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## Parking Scam Exposed

by PATRICK MCCARTNEY

Nina stumbled down Speedway in a daze. "I was only there for two minutes! I even asked if I could be there for two minutes. They said fine."

Then the enormity of her dilemma struck her and Nina cried. "I was only there two minutes!"

Farther north on Spedway, Nina's boyfriend was yelling back to her in a whiny voice. "You said it was alright! Now what are we going to do?"

"I was only there two minutes!" Nina repeated her futile defense over and between sobs. Back at the lot where her departed car had been so recently, I spotted a sign against the Eat-a-Pita's wall--"Fastest Tow in Town."

Welcome to the Parking Wars. It's a dirty little war fought between chumps and wolves, and the reader can easily guess which side is ahead.

As residents and visitors to Venice alike know, the number of parking spaces in Venice is hardly adequate to handle the demand. As I have written in the last two issues of the Beachhead, the residents of Venice are paying a stiff price.

Venusians--like most beach residents--get crowded off their own streets on sunny weekends. But an increasingly large number of Venice residents lack nearby legal parking, for themselves or visitors, during the slowest part of the week and the slowest part of the year.

The reasons are varied. Venice is an old district in Los Angeles, largely built before the rise and tyranny of the automobile. As a result, many house lots, in North Venice especially, are smaller than presently allowed, and old apartments were not required to have tenant parking on site.

Many homeowners have converted garages to "granny houses," and apartment owners have squeezed new living units from unused space and divided large spaces.

## Tow for the Gold

Add to that pressure on parking the increase in commercial activity in Venice over the last ten years. From the Bel-Air quiche-eaters who entrust their Jags and Mercedes to the valet at Tony Bill's, to the flea-market crowd that would rather buy schlock in Venice than stay home, the new waves of tourists have arrived in cars.

Parking lot owners responded by renting spaces to vendors, who pay more money than parkers. Bigger flea market. Less parking.

As I said, the reasons for a parking shortage in Venice are varied. But there is little argument that the situation is severe, if not critical.

When people routinely flout the law just to park their cars, the circumstances are ripe for parking scams, like the man who was arrested after selling the public spaces on an otherwise free stretch of the Venice Boulevard median.

There are neater scams. Like towing for profit.

I have a friend who might be called the "Deep Throat" of Venice parking, a friend I'll call "Deep Park." Intimately familiar with the parking business along Ocean Front Walk, Deep Park can tell you parking stories that range from macabre horror pieces to charming recollections of local parking color.

For instance, Deep Park remembers the large parking lot on the Boardwalk north of Brooks--now the site of the grotesque ghost building, the Bathhouse. For years a local blues singer ran the lot for its owner.

Deep Park recalls how good that lot was to the blues singer, how the old man managed to buy three cars

from the good fortune that fell on him like a welcome shower after a lifetime of drought.

"That old man wheeled and dealt form that lot," Deep Park told me recently with a hint of nostalgia in his voice. "He and the tow companies worked out a very good arrangement for him, where he'd earn a payment under the table."

Another old Venice hand I know--I'll call him Maxie--used to watch from the roof of his nearby apartment when the tow trucks visited the lot regularly. "I hated myself for not doing anything about it. One time I approached the old man and asked him what he was getting out of it, and he told me just some parts for his cars. He and I both knew better than that."

The parking lot of the blues singer ran might be gone, but the parking scams continue. In different areas of Venice close to the Boardwalk, towing kickbacks are still taking place.

At an apartment nouse near the Gondolier, a new manager took over. As one tenant (call him Zeke) explained it, the new manager had no great enthusiasm for tidying the place up, let alone fixing anything.

Then, without notice, the tenants learned about a change in the parking situation. Behind the building was a concrete strip fronting the alley. The tenants and guests used the unregulated space in addition to the secured, underground parking available to them.

One day the manager started to have cars towed out. "They started towing even before putting up a sign to warn people." After the initial outrage, the new manager put up a sign and continued to call Danny Daytona's tow trucks to haul cars off.

"It's the only thing the new manager and his girlfriend were diligent at," Zeke has told me. Describing the couple as "little lizards," the tenant added, "They're absolutely religious having people towed."

The reason for the manager's zeal was discovered by another tenant, who once saw money change hands between the tow truck driver and the manager, and told Zeke about it. If the money was a kickback, it would certainly explain why Danny Daytona's was called so diligently.

Danny Daytona's is the company of choice at the Eat-a-Pita lot where Nina tried to park for "just two minutes." My friend Maxie, whose apartment conveniently overlooks the lot, explains how the business works.

"When someone pulls their car into that lot, they usually pull into one of the first spaces near Speedway--right under the no parking signs. Then the spotter, Tony, calls Danny Daytona from his third-floor perch next door and a truck is here in under five minutes. Sometimes way under. The tow truck driver walks over to the apartment, and the spotter throws down a little slip of paper with the license number of the car he wants towed."

Neat, huh. Maxie adds, "I get tired looking at it."

## God Changes Mind

President Spencer Wolly Kimball, born in 1895 AD, died this month near his Salt Lake City Temple, of old age.

He is survived by a wife, children, a farm, a real estate and insurance business, and a landmark prophesy from God.

In 1978 AD God informed President Kimball, in his capacity as Prophet to the Church of Jesus Christ, of the Latter Day Saints (LDS), that he (God) had changed his mind about admitting Black males to the LDS' highest priesthood.

Brigham Young University's (BYU's) record in basketball improved immediately.

President Kimball preached that the LDS god was against the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The AD Monitor believes Prophet Kimball died when God revealed that he has changed his mind on the ERA.

The LDS god expects LDSers to support the ERA now. BYU, too.

-Tim Stephens  
Obit Commentator  
American Druid Monitor



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SALAAM ALAIKUM, EFFENDIS&EFFENDETTES;

I HAVE JUST FINISHED READING YOUR NOVEMBER ISSUE, IN WHICH APPEARS THE ARTICLE 'PIRACY BY ANY OTHER NAME', FAITHFULLY RECDUNTED BY MY OLD FRIEND & FELLOW AVIATOR ABDUL, AND TRULY WRITTEN BY THE OTHERWISE EXECRABLE MEMPHIS SLIM. MY NAME IS MUSTAFA AND I WAS ABDUL'S CO-PILOT ON THAT FATEFUL FLIGHT--MY LAST. AFTER MANY YEARS OF FLYING AIRLINERS ACROSS THE STRIFE-TORN SKIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THIS WAS THE LAST STRAW: BEING JUMPED BY AIR-SUPERIORITY FIGHTERS BRISTLING WITH HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES AND PILOTED BY JINGOISTIC YOUNG HOT-HEADS WHO HAVE THEIR GOV'T.'S PERMISSION TO SEND A SIDEWINDER UP MY HEMORRHOIDAL BUNGHOLE IF ABDUL DOESN'T DO EVERYTHING THEY SAY! I THOUGHT POOR ABDUL HAD SOILED HIS UNDERGARMENT WHEN THE VOICE FIRST CAME OVER THE HEADSETS.

THIS WAS ALL TOO MUCH, SO I NEGOTIATED AN EARLY RETIREMENT FROM THE AIR LINE, CASHED IN ALL MY ASSETS, AND AM NOW RESTING COMFORTABLY IN THE ARMS OF A FAVORED NUBIAN HOURI HERE IN KUWAIT. SHORTLY BEFORE MOVING HERE, I WAS VACATIONING IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE WHEN I RAN INTO ABDUL. THIS WAS OUR FIRST REUNION SINCE THAT EVENTFUL FLIGHT. MY OLD FRIEND WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO SEE ME RECUPERATING IN SO LAVISH A FASHION AND ASKED ME: 'WHEN THE AMERICANS WERE FORCING US TO SICILY, DID I NOT HEAR YOU EARNESTLY BESEECH ALLAH TO GET YOU OUT OF THIS AND ON THE GROUND IN ONE PIECE, IN RETURN FOR WHICH YOU WOULD SURELY GIVE UNTO HIM HALF OF EVERYTHING YOU OWN?'

'TRULY,' I REPLIED, 'BUT AFTER WE GOT OUT OF THE COCKPIT I MADE A BETTER DEAL.' MY FRIEND WAS UNDERSTANDABLY AGHAST. 'BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET YOU DID WHAT?' HE EXCLAIMED.

'INDEED SO, ABDUL. I KNELT UPON THAT BLESSED TARMAC, FACING MECCA, & SOLEMNLY SWORE THAT IF I EVER GOT IN ANOTHER AIRPLANE, HE COULD HAVE IT ALL!'

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ALAIKUM SALAAM,

MUSTAFA IBN DAUD  
KUWAIT



Dear Beachhead Collective:

Thank you for printing my "Lost Ark" article in your October issue. Since I did not see it until after my birthday, it came like an extra gift.

This is my most recent issue. Sorry that I did not get it to you in time for the November Beachhead, but deadlines do horrify me.

Maybe I will get my Amristice Day issue to you in time for your December issue.

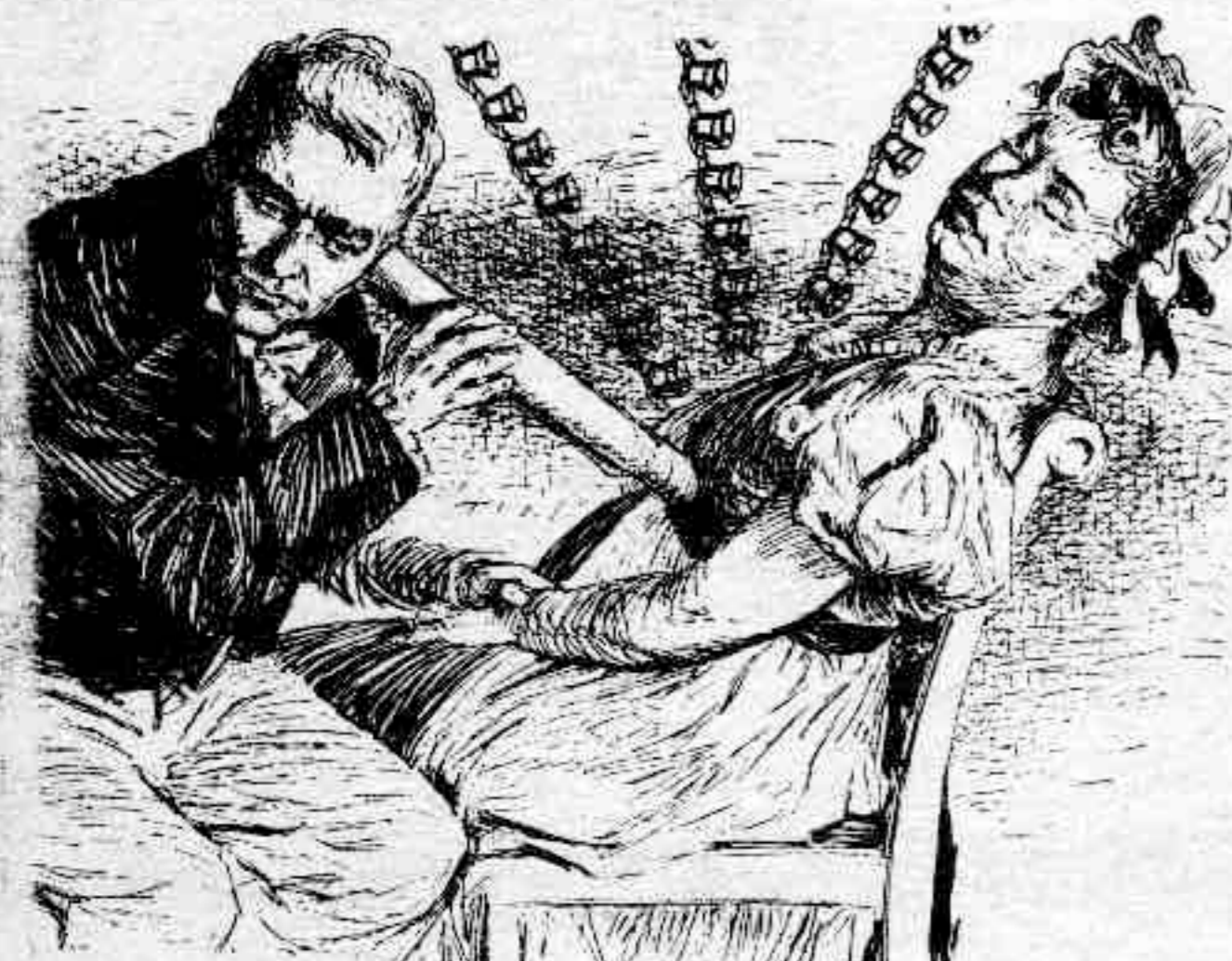
Issue #6 is going to be dedicated to Vetrians, but I will try to get some Winter Solstice stuff in it for you.

Thanks again for running my Ark article.

Journalistically,

Editor in Chief, Druid

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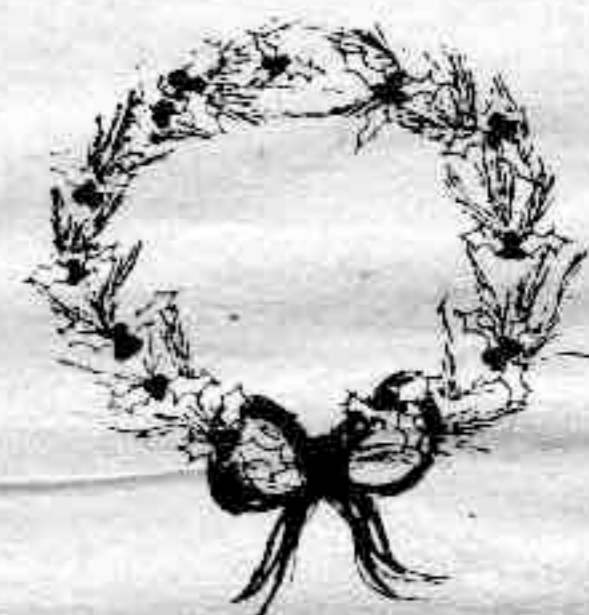
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# Apartheid's Phony Reforms

By John Sang

The South African Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Herbert Beukes, stated in a recent interview on national television that the decision had been made by his government to dismantle apartheid and to give black people the vote. This was a major policy statement by South Africa's highest-ranking envoy to the United States, and it was given front page prominence by leading newspapers throughout the nation.

But is it true? To answer this question it is necessary to understand precisely what is meant by apartheid (because there are different forms of apartheid) and to know what it implies for the people who live under it.

Literally, it is an Afrikaans word for "separate-ness" or "apart-ness." Racial separation had been practiced in South Africa for centuries before the term apartheid entered the political vocabulary of South Africa, but it reached its most extreme form after the National Party came to power for the first time in 1948. It fought and won that election by advocating a program of legally enforced separation of the races, which was from then on referred to as apartheid.

Separation now permeated almost every facet of life: there were separate busses and trains, separate toilets, separate park benches, separate hospitals and ambulances, and so on.

Apartheid, however, went further than that. Mixed marriages and interracial sex became crimes punishable with jail sentences, and the Group Areas Act of 1950 stipulated separate living areas in cities and towns for different racial groups. Blacks did not have to vote separately. They continued not to vote at all.

The apartheid of separate toilets and separate lines at the post office came to be known as petty apartheid, to distinguish it from the deeper and more fundamental provisions of laws such as the Group Areas Act.

This was grand apartheid, and there is no better example of it than the "homelands policy." With the creation of so-called independent tribal states on 13% of the land (Blacks constitute 75% of the population) the whole question of political rights for Blacks became irrelevant. According to the South African government, they were citizens, not of South Africa, but of their newly created countries. A Black man or woman who had never set foot in a tribal homeland, who had lived since birth in, for example, Soweto, Johannesburg's sprawling satellite city, was merely a migrant worker in South Africa. Blacks had as much right to vote there as a visiting Turkish worker to a vote in Switzerland or Germany.

The National Party has repeatedly claimed that apartheid or "separate development," as it came to call its policy in the 1950s, has helped black people in South Africa. They are, it is argued, much better off than their counterparts anywhere else in Africa.

