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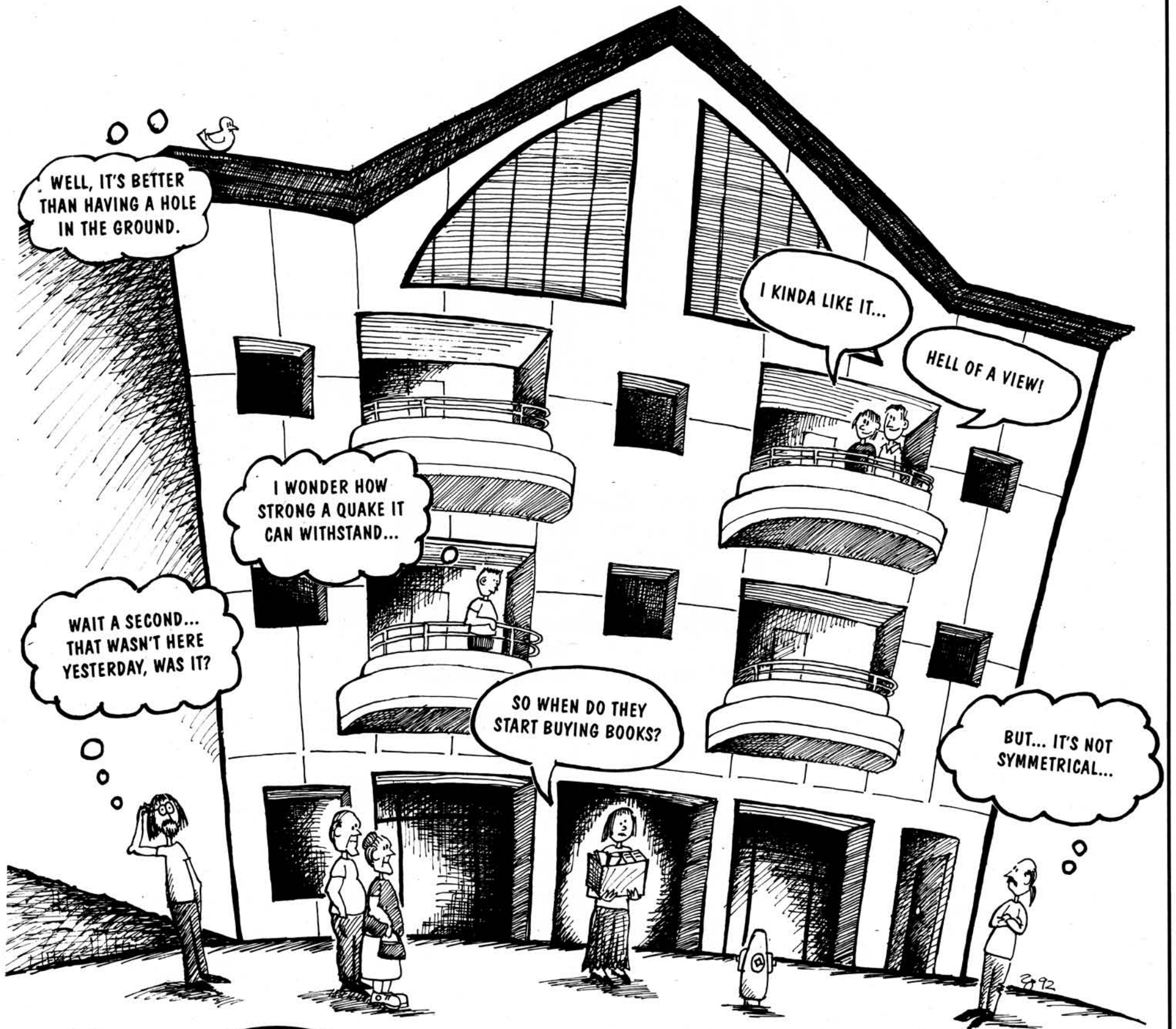
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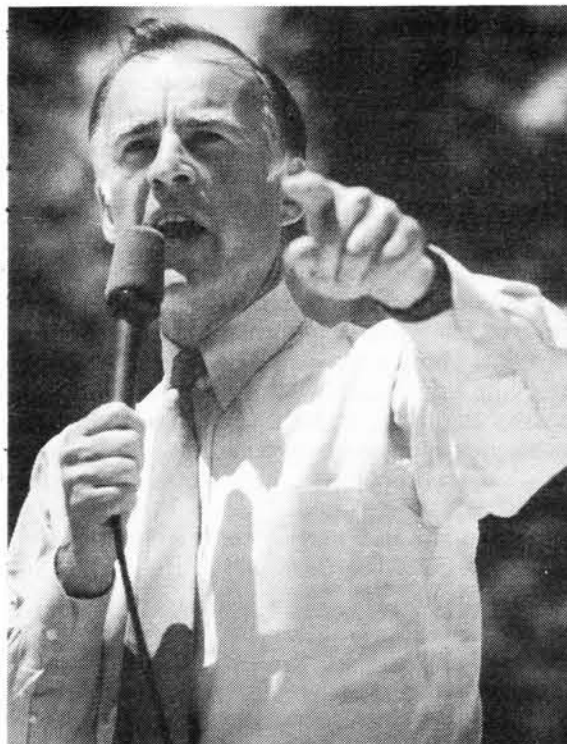
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## Letters to the Editor

### WRITE TO THE PLANET!

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### BOYCOTT PAPER WASTE PRODUCTS

Pursuant to Measure C, proclaiming this the Decade of the Environment, and in the spirit of the voluntary Styrofoam ban, I ask that we all institute or endorse a boycott against paper waste products. These products, listed below, unnecessarily tax the capacity of landfills, many of which will soon be full. They also accelerate the rate of worldwide deforestation, with its many severe consequences, such as reduced oxygen production, species extinction, and the elimination of beauty.

If no one buys wasteful paper products and outrage against suppliers and practitioners of paper waste becomes more widespread, deforestation and landfill problems will be curbed significantly. Such paper waste products include, but are not limited to: paper towels (easily replaced by rags); paper cups (we can all bring washable cups and mugs from home); wooden stir sticks (some of which are made from Brazilian rainforest trees; spoons can be used in their place); individually wrapped condiments (to be replaced by jars and bottles), doggy bags and take-out containers, especially those used in fast-food restaurants (we can bring our own bags and containers); paper bags at markets (canvas bags are a prime substitute); paper napkins (which aren't as soft as cloth anyway); disposable diapers (the scourge of the landfill and packaged in paperboard); and finally, in offices and schools, only 100 percent post-consumer unbleached recycled paper should be used and then recycled.

A multi-front solution to the paper waste problem must include extinguishing the source: consumer demand. Therefore, this boycott would involve the participation of consumers as well as businesses. Paper cups, for instance, could be obtained at a cafe with a quarter, or even a dollar, no-returnable deposit, and take-out containers would have to be purchased separately at food establishments. Other products could include in their cost the amount of money required to replant the trees that were killed for it or to clean up the dioxin that bleached it. Better still, we can all realize that throw-away products are destructive and suicidal.

I urge us all to implement this plan as part of an overall education and action campaign to preserve the global environment and the survival of all species and spirits.

Terrence Willett  
Santa Cruz

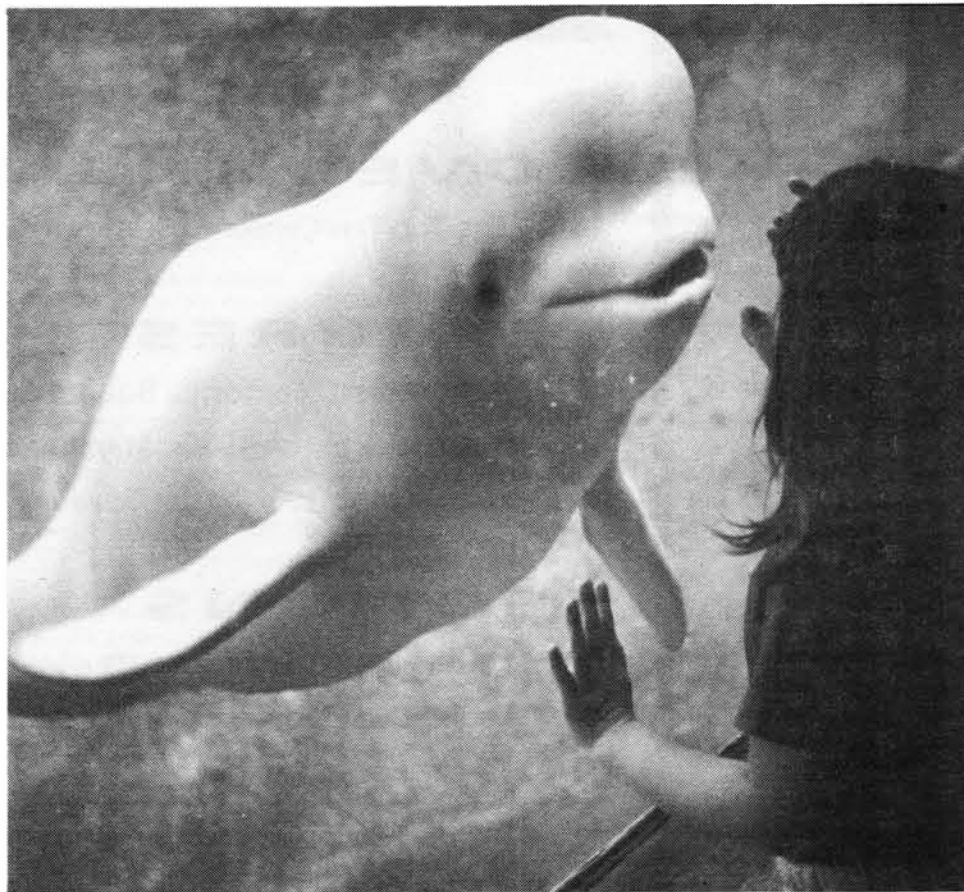
### WOMEN AND URINALS (AGAIN)

