchester Journal of Dell Chumley's raised some ironic points—namely her attitude that "developers have property rights" inferring that their rights take precedence over all other laws. Chumley has sued the developer of the Marina Place shopping mall, seeking to overturn Culver City's OK and change the project to a residential development. Chumley's main claim in her letter, however, was that preventing the development of Playa Vista "totally ignore(s) the rights of the landowner" and that the mere suggestion to plant the area as an urban forest is an "unnatural" use of the property. Who really thinks that offices, condos and concrete are "natural"?

The slow growth movement's success has proven that local residents, renters and owners alike and small businesses have property rights, too, that mega-developments like Playa Vista will destroy. We have land use laws to protect the community as a whole, to find a balance between a developer's profit motives and the public's best interest.

But the real question is: do we, the surrounding communities have the right to control what is built upon Playa Vista? Of course we do! And here's how, according to the Zoning code book used by the L.A. City Planning department. I would point out that just because it's in their book, rarely do L.A. planners or politicians seem to enforce these rules. But cities in Orange County and Ventura do it all the time. These laws allow the voters to decide the growth capacity of their communities.

The right to zone property stems from the Police Powers granted to local governments by the California State Constitution—Section 11, Article XI, also affirmed in Remmer vs. Municipal Court.

The community's exercising our Police powers is not a "taking" of property for which compensation must be made—(Beverly Oil co. vs. City of L.A.) "Any zoning regulation is a valid exercise of the police power which is necessary to subserve the ends for which the police power exists, namely, the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare," says the ruling.

Now, if Chumley thinks that Playa Vista isn't going to harm our health and safety, then 2 + 2 must equal 5!

Developers made a lot of idle threats to voters that they were going to file costly lawsuits if growth controls were OK'd in 1987 and '88. The doctrine of payment for downzoning was almost affirmed in the 1987 "First English" case, but in the final appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in early 1990, a lower court decision was left standing which said "a regulatory taking does not occur until all use of property is eliminated by an ordinance". I haven't proposed anything so drastic for the Playa Vista project—even though Galanter deputy Jim Bickhart said in an October 10, 1990 Outlook letter that I had advocated the confiscation of the project. (I have, however, suggested that owners Maguire-Thomas and Summa/Hughes Corp. get generous and simply give the land to the public as a symbol of the environmental consciousness of the 1990's. Confiscation is not my style.)

Currently, the Playa Vista property is zoned for high density offices, condos and the like, due to zoning laws pushed by the very-pro-development councilwoman Pat Russell in 1986. From 1984 to 1988 Hughes interests were documented to have given at least \$32,000 to re-election committees for 13 of the 15 members of the L.A. City Council, \$24,000 to Mayor Tom Bradley, and \$60,000 to all 5 County Supervisors, plus over \$500,000 to elected state politicians from 1981 to '86. Before they had lubricated the political system, Summa's property consisted of 850 acres zoned for agriculture only, out of the total 957 acres. The rest was an industrially zoned 2 story aircraft plant. The Wheeler vs. Gregg decision says that zoning is no guarantee: "Zoning is not a contract by the city, and may therefore be modified by the latter." (the city may change zoning) "Property is always held subject to the valid exercise of the police power." The theory of Vested rights only protects an owner from changes in zoning law while a building is under construction. But since no construction has begun yet at Playa Vista, no high density "vested" rights exist.

Now, police powers/zoning also includes control of changes of use (L.A. city ordinance) and subdivisions of large and small parcels of property. In fact, most other cities already have so-called "discretionary" permits, also

known as conditional use permits, controlling liquor stores and mini-malls. Also, subdivisions such as the UCLA/Kentwood Bluffs tracts and Playa Vista are called "discretionary" approvals. The city never has to OK them. In fact, the city of L.A., with the passage of the Mini-Mall control ordinance and Site-Plan Review ordinance for projects bigger than mini-malls, has made all new commercial, industrial, and large residential buildings subject to discretionary review—not By-Right zoning anymore. Because of the uncertainties of our water supply and traffic capacity on streets, smog permits etc.—no builder can be legally guaranteed a right to build. With this absolute control on subdivisions that the cities have, projects on the last unpaved land in most cities in Orange and Ventura Counties, and throughout California have been 1/5th or less the density of our Playa Vista.

This low-density/high-open space zoning has been OK'd by courts. Most recently, a developer who was required to leave more than 80% of a project in the San Francisco Bay area unpaved in exchange for developing the remaining 20% sued, but lost in the case of Northwood vs. Moraga.

What I have suggested as a solution to the Playa Vista mess is that they could profitably develop it at 1/5th the density, build 2000 homes/apartment/condos and 1 1/2 million square feet of commercial space on their 957 acres (instead of 11,735 apt/condos & 7.7 million SF office/retail/hotel), and leave 70% of the land as a wildlife & nature preserve, botanical gardens and parks. These standards haven't proven unprofitable or illegal in other cities, or in Orange or Ventura County.

We know for a fact that Howard Hughes paid little more than \$500,000 for all of Playa Vista before World War 2, or about \$500 an acre. And with Maguire-Thomas simply acting as front men for the Hughes estate, I suspect they have little to risk.

Yes—what I suggest is totally legal. Let's see what the voters think.

COAST Hearing More Like "Putting Dracula in Charge of the Blood Bank!"

"How to dig out the gold you're looking for" from EIR's for big developments was the theme of COAST's only public meeting this year. Of course, since COAST's operating budget consists of \$9000 funneled from the Channel Gateway project thru Arnold Springer, I'd say they already found the gold they were looking for.

Leading the discussion was COAST attorney Debra Bowen who said the best way to reduce the impacts of mega-projects was to ask for "mitigations" from the developer. Looking at COAST's benefactor's project Channel Gateway, we see that the mitigations will have little effect on the project's traffic, etc. But not revealed to the crowd that night was that Bowen and another COAST leader Dell Chumley seek to spend \$200,000 of those "mitigations" thru their own boutique non-profit corporation, called the Venice Resources Corp. COAST's founder Arnold Springer managed to squeeze \$450,000 from the Gateway to spend as he chooses, thru his own "non-profit" corporation. And just because they're non-profit doesn't mean these folks can't pay themselves a salary.

One good revelation by Bowen was that developers like to use traffic standards from outside of So-California to understate their project's impact. (A fact originally exposed in the November 1990 Beachhead) So why did COAST's newsletter still quote traffic for their friend Channel Gateway at 8000 cars a day, even though the city's final report says it will create 14,600 cars a day?

Another issue totally ignored by the COAST Forum was the big projects facing us in the future: Playa Vista, the proposed condoization of the 640 Lincoln Place apartments, and the Hughes WestBluff project. But the COAST Forum sponsors chose to focus on the confusing subject of highly technical EIRs, something few can understand. I prefer to focus on the politicians who have been bought off by these developers, and for how much.

Lastly for those interested in Summa-Hughes projects, a Hughes Westbluff project hearing will be held October 17th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Airport Marina Hotel in Westchester. The planners working for Hughes on this project have already given Galanter's campaign \$1000. Two years ago Galanter OK'd the paving of much of Hughes bluff parcels east of Lincoln Blvd. This project is just west of Lincoln Blvd.

Until next issue—keep fighting that craving for paving!

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