But critics have countered that the only valid comparison to make is between Whites and Blacks within South Africa. For example, they point out that while the overall doctor/patient ratio in 1981 was 1:1540, when the figures are broken down, the rate was 1:330 for whites but 1:91,000 for Blacks. This latter figure actually compares unfavorably with figures for most African states.

Similarly, in education, state spending vastly favors Whites. A recent Time article (August 5, 1985) showed that the government spends \$780 per year on each white student and \$110 on each Black. Pupil/teacher ratios similarly favor Whites. The figures in 1983 were 18:1 (White) and 43:1 (Black).

In the economic sphere Blacks do not have the same job opportunities as Whites. In the mining industry, for example, which is dependent on black labour, the top job categories are closed to Blacks, who cannot become full-fledged miners by acquiring a blasting certificate. The same Time article points out that the average white worker earns \$8,260 per year compared with \$1,815 for the average black.

"Separate but equal" was even at one time a National Party slogan, but these few examples show that the term apartheid must also be understood to imply profound inequality between Blacks and Whites, not only politically, but also materially, and in terms of the quality of life.

There can be no doubt that significant changes have taken place in government policy in recent years, and many have claimed that these herald the eventual end of apartheid.



Black Panthers/CPP

The laws forbidding interracial sex and marriage have been repealed, the government has offered to restore South African citizenship to Blacks who lost it by being assigned to distant tribal homelands, and it has been asserted that Blacks will be admitted to decision-making "at the highest level." Recently, moreover, there have been indications that the hated pass system may be abolished. A pass is the identity document that Blacks are required to carry at all times to show which area the bearer is allowed to live and work in.

Petty apartheid has been played down for years. The notorious, and once omnipresent, "Whites Only" signs on public facilities have to be sought out now by the curious. Some beaches have already been integrated, and legislation is pending that will integrate some cinemas, and allow White bar and restaurant owners, who so wish, to serve Blacks.

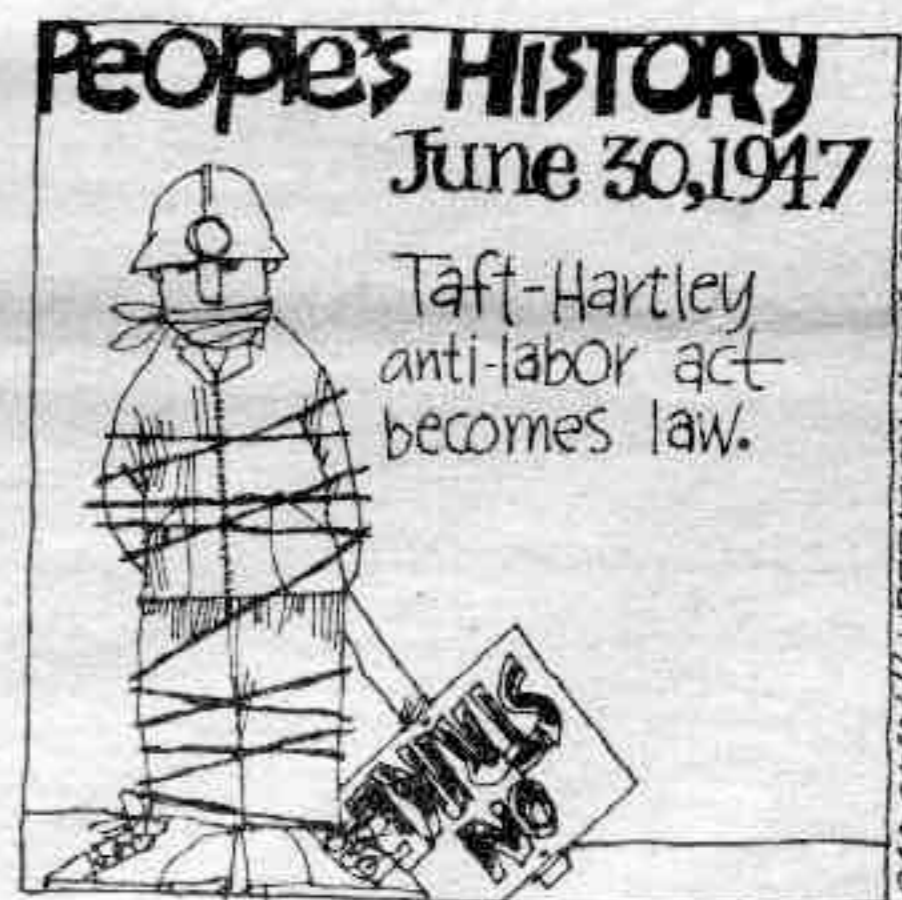
But can these reforms be taken as a sign that the whole system of apartheid will soon be obsolete? What else is the government saying as it announces these reforms?

President Pieter Botha emphasized in a recent speech that the Group Areas Act is non-negotiable. In other words, one of the pillars of grand apartheid, separate residential areas for Blacks and Whites, will not be shaken. He has also stressed that separate educational facilities for Whites will be maintained. While promising Blacks a political voice "at the highest level," he has stated clearly that a common voters' roll and one-man one-vote in a unitary state are not on the cards.

Let us imagine that the government establishes, as it has hinted it might, a confederation in South Africa, in which Blacks vote and manage their own affairs in their federal units, and participate along with Whites in some as yet undefined way at the highest levels of government. Will this mean that apartheid is finally over? The answer seems perfectly clear. As long as Blacks still cannot live in the same areas as Whites, as long as economic doors are closed to Blacks, and Blacks cannot enjoy the superior education of Whites, as long as even one restaurant can legally refuse Blacks service, then let the South African government abolish whatever other laws it may, apartheid will still exist.

President Botha has been asked repeatedly by Black and White opponents in South Africa to make a clear and unequivocal statement of intent to end apartheid. Repeatedly he has refused to do so. The conclusion seems inescapable. As long as it is within his power, and within the power of his government, the chains may be adjusted, but they will not be removed.

*The author is a white South African who has been living in the United States for the last four years.*



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# Rollin' Over Rock 'n' Roll

by MOE STAVNEZER

Censorship of rock 'n roll lyrics is now a reality. In November the RIAA (Record Industry Assoc. of America) caved in to the scare tactic demands of the PMRC (Parents Music Resource Center) for identifying albums with "objectionable" lyrics. Some 22 record companies signed the agreement which requires them to either label potentially offensive albums ("Explicit Lyrics-Parental Advisory") or print the lyrics on the cover of the album. (Tapes, which account for 60% of sales must be tagged with a statement referring people to the album). Each record company makes the decision about which lyrics fall into the offending category.

Because a full scale rating system was not adopted, some people in the industry claim that the agreement was at least a partial victory. I disagree. I think that a little censorship is like being a little pregnant.

The major rockazines ran articles and lead stories about the possibility of the rating system, but they were all a day old and a dollar short to make any real impact. *Rolling Stone*, for instance, ran a long article condemning the ratings but not until the beginning of November when the die was already cast.

The movement to censor rock music began when a couple with some young children were listening to Prince's "Purple Rain" album, an album they both profess still to like very much. They discovered some sexually explicit lyrics on a couple songs and were concerned about the impact the lyrics might have on their children and others. So, instead of talking to their kids, they ran to the local PTA and set in motion a series of events that led to the national PTA passing a resolution, in 1984, supporting a rating system for rock albums. The idea languished until it caught the attention of some very well placed women in Washington DC in 1985. The women just happened to be the wives of a group of powerful Senators and a cabinet member in the Reagan administration.

Tipper Gore (wife of Sen. Albert Gore) and Susan Baker (wife of Sec. of the Treasury James Baker) seem to have become the ringleaders of the elite little group.

*"A little censorship is like being a little pregnant."*

They have never hesitated to use their positions of access to great power to threaten the industry with legislative action

if it did not bend to their wishes. They sent out letters and press releases with their husbands names typed under their own, just in case any one might miss the point they were making. Suddenly the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation (on which sit the husbands of at least 4 of the wives involved) held an informal hearing on the matter this past October. Can you imagine getting such a hearing on your pet peeve? PMRC trotted out some of the most obscure records they could find with songs like "Animal (Fuck like a Beast)" given prominent exposure at the hearings even though it appeared on an album that sold all of 3,000 copies.

Many in the pop industry had begun, by this time, to get concerned about the potential for vast censorship in music that these women represented. Pop stars ranging from John Denver to Frank Zappa testified against a rating system but it also was too little too late. A group called the Musical Majority, pop music people with support from the ACLU, was also formed but could not prevent the beginning of censorship in rock music. And I believe that this is only the beginning. PMRC is now going after sexual references and simulated violence on MTV and there is no telling where they will stop.

Rock music can be sexually explicit, vulgar and, at times, even violent. But censorship is not the answer. Censorship of sexual references can easily lead to the censoring of political statements that are not in sync with a record company's politics. It will lead to self-censorship especially among emerging artists who can't afford to have a warning label on an album that may have one "offending" word on an entire album.

If you're concerned and would like more information write to The Musical Majority, c/o The American Civil Liberties Union, 132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036. ■

# Violence is Violence Women Human, LAPD Told

The Los Angeles Police Department has finally been told that they have to obey the law just like everybody else.

For a long time now, the law has made no distinction between violence in the home and violence against strangers. Law enforcement statisticians agree that 98%+ of all victims of domestic violence are women.

The LAPD didn't see it that way-- women's black eyes, bloody lips and noses, broken ribs, choke and kick marks, knife and gunshot wounds were "family disputes" and "civil matters" in which they refused to get involved. Arrest the batterer? You've got to be kidding! Take a crime report and let the victim sign it? Be serious! Advise the victim that she can make a private person's arrest (no need to be a "citizen") if the officer is legally unable to arrest? You're dreaming!

Despite vigorous opposition by the City, plaintiffs won their motion for certification as a class action suit, so that any relief obtained would apply with equal force to all victims of domestic violence in the city.

After six long years, the case cost the City \$199,500.00 when, on November 7, 1985, Superior Court Judge Norman R. Dowds signed a Consent Decree and Judgment which orders the LAPD to obey the law and treat complaints of domestic violence as any other complaint of criminal activity would be treated.

The judgment also orders the distribution to LAPD personnel of new STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR LAPD RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES and roll call training in these PROCEDURES.

The single most important aspect of the PROCEDURES is the requirement that the LAPD has to treat a domestic incident of criminal violence exactly the same as a non-domestic incident of criminal violence. Marriage, cohabitation or a dating relationship between the abuser and the victim is irrelevant if criminal violence has occurred. LAPD officers may no longer single out domestic violence for speculations on the likelihood of prosecution, bail or reconciliation.

LAPD officers may no longer intimidate the victim. They may no longer ask her: "Who's going to bring home the pay check if you have him arrested?"

They may no longer ask her: "Do you really want him to have a criminal record?" They may no longer threaten: "If you people don't learn to get along, we'll have to take the kids to Juvenile Hall." They may no longer shrug their shoulders that "those people always fight--they'll get over it" and refuse to take a report signed by the victim or refuse to arrest if grounds for an arrest are present.

And it's not going to look too good on their Daily Field Activity Report if the only notation is "Boyfriend/girlfriend dispute--parties advised" if the victim shows up the next day at the station with a black eye or a split lip and bruises all over.

Victims have the right to go to their police station, request that a crime report be taken, correct it if necessary and sign it.

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	Jan. '83	June '85
Calif.	1,581,000	1,825,000
Fla.	279,000	269,000
Ga.	241,000	235,000
Ill.	735,000	733,000
Mass.	259,000	234,000
Mich.	747,000	686,000
N.J.	399,000	362,000
N.Y.	1,089,000	1,112,000
Ohio	627,000	673,000
Pa.	588,000	561,000
Tex.	305,000	364,000
Wis.	260,000	290,000

Source: Department of Health and Human Services



# 3 Santa Monica Bay The Toilet Bowl We Swim in

by MOE STAVNEZER

Long Distance swimmer Howard Bennett has a wonderfully descriptive story about the state of the Santa Monica Bay. Howard who used to swim in the bay at Playa del Rey every day, began to notice that his stomach was upset after his swim. "At first I thought it was something I ate," he says, "now I know it's something someone else ate."

The Bay, a major reason many of us live here and love it, is sick and getting sicker. A recent report from the staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) states that the Bay is "stressed" environmentally and must be protected from the Hyperion (sewage) discharge. Earlier this year the State Dept. of Health issued a warning about eating fish caught in the Bay. And since last June we've been treated to story after story of raw sewage spilling into Ballona Creek which empties directly into the Bay.

This is not a new story. More than 4 years ago, under a typically irreverent Beachhead headline "Deep Shit for White Croakers," the paper published a story by Kit Stolz about the damage being done to the Bay. It was a solid, well researched article that made very few ripples before being forgotten. Now everything that Stolz told us then is being repeated by public and elected officials and respected scientists. Even earlier than that, for me, were the warnings from Venice resident and then a commissioner on the Coastal Commission, Dr. Rim Fay. Fay, who is a marine biologist, was constantly making public statements about how badly the sewage from the Hyperion Treatment Plant was affecting the Bay. Fay talked about the sick and mutant fish he saw on his frequent dives into the Bay waters. Dr. Fay was ignored when he tried to connect on-land development with the continuing degradation of the Bay.

What's happened to change the perception about the Bay from Fay's early warnings to today's enlightened comments by officials who used to ignore him?

Last April the self-same Howard Bennett mentioned above got wind of hearing having to do with dumping sewage into the Bay. The hearing, which was to deal with L.A. City's application for a waiver from the Federal Clean Water Act, was not pub-



licized enough, Bennett told the RWQCB & asked that they reschedule it after giving adequate public notice. The Board was forced to agree and set the hearing date for May. Bennett began a concerted effort to make the press and the public aware of what the "301H waiver" meant and to get people to attend the public hearing. He was very successful at both. Bennett is a trained PR man and it shows. Then came a series of events that brought even more publicity. All during the summer there were spills of raw sewage from a safety valve that was only supposed to be needed in emergency situations. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw sewage were involved and this, we were now told, was only part of possibly millions of gallons of similar spills. The RWQCB fined the City \$30,000 after one spill as a warning of what might happen if the situation continued. After the next big spill RWQCB fined the City an additional \$150,000!

During this time Assemblyman Tom Hayden was bringing new information into the public arena. At a hearing on the Bay he questioned the head of an agency whose sole job was to keep tabs on the health of the Bay. Mr. Bascom said that the Bay was in good shape and was getting better. Only days later Hayden released a letter from the chief scientist at that agency, also signed by 14-of-15 of his colleagues disavowing Bascom's claims. Dr. Brown painted quite a different picture of the Bay, not to mention the way in which the Southern Calif. Coastal Waters Project



Meanwhile, in City Hall some people were sniffing the winds for a pungent environmental issue for Tom Bradley in his next run at the governorship. The strongest odor, they discovered, was coming from the toilet. (Ah, there are untold bad jokes that can be made when sewage is the issue). After long supporting the 301H waiver, which basically gave the City an escape from the Clean Water Act requirement to go to complete secondary treatment of sewage, Bradley changed his mind. Suddenly he became a supporter of full secondary treatment! Now councilmembers from all over L.A. support full secondary treatment or major overhauls to the sewage system and are tripping over their press releases to prove it.

But, actions should speak louder than words. We're dumping more than 400 million gallons of sewage (some estimates are as high as 600 million) into the bay every day. Hyperion is at or above capacity. Yet the City is approving massive development projects without any regard for this situation. The City council or the planning commission have recently approved Summa's Playa Vista project which will add 2.6 million gallons to the system & did not require any additional fees to pay for the processing of that sewage. Playa Vista is only the most massive of a some 20 projects on the westside and who knows how many more, like the Pershing Square monster, downtown and elsewhere.

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By the time you read this the RWQCB will probably have denied the City's 301H waiver request which will be only the first step along the road to secondary treatment for L.A. The City must now find the funds to pay for the improvement of the treatment plant and the system as a whole. Our Councilwoman, Pat Russell, in statements defending Playa Vista, is claiming that other treatment plants will take the load off Hyperion. Secondary treatment will reduce Hyperions capacity while at the same time it cleans up the stuff we still pump into the Bay. So Mrs. Russell begs the question. How can we work toward a cleaner, healthier bay when we are allowing more and more sewage to be generated on land, into the sewer pipe and into the bay?