Okay, so put me down as another positive respondent to Sandra Wong's method! As coincidence would have it, I found out that we have a mutual friend and we met about a week ago. I wanted to tell her how much we appreciate what she is doing, and that she has probably helped countless women overcome what was thought to be a female handicap.

I figured she had helped countless women, but I was very surprised at the

roughly 15,000, half of which are probably female, yet only three percent are interested? Very odd.

My main beef is that Ms. Wong has spent a great deal of time, effort and money to provide this at no cost to you with only one request: that you fill out the accompanying survey enclosed in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Out of 225 responses, only 35 surveys have been returned. Pitiful. Sandra is not paying me, nor does she know I am writing this, but I find it very rude for people to



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low turnout, which is why I am writing. The *Planet* should pat itself on the back for providing the public with this opportunity, but the majority of us, the female leadership, should be ashamed of ourselves. Ms. Wong has given an open offer to any woman interested in learning her method to stand while urinating, a method that every woman should know, for the price of an envelope and a stamp. The *Planet* has a readership of

ignore someone who provides them with a great service. She is using the data from the surveys for her Master's Thesis and it is critical she gets as much data as possible. So if you are curious, just read the glowing reports over the past few issues, and give it a try. If you have already responded and not returned the survey, please do.

Irene Kowalski  
Santa Cruz

### GREED AT THE TOP

The current recession (feels more like Depression) is the latest in a series of recessions which seem to be occurring more often.

The news, radio and TV inform us that 7-8 percent of the work force is unemployed. Not counted as unemployed are thousands who are desperately searching for work and, when they can get it, must settle for part-time jobs at minimum wage.

Then there is the problem of the homeless — people who lost their jobs and sometimes even their homes through nonpayment of rent or mortgages are now living on the streets.

But not to worry. There are still many who are doing very well, thank you, getting salaries of \$100,000 and more, mainly in white-collar jobs as administrators, directors, managers, etc. The top man in United Way, a charity organization, earns \$463,000 plus benefits — a veritable greed parade. Marching at the head of the greed parade are the top executives in the auto industry, who pay themselves in millions; the chief man in General Motors earns \$90 million, about the same at Ford, and only \$4.7 million to Iacocca of Chrysler!

The moguls of the auto industry are demanding concessions from the workers, and want to take away the gains workers and their unions made after long and bitter struggles. To add insult to injury, they're closing plants and adding another 75,000 to the unemployed lists, moving production to countries with extremely low wages like Mexico and other Third World countries. Corporations in other industries are also moving production to where wages are low.

If the corporations and businesses are hunting for low-wage areas, then workers in those low-wage areas cannot afford to buy the products they produce, and the American workers cannot afford to buy because they are jobless. Where, then, is the market for products made at low wages?

Zena Druckman  
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### ASSASSINATION IS NOT UN-AMERICAN

I regarded with some curiosity the so-called Democratic party presidential candidates' responses to a question concerning approval of assassination. All respondents agreed that assassination is un-American. Let us shake off our amnesia and examine this peculiar notion.



What would the panelists say about the CIA Phoenix program during the Vietnam conflict, in which a minimum of 20,000 persons were "eliminated," mostly civilians?

How would the candidates explain the CIA-engineered coup in Chile in 1973 that resulted in Allende's death and the mutilation and death of many thousands since?

In what lofty terms would the panel describe the millions assassinated by the US intelligence-sponsored Khmer Rouge in Cambodia?

How indeed can this group forget the US-supported El Salvadoran military's genocide, which claimed the lives of North American priests and nuns, Monsignor Romero, and roughly 80,000 Salvadorans? This brings us from 1980 to the present.

Going back several decades but getting closer to home, just how would these forgetful guys define the murders of JFK, Malcolm X, RFK, and Dr. M. L. King? As accidents? Coincidences? The killings were planned, directed and financed in the USA. The historical record clearly shows the FBI hounded X and King; elements of the Bureau and/or "The Company" more than likely ordered their deaths. A similar cabal arranged for the termination of the Kennedy brothers.

William Buckley's interrogation tapes may someday reveal to the high-office hopefuls much shocking information about US intelligence involvement with political murders in the Middle East.

It is odd that the security that protects officials internationally is so ineffective in defending progressive, reform-minded individuals, as if the world power structure might benefit from their removal.

I'm afraid that assassination is as (North) American as capitalism and foreign intervention.

*Clem D. Estin  
Salinas*

### OUTRAGED BY WILSON'S CUTS

I am outraged by Governor Wilson's proposal to cut welfare and health benefits for California seniors, disabled people, and children.

Along with attacking children on AFDC, the governor's plan targets elderly and disabled individuals. He proposes eliminating adult dental care and other essential Medi-Cal services for families, seniors and disabled individuals. He would freeze In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) payments for personal services that help keep the disabled at home and out of institutions. (The cost of care in institutions will do more to raise the budget deficit.) He would also make it harder for some elderly and disabled to get necessary medical care from Medi-Cal because their deductible would go up. He would also freeze state cost-of-living adjustments to subsistence for seniors and disabled individuals (SSI). He would restrict welfare payments and cut AFDC grants by as much as 25 percent. AFDC recipients already live well below the poverty line. The welfare grant for a family of three is 30 percent below the poverty line.

I am an SSI recipient (disability). I depend on Medi-Cal to pay for monthly medication and medical care. I have no other way to pay. Because of my limited income, I share housing and get help

from a local food pantry to supplement my food allowance. For transportation, I walk or get help from local volunteer organizations. There is no room in my budget for a cut in funds or an increase in medical costs.

A few years ago when I first became ill I was homeless, sleeping in my car or in shelters. I can remember coming out of the hospital one February with no place to go. I wound up in one of the shelters, and to get help I had to go from one agency to another — from welfare to Social Security and on and on. It was raining and I was walking and taking the bus. I wound up back in the hospital with pneumonia.

I have worked since I was 14 years old. To suddenly find that I was too ill to work and had lost everything including my home was devastating. It has taken four years to get this far in recovery. If the proposed cuts are approved, I may well have to choose between medicine and a place to live.

*Lotus P. Maynor  
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*Don Scott  
Calistoga*

### VOTING FOR BROWN

"You must be very proud of your age," a woman said to me, assuming she was paying me a compliment. "I am not proud of my age (76)," I responded, "since I had nothing to do with it. Age is a matter of good genes and good luck. But I am proud of something I did do on October 17, 1991. I sent \$100 to the Brown for President campaign."

The woman looked astonished, and I explained: "Jerry Brown believes our country is in a state of collapse due to private greed and corrupt politics. I believe that. Jerry Brown believes that millions of citizens have stopped voting because they know the candidates are lying, and they feel helpless to do anything about it. I believe that."

I am against war unless our country has been attacked — by our illegal, immoral government.

Jerry Brown quoted General Washington: "We are facing the crisis which is to decide our destiny," and I am quoting Jerry Brown: "...our nation faces a crisis of spirit. Join with me...until by the millions, 'We the People' reclaim our Democracy."