The RWQCB has the power and authority to impose a sewer hook-up moratorium on the City until the sewage can be adequately transported and treated. Such an action would be temporary and could exempt some types of development (such as single family homes or small apartments). Since, in the future, the major strain on the system will come from the development of huge office/commercial developments such as Plala Vista, it also seems logical that these developments pay for the cost of hooking up to and operating the treatment plants for the sewage they generate.

## Definitions

**PRIMARY TREATMENT** -- the raw sewage is allowed to settle in settling tanks for 80 minutes. The top and bottom are skimmed, removing 60% of the solids, and whatever floats to the top. Most of what is left is then pumped down the five mile outfall (pipe) to sea.

**SECONDARY TREATMENT** -- some of the water and suspended solids are mixed with active sludge (full of digesting bacteria), aerated and/or oxygenated, stabilized and solids again removed. The water is then substantially free of organic matter. It then is mixed with primary effluent and pumped down the five mile outfall into the ocean, 200 feet deep.

**SLUDGE digester** -- solids from primary and secondary treatment are heated and digested without oxygen. About half of the volume is converted to methane and carbon dioxide, the rest is screened and then pumped out the seven mile outfall into the ocean 320 feet deep. Deep ocean waters start at about 600 feet.

**TERTIARY TREATMENT**-- some wastewater treatment plants "polish" the water further so that it can be reused. The process usually includes either filtering or reverse osmosis. Water can be reused by putting it underground to refill our underground reservoirs, by industry for process water or in cooling towers, or for irrigating parks, golf courses, freeway landscaping, etc.

**HERS** -- is the Hyperion Energy Recovery System now under construction. When operational, it will centrifuge the sludge, dry and burn it in special incinerators, making enough energy to run the entire Hyperion operation with a little left over to sell to the power plant next door. The remaining ash will be trucked to landfills.

## JOIN THE FIGHT TO CLEAN UP HYPERION

INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR REDUCING EXPOSURE TODDT & PCB FROM SPORTFISH CAUGHT IN SANTA MONICA BAY

1. AVOID EATING WHITE CROAKERS (ALSO CALLED KINGFISH & TOMCOD)
2. AVOID EATING ANY FISH CAUGHT IN AREAS IMMEDIATELY AROUND WHITE POINT OUTFALL, GERALD DESMOND BRIDGE, & CARRILLO PIER
3. DO NOT EAT THE LIVER OF ANY FISH.
4. PREGNANT OR NURSING WOMEN & WOMEN OF CHILD BEARING AGE SHOULD EAT NO MORE THAN ONE LOCAL SPORTFISH MEAL PER MONTH (NOT INCLUDING WHITE CROAKER)
5. YOUNG CHILDREN--SAME AS #4
6. OTHERS WHO ROUTINELY CONSUME SPORTFISH FROM THESE AREAS SHOULD REDUCE THEIR CONSUMPTION OF THESE FISH TO 1-2 MEALS (4 OZ. FISH/MEAL) PER WEEK OR LESS (NOT ANY WHITE CROAKER)
7. SKIN (IF POSSIBLE) & REMOVE ANY FATTY TISSUE WHEN PREPARING FISH CAUGHT IN THIS AREA.
8. FISH SHOULD BE COOKED BY BAKING AND BROILING ON A RACK TO REDUCE THE LEVELS OF DDT & PCB IN THE EDIBLE PORTION.

# Central America: Reasons for Revolution

- By Jim Prickett

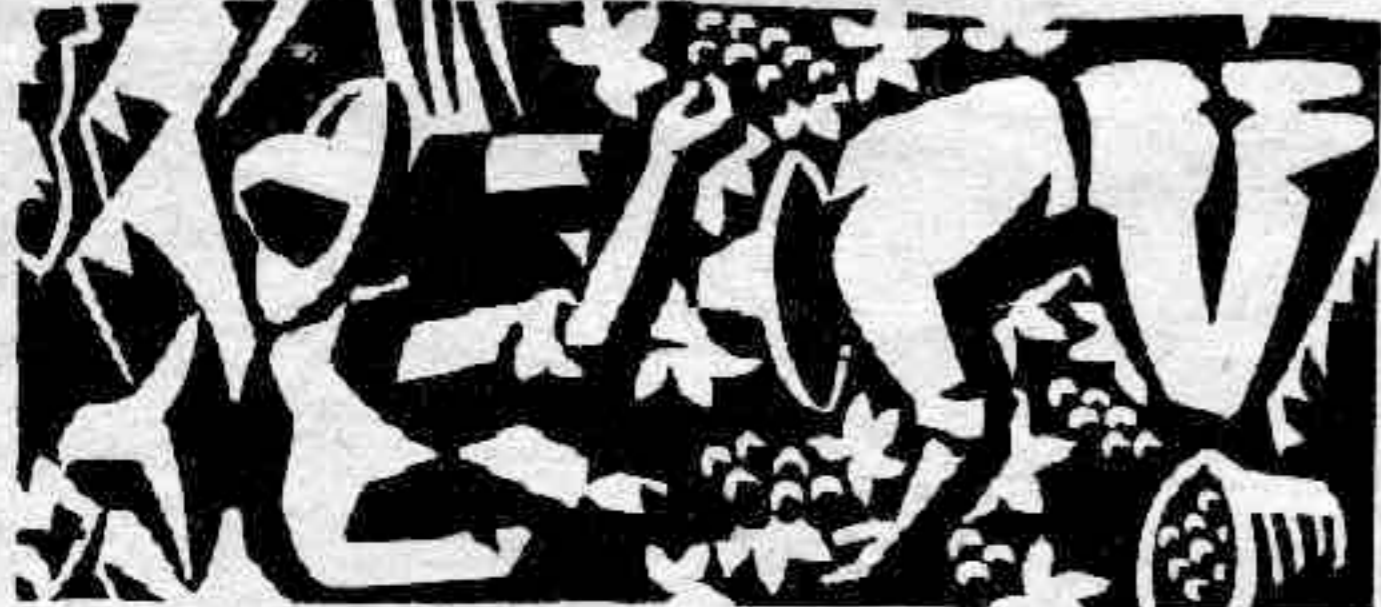
Why is the United States involved in Central America? Virtually all U.S. political leaders claim that the U.S. is trying to thwart Soviet and Cuban aggression. Critics claim that recent U.S. involvement is part of a long history of U.S. attempts to dominate Central America, both economically and politically. Most North Americans cannot really participate in this debate since few know the history of U.S. involvement in the region.

U.S. involvement in Central America can be divided into three basic periods: 1900-1932, the height of military intervention; 1932-1945, the period North Americans called the "Good Neighbor Policy;" and 1945-1985, when the dictators began to fall.

Between 1900 and 1932, every U.S. president—liberal and conservative, Democrat and Republican—sent troops into at least one Central American country. American troops occupied Nicaragua, for example, from 1909-1910, 1912-1925, and 1926-1933. It would be tedious to describe the reasons for all the interventions. In Nicaragua the U.S. objected to attempts by the conservative nationalist Jose Santos Zelaya to negotiate a loan with a British bank.

The essence of U.S. intervention was perhaps best expressed by Major General Smedley Butler: "I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for American fruit companies in 1903. I helped make Cuba and Haiti a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in....In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism."

Beginning in 1926, a nationalist rebellion under the leadership of Cesar Augusto Sandino fought to drive foreign (that is, U.S.) troops out of Nicaragua. This was the first time that U.S. troops had been beaten in a peoples' war; the Americans had to get out. But before the Americans left, they put in place a strategy that had previously been worked out in the Dominican Republic.



In the Dominican Republic, the U.S. helped place a man named Trujillo as the leader of the National Guard. The National Guard was an internal army or police force that was directed against any popular opposition to the government. It soon became the most powerful institution in the country and Trujillo quickly took over as president.

This model was set in place in Nicaragua. As U.S. troops slowly prepared to withdraw, U.S. efforts shifted to training, arming, and financing a National Guard for Nicaragua. The U.S. ambassador knew just the man to lead it: a U.S. educated, ambitious fellow named Anastasio Somoza. When U.S. marines withdrew, Somoza was safely installed as the leader of the National Guard. He asked Sandino to come to a meeting to discuss the future of Nicaragua. As Sandino left the meeting, he was murdered by National Guardsmen.

After consolidating his power for a few years in the National Guard, Somoza seized the presidency in 1936.

This was typical of the pattern followed during the Good Neighbor Policy which could more accurately be described as the nurturing of local dictatorships. The U.S. trained and equipped a military force which was directed against the population and which was the major source of power for the local dictator. Somoza, Trujillo, and other dictators, such as El Salvador's Hernandez who presided over the

murder of some 32,000 peasants and once philosophically remarked that "it is worse to kill an ant than a human being, because a human being lives after death while an ant dies forever", flourished under U.S. protection.

In the years 1945 to the present, these U.S. supported dictators all faced strong challenges from their own people. These were highly eventful years—to keep things manageable, I will concentrate on three important events: the revolution and subsequent CIA coup in Guatemala, the Alliance for Progress, and the revolution in Nicaragua.

In 1944, a coalition involving urban workers, peasants, students, nationalist Army officers, intellectuals, and members of the lower middle class joined in a revolution which overthrew the dictator Ubico. Peasants had particularly strong grievances. They were forced by law to work for three months on the coffee plantations for the princely sum of 5 cents a day. Two percent of the population owned 72% of the land, and 80% of the land went uncultivated. The result was not only peasant poverty, but gross underutilization of land and labor. The 1944 revolution sought to make Guatemala not a socialist state, but rather a modern capitalist state.

Under the leadership of Jose Arevalo democracy was brought to Guatemala. Expenditures on education jumped 155%. Similar increases were made in spending for health care. Labor unions were legalized. But nothing was done about the grossly unequal land distribution.

Arevalo stepped down from office when his term was finished, and Arbenz won the election for the presidency. Arbenz obtained a land reform which allowed the government to take, with compensation, uncultivated land in large plantations. Arbenz was himself a well-to-do landowner, and his own land was confiscated. Trouble arose when the law was applied to the United Fruit Company.

The United Fruit Company claimed that their land was worth more than Arbenz paid them. (They were right, but it was their own fault: Arbenz determined the value of the land from the company's assessment of it on their tax returns!)

A campaign was mounted to convince Americans that Guatemala had become a Communist state. Spruill Braden gave a well-publicized speech in which he claimed that the Soviets had seized the nation. It was widely reported that Braden was a former assistant under-secretary of state for Latin America; not mentioned in press accounts was Braden's current job as public relations director for United Fruit.

The CIA successfully organized a coup and a U.S. backed general took over Guatemala. The CIA official in charge, a patriot named Walter Bedell Smith, later left the government to become a vice-president of the United Fruit Company.

The new government in Guatemala took the land away from the peasants. (Some 100,000 peasants had received 1,500,000 acres of land under the short-lived land reform.) Labor unions were dissolved and many of their leaders murdered. In more recent years, Guatemala has been described as the Cambodia of Central America. In a region where political murder by the government is common-place, Guatemala has achieved distinction as a country where the term genocide has been frequently applied.

The loss of land by the peasants and the genocide against the Indian population both can be traced back to the CIA's "success" in the 1954 coup.

A different, more liberal approach was tried in the 1960s under John F. Kennedy. Kennedy sought to infuse economic aid into Central America, thus modernizing the economy and society, and eliminating the massive poverty which spawned revolutionary movements. This was as much of an anti-revolutionary policy as the earlier, CIA policy, but it seemed to grow out of liberal, rather than conservative, assumptions.

The results of the Alliance for Progress are interesting. Economic development did occur in Central America, but that development did not help the poor. Modernization of farm equipment, for example, meant that it took fewer workers to produce crops. In Nicaragua alone 15,000 jobs were lost because of modernization.

More important, by helping to make farming more modern and efficient, the Alliance allowed that 2% of the population which owned 72% of the land to make even greater profits. They used these greater profits to take more land from the peasants. In El Salvador, the percentage of landless peasants was only 12% when the alliance began, but by 1969 it was 29% and by 1975 it was 47%. More efficient farms were producing more bananas, sugar, and coffee for North American consumers, but unemployment and landlessness had sharply increased for Central American peasants.

The Alliance increased misery of the peasants because it assumed that the key problem was modernization. Actually, the key problems were (1) that a handful of people owned virtually all the land and (2) that the economy was directed almost entirely at producing staples for export rather than producing food for the local population. The handful that owned virtually all the land was not about to let go of it, nor were North Americans anxious to see Central America develop a more independent economy.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan people overthrew the Somoza regime. Some of the changes brought about by the revolution have been summarized in the textbook *A Short History of Latin America* by Keen and Wasserman: "Overall food consumption was up 40% over the prerevolutionary level. The urban reform law slashed the rents paid by low-income groups as much as 50 percent. Progress was especially marked in the fields of education and health. In 1980, the government received the UNESCO prize for a literacy campaign that reduced adult illiteracy from 50.3 percent to 12 percent. Medical and dental care are now free, and infant mortality has declined 28.7% since 1979. Of equal significance, the working people of Nicaragua have gained a new dignity and sense of power, of control over their destinies through participation in their mass organizations and trade unions."



The Latin American Studies Association in the United States, a non-political group of scholars, was so disturbed by the torrent of lies about Nicaragua that they dispatched an official delegation to monitor the 1984 elections there. While they had some criticisms, their overall assessment was that the elections were free and fair. Yet the United States is openly arming and training the former National Guardsmen in the Contras in their attempts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.

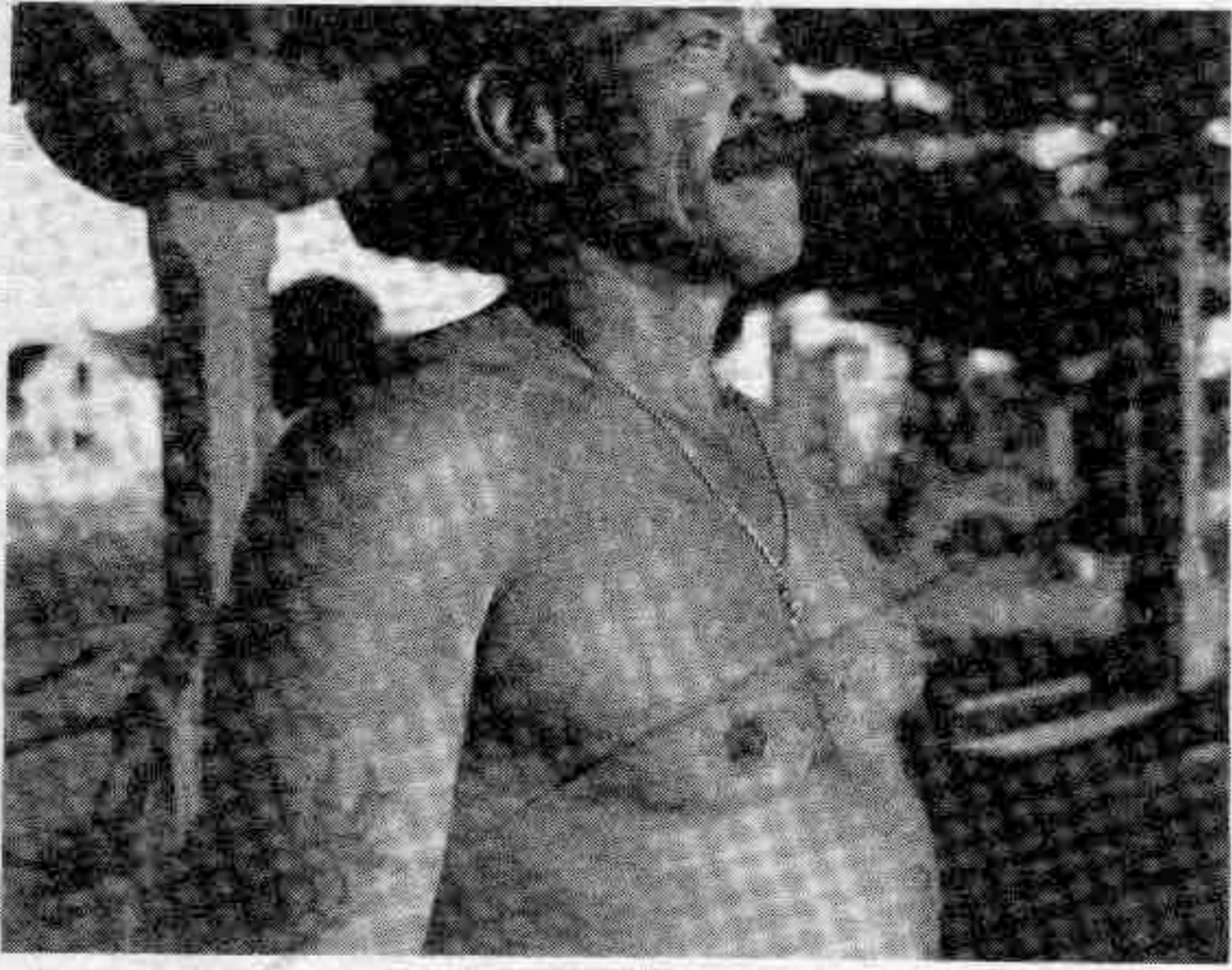
Nicaragua is not a perfect country. It has some things that the U.S. does not have—like free medical care—but then the USA has some things that Nicaragua does not have—like capital punishment. But that comparison can be left for another article.

I would argue that this brief survey of U.S. involvement in Central America proves the following:

First, that the U.S. involvement is not due to Soviet or Cuban involvement. Some of the most blatant U.S. interventions occurred before the Soviet Union existed and almost all of the military interventions occurred before the Soviet Union was a world power.

Second, that reform without revolution is not the answer in Central America. The Alliance for Progress seems to indicate that reform without revolution can even make the situation worse for the poor.

Third, that current U.S. involvement follows a clear, if depressing, pattern: U.S. use of whatever it takes to dominate Central America politically and economically.



"We are not tramps. When our face gets too known ... we go to San Diego or San Francisco. But we're replaced by people from those places."



"Where do you go when it rains? I go to my cubby-hole. Whoever I'm with, we watch each other's backs. We sleep together. We hide our blankets."



"I was a whale in a past life. Now I live in the sand."

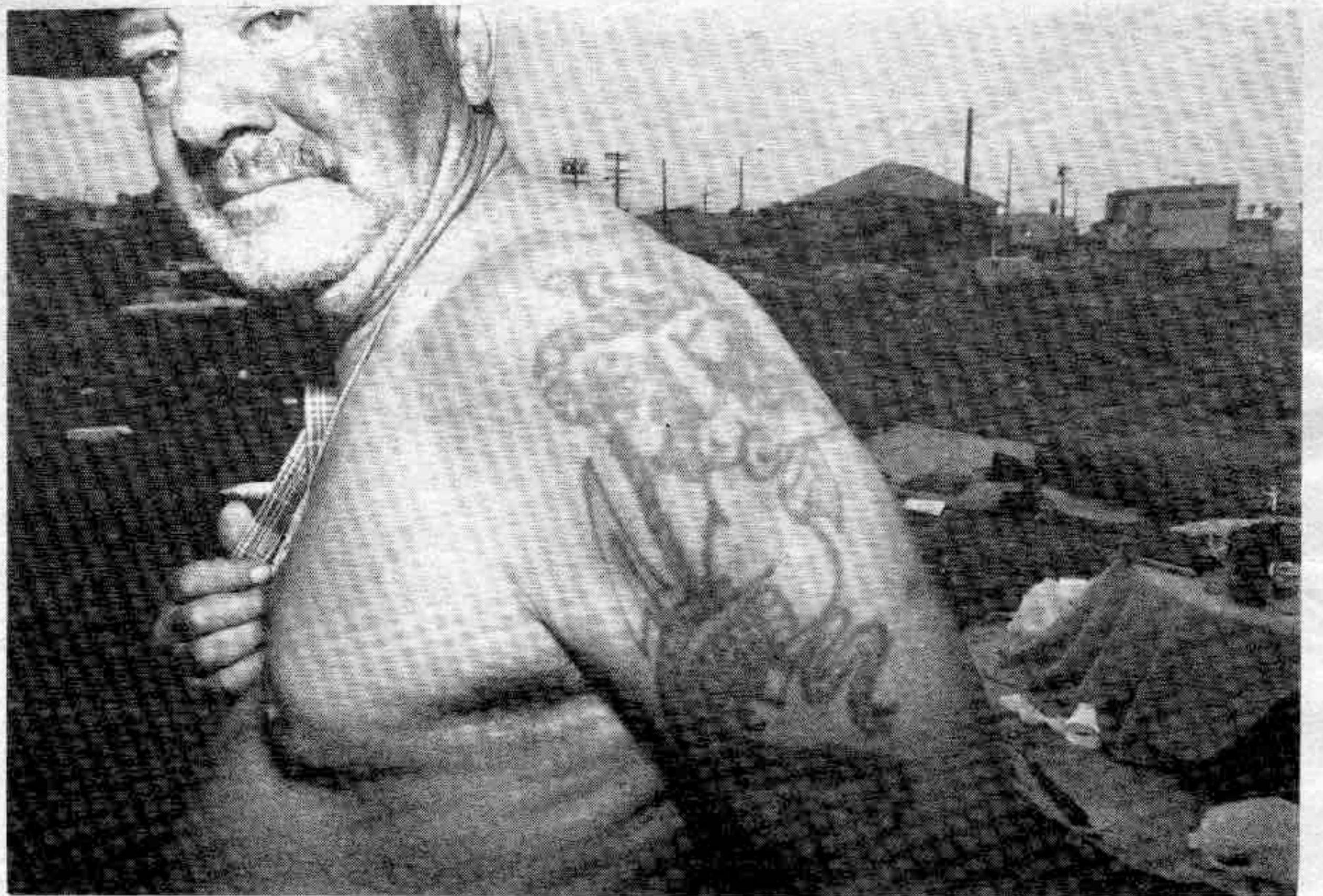


"My wife is in a wheel chair, so they took our kids away!"

Portraits of the Homeless Venice Beach



"I'm an American. I fought for this country. People think it's a big deal to give me 50¢. It doesn't buy much."



"Everything on this earth you borrow. When you die, you may as well die broke."

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Lynne Warberg



## Sicker under Reagan Stretched to the Limit.

by Fern Seizer

Patient visits at the Venice Family Clinic have increased by an unprecedented 77%. Working poor, unemployed and homeless children and adults received medical care without charge in 4,863 visits from July to Sept. this year compared to 2,752 visits for the same 3-month period in 1984.

55% more children under the age of 13 were treated, 80% more 20-44 year olds, and 65% more people 45 years and older. The Clinic serves as the "family doctor" to low income people from throughout the greater West Los Angeles area, providing free medical care 6 days and 4 nights a week.

With the growing homeless population & continued cuts in government-paid health care for the poor, the need for free health services is continually on the rise. The non-profit clinic--located at 604 Rose Ave.--is 80% privately funded, and has been able to increase its services through expanded clinical space in its new facility and the addition of a full-time staff physician and a nurse-practitioner to back up the efforts of 170 physicians who volunteer on a rotating basis.

Our resources are stretched to the limit with this major increase in patients, and we are still forced to turn away almost 100 people a month who need care even as we try to increase services to meet the need.

(Fern Seizer is the Exec. Director of the Venice Family Clinic).

## Little Chapel of the Speedway

So Doc and me went on a pilgrimage  
To the Little Chapel of the Speedway  
Down by the Ocean.  
The aisle was crowded  
With skateboarding grandmas  
And rollerskating clowns,  
A rooster toodling on a kazoo  
Steel guitar Willy kept on trying.  
People with dogs and dogs with people  
All visiting the holy shrines:  
Ice cream parlors and pizza stands.  
In the temple courtyard  
The sellers held sway--  
Buy sunglasses and a T-shirt  
To appease the Gods.  
Beneath the hallowed portals of the Cadillac  
The hippies spread their buffalo robe  
With quartz crystals and elk horn pipes.  
Have your fortune told  
Your back massaged  
Your karma cleansed  
All at the Little Chapel of the Speedway.  
As the sacred rites ended  
We sat under the Fig Tree  
And watched the finest sunset  
We could remember.

--M.W. Lindenmeyer

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## Cheap Shots

by memphis slim

Everyone's seen the pictures from the Summit. Reagan and Gorbachev smiling and laughing. They never agreed on Star Wars, Arms Reduction, Human Rights or their own imperialisms. So why the fun. Well. Elena Bonner got released for medical treatment 'cause her husband, Nobel Prize winning Dr. Sakharov, invented a cure for Prostate problems. That's why he was confined to Gorky! Gorbachev gave Reagan the secret during their first short meeting. All the jokes at the later meetings were Reagan recounting how it felt to get it up for the first time in 12 years. That's why Nancy could only blither about "family" life when meeting with Mrs. Gorbachev.

Remember, Enquiring minds want to know!

Our own local Ron Scribner was set to be a sports announcer for PRIME TICKET, the cable service of the Forum in Inglewood. You remember Ron Scribner, the right wing Yuppie who ran against Mel Levine last election. Scribner complained anytime anyone talked to Mel Levine, saying he (Scribner) didn't get equal time. Well, Scribner has already announced he's gonna' run against Mel next year. So Mel's folks complained. Every minute Scribner's on the air might be a free minute for his political opposition so PRIME TICKET fired Scribner. Way to go Mel!

You ever notice that the Los Angeles Times reads the Beachhead? Yeh, and I mean not only for their Westside articles. All Westside section articles on Venice

are reflective of Beachhead concerns. If you don't believe it, subscribe! To us, not the Times.

Anyway, the Homeless, Venice as a changing community, the RTD lot and many other issues get publicized first in the Beachhead and then sanitized for a "family newspaper". Glad to know we're appreciated.

Ever notice how small a town Venice is? I do. I've got teenagers and what happens on the street gets talked about. I can hear all about what the local rug rats did the night before simply by riding the bus. One kid was at our house the next day after achieving infamy as a punching bag on the North Beach. He

stood slack jawed as I recounted his exploits of the previous night. He blamed it on my youngest but she hadn't said a word because of her own guilt.

As anyone close to the Westminster Pagoda knows, Venice is a small town and teenagers consider us (adults) to be invisible. Except when they want money, of course.

If you don't get down to the Marina Channel often, I'll tell you about the new decorations they have for the toilet. The southern most toilet on Venice Beach is just north of the Marina Channel. It's built into the sand like a bunker. It's almost entirely underground. What little is not covered by sand must have proved offensive to the geeks 'cause they've planted 4 palm trees between the john and the condos. I guess with all that natural fertilizer they'll grow real good.

I came up with a solution to Apartheid. Offer a bounty of \$25 for every White South African. The bounty is good until there's one person-one vote in South Africa.

The elections are tomorrow.

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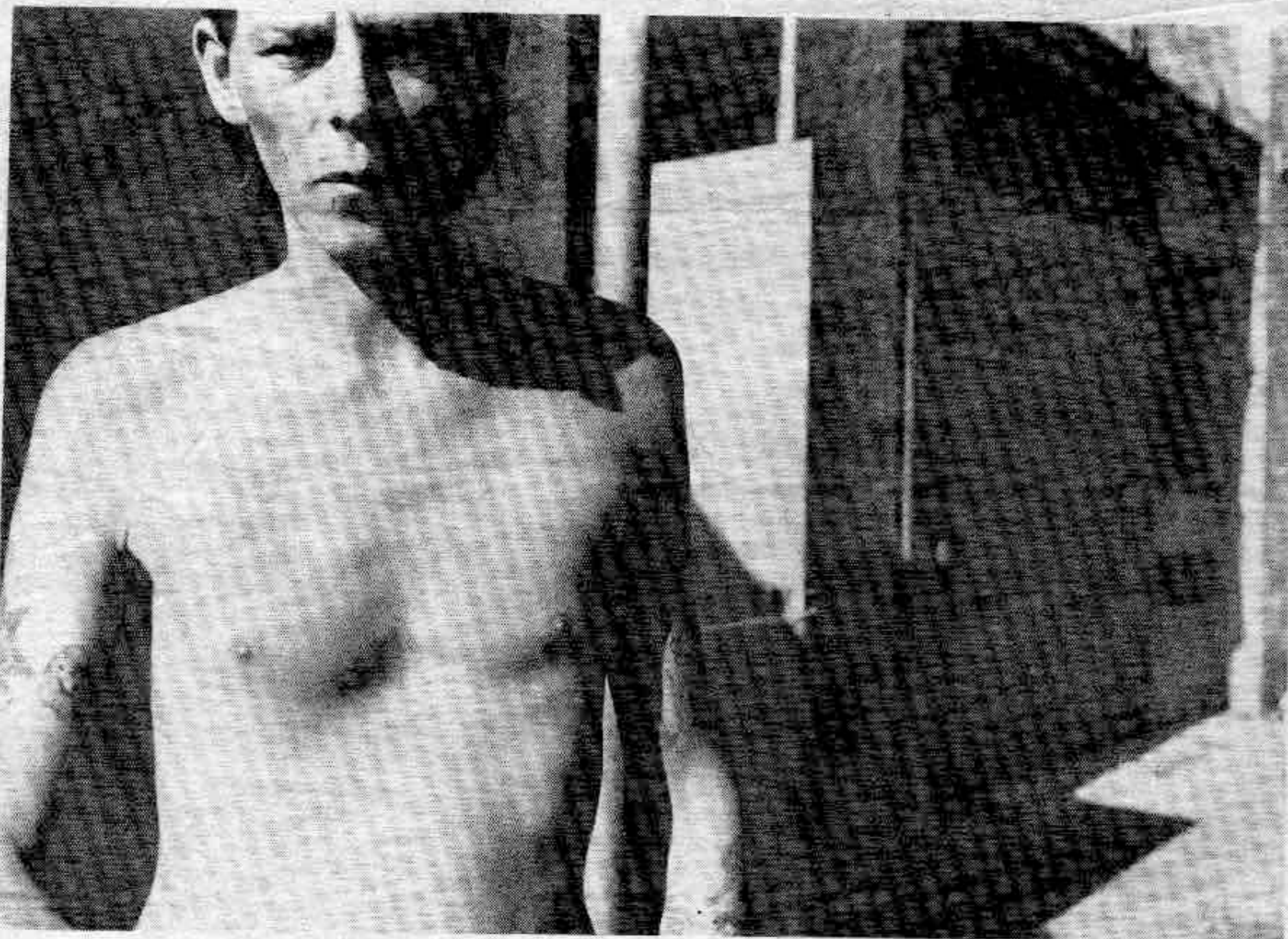


Photo by Lynn Warberg.

## Gentrificator Runs Amok

THE CRIME: Painting public property without city permission.

Street graffiti are a way of popular expression, to let the world know what you feel, to make a statement or to let your artistic spirit out.

Tell the world! "Sean loves Juliette" or "Jesus is the Lord," or "Adolph Reagan the Smiling Hitler," or "CIA bloody hands out of Nicaragua" or make a painting of your favorite dog--a pitbull brindle whose portrait used to be at the Sunset Pagoda.

All these street artists know that they are facing a night or two in the "big house" but they are willing to take the chance in order to express themselves.

But, as always happens, Lady Justice likes to flirt with those who weigh more in her scale because of the size of their wallets.

The painters working for "Mr. Fat Wallet," who owns a building being

## Sunset Pagoda Greenwashed

remodeled 30 yards north of the Sunset Pagoda, got an order to paint the Pagoda because Mr. "Fat Wallet" does not like graffiti.

So they came, they looked and they painted.

A few days later, there was no "Sean loves Juliette", there was no pitbull, there were no psychedelic paintings, only plain green benches and a plain green roof, because green is a color Mr. "Fat Wallet" can relate to!

HIS CRIME: Painting public property without city permission  
HIS PUNISHMENT: A smile of approval from the Venice Beach Patrol  
WHY DO PEOPLE WHO COMMIT THE SAME CRIME GET DIFFERENT PUNISHMENTS?