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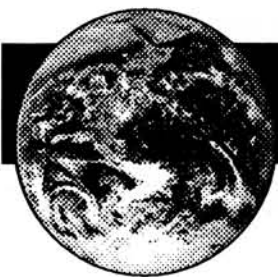


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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

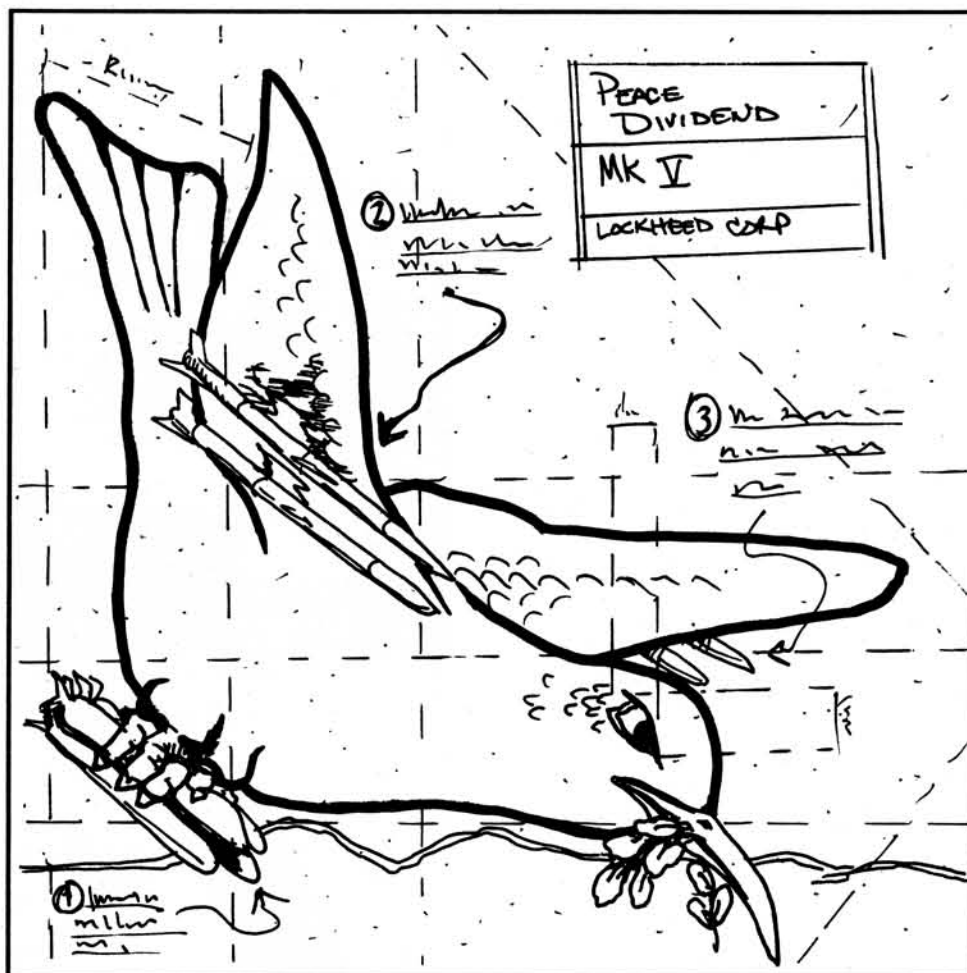
## 1993 Military Spending Bill: Business As Usual

At press time, the House Armed Services Committee has completed deliberations of the fiscal year 1993 military spending bill. The bill provides \$274.4 billion in spending authority for the fiscal year beginning October 1, representing a scant \$7 billion less than President Bush's proposed figure of \$281 billion. The Senate's budget resolution calls for \$280.4 billion in spending for military programs.

To anyone who expected that the Democratically controlled Congress would refocus national spending priorities in the post-Cold War era, this bill comes as an extreme disappointment. The \$15 billion in cuts proposed by the Democratic leadership are not only woefully inadequate in themselves, but they fail to address, or even question, the underlying assumptions behind the military budget — assumptions which have driven the arms race for the past 50 years. Military spending levels which were once rationalized as a kind of necessary evil to counter Soviet influence now apparently require no justification whatsoever. The Democrats have an historic opportunity to set a new course — to redirect the country's international and domestic agendas — and they are blowing it big time.

Last month, both houses rejected legislative attempts to redirect a portion of the savings from this year's military budget into social programs, preferring that the money instead go toward reducing the nation's deficit. The 1990 Budget Enforcement Act created budget "walls" between the three main categories of discretionary spending: defense, domestic programs, and foreign aid. The law stipulates that savings from one category may not be transferred to another, but must instead be applied to the federal deficit. Efforts have been underway in Congress over the past several months to revamp the agreement, which is due to expire October 1, 1993.

Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) had introduced a bill to break down the budget walls and redirect military budget savings into domestic programs. The bill was defeated in a House floor vote of 187-238. A similar bill in the Senate, authored by Jim Sasser (D-TN), also went down to defeat. Although the net dollar effect of the Conyers/Sasser legislation on social programs would have been modest, if passed, it would have sent a clear signal that domestic needs would



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receive renewed priority emphasis from Congress. Instead, Congress chose to send the message that deficit reduction is the number one priority.

Following are some legislative items of interest which are currently before Congress:

### Star Wars

The House Armed Services Committee has approved a \$4.3 billion spending figure for Star Wars (SDI) in the coming year. It is likely that the Senate will approve a similar figure. House Armed Services Committee chair Les Aspin (D-WI) and his Senate counterpart Sam Nunn (D-GA) are both supporters of Star Wars, and will resist attempts to reduce funding for the program.

An amendment authored by California Democrats Ron Dellums and Barbara Boxer would reduce SDI funding to \$1.2 billion in research monies, and close down the SDI office. It has little chance of success. If the Dellums/Boxer amendment fails on the House floor, a more moderate alternative will be proposed by Reps. Richard Durbin (D-IL),

Tim Penny (D-MN), and Martin Sabo (D-MN), which would fund the SDI program at \$3.5 billion.

### B-2 Bomber

The House Armed Services Committee has approved President Bush's request for another five B-2 "stealth" bombers for the coming year. In his January State of the Union address, the president stated he would cut his request from 75 to 20 bombers. Congress capped the program at 15 bombers last year but apparently is unwilling to make an issue of the five additional bombers. There will be organized opposition to the funding proposal on the House floor, but at this juncture it is difficult to predict how it will turn out.

### Nuclear Testing

The "Nuclear Testing Moratorium Act" (S2064), authored by Rhode Island Democrat Claiborne Pell, currently has 41 Senate co-sponsors; its House counterpart (HR3636) has 218 co-sponsors. The bill would suspend underground nuclear weapons testing for a period of

one year as long as the former Soviet republics do not test. Although the bill appears to enjoy broad support, it is far from guaranteed. House and Senate supporters of the legislation are seeking additional co-sponsors to the bill before it comes to the floor.

### Arms Bazaar

Amid recent revelations that the Pentagon is providing military hardware free of charge to US arms merchants, Congress is working on legislation which would ban the practice. The US military has been sending weapons and equipment to international arms trade shows via private weapons contractors. Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA) has introduced an amendment to the Defense Authorizations bill which would ban the Department of Defense from engaging in the practice. The international arms trade is focused primarily toward Third World markets.

### Cuban "Democracy" Act

Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) has introduced a bill aimed at further tightening the economic screws on Cuba in order to force political and social change in the tiny Caribbean nation. HR4168 seeks to dry up Cuba's trading relations with other countries by imposing a series of pressures and/or punitive sanctions on those who do business with Cuba. Torricelli's bill would bar foreign subsidiaries of US corporations from trading with Cuba, confiscate any ship that docks at a US port within six months of docking at Cuba, and generally pressure and bully other countries into ceasing their trade with Cuba.

Torricelli chairs the Western Hemisphere subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In proposing the legislation, Torricelli's stated aim is to drive Fidel Castro from power by making life so miserable for the Cuban people that they will force his ouster. A companion piece offered by Rep. Frank Guarini (D-NJ) would withhold most-favored-nation trading status from the former Soviet republics unless they terminate aid to Cuba within one year.

Some more positive approaches are being undertaken by Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY), who would exempt medicines and medical supplies from the current US blockade; and Rep. Howard Berman, who favors decriminalizing travel to Cuba. Since Castro came to power, US

citizens have been forbidden to visit Cuba without special clearance from the US government. Maximum penalties currently include a \$50,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison. The "Berman Free Travel" bill would lift punitive sanctions on US citizens wishing to travel to Cuba.

### South Africa

In response to the increase of political violence in South Africa, Senators Alan Cranston, Claiborne Pell, and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) have authored a resolution urging the government of South Africa to "take effective steps to end the violence." Senate Resolution 301 is a non-binding, "sense of the Senate" resolution, which would also call on President Bush to report to the Senate on the "nature of the violence in South Africa" and the "impact of this violence on South Africa's transition to democracy."

### Conscientious Objector Bill

Rep. Ron Dellums has introduced legislation to bring the US in line with the United Nations' definition of conscientious objection. The "Military Conscientious Objector Act of 1992" (HR5060) would allow individuals who are conscientiously opposed to a *specific* war due to a sincerely held religious or ethical belief to apply for CO status. Current US military policy states that an individual must declare him/herself opposed to all wars in order to qualify for CO status. So far, 17 members of the House have signed on to this legislation.

### Peace Tax Bill

The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to hear testimony on the US Peace Tax Bill (HR1870), which would create a special fund to receive tax payments from those who are conscientiously opposed to the payment of war taxes. Congressmembers have been reluctant to support this bill in the past, as they believe it will open up a Pandora's box of selective tax payment bills. Although it is unlikely that this year's bill will get any farther than it has in previous years, the committee hearings serve as an important vehicle to educate members on the nature and breadth of conscientious resistance to the payment of war taxes. ■

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# ACTION ALERT:

## California Budget Cuts Target the Poor

By Helen Ewan

**T**he California state legislature is considering drastic across-the-board cuts (between 14.7 percent to 32.5 percent) in many state-financed programs in response to a \$10.8 billion deficit. This would be disastrous for millions of children, their families, and disabled and elderly adults who rely on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (welfare), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for the Aged and Disabled, In Home Supportive Services, and Medi-Cal. College and K-12 education funds are also on the chopping block.

Governor Wilson and other conservative legislators are especially targeting Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), portraying it as a costly program on "autopilot." Proponents of cutting AFDC say that California is a "welfare magnet" for people from other states and countries, and that recipients become dependent for generations.

In fact, only 3 percent of AFDC recipients are immigrants from other states, undocumented immigrants are not eligible for AFDC, and more than half of recipients are on aid for less than two years. In addition, all recipients with children over three years of age are required to participate in a job training and search program called Greater Avenues to Independence (GAIN). Further, 69 percent of all individual AFDC recipients are children, monthly grant levels per family still fall far below the federal poverty rate, and, even before proposed cuts go into effect, this "costly" program accounts for a mere 6 percent of the state's general fund.

There are alternatives to across-the-board cuts in human service programs and education. Closing tax loopholes which benefit large corporations — including business meal and entertainment deductions, corporate change-of-ownership privileges which allow corporations to avoid reassessment of property tax, and benefits for overseas investors — would raise billions of dollars. A 1-percent income tax increase for wealthy individuals (net incomes between \$100,000 and \$200,000) would raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

In April, the Santa Cruz County Campaign for Budget Fairness, a local coalition of non-profit organizations, community groups, and individuals, in partnership with the County Administrator's Office, created an Alternative State Budget Blueprint which would utilize solutions like these to eliminate the state's deficit. The Campaign recently had a major breakthrough when it was granted 15 minutes to present its budget before a traditionally closed Senate-Assembly Joint Budget Committee Conference in Sacramento on May 27. Later that day, the Campaign conducted a press conference with Assemblymember Sam Farr and Supervisor Gary Patton.

The Campaign is now urging groups in other counties to bring their Alternative State Budget Blueprint to local representatives (county board of supervisors) for supportive resolutions and actions.



On March 6th, UCSC students protested the increasingly limited access to education. The demonstration was sparked by fee hikes imposed by the UC regents as a result of the state budget cuts. Approximately 50 students were arrested at the Hahn Student Services Building.

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Security Income and In Home Supportive Services, increase monthly deductible payments and decrease services covered by the Medi-Cal program, and eliminate counties' responsibility to provide general assistance grants to extremely poor people.

Even more frightening, an underpublicized part of this act would allow the governor special powers to cut the state budget in a "fiscal emergency" (whenever the budget was 3 percent out of balance), without having to consult the legislature. This is a direct attack on the democratic process. This initiative, and the rhetoric accompanying it, allows Wilson and conservatives to blame the poor and perpetuate myths and stereotypes, while diverting dialogue away from constructive solutions to the state's failing economy.

### ACTIONS

Vote against the "Taxpayer Protection Act" on the November ballot. Vote for the Economic Recovery and Tax Relief Act of 1992, which looks to closing tax loopholes and tax fairness.

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In addition, \$125,000 was collected in loans from the Gov. Pete Wilson Committee, and the California Republican Party contributed \$100,000 in loans and over \$100,000 in in-kind contributions.

Let them know what specific actions (boycotting, informing your friends, family, co-workers, etc. of the company's contribution) you will take because of their decision. The California State Employees Association (CSEA) has already called on state workers to pull their money out of Great Western because of its contribution to the act. So far, Great Western has lost about \$5.6 million because of this effort. ■

### ACTIONS

The legislature has a self-imposed June 15 deadline for ratifying a budget. Now is the time to contact Senator Henry Mello (425-0401) and Assemblymember Sam Farr (425-1503) and urge them to support budget fairness instead of cutting important human service programs such as AFDC, SSI, Medi-Cal, and education. Let them know that you do not want human services pitted against education — children don't learn as well with empty stomachs and without roofs over their heads. Letters to both legislators can be sent to either: County Building, 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 or State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

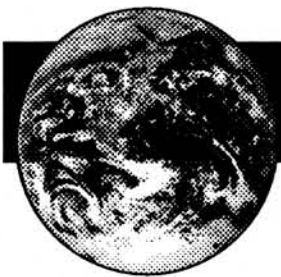
If you have friends, family, or contacts in other parts of the state, urge them to call and write their legislators on this issue. Also, let them know that there are efforts to pass resolutions in support of the Alternative State Budget Blueprint in counties across the state. Anyone interested in joining their county's effort should contact Bernice Belton at (408) 662-0487 or 722-7110 for more information.

If you want to become involved with other local activities to oppose cuts to human service programs and education, attend the next Campaign for Budget Fairness meeting, June 9, 4 p.m., at the Aptos Public Library, 7695 Soquel Dr., Aptos. For further information, contact 662-3697 or 458-9070.

### TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT UPDATE

Governor Wilson's "Government Accountability and Taxpayer Protection Act" has received enough signatures to qualify it for the ballot in November. This act would cut Aid to Families with Dependent Children by up to 25 percent, permanently freeze state cost-of-living adjustments to over 1 million aged, blind, and disabled recipients of Supplemental

Helen Ewan works with Welfare Parents Support Group and the Campaign for Budget Fairness. Sources: Campaign for A Fair Share, California Tax Reform Association, Santa Cruz County Campaign for Budget Fairness.



# FREEZE FOCUS

By Barry van Driel

## Local Activists Face Long Prison Terms

Foremost on the minds of many of us in the local peace community recently has been the attempt by Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller to disarm a NavSTAR satellite at a Rockwell factory in Seal Beach, California. Keith and Peter sneaked into the Rockwell International Corporation plant on May 10. They subsequently took an ax to a NavSTAR satellite, one of many being produced by Rockwell in cooperation with the US Air Force. While these satellites have civilian uses, the NavSTAR (Navigation System Time and Ranging) Global Positioning System is a constellation of computer networks and satellite systems which can function as the linchpin for first-strike nuclear missile targeting.

According to an official FBI affidavit, the damage done at Rockwell exceeds \$2 million.

After being apprehended (and, in the case of Keith, beaten) by security officers, both were arrested and charged with malicious destruction of government property. These felony charges carry a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Both are now being held at the federal jail in Los Angeles, without the possibility of release on bail. Federal arraignment has been postponed until all the charges have been finalized.

Keith and Peter are assured of excellent legal representation. Attorney Leonard Weinglass has agreed to take the case. He is known for having represented the Chicago Seven. Also, he represented Katya Komisaruk after she attempted to disarm a NavSTAR computer at Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1987. She was imprisoned for two years.

"We demolished a satellite in a nonviolent manner; there are other NavSTAR satellites already in orbit and others ready to be deployed. We took this bold step of citizen disarmament in the hope of unmasking the horror behind NavSTAR and to inspire others to resist NavSTAR in their own way," according to a statement from the two activists.

The action by Peter and Keith, dedicated peace activists, has sparked debate about what constitutes responsible action when working against the US military establishment. It is important from time to time to reflect on a host of questions such as: What constitutes nonviolence? When is civil disobedience necessary? Are lobbying efforts, rallies

and educational programs sufficient tools for social change? Is sabotage an act of nonviolence, and is it an acceptable means of action for the peace movement? Should we consider Keith and Peter to be political prisoners? Should the peace movement be in solidarity with Keith and Peter, and if yes, how should this be expressed? What are the consequences of such actions for the peace movement, the status quo and for individuals like Peter and Keith, their families and friends?

These issues need to be addressed. Activists must constantly address and readdress goals, motives and means, if only because the political and social reality of society changes. As the political direction of the United States shifts to the right, more and more groups (like NOW), frustrated by the gains made through less confrontational means, are embracing civil disobedience.