- Robert Kocchui



# It Makes Me Wanna Live in Moldavia

By Diane Nickerson

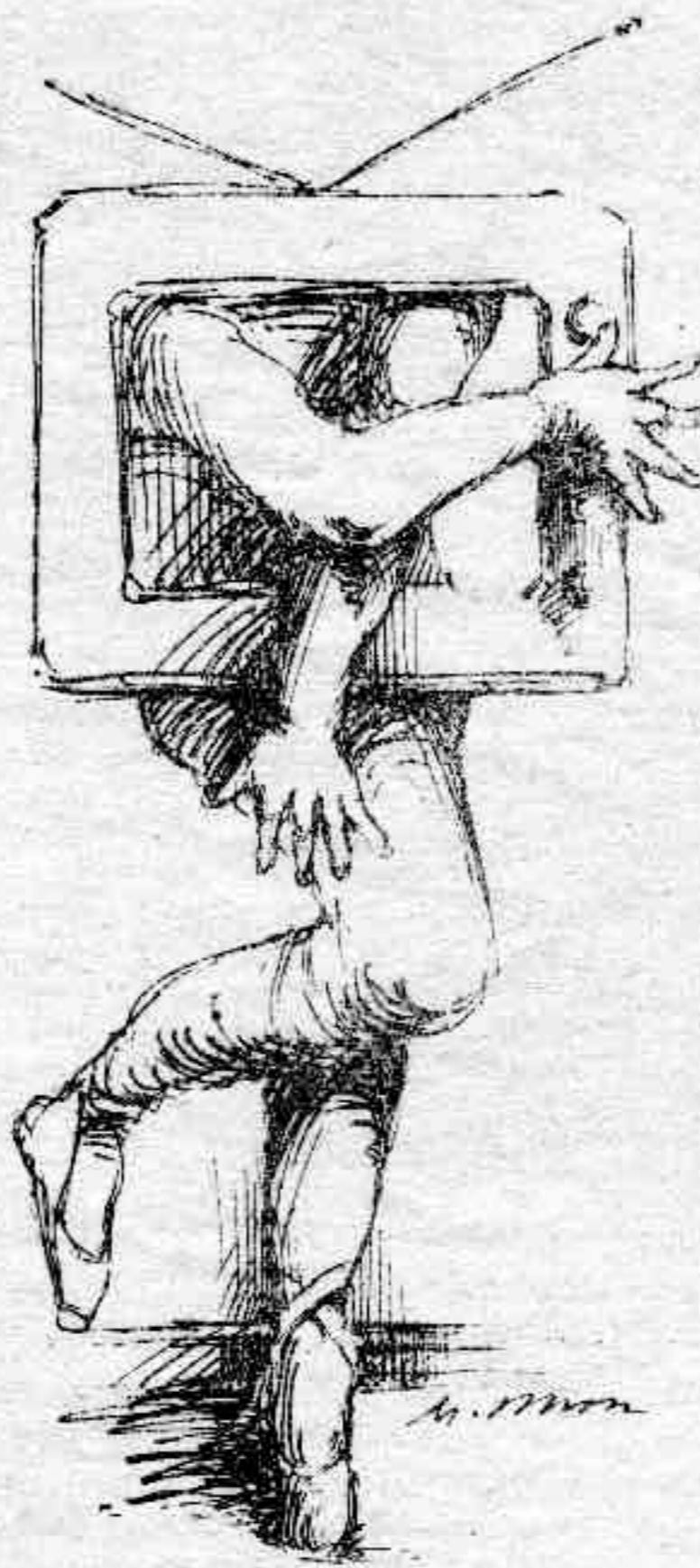
Well, here we go again. I didn't promise never to watch T.V. again. I just said not for a while. Some time has gone by since my last "viewing and ranting" session, and, you guessed it, I'm on once more!

You Dy-hard fans may have guessed my program of discussion simply through the title of this piece; to others of you, it may conjure up vague thoughts of vampires or something. Enough suspense, let's get on to... Dynasty!

Roy oh boy, man oh man, WOMAN OH WOMAN! What are they doing here? The come on. The hype. It's bright and it's bold. The next thing you know it's real. They all said it was fantasy, escapism, can't hurt. But then the fantasy got talked (and talked) about, and talking about it somehow makes "it" real.

Really. Take your "Carrington" cologne, the "Forever Krystle" fragrance. Come on, what'll we have next, Colbyco Toilet Paper, fashioned of silk in six designer colors? (Thinking about it, though, that may be more appropriate. Do you think it'll sell? Mmmm...). What a bill of goods. But these items, along with many more Dynasty-related products, are real, tangible goods. What really concerns me here are the other, impalpable lines we're supposed to buy.

Did it really take network T.V. to make us over-30, over-40, and over-50 women not only acceptable but even desireable and sought-after? The answer may be yes, since they were almost solely responsible for perpetuating the dual myths of wifedom and motherhood as the only roles for women. Anybody remember Donna Reed? How about Jane Wyatt, the wife/mother in "Father Knows Best"? Not to mention the Beaver's mom, or Harriet of "Ozzie and...", and the list goes on and on and on.



The key word here that requires definition, it seems to me, is desireable. What is desireable? My Webster's says "pleasing", "attractive". Pleasing? On Dynasty? Well, maybe when it comes to certain pleasure-giving activities, yes. But pleasing as in agreeable? Yeah, sure, Alexis is about as pleasing/agreeable as a Black-Widow spider, or a heat-seeking missile. Is that what you want? On the other end of the scale, we have nice, pleasing Krystle, the woman as wimp trip, dominated by anyone and everyone. Yet, as we know, that given enough provocation, Krystle can get down in the dirt with the rest

of us and kick some ass. Of course, she's to be chastised later by her husband for her "unladylike" behavior. Give me a break!!

These women are superficial, manipulative, backstabbing creeps, painted up and dressed to the (capped) teeth and being passed off as role-models. Sure, Alexis controls a powerful oil company, but only after literally fucking her soon-to-be husband into a heart attack and marrying him on his death-bed. Great. It'll make an inspiring story someday for one of her granddaughters. Let's not forget that lately Alexis has been passing herself off as a nun (???) in some noble rescue-mission bullshit. Does this mean hundreds of young women are suddenly going to get the calling? Because Alexis prayed it means that not only there is a God, but that His stock is going to go up too?

There is one shining ray of hope for those of us who have had enough. And that is simply more. (The bad news is that it may have to get worse before it gets better.) Inevitably, Dynasty has spawned Dynasty II, with even more glamour, glitz, betrayal and bull. With even more dull, stiff, routine "acting" than to be found even over on Dynasty I. I'm not saying that good taste and sound judgement will prevail, but boredom might. The overabundance of this trendy trash may finally reach the saturation point and portend its own demise. Just think. We could turn the T.V. off and talk to each other, maybe really learn something about relationships. Or read. Or.... the possibilities are limitless!

However, as to whether or not I'll be watching T.V. again in the near future, I'm not making any promises this time, either!•

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# Happy Film Review Endings



by PATRICK MCCARTNEY

Call me a sucker. Call me a middle-brow yahoo. Call me a premature grouch tackling issues with the enthusiasm of a baby seal hunter. It's all true--I admit it.

That's why I'm addicted to comedies. I've got an emotional dependency on Hollywood comedies and the funny pages to relieve the fear and loathing inspired by the rest of the news. Which I'm also addicted to.

To me, humor is serious business. Something to be grateful for whenever you stumble on it. Another reason to buy the New Yorker. It makes me want to chip in so the Herald can afford a few good cartoons.

Wit is rare. Wit by committee is the rarest of all. Which is why I want to talk about Hollywood and the comedies of the New Depression. Quick, hand me the club.

I grew up in the sixties, when film comedies shared the prevailing concern for "meaning." Or failing that, "significance."

That was the Golden Age of the serious film in this country. When a movie like "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" could draw an audience. Remember that 1969 Jane Fonda drama where the marathon dancers trudged their way through an endless Depression dance? Gig Young won the Academy Award for his utterly bankrupt master of ceremonies.

Even the comedies tried to have a conscience. Remember "Little Big Man," Arthur Penn's hilarious 1970 translation of Thomas Berger's sprawling western novel? Penn kicked off a round of "significant" '60s films with the glossy American story of Depression-era ambition, "Bonnie and Clyde" in 1967. In between, he directed Arlo Guthrie's hippie ode to draft resistance, "Alice's Restaurant."

But, hey! Times change. You either get out of the way, or you get run over. The steamroller of conventional values has heated up and is steaming across America. The prevailing ethic now is get yours while you can and that ugliness doesn't lend itself to comedy especially well.

In fact, the comedies of the eighties seem all too much like the B-flicks of the Depressive Thirties. That's when the smalltown girls of Hollywood comedies would move to New York and find happiness with a socialite millionaire by the last reel.

Happiness in film then was achieved by an unrelenting denial of social reality--class comedies that swaddled the working class in visions of Life As It Ought To Be Lived.

The first time I felt Depression comedies were back was a while back when Dudley Moore schmucked his way through a-drunk-millionaire-is-a-funny-millionaire role in "Arthur." How could that cute actor who conquered Bo in the farce, "10," play such a stupid, one-line character? Money and fame?

But "Arthur" was a mere foretaste. The past few seasons have brought us factory-produced comedies by committee, designed with the eighties in mind--trickle-down comedy, voodoo comedy.

You can understand the emphasis on safe genre films with Hollywood's big budgets. Easier to cut another slice off a salami than create a new dish. But understanding business decisions doesn't dispel the gloom.

Either you love Rambo and his bloodthirsty clones, or you're left with comedy by committee. Like the

year's big hit, "Back to the Future," which I enjoyed for just slightly longer than the duration of the film.

Counting audience "hooks" in "Back to the Future" was a little like counting near-deaths in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"--easy to lose count. A teenage lead, rags-to-riches, time travel, skateboarding, incest--a heady mix designed with today's market in mind.

And "Cocoon?" Excuse me; I want to gag. Sure, it's got happy older folk in it. Great! But the never-never land quality to the fantasy of Good-Aliens-Immortalize-Old-Goats is escapist in the purest sense.

After the loopy fun of director Ron Howard's first comedy--"Night Shift"--his last two have disappointed me. I laugh at Tom Hanks, but the romance with Darryl Hannah the mermaid in "Splash" was all wet. Who cares about a goddamn mermaid?

"Cocoon" was applauded for its warmth towards the elderly. But that was as close as Ron Howard got to his funny Mayberry roots. The final third of the film was representative of Eighties' comedy--a wheezing, clanking attempt at a happy ending, so distant from real life as to resemble a television commercial selling a Buick.

I won't quit looking for an honest comedy. Something funny but serious like "Dr. Strangelove." Something with a message.

But here's the confession. Which was the only comedy I saw twice this year? "Pee Wee Herman's Big Adventure." Onward significance!

## "cash crop"

CASH CROP: AN AMERICAN DREAM  
By Ray Raphael  
(Ridge Times Press, P.O. Box 90,  
Mendocino, CA 95460, (707)937-4275)  
By Carol Fondiller

In his previous books, Ray Raphael has written knowledgeably and lovingly of the people who live in the rugged coastal mountains and back country of Northern California.

In "Cash Crop" he writes of the effects of the third largest cash crop in the U.S.A.--marijuana, and its impact on the lives of the ordinary people.

We're not speaking basic homegrown grass here, or imitation Colombian, we are talking the elite, the creme de la creme pedigree, inbred and curried Her Potency, Her Royal High-ness, Sinsemilla the Empress of Hemp. The hemp bred by the "burnt-out children of the metropolis" who sought surcease from the cities.

Raphael sees himself as a social historian and through taped in-depth interviews he lets marijuana farmers, "respectable" townspeople, a civil rights attorney, a drug enforcement agent and among others, a Venice expatriate tell us how it feels to be in the middle of marijuana country.

Like a perverse fairy tale it tells how the innocents from the city came to settle in the eroded mess left by the logging industry and bought land for next to nothing.

The local residents wondered who these newcomers were, "...These urban emigres who sought out the land not to get rich, but to get poor...But they also wanted to party. They were after some good clean fun, smoking a weed that made grown-ups giggle..." And somehow, along the way, well, I'll quote "Faith", a single mother with 2 children who eked out her welfare check selling \$10.00 lids. "...Speculation started happening (in Venice) and she "...saved \$1,000.00 in a coffee can and moved up north, and with the help of welfare, managed to get a piece of land and toughed it out without amenities like electricity and "Faith" "...got more involved with the neighborhood. A couple of women told me that they were growing plants and it was really nice, because it paid for the extras. So of course I put in some plants...It

made perfect sense. I mean I smoked the stuff...If I could make money off it, plus smoke it, it was perfectly logical to put some plants in the ground".

And from a cottage industry where she could stay home and take care of her children, some of her neighbors stopped being creative and "Creativity went out the window and money came more to the forefront".

I could go on quoting forever from this book--I have avoided certain friends who I know have seen a movie that I have wanted to see, because they insist on leaving no plot twist unturned, no subtly unremarked, no terrain unexplored, leaving me cheated of the pleasures of discovery.

But when I tried to tell you to buy this book (go to Small World Bookstore, they'll order it for you), I had to fight the temptation of flouting the copyright laws and quote the whole book, because anything I write about it is sere and miserable by comparison.

I said that Raphael lets people speak in their own voices--here's Raphael's own clear compassionate voice in a reply to yellow journalism.

This is an excerpt from the FRESNO BEE: "A marijuana eradication program last summer...has resulted in exchanges of gunfire between marijuana growers and deputies, arson to a sheriff's vehicle, and persuasion applied to a local television station by growers seeking air time to tell their side of the story."

Raphael writes "In this account the perfectly normal act of 'seeking air time to tell their side of the story', is coupled in the confines of the very same sentence with arson and gunfire...A provocative tone permeates this article so completely that even a common and acceptable activity is perceived as outrageous".

Raphael interviews the local high school principal who doesn't like marijuana, but likes what C.A.M.P.'s (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) drug enforcement helicopters and harassment are doing to his students even less. He interviews locals who were engaged in rum-running during Prohibition.

Like Ron Sinoway, American civil liberties lawyer, one gets the feeling that Raphael never met a grower he did not like. If you're looking for stories of opulent life styles of rich marijuana growers and their huge plantations, you won't find them in this book. Everyone seems to have heard of a big plantation "over the next hill", but the plantations do exist, run by classic paranoids

who "exist on cocaine, coffee and haagen dazs".

One fumes at the exorbitant price of buying American. When I read of the care the "Empress" demands I felt like sending a CARE package to the growers--as I said, the book is biased.

Let me close with some more quotes from "Cash Crop":

"The real story asks real questions: What happens to people and places when they are transformed by unique and unforeseen events that restructure a local economy and a local society?"

"What are the consequences for the old-time inhabitants who find illegal money pouring into their legal businesses?"

"What happens to a social movement which was conceived in idealistic poverty and then quickly altered by an unexpected influx of worldly riches?"

And..."What happens to a once peaceful countryside when it is besieged by one of the largest domestic military operations in our nation's history?"

I find the questions Raphael asks to be invigorating and provocative. They are the questions that should be asked about my community--Venice--replace CAMP with speculation, marijuana with real estate--I leave you to fill in the similarities--Raphael sees himself as gathering raw historical data for future historians.

"The tale I am telling is happening all around us the end is nowhere in sight..."

But its a fascinating tale and journey, whether you smoke or not, the story has wider applications:

"...The real story is both bigger and littler than the story we have heard so far...going straight to the heart of human dreams and illusions...between material needs and idealistic goals...It is a story which reveals both the folly and the glory of the human spirit." ■

# Lobbying for Justice

## Big Mountain

In 1974 Congress passed the Barry Goldwater sponsored Public Law (P.L.) 93-531 which partitioned a vast Navaho-HOPI area into separate Navaho and Hopi portions. It called for herd reductions of 90% and forbade repair or construction of buildings. The 10,000 Navahos resisting relocation from their ancestral homeland face forcible removal to border towns where the way of life is alien to them and contrary to their culture and religious practice. All this to get at the coal and uranium in the Big Mountain Area.