Whether one agrees with Keith and Peter's actions, the reality is that they will most certainly spend a long time in prison. Despite excellent counsel, actions against government military property are not taken lightly. They took a large risk and did what they thought was the right thing to do. They will obviously pay dearly for their decision. If Keith and Peter are to have any chance of feeling supported before returning home a few years down the road, we need to stay in touch with them in prison. At the very least, bold actions such as these should force each of us to stop and pose the question: "Could I be doing more to further the cause of peace?" ■

To correspond with Keith Kjoller and Peter Lumsdaine, write to the Metropolitan Detention Center, P.O. Box 1500, Los Angeles, California 90053. Peter should be addressed as inmate #94359-012 and Keith as inmate #94358-012. Contributions directly to Peter or Keith must be in the form of money orders indicating their name and inmate number. Contributions toward organizing and support expenses may be made payable to "Stop First Strike/LAC" and sent to P.O. Box 11645, Berkeley, CA 94701. For more information, contact Anders Corr at (408) 425-3143 or Maxina Ventura at (415) 824-0214.

Barry van Driel is a member of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze steering committee.



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# CENSORED

## stories of 1991

From Project Censored

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Project Censored publishes its findings annually, and once again, we at The Monthly Planet are proud to bring these reports to our readers. As most of you might guess, 1991's top ten under-reported stories are dominated by the appalling coverage of the Gulf War. These are the top ten under-reported stories of 1991.

### CBS AND NBC SPIKED FOOTAGE OF IRAQ BOMBING CARNAGE

CBS and NBC refused to broadcast rare, uncut footage depicting the heavy civilian carnage which resulted from allied bombing. The footage, taken deep inside Iraq at the height of the US-led air war, substantially contradicted US administration claims that civilian damage from the US-led bombing campaign was light.

The exclusive videotape, initially commissioned by NBC, was shot by two producers, Jon Alpert and Maryanne Deleo, whose earlier work had earned the network seven Emmys.

NBC *Nightly News* Executive Producer Steven Friedman said: "It was stuff on the ground that nobody else had. It was very interesting material that we wanted to use for the show, but the boss (NBC President Michael Gartner) said no." After a meeting with Friedman, anchor Tom Brokaw, and Tom Capra, executive producer of the *Today Show*, producer Jon Alpert said "Everybody felt the film was very good. Friedman is a very competitive news-

man and wanted to get the story on. They asked for three minutes, to be shown on the *Nightly News* and the *Today Show*, and we reached a financial agreement." But despite the enthusiasm shown by Friedman and Brokaw, who reportedly fought hard for its airing, Gartner killed the footage.

The producers then took the video to CBS, where they got the go-ahead from CBS *Evening News* Executive Producer Tom Bettag. "He told me, 'You'll appear on the show with Dan [Rather] tomorrow night,'" Alpert said. But while he was editing the piece for CBS, Alpert got a call from the network: Bettag had been fired in the middle of the night, and his piece had been killed.

Both networks have stated publicly that spiking the story had nothing to do with the controversial nature of the material.

Nevertheless, as hostilities heightened, "pressure behind the scenes to put out a pro-war, pro-administration message was immense," said one producer with more than 15 years of experience at the networks.

The media watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) concluded that "there is a strong indication that intimidation and censorship has taken place in stories and broadcasts that were unfavorable to the administration's war policy." According to FAIR, several journalists and broadcasters claimed to have had their work pulled or even to have lost their jobs for stories or comments that were deemed out of sync with public opinion polls.

"This is the most pervasive propaganda control I've ever witnessed," said a senior network producer with extensive experience at NBC and CBS, summing up the media control and manipulation during the Gulf War. "I've never seen anything like it."

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### OPERATION CENSORED WAR

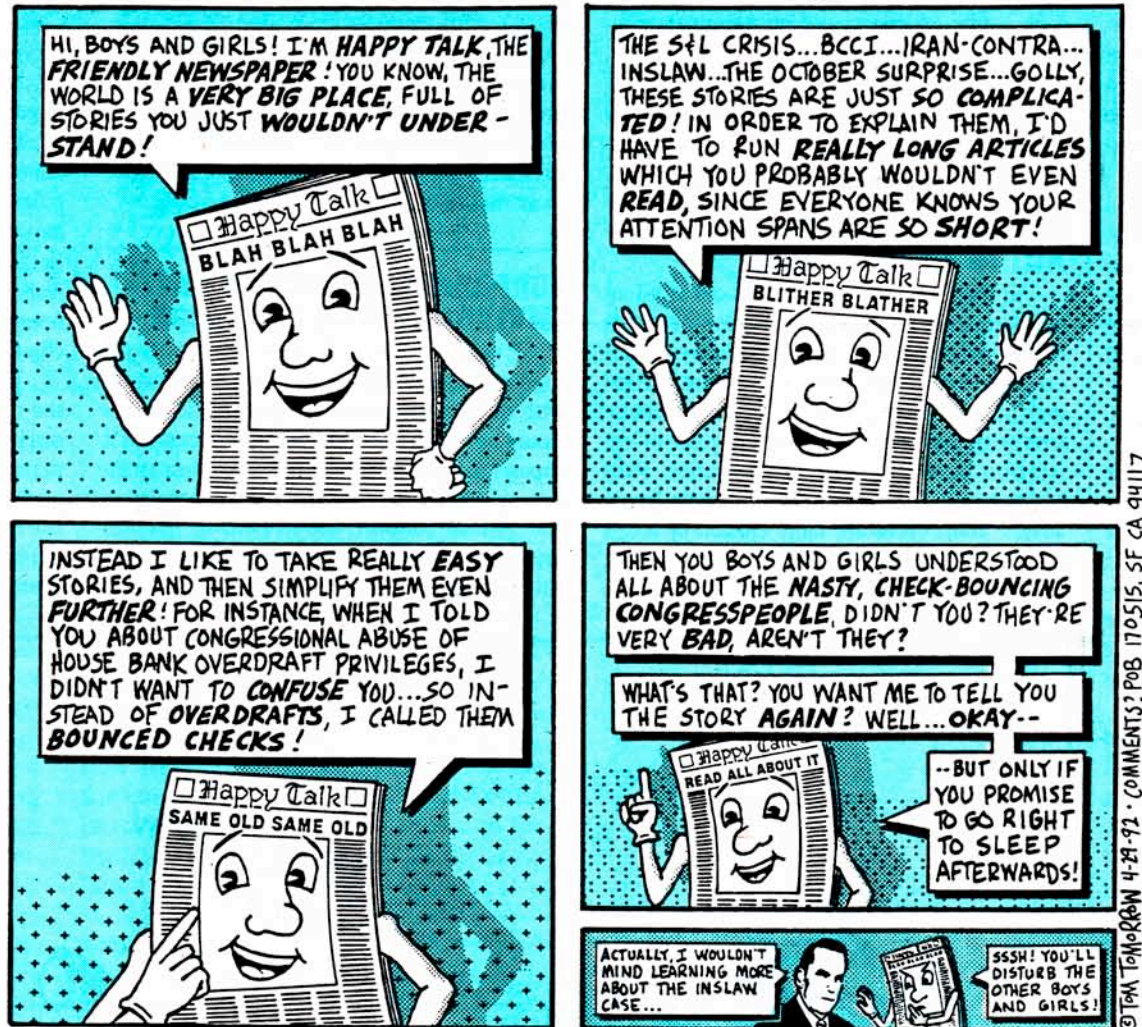
A secretive administration, aided and abetted by a press more interested in cheerleading than in journalism, successfully desensitized the American public to the reality of the Gulf War using various techniques — from sensationalizing military technology to outright censorship through political intimidation.

Following are some items that, if properly publicized, might have had a dramatic effect on public opinion during the war:

- \$1.9 billion in US-guaranteed loans to Iraq must be repaid by American taxpayers.
- "Friendly fire" claimed the lives of 35 servicemen and injured another 72. The original figures were 11 deaths and 15 injuries.
- Pentagon planners have outlined a key US military role in the restoration of Kuwait which will most likely impose martial law for up to a year.
- US tanks with plows buried thousands of Iraqi soldiers alive in Iraqi trenches.
- US Marines used Napalm bombs on Iraqi ground troops.
- The fuel-air bomb — a massive firebomb which obliterates both living and non-living matter by sucking every particle of oxygen from the air — was "experimented" with in the Persian Gulf.
- Of the 88,500 tons of bombs dropped on Iraq and Kuwait, 70 percent missed their targets.
- US television networks refused to run available footage of the "Turkey Shoot" on the road to Basra, during which allied forces fired on Iraqi troops who were retreating from Kuwait in compliance with US demands.
- Reporters in the Persian Gulf were routinely and openly censored and harassed by public affairs officers. News copy and film was routinely "lost" or misplaced until it was outdated.

Sam Smith, of Washington, DC's *Progressive Review*, said that

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the public needs to understand that in events like the Gulf War, nothing comes easy for either side. They "needed the courage to express their own doubts," he explained, "but without the knowledge to express their doubts, they were helpless and went along with the crowd."

Smith also noted: "I think it was a Civil War general who told his troops, 'Don't cheer boys. The poor devils are dying.' If the media can't ask the right questions at a time like this, the least it can do is not to cheer, which — for the most part — is what it did during those tragic months."