### Lobbying & Letter Writing Campaign

Your letter should emphasize the following points: 1) a halt to the Relocation Commission's attempt to remove any more families from the Joint Use Area; 2) indepth investigation of the programs' 10 years of failure; 3) reprogramming of relocation funds to relieve the hardships already caused by the program; 4) P.L. 93-531 cannot be implemented. The present violates the Act itself, and any attempt to implement the Act violates numerous other US laws, the US Constitution, and international law regarding human rights; 5) P.L. 93-531 would put thousands of Indian people on the welfare rolls, at a cost to the taxpayers of more than \$500 million dollars.

On Thursday, September 19th, Sen. James McClure (R-Idaho) introduced a spending proposal to the Interior Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. McClure's plan provides \$85.5 million in additional funding for the relocation and exempts this money from a number of laws which provide safeguards.

Write or call your Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson stating the same concerns and asking them to support and involve themselves in the Oversight Hearings by the Senate Select Committee Indian Affairs. Ask specific questions which will require them to respond to your letter.

Write or call your Congressperson in support of the 5 demands. Make your letter a personal heartfelt letter, and ask your Representative to take your concerns to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior Chairman Sidney Yates. Ask them to support oversight hearings in the House.

Please make a copy of the letter you send and mail it to the Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee Office. Then when you receive a response from your Senator or Congressperson send a copy to the Flagstaff office. The office will provide suggestions which will elicit specific answers from the government officials.

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"VIOLENCE" Continued from Page 5.

Complaints about LAPD conduct can be made to the LAPD Internal Affairs Division. You can also contact the Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic at (213) 622-0603 or San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services at (818) 896-5211.

Until we all learn to give up violence as a knee-jerk response to our problems, we hope that Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. CA 000572 will make life a little easier for one oppressed and powerless group in our midst.

Geriatric Jack & Spouse

p.s. Under the California Penal Code, law enforcement officers may be charged with a misdemeanor if they refuse to take a private person's arrestee into custody (and the private person does not have to make the physical collar).

"CHEAP SHOTS" Continued from Page 9.

I tried to get a little culture so I called up the Huntington Memorial Gardens in Pasadena. You gotta' make a reservation. And on Sunday you can't get in if you're a local unless you have someone from out of town with you.

Hi! This is my friend the GEEK from Iowa.

I'm getting acculturated to Los Angeles so I thought I'd try RAMA. No RAMA is not a new breakfast cereal. He's a teacher of PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT. He's also Dr. Frederick Lenz who runs a computer company right here in Los Angeles. But what the hell, everyone needs to diversify.

I listened to his INTRO. tape. He's gonna' make me more powerful and receptive. 'Course he ain't guaranteeing anything since it all hinges on my receptiveness. He does say money is very important. It should be. He charges \$400 for 4 evenings of his meditating with you. OM!

I was walking through Washington Square the other day when it rained and sleeted. All their sprinklers were on of course. Another sign of good management.

Lastly, I'd like to mention that Jimmy the Greek analyzed the Summit before it happened. He said he rated the Soviet Union as #1 in offense. The U.S. was rated #1 in Defense and Special Teams.

I told you they were cheap shots!

## Bits 'n' Pieces

by GERIATRIC JACK

THE BEE FECES WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT

You know it is "Peace Conference" time when the bee shit starts flying. Yes, I said bee shit not bullshit.

Remember when the Russians were listening in on our embassy in Moscow with microwaves? Turned out that it was not a health hazard as the original hysteria proclaimed.

When I was a child some grownup tried to tell me that you could catch a bird by putting salt on its tail. Peace conference time again and the US accuses the Russians of sprinkling a chemical dust on Americans in Moscow. Big health hazard. Maybe?

Remember the yellow rain full of evil chemicals from the Evil Empire? Scientific American suggests that since nothing toxic has been found in the yellow rain it may be BEE FECES.

Yes folks, just plain BEE SHIT.

ECONOMICS MADE SIMPLE or THE LAFF'S ON US

Laffer of the Laffer Curve and supply side economics is spending a bundle on full page ads and mailers to run for the US Senate. As one of the architects of Reaganomics let's see what was promised & what was delivered.

A few years ago we were given tax cuts. The promise was that this would invigorate the economy. Reagan and both Republicans and Democrats couldn't cut taxes enough for their favorites. Laffer says it is working. The data from the Census Bureau contradicts him. The Census Bureau says that the 1984 poverty rate is still higher than when Reagan first took office in 1981 and higher than in any year between 1970 and 1980. You don't have to be an economist to see all the street people and soup kitchens.

We have reached a new high in consumer debt. We owe 23.6% of our personal income. That means that you owe 1 out of about every 4 bucks you get on payday and that's not counting rent.

The bottom 40% of American families claimed only 15.7% of the national income in 1984 (down from 15.8% in 1983), while the top 40% received 67.3%--up from 67.1% in 1983 and the highest ever recorded. The richest 5% of US families, meanwhile, earned 16% of the national income--capturing \$4 billion more than last year.

And now for their other favorites. Of 275 profitable corporations, 129 didn't pay a cent in taxes during one of the last 4 years. 50 of them paid no taxes for the entire 4 years. Boeing Aircraft was the big winner. With a profit of \$2 billion they still got back \$285 million from your government. The overall rate for these companies was 15%. Compare this with the rate you are paying. The corporate tax rate is 46%. At the 46% rate they would have paid \$184 billion in taxes. They paid \$60 billion for a savings of \$124 billion. By the way, this is all legal.

It isn't done with mirrors but with accelerated depreciation and investment tax credits which were supposed to encourage corporations to invest and create jobs. What they did with the money was overpay for mergers (which cuts employment) or invest it at high interest rates in the tremendous debt we have because of a military budget we have doubled since Reagan was elected in 1980. I don't feel any safer. Do you?

If we elect one of the architects of this fiasco to the Senate the Laff's on us.

President Truman was supposed to have said that he wanted a one armed economist. He was tired of economists always saying "On the other hand."

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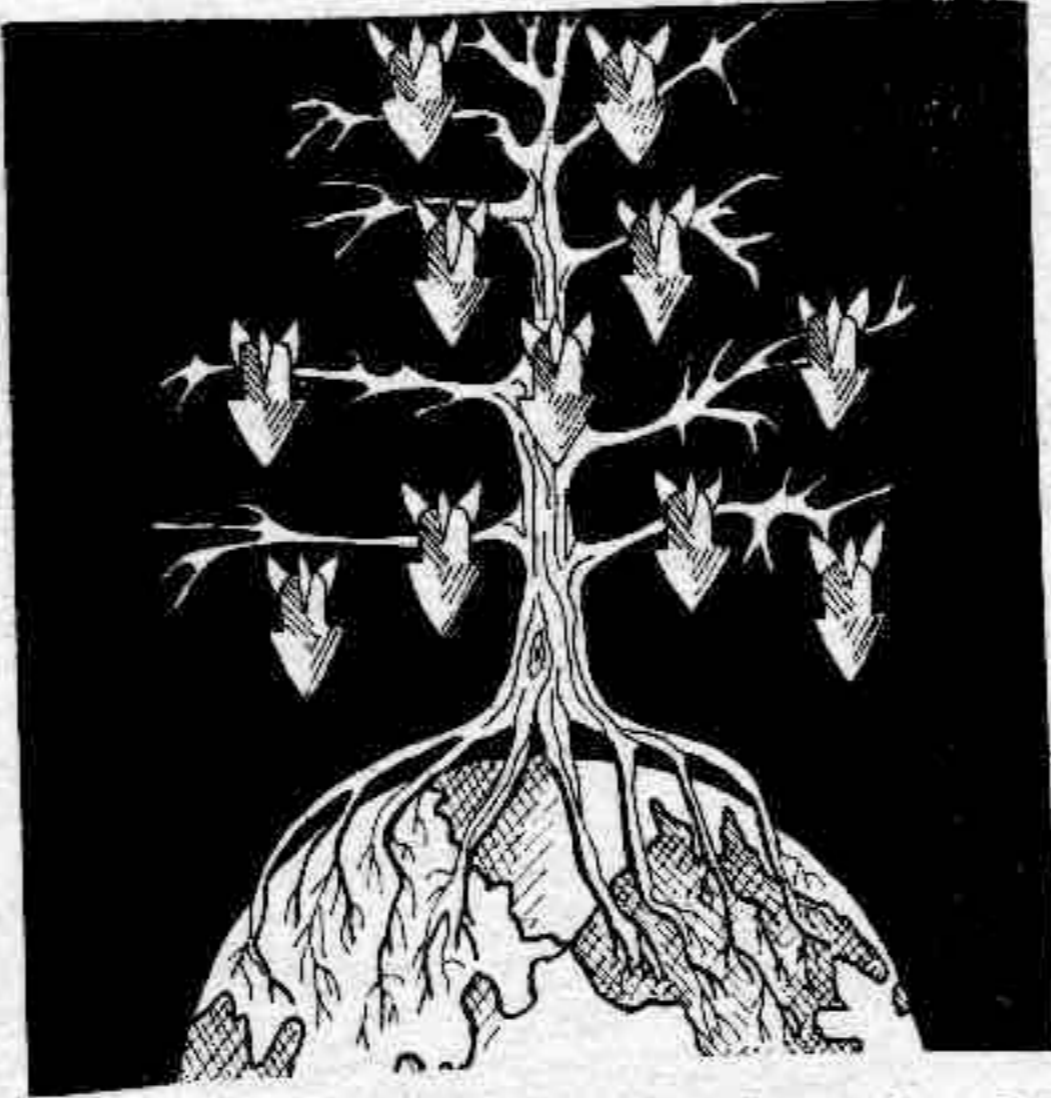
Dear Congressman Levine:

I am moved to write to you concerning House Resolution 3, currently awaiting legislation in the House. As you know, this resolution calls for the President to resume negotiations on a test ban treaty.

Considering the degree of overkill inherent in their nuclear arsenals, the idea that the Soviet Union or the United States can gain a strategic advantage over the other is absurd. You are, of course, aware of the Non-Proliferation treaty--the 15 year old agreement requiring that the superpowers reduce their nuclear arsenals in exchange for non-weapons states to forgo nuclear weapons development. I believe that this year's conference in Geneva may be the beginning of the end for the 130 nation treaty because of the superpowers failure to rein in the arms race.

The Soviet Union may well share that viewpoint. On August 6, the Soviet Union announced it would halt its nuclear weapons testing program for 5 months if the USA would do the same. Premier Gorbachev declared that as long as the United States adheres to it, the moratorium could extend indefinitely. The nuclear testing programs that fuel the arms race and pollute the earth would end.

I am not a sympathizer of the Soviet Union. Their government's position on human rights and the environment is repugnant to me. So, I was surprised by the Soviets' decision, but I was shocked by the reaction of the U.S. government. The offer was flatly rejected by the Reagan administration, while Defense Department officials attempted to rewrite history to justify this stand, stating that we are "behind" in our testing program. We are not "behind" in our testing program. In fact, since first testing and then using a nuclear weapon on a civilian target in 1945, the U.S. has conducted 765 tests; the Soviet Union has conducted 564.



I repeat: Considering the degree of overkill inherent in their nuclear arsenals, the idea that the Soviet Union or the United States can gain a strategic advantage over the other is absurd. October 2nd saw my 35th birthday. I am not married and have no children. I have no wish to bring a child into this world because I have lived my entire life under the threat of instant, horrible death from the sky at any moment. I cannot subject a child to that. I do not really expect to live out my natural life-time. PLEASE WORK VERY HARD for the passage of HR 3 and the elimination of all nuclear weapons. Work to stop all of the dangerous posturing going on in Geneva from both sides of the table.

You are charged with upholding the principles on which this nation was founded. They state that we, the people, have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. What beautiful words. But what kind of life is it to live in fear? How can we talk of freedom when we are the slaves of a handful of people in the nuclear capitals of the world who think they have the right to destroy our planet? How can we honestly find happiness in such a world? I would be interested in your comments. With your reply, please send me the names and mailing addresses of any other representatives who are directly involved with work on a test ban.

Sincerely,  
Andy Markley - Venice, CA

By Essie la Fresseur de la Yenta

The end of the year approaches and Essie has some loose ends to tie up. Essie is deeply rosey red with embarrassment! Some months ago, she raved about a Greek take-out place then left the name out of the paper.

But Essie isn't talking to tourists --she's trying to help the natives avoid being rooked and poisoned and luckily, most of the Venetians knew which place Essie was talking about. But some residents haven't been to Windward in YEARS. So the place that serves generous portions of good homestyle Greek food is--Tah Dah! The GREEK-OUT! on Windward near the townhouse.

DATELINE EL CAMINO REAL El Camino is still serving tasty hearty inexpensive Mexican food AND they got a new coffee maker and the new coffee is good!!! Its rich, fresh and strong. Thank you, Senor Carlos!

Speaking of coffee, the Carousel on Rose still makes the best coffee on Ocean Front Walk and they are serving a take-out breakfast that's good and respects the pocketbook around \$2.00.

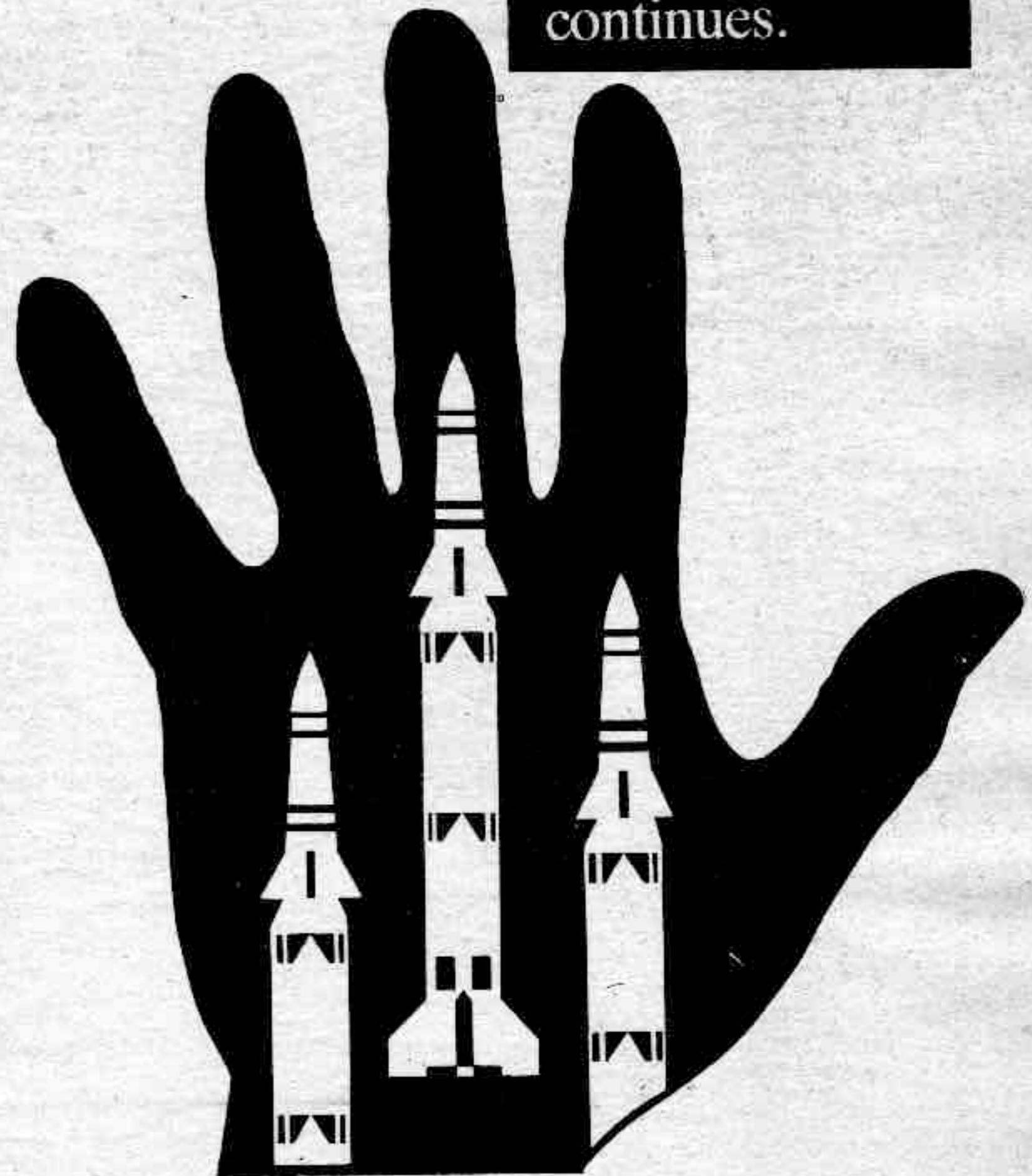
Essie deplores the name El Gringo on a new restaurant on Windward and Speedway but it is art. Gringo-style Mexican taco take-out, but several big steps above the microwaved deep-frozen tacos one gets at several franchise stores. The food is cooked to order at El Gringo. It's more expensive than a really good East L.A. taco, but one pays for the ambience which means the inflated rents that accompany most Venice eateries.