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Paula Giebitz. SOURCES: *Editor & Publisher*, 7/13/91, "Military Obstacles Detailed"; *The San Francisco Bay Guardian*, 3/6/91, "Inside the Desert Storm Mortuary," by Jonathan Franklin; *The Progressive Review*, 3/91, "Collateral Damage, What We've Lost Already," by Sam Smith.

## VOODOO ECONOMICS: THE UNTOLD STORY

As 1991 lurched to a close, national polls revealed that the public had put economic issues on top of its list of concerns. However, due to the mainstream media's failure to fully portray the magnitude of the deficit — and to illustrate the real relationship between deficit spending and the social turmoil we are currently experiencing — the American public may know it is in serious financial trouble, but it still does not know just how serious, and is very unclear on the reasons why.

When Reagan took office in 1981, the federal government's total outstanding debt was about \$800 billion. When the current fiscal year ends, that figure will have reached \$4 trillion. The federal budget deficit is now growing by nearly \$1 billion every 24 hours. As of October 1991, annual rates indicated that the interest alone on the federal debt would be the nation's single largest expenditure this year — exceeding even the military budget. Last year's Defense Department budget was \$293.3 billion while interest on debt totaled \$288.7 billion.

Over the last 20 years, the people in Washington who write the complex tangle of rules by which the economy operates have rigged the game, by design and default, to favor the privileged, the powerful, and the influential. This is the basic conclusion of a two-year research effort by *Philadelphia Inquirer* reporters Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele. The result is that the already-rich are richer than ever before; the middle class is being dismantled;

life for the working class is deteriorating; and those at the bottom are trapped.

How could this happen? According to the authors, this has been achieved by:

- Creating a tax system firmly weighted against the middle class.
- Rewarding corporations that relocate facilities abroad, which eliminates jobs in this country.
- Subsidizing businesses that create low-wage jobs and erode living standards.
- Enabling companies to cancel health-care and pension benefits for employees.
- Making home ownership and college education increasingly exclusive privileges, out of the reach of a growing number of Americans.

Barlett and Steele point out that "none of the media pulled the broad range of these subjects together into a cohesive, unified story. And none successfully wove together an analysis of a half-century of tax and economic data and the individual stories of workers to document the decline of America's middle class. As a result, the larger story was never told."

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Erik Cummins. SOURCES: *Knight-Ridder Newspapers/Philadelphia Inquirer* (reprinted by *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, 11/29/91-11/8/91, "Caught in the Middle," a six-article series, by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele); *USA Today*, 10/1/91, "Interest to Take the Largest Slice of Budget Pie," by Mark Memmott.

## THE \$250 BILLION POLITICAL COVER-UP

The cornerstone of George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign was "Read my lips; no new taxes." The truth about the scope of the savings and loan scandal would have revealed the hypocrisy of that statement and threatened Bush's candidacy. The total cost of the S&L scandal is expected to reach more than \$700 billion. As a result of a major investigation by the Center for Investigative Reporting (CIR) and PBS *Frontline*, we have learned that the taxpayers could have been saved at least \$250 billion if there hadn't been a political cover-up.

In the late summer of 1988, Federal Home Loan (FHL) Bank Board member Roger Martin had a lunch meeting in the private office of William Seidman, then chair of FDIC. Elise Paylan, Roger Martin's executive assistant, was at the meeting

and reported the following:

"During the meeting with Bill Seidman, they were discussing the size of the hole, and Roger...was saying he didn't understand why Chairman [Danny] Wall [chair of the FHL Bank Board] was not forthcoming about the true size of the problem. Seidman responded... 'Well it's because George Gould told him to lie about the numbers.' [George Gould was the deputy undersecretary for finance, working under Treasury Secretary Jim Baker, and the administration's political point man on the S&L crisis.] Now to be honest, I don't know if lie is the exact word he used, but lie, misstate, something along that line — and Roger was quite stunned by that...and when Roger said, 'Oh, is that true? What makes you say that?' Seidman said 'because he told me to do the same thing.'"

Jim Barth, Danny Wall's chief economist at the Bank Board, was asked how much money could have been saved if the S&L problem had been addressed honestly and frankly before the 1988 election, with all the S&Ls shut down and the issue tidied up. Barth said \$250 billion. Instead, the total cost of the S&L scandal is now expected to skyrocket to more than \$700 billion.

As William Seidman acknowledged, "Well, this is the mother of all government mistakes. It is absolutely the largest single mistake that you can identify the government has ever made in terms of financial costs. It is colossal." Nonetheless, due to the unpublicized cover-up, which was made effective by a media that treats presidential elections like a TV game show, the number two man of the guilty administration was elected 41st president of the United States on November 8th, 1988.

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Rachel Kinberg. SOURCES: Center for Investigative Reporting, San Francisco, CA; *Frontline* (PBS Series), 10/22/91, "The Great American Bailout."

## OPERATION ILL WIND-DOD'S UNTOLD SCANDAL

In late 1990, *Common Cause Magazine* published an explosive article examining the scandal-plagued history of the Northrop Corporation, one of the nation's major military contractors. At the time of the article, grand juries were reportedly investigating allegations that Northrop engaged in bribery, deliberate overcharging, and falsification of test results. In fact, Northrop's record led critics to depict it as one of the nation's most lawless

military contractors.

But Northrop was not alone nor necessarily atypical in its operation, as the nation discovered in 1988 when the Justice Department started a massive investigation into possible fraud and bribery in securing defense contracts. Called "Operation Ill Wind," it was expected to blow the lid off one of the nation's biggest scandals, but it didn't. Why?

We may never know. With just one exception, the search warrants and affidavits that contain transcripts of wiretapped conversations of employees at McDonnell Douglas, one of the key players in the investigation, were sealed by court order. Despite the best efforts of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* to obtain the affidavits, including an appeal to the US Supreme Court, the transcripts will remain sealed.

Edward H. Kohn, assistant city editor of the *Post-Dispatch* at the time, explained why the paper made such a strong effort to secure the hidden documents: "I...believe that 'Operation Ill Wind' is of extraordinary scope and importance...and ultimately may equal or exceed the 'Teapot Dome' scandal or the publication of the 'Pentagon Papers' in its significance in this nation's history."

Investigative journalist Philip Dunn stated that "the issue of sealed documents in general hasn't received enough attention. We're dealing with state and federal government documents, which are by definition [theoretically, at least] part of the public domain. If government's purpose is to serve its citizens, to be 'of the people, by the people and for the people,' why shouldn't every action that the government undertakes be open to public debate?"

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Dustin Hard. SOURCES: *Common Cause Magazine*, 11/90-12/90. "The Devil and Mr. Jones," by John Hanrahan; *The St. Louis Journalism Review*, 3/91, "The Documents Were Sealed and the Public Shut Out," by Philip Dunn.

## NO EVIDENCE OF IRAQI THREAT TO SAUDI ARABIA

On September 11, 1990, President George Bush rallied a surprised nation to support a war in the Persian Gulf with reports that a massive Iraqi army had poured into Kuwait and moved south to threaten Saudi Arabia. At the time, the Department of Defense estimated there were as many as 250,000 Iraqi troops and 1,500 tanks in Kuwait. On January 6, 1991, Jean Heller, a journalist with the *St. Petersburg Times*, reported that satellite photos showed no sign of a massive Iraqi troop buildup in Kuwait.

Heller told *In These Times*, which reprinted her article: "The troops that were said to be massing on the Saudi border, constituting a possible threat to Saudi Arabia, and justifying the US sending of troops do not show up in these photographs. And when the Department of Defense was asked to provide evidence that would contradict our satellite evidence, it refused to do it."

The pictures, taken by a Soviet satellite on September 11 and 13, were acquired by the *St. Petersburg Times* in December. The *Times* contacted two satellite image specialists to analyze the photos — one a former image specialist for the Defense Intelligence Agency who asked to remain anonymous. The specialists saw extensive US occupation at the Dhahran Airport in Saudi Arabia, but few Iraqi troops or weapons in Kuwait. They said the roads showed no evidence of a massive tank invasion, there were no tent cities or troop concentrations, and the main Kuwaiti air base appeared deserted.

While the *St. Petersburg Times* submitted Heller's story to both the Associated Press and the Scripps-Howard news service, neither carried the story. The author said "The main-line

media still have not picked up on the story, despite the fact that the Pentagon now admits that the number of Iraqis in and around Kuwait was overestimated by American military intelligence."

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Maria Brosnan. SOURCE: *St. Petersburg Times*, 1/6/91, "Public Doesn't Get Picture with Gulf Satellite Photos," by Jean Heller. Reprinted in *In These Times*, 2-27-91.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IS AN OXYMORON

In theory at least, the 25-year-old Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) bucks the bureaucratic impulse for secrecy. In reality, however, the executive branch and federal courts are stretching the law's exemptions to give that impulse freer reign. As a result, this precious piece of legislation is fading into obsolescence. Paul McMasters, a *USA Today* editor, predicts "more adverse court decisions, more erosion of access rights, more ignoring of FOIA" if the law isn't fixed. The erosion of FOIA over the past ten

and the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, which handles most FOIA cases, have moved aggressively to expand the government's power to withhold information.