The salsas range from mild to clearing Essie's sinuses in a minute and they are homemade!! Oh, and they do have a patio with Mexican-style tiles.

Essie hopes the Venetians have a warm hearth and warm hearts for the holiday and beyond.

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Brooks Avenue Market. ●

# THE BAY

from Page 6.

Heal the Bay is a coalition that has been in the thick of this battle all year and intends to continue. Citizens must urge councilpeople and State and Federal officials to take immediate steps to control the dumping of sewage and toxics into the Bay. They must urge politicians

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to aggressively seek funds, public and private, in order to make the Bay a safe and healthy body of water. That takes organization and money and, of course, you can help. Every time I've brought up the subject lately, people tell me about getting sick from swimming in the Bay or about friends who have. Lots of people I know won't swim at our beach because the water is simply too filthy. If you can help please call or write Heal the Bay, (see below).

If you're interested in learning more about the issue, I urge you to read two issues of the L.A. Weekly (Nov 1-7 and Oct. 11-17) which contain lead stories about the Bay and toxics in our drinking water. You can also contact Heal the Bay, Tom Hayden's office (393-2717) or the RWQCB (620-4460).

In the past 6 months citizen pressure has brought about a complete about face from the Mayor, some City councilpeople from Los Angeles and cities such as Santa Monica which use the system, the RWQCB, and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). So far, these have only been paper positions--we must turn them into real actions. The Bay is sick, but its not dead. Together, all of us can force the "doctors" to heal the Bay! ●

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To contact Heal the Bay you can either call us at 270-4151 or write us at:  
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"SCAM" Continued from Page 1.

The story at that lot goes deeper. The lessee of the lot--Alexis Dugrick and the Parkco Management Company--used to allow parking on the lot until they lost a Coastal Commission decision in the summer to build vending stalls there.

At the time, Dugrick rented parking stalls to residents during the week, and vending stalls with parking to others on the weekends.

When he applied to the Coastal Commission for a permit to build permanent vending stalls, the Commission asked for replacement parking--a routine condition in Venice.

Upset at the Commission's denial of his permit, Dugrick closed the lot to the local residents for parking, continuing only the commercial vending. Since then, Danny Daytona's has been very busy at the lot. "They get towed out at night, too," Maxie tells me. "They got a 24-hour thing going."

The lot's operator goes back to the Coastal Commission December 17 to again ask for a permit to build vending stalls. (West Los Angeles City Hall, Second Floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave., at 10 a.m., Case #CDP 85-024.)

Maybe closing the lot was Parkco's way of building a case to take to the Coastal Commission. I can hear it now: "We're not displacing any parking, Commissioners. Nobody parks there now."

But a different interpretation exists. Maybe the operator found a different way to make money from that lot. One clue points in that direction. When the lot was used for parking, a sturdy chain kept the public out. Residents used a key to park.

Now, the nearly vacant lot is open to anyone gullible enough to ignore the cautionary signs. "The place is a trap," Deep Park tells me. Yeah. Fastest Tow in Town.

A postscript: the State Legislature will consider a bill to limit private operators from towing a car until the car has been parked for a full hour. Sounds good to me. ●

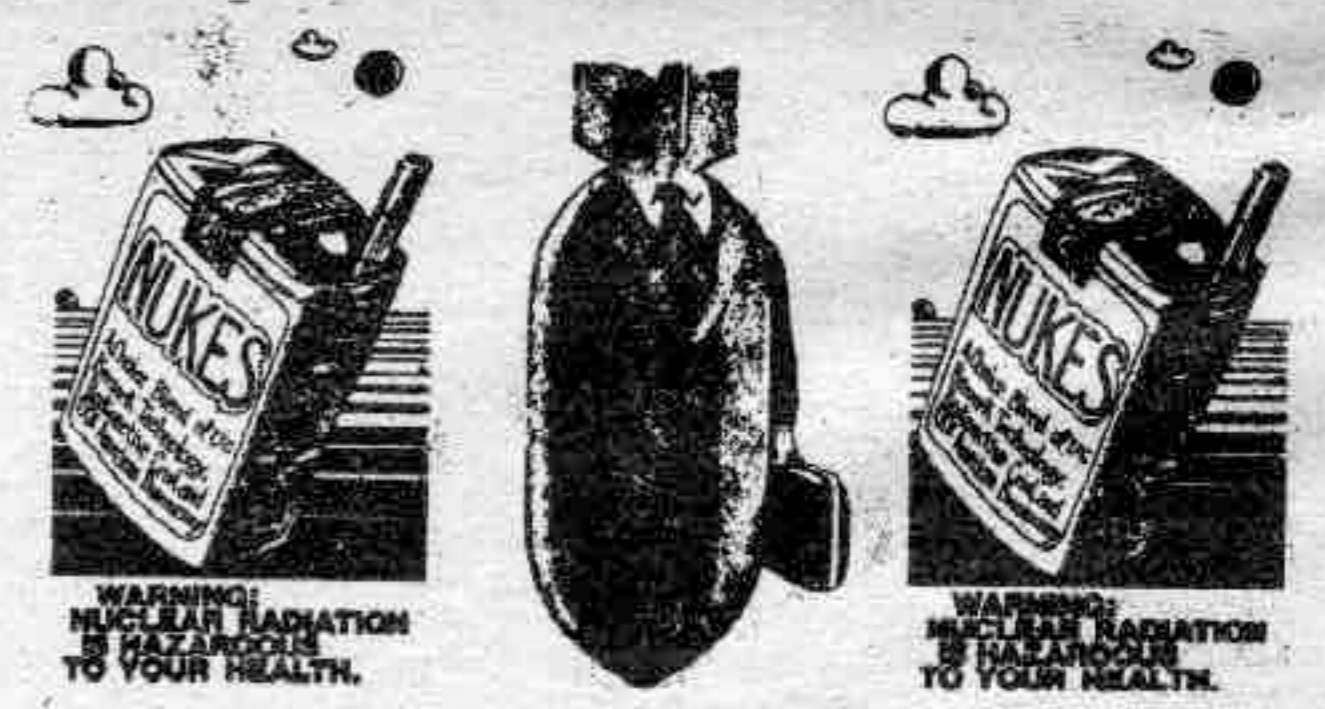


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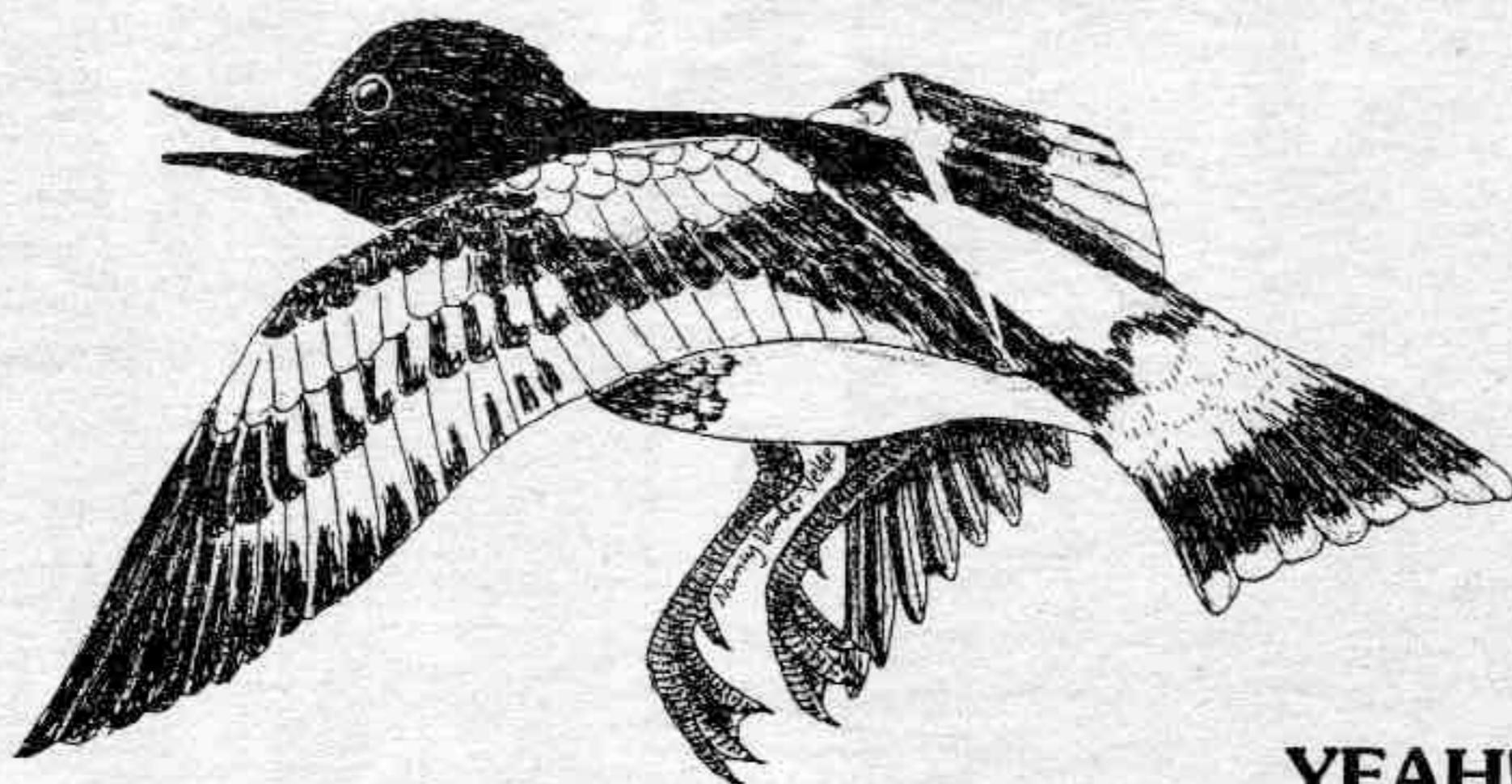
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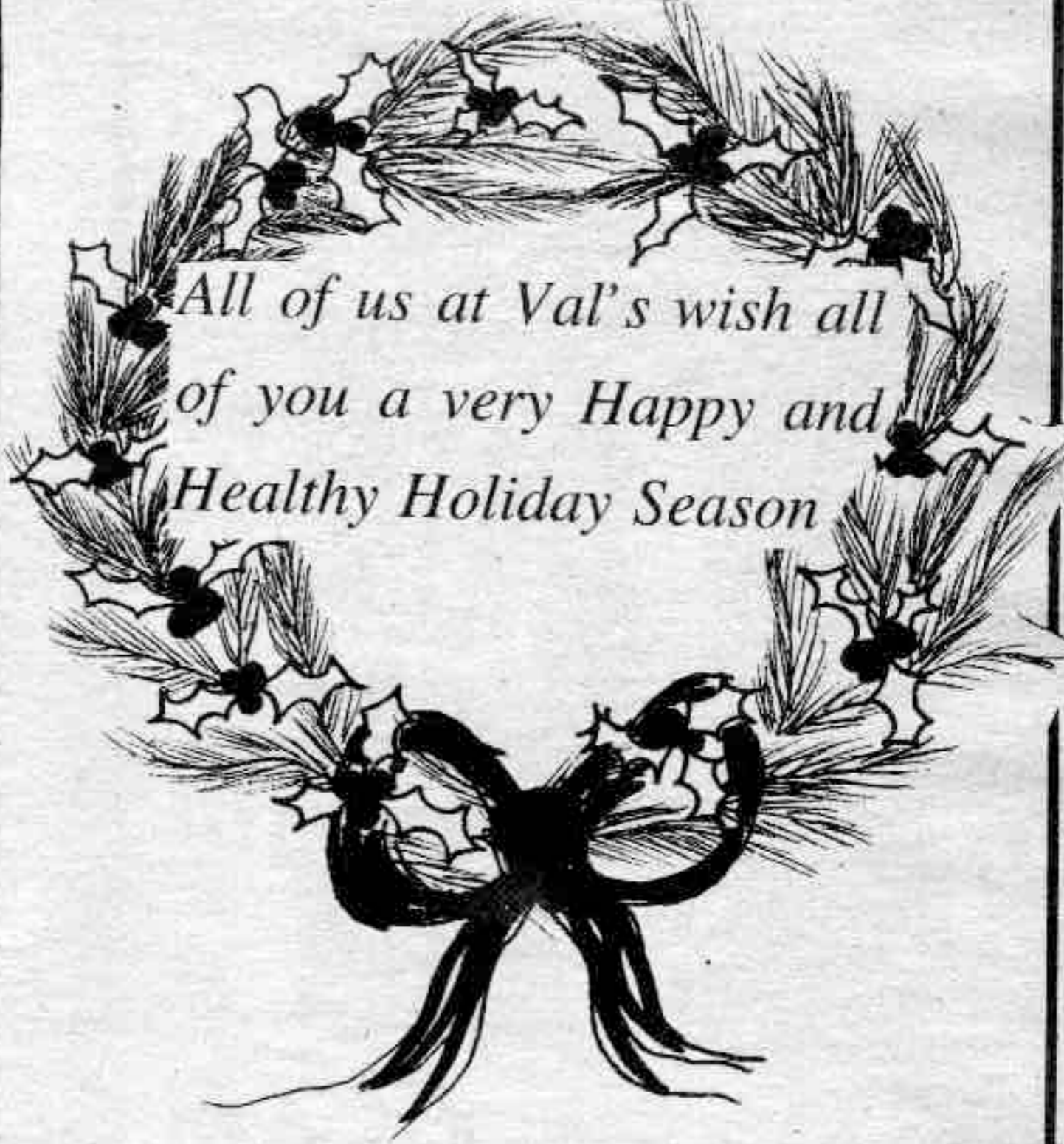


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SUN 10:00-5:00  
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# Community Events

## RELIGION

1ST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES  
2936 W. 8th Street. Info, 389-1356.  
"The Socialist Wolf: Jack London"  
Rev. Philip Zwerling-Sunday, Dec. 1st  
11AM. Music by Lani Rosenberger,  
soprano.  
SUNDAY, DEC. 8th at 11AM. "The State  
of Our State". Assemblywoman Maxine  
Waters. Music by THE FIRST UNITARIAN  
CHOIR.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 11AM. "Is  
Marriage Viable" by Rev. Philip  
Zwerling. Special music by LEE BOEK  
and MARLENE RASNICK PUBLIC WORKS.  
All services translated into Korean  
and Spanish. Wheelchair accessible.