One would think that the press would find such a vital access issue to be of importance, yet finding significant coverage is as difficult as obtaining it through a FOIA request.

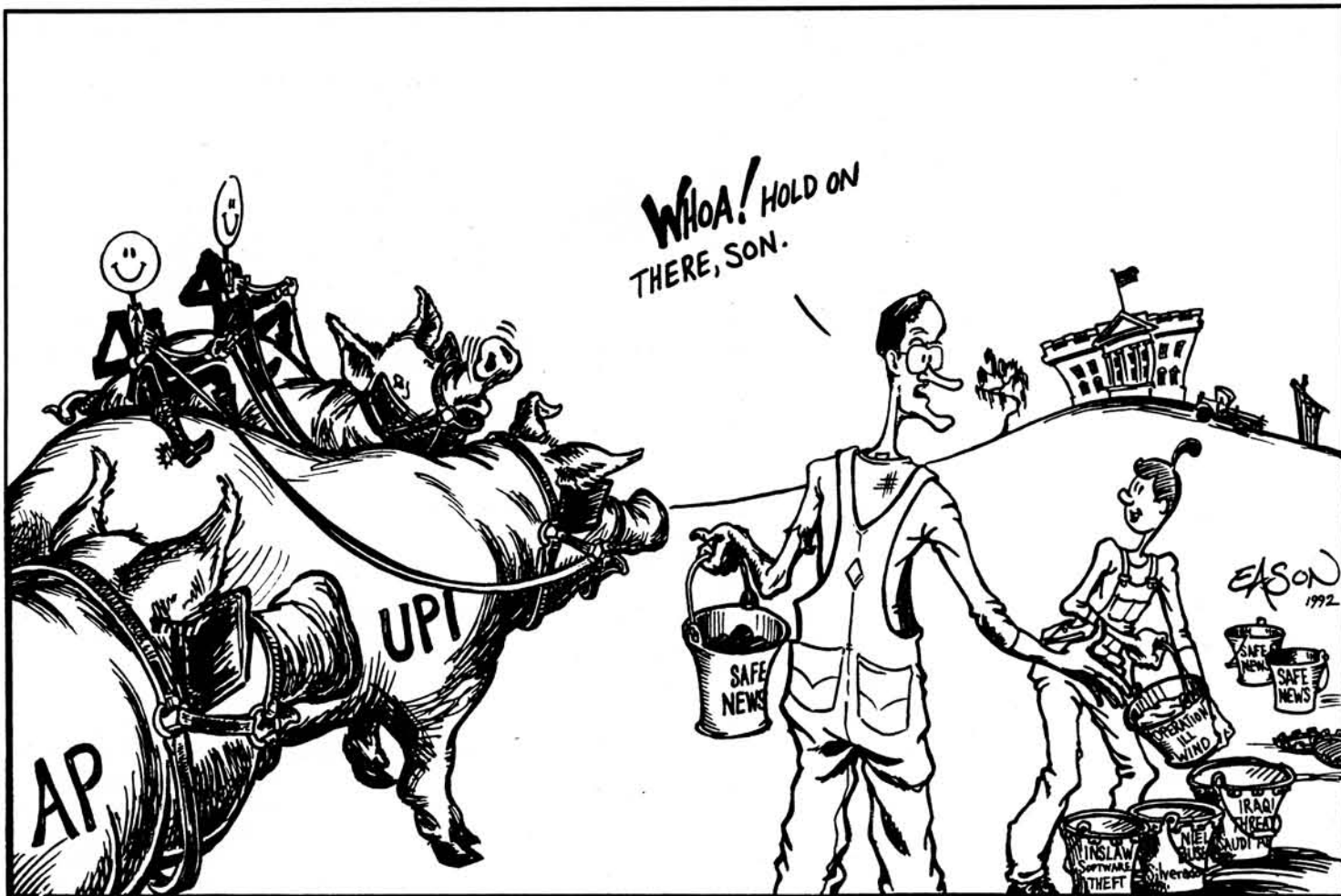
SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Anne Britton. SOURCE: *Common Cause Magazine*, 7/91-8/91, "The Fight to Know," by Peter Montgomery and Peter Overby.

## CORPORATE AMERICA'S ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN

It would seem that in these times of heightened environmental consciousness, companies with questionable environmental track records would be concerned with EPA regulations. But it appears the corporate sector is paying less attention to nonthreatening government regulators and instead adopting an array of tactics and attack strategies aimed at environmental and citizen groups.

This new corporate mind-set may be best exemplified, however, by a copy of a "Crisis Management Plan" commissioned by the Clorox Corporation which was recently leaked to Greenpeace. The plan was prepared by Ketchum Communications, one of the nation's largest advertising and public relations firms. While Greenpeace has an international program aimed at abolishing the use of chlorine in the pulp and paper industry, it has not called for a ban on domestic use of bleach. However, the Ketchum plan was apparently prompted by fears that Greenpeace would eventually target household use of chlorine bleach and call for its elimination.

Part of the Ketchum strategy to counteract the chlorine industry's poor reputation was to outline "worst case scenarios." Among its many strategies, Ketchum suggests ways to discredit the findings of studies linking chlorine use to cancer, should the findings ever become public. The firm also recommends that Clorox "cast doubts on the methodology and find-



years coincides with a new and particularly hostile attitude towards the public's right to know ushered in with the Reagan-Bush administration. The new administration has redefined "national security" to cover virtually all aspects of international activity.

FOIA is supposed to work this way: you make your request and the government has 10 days to fill the request or explain why it won't do so. But in most agencies roadblocks are endemic. So are delays, despite the 10-day deadline. The FDA often takes two years to fill requests, the State Department often takes a year, and last year the FBI calculated that its average response time was more than 300 days.

A major source of the problem lies with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for insuring that FOIA offices remain underfunded and understaffed. Emil Moschella, then FOIA director for the FBI, testified last year that his request for new staff was cut in half by Justice and then "zeroed out" by OMB. To make matters worse the Supreme Court

Some of the more recent anti-environmental innovations include multimillion-dollar SLAPP suits, the harassment and surveillance (including electronic) of activists, the infiltration of environmental groups by "agent provocateurs," and the creation of dummy ecology groups to ferret out whistleblowers.

Another disturbing trend is the proliferation of deceptively named groups such as "The Oregon Committee for Recycling," an industry front group whose purpose was to lobby against a recycling initiative on the state ballot. Or "Californians for Food Safety," which was created by the Western Agricultural Chemical Association, producers of pesticides, who successfully opposed the state's Big Green proposition in 1990. Perhaps the greatest coup was pulled off by Arkansas' Vertac Inc., a Superfund polluter, whose "Jacksonville People With Pride Cleanup Coalition" successfully applied for an EPA grant — until they were exposed by suspicious Jacksonville environmentalists.

ings," of potentially damaging scientific reports which haven't even been written yet. Ketchum also recommends labeling Greenpeace as violent self-serving "eco-terrorists"; attempting to sue newspaper columnists who advocate the use of nontoxic bleaches and cleaners for the home; dispatching "independent" scientists on media tours; and recruiting "scientific ambassadors" to tout the Clorox cause and call for further study.

Investigative journalist Eve Pell, of *E Magazine*, noted that while business efforts to comply with environmental regulations and to market "green" products have received a lot of coverage, "no one in the major mass media, to our knowledge, has reported that, nationwide, American corporations are retaliating against the environmental movement with a wide assortment of dirty tricks."

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Robyn O'Connor and Danny Bremson. SOURCES: *E Magazine*, 11/91-12/91, "Stop the Greens," by Eve Pell; *Greenpeace News*, 5/10/91, "Clorox Company's Public Relations 'Crisis Management Plan'."



## INSLAW SOFTWARE THEFT: CONSPIRACY AT THE JUSTICE DEPT.?

In an ongoing legal battle, the Inslaw Corp. charges that the US Department of Justice robbed it of its computer software program, conspired to send the company into bankruptcy, and then initiated a cover-up.

The Inslaw software, called Promis, was a potential gold mine. A case-management and criminal-tracking program, the software can also be used to track complex covert operations. For this reason Promis had sales appeal to both law enforcement agencies and the international intelligence community. In March 1982 Inslaw won a \$10 million, three-year contract with the Justice Department, but Justice reneged, withholding nearly \$2 million. Consequently, Inslaw sought refuge in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and proceeded to sue Justice.

In September 1987, federal bankruptcy Judge George Bason found that the Justice Department used "trickery, fraud and deceit" to take Inslaw's property, and in February 1988, Bason awarded Inslaw \$8 million. Not quite one month later Judge Bason was denied reappointment to the bench. In the past four years, only four of 136 federal bankruptcy judges have been denied reappointment. Incredibly, Bason was replaced by S. Martin Teel, one of the Justice Department attorneys who unsuccessfully argued the Inslaw case before him. Justice immediately appealed Bason's ruling, but in November 1989 a federal district court upheld Bason's ruling. Nevertheless, last spring the US Court of Appeals set aside that ruling on the grounds that the bankruptcy court lacked jurisdiction.

Earlier this year the case took a new twist. Inslaw's owners went public with allegations that the Reagan Justice Department turned the stolen software over to businessperson and arms dealer Earl Brian, a friend of both Edwin Meese and Reagan. Inslaw alleges that its software was given to Brian as a payback for Brian's help in arranging the now infamous "October Surprise" deal. Brian is the owner of Infotechnology, Inc., which controls the bankrupt Financial News Network and (until recently) United Press International — not to mention Hadron, Inc., which failed in an attempt at a hostile takeover of Inslaw. Earl Brian brokered the Promis software on a worldwide basis and, according to Inslaw owner Bill Hamilton, his software has been illegally sold to at least 15 different countries.

According to Inslaw's attorney, former Attorney General Elliot Richardson, "Evidence to support the more serious accusations came from 30 people, including Justice Department sources." Additionally, the files of the Justice Department's chief litigating attorney on the case have disappeared. On January 13, 1992, in a virtually unpublicized ruling, the US Supreme Court refused to reinstate a \$7.8 million judgment won earlier by Inslaw in its dispute with the Justice Department.

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Mark Lowenthal. SOURCES: *In These Times*, 5/29/91-6/11/91, "Software Pirates," by Joel Bleifuss; *Random Lengths*, 10/3/91-10/16/91, "Software to Die For," by James Ridgeway.

## THE BUSH FAMILY AND ITS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Richard Nixon had his brother Donald; Jimmy Carter had Billy; Ronald Reagan had Neil. But, in recent presidential history, no president has had the blatant familial conflicts of interest that George Bush has.

• **Prescott Bush, brother.** Munenobu Shoji, president of a Japanese real estate firm, reported that his firm and another, both run by a former Japanese crime boss, paid Prescott

\$200,000 for investment advice. "I thought of making investments in the United States with the help of Mr. Bush, who is a financial consultant and knows many influential people such as the presidents of South Korea and the Philippines," Shoji said.

• **Neil Bush, son.** Neil was a director of Silverado Savings and Loan, which is expected to cost taxpayers about \$1 billion. Regulators were told to delay closing Silverado until after election day in 1988. In mid-July 1991 Neil was hired as director of TransMedia Communications, a cable sports network. When asked, Bill Daniels, the tycoon who hired Neil, said he will "absolutely" continue to communicate with the president [George Bush] in his battle to stave off re-regulation of the cable industry.

• **Jeb Bush, son.** Jeb Bush, a Miami real estate developer, knew Leonel Martinez, a Miami builder, as a generous contributor to Bush family causes. Others knew that Martinez imported more than three-and-one-half tons of cocaine and more than 75 tons of marijuana into the United States and was under investigation for more than four murders. Martinez is now serving 23 years in prison for drug trafficking.

• **George W. Bush, son.** When Harken Energy Corp. signed an oil-production sharing agreement with Bahrain, a tiny island off the coast of Saudi Arabia, industry experts marveled over how a virtually anonymous company with no previous international drilling experience could land such a potentially valuable concession. Perhaps the experts were not aware that George W. Bush, eldest son of the president, was a \$50,000-a-year "consultant" on Harken's board of directors. George sold more than 200,000 shares of Harken stock just weeks before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990 but did not report the "insider" stock sale until March of 1991, nearly eight months after the federal deadline for disclosing such transactions.

*SPIN Magazine's* Jefferson Morley said that "the revelation that the president and his son and the nation's top drug policy official have received money from a convicted cocaine trafficker is worthy of mass media and reportorial follow-up."

The various sources used by Project Censored to compile this story about President George Bush, his family, and their questionable conflicts of interest combine to make a point about the media coverage. If a person happened to read a variety of sources on this issue, one would have a fairly good insight into how members of the Bush family use the presidency to further their personal goals despite serious conflicts of interest. It is the media's responsibility to collect all the information about the various intrigues of the Bush family and present it to the American public in the context of the political/economic scene. The media have simply not done this.

SSU CENSORED RESEARCHER: Dustin Hard. SOURCES: *San Francisco Examiner*, 7/28/91, "Crime-linked firms hired Prescott Bush"; *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, 7/19/91, "Neil Bush's New Boss"; *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, 8/6/91, "Son's S&L Not Closed"; *Spin*, 12/3/91, "See No Evil," by Jefferson Morley; *The Texas Observer*, 7/12/91, "Oil in the Family," by David Armstrong; *The Texas Observer*, 8/6/91, "Global Entanglements," by David Armstrong. ■

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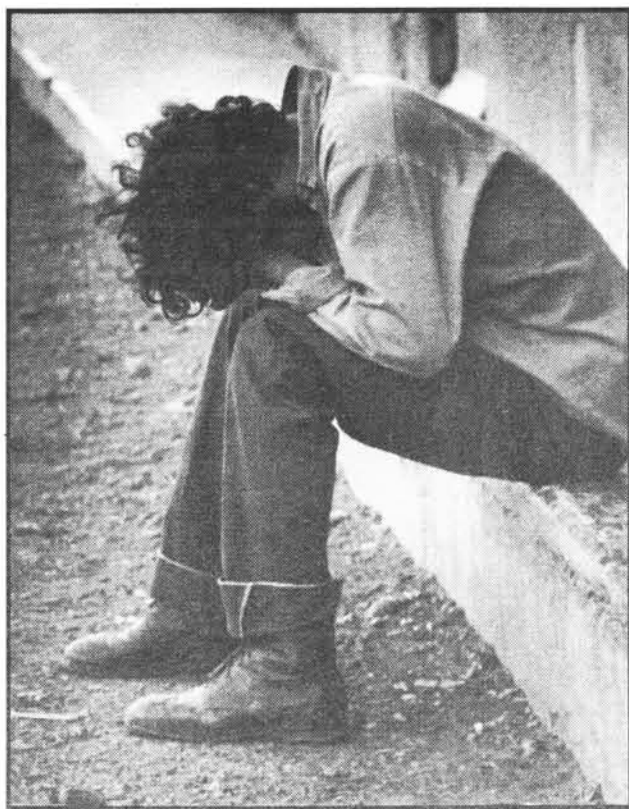
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*As reported in the last issue of The Monthly Planet, Dr. Paul Oquist, a former top analyst and advisor to the Sandinista government, told a Santa Cruz audience on March 30th that after two years of the Chamorro/United National Opposition (UNO) government there are no signs of recovery in the Nicaraguan economy.*

*In this article, the second of a two-part report on his address, Oquist traces the beginning, scope and depth of the post-war Nicaraguan socio-economic crises.*



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# SOCIAL EXPLOSION

"To understand the magnitude of the present explosive social and economic crisis in Nicaragua in all of its dimensions," said Dr. Oquist, "one must first understand the traumatic impact that the US-sponsored Contra War had on Nicaraguan society. Perhaps the best way to help citizens of the United States to gain a perspective of this impact is to draw some relative comparisons of impacts that the United States would have suffered had it endured a so-called 'low intensity war' of a relative magnitude as that suffered by Nicaragua, taking into account the differential in the size and population between Nicaragua and the United States."

He told his Santa Cruz audience that the Reagan/Bush war in this small country of 3.8 million people caused 60,000 casualties, 30,000 killed and about \$10 billion in direct damage. The human loss in terms of the 30,000 people killed on the Sandinista side would be equivalent to 2.4 million people in the United States — more than the cumulative number of US deaths suffered in all the wars it has ever fought.

The economic loss of almost \$10 billion is equivalent to one-half of Nicaragua's gross domestic product throughout the entire period of the 1980s. "So it is the same," he said, "as if Nicaragua between 1980 and 1990 lost all of its production in goods and services for five of those ten years."

As late as 1983, one year into the Contra War and four years after the defeated dictator Anastasio Somoza fled the country with all but \$3 million of Nicaragua's treasury, Nicaragua under the Sandinistas had the second fastest growth rate in its economy of all the Central American countries. But by 1984 the stepped-up Contra War started to take its toll. Defense of the country necessitated a military draft with a consequent negative impact on production. The war's wear and tear on the nation's infrastructure led to terrible economic stress.

Since 1984 the nation's economy has been in steady decline. Exports which amounted to \$300 million in 1983 were still at the \$300 million level in 1991, an extremely low figure for a country of 3.9 million people. Honduras, the poorest Central American nation in 1983, by comparison had