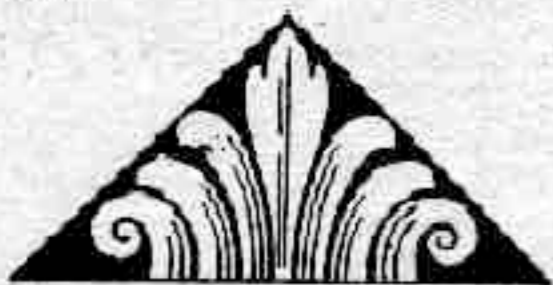
1ST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES 2936 W.  
th St., Los Angeles. SUN., DEC. 22nd at 11AM  
"Christmas in a Hungry World" Eric Walden  
Music by FIRST CHURCH CHOIR  
TUESDAY, Dec. 24th at 7PM CHRISTMAS-CHANUKAH  
SERVICE Music by FIRST UNITARIAN CHOIR  
Info: Call 389-1356. Wheelchair accesible,  
sign interpretation as well as simultaneous  
translation in Spanish and Korean.

unitarian universalist society - west  
11 am at 3744 s. barrington (at venice)  
398-0637

SUN - DEC 8 - "SONG OF EARTH"  
folksingers  
SUN - DEC 15- "HANNUKAH"  
intergeneration celebration  
SUN - DEC 22- "WINTER SOLSTICE/CHRISTMAS"  
sun, moon, star  
by vonnegut  
SUN - DEC 29- "MORAL DECISIONS"  
a group discussion

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 21  
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER DEC. 31  
(CALL FOR INFORMATION)

SINGLETARIANS, UNITARIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH  
FORBES HALL, 1721 Arizona near 18th in S&M  
INFO: Call 394-4318  
SUNDAY, DEC. 1st at 8PM-WHAT'S THE MEANING  
OF COMMITMENT AT 50 AND OLDER? Elaine  
Quillian, L.C.S.W. Donation \$3  
SUNDAY, DEC. 8th at 8PM-SEMINAR ON INTER-  
PERSONAL RELATING. Doris Herrscher, M.A.  
MFCC. Donation \$3.  
SUNDAY, DEC. 15th at 8PM PERSONAL NETWORKING  
Anne Panofsky, Ph.D. Donation \$3  
SUNDAY, DEC. 22nd at 8PM CHRISTMAS AND  
CHANUKAH HOLIDAY PARTY, FOR ONE AND ALL,  
SINGLETARIAN OR NOT. Donation \$3  
SUNDAY, DEC. 29th at 8PM STRATEGIC DETERREN-  
CE, M.A.D. AND THE "STAR WARS" DELUSION  
Mark Adler, Instructor, Social Sciences  
Donation \$3



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## Politics

NEW YEAR'S PEACE PARTY TO BENEFIT CROSS-  
COUNTRY DISARMAMENT MARCH  
"Eighty-Six the Nukes" will be the theme  
of a gala benefit New Year's Eve Party,  
sponsored by the Alliance for Survival &  
Pro-Peace--The Great March. The gathering  
will take place Tues. Dec. 31st from 7pm  
to 2am at the Church in Ocean Park, 235  
Hill St. in Santa Monica.  
The evening includes all you can eat  
and drink, entertainment and dancing from  
10-to-2 to the reggae music of the Baby-  
lon Warriors. Tickets are \$19.86 and in-  
clude the food and free validated parking  
For more info call the Alliance for Sur-  
vival Hotline, 399-1000.

**smc** Santa Monica College  
**PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
WEEK**  
december 2-6 1985



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 - FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICA

9:00 - "Women in South Africa" - Ms. Bobbie  
Betts, American Friends Service Comm.  
10:00 - "Racism at Home and Abroad" - Rev.  
James Lawson, Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference  
11:00 - Film on South Africa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - FOCUS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES

9:30 - Linda Lotz, Three Mile Island Alert,  
and Steven Aftergood, Campus Committee to  
Bridge the Gap  
1:30 The War At Home - award-winning documentary  
about anti-Vietnam protest  
7:30 The War at Home - evening showing in  
Science 175

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT

10:00 - Barry Commoner - speaking in Cafeteria  
Board Room  
9:00 - Reverend Phil Zwerling  
11:15 - Frank Wilkinson, National Committee  
Against Repressive Legislation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - CENTRAL AMERICA FOCUS

11:00 - SABIA performs other programs - TBA  
12:00 - Ramona Ripston

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - FOCUS ON WOMEN

10:00 - Women Against Violence Against Women  
Slide show - Other programs TBA  
for information call 470-1355 or 396-3065

DISARMER'S HANDBOOK, 318 pages. What  
everyone needs to know about weap-  
ons and war. Send \$5.95 (includes  
handling) to RECON, P.O. Box 14602,  
Philadelphia, PA. 19134.

SANTA MONICA DEMOCRATIC CLUB (CDC  
AFFILIATE) meets the 3rd Thursday  
of the month at the SENIOR CITIZENS  
RECREATION CENTER, 1450 Ocean Ave.  
at 7:30 PM. Info, call 453-5322.

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY meets 1st &  
3rd Sunday of the month (Dec. 1st & 15th)  
at 7:30 PM at 1354 W. Washington Blvd.  
Info, call 396-3555.

BIG MOUNTAIN SUPPORT GROUP - Save  
traditional Navajo culture in Ari-  
zona... needs people and supplies.  
For info, call (213) 396-3555.



## EDUCATION

VENICE SKILLS CENTER 611 5th Ave. Venice  
Office Skills in Medical and Allied Health  
In Person: Mon.-Fri. 8AM-11:30 & 1-2PM  
Call: 392-4153.

## PERFORMANCE

BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY ARTS CENTER  
681 Venice Blvd. Venice, 90291  
(213) 822-3006  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 8PM  
OPEN READING FREE  
Friday, December 6th, 8:30PM  
AN EROTIC EVENING-A reading of Erotic  
Literature \$5 for non-members  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 4PM  
CHAMBER MUSIC by EMILY HAY  
\$5 non-members  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 8:30PM  
Poets Leland Hickman & Barrett Watten  
\$5 for non-members  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 8:30 PM  
2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT BEYOND BAROQUE  
ARTIFACTS AUCTION

FREE! PERFORMING ARTISTS PAPERING SERVICE  
Theatre, music and dance in LA area. Intro-  
ductory offer: 2 free tickets (\$25 value)  
Call 399-3367.

## MUSIC

BACH TO BLUES CONCERT at the Venice  
Branch Library, Dec. 14th at 1:00PM.  
610 California Ave. FREE Info, call  
821-1769.

## Environment

LOS ANGELES OCEANIC SOCIETY Dec. 8-9  
SAN DIEGO WEEKEND Info: (818) 341-0277 or  
(818) 987-1855.

AIRPORT-MARINA GROUP of the SIERRA CLUB  
Mon., Dec. 9th at 7:30PM Community Room,  
Burton Chace Park, Marina Del Rey  
Info: 641-4028

## SOCIAL

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SINGLES  
WEST LA TRAFFIC SCHOOL, 2931 S. Sepulveda,  
Info: 398-4141  
WEDS., DEC. 4th at 7PM "The Politics of Big  
Business and Environmental Legislation"  
\$2 for adults. WEDS., DEC. 11th at 7PM  
"The Proposed Relocation of the Navaho  
and Hopi Tribes" \$2 for adults  
Free Movies for kids and refreshments for  
all.

## MEN

LOS ANGELES MEN'S COLLECTIVE  
Sunday, December 1st-DEALING WITH  
LOVERS. The MEETING HOUSE, 1440 S.  
Harvard, Santa Monica. Potluck 7-8PM.  
Raps from 8-10PM. \$4 Donation.  
Info call, 396-3655.

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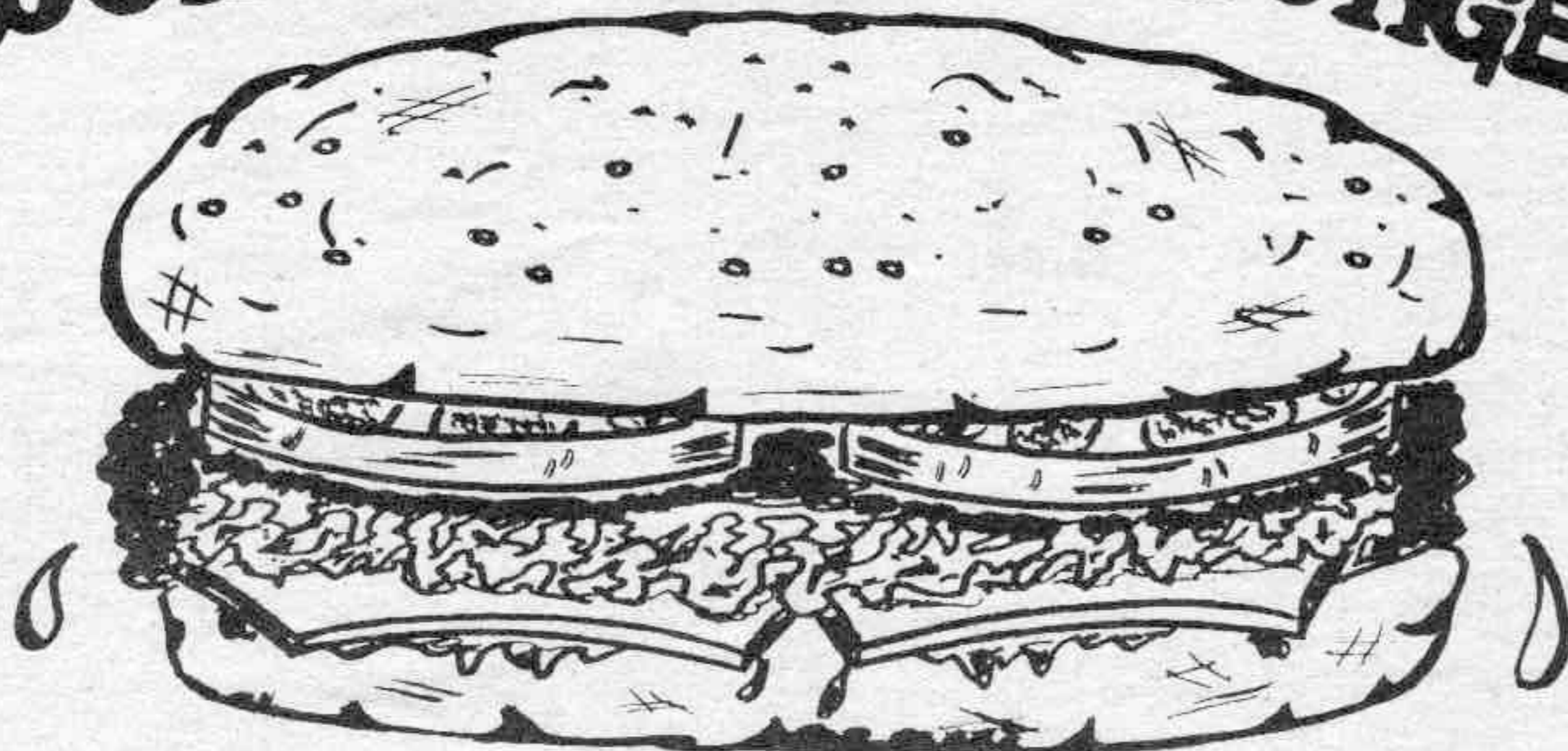
VENICE  
TOWN  
COUNCIL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1985  
Beyond Baroque Center  
681 N. Venice Blvd. Starts 7:30

Election of a seven-person Board  
of Directors for the newly incor-  
porated Town Council is the first  
order of business for December.  
A list of nominees will stand for  
office; others are encouraged to  
consider running. The Town Council  
will soon have a President, two VPs,  
as well as a Treasurer and Secretary.  
Venice and Westside development  
issues will also be discussed. Coffee  
and refreshments will follow December's  
meeting.

# THOMAS'

WORLD FAMOUS BURGERS



DINNER \* BREAKFAST \* LUNCH \* DINNER

## TWO GREAT DEALS

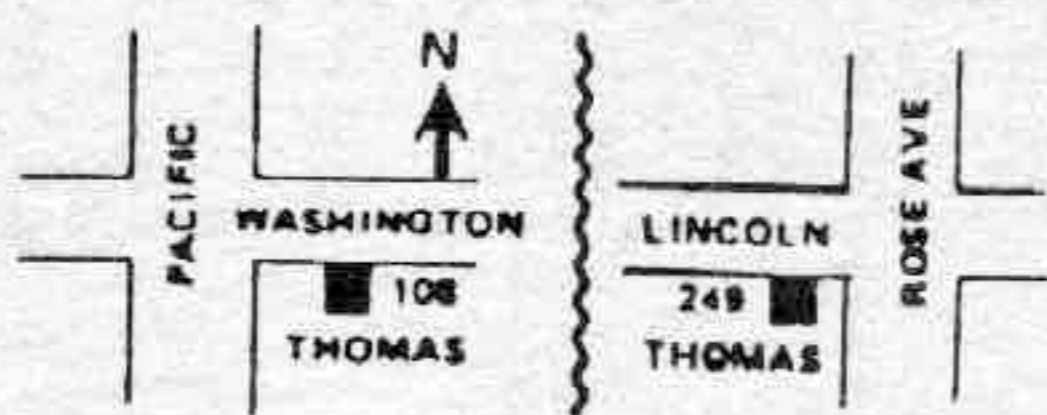
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108 Washington St.  
Marina del Rey

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Venice

OPEN DAILY 7AM-3AM



### BREAKFAST SPECIAL

3 EGGS  
HOMEMADE  
HASH BROWNS  
TOAST & JELLY

\$ .99

Served from 7 am till 11 am

### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIAL

1/4 HAMBURGER,  
FRIES & DRINK  
OR CHILI BURGER,  
FRIES & DRINK

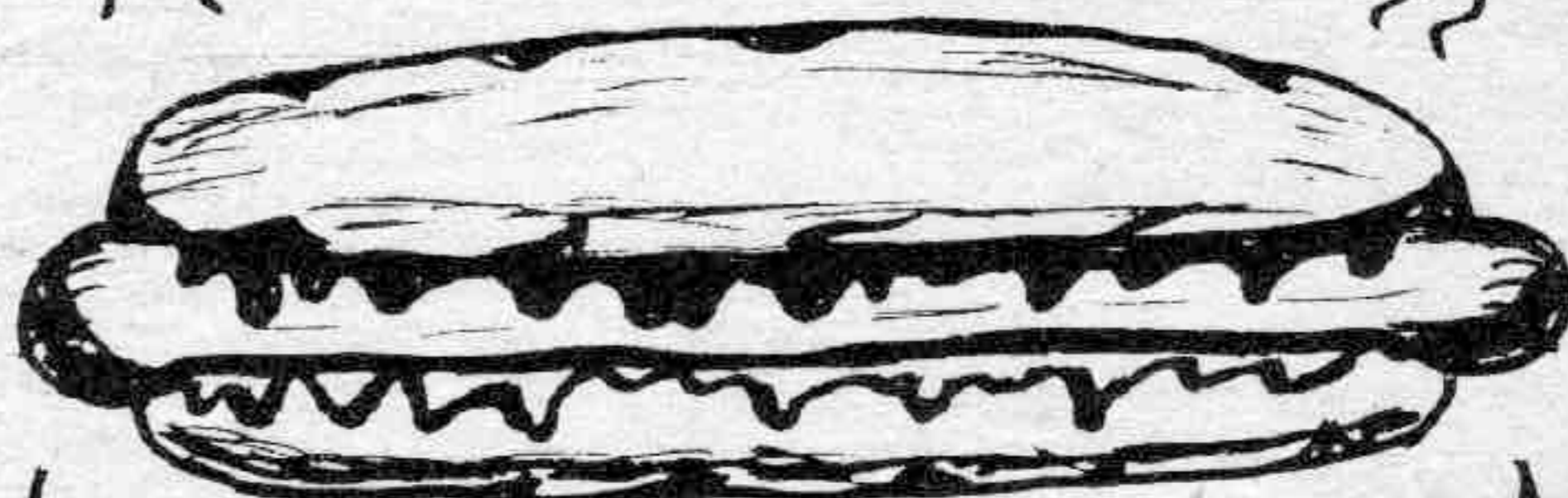
\$2.19

After 11 am

PLUS

THE OLD FAMOUS THOMAS

## VENICE BEACH HOT DOG



TUNA SANDWICH....\$ 2.30	SOFT DRINKS	S	M	L
CHILI BURGER 1.39	COCA COLA	.59	.69	.79
CHILI-CHEESE BGR 1.69	SPRITE			
CHILI-BDL-BGR 1.89	DIET COKE			
CHILI-DBL-CHEESE 2.09	ORANGE DRINK			
TRIPLE CHEESE BGR 2.29	ORANGE JUICE			
CHILI DOG 1.39	COFFEE	....49	.69	.79
PASTRAMI 2.69	COCOA	.70		
FRENCH FRIES .79	MILK	.69		
HOT DOG 1.39	MILK SHAKES	..	1.49	
TAQUITOS 1.10	FLOATS	.....	1.49	
SHRIMP & CHIPS 3.49	ICE CREAM	.79		
FISH & CHIPS 2.89	DONUTS	.40		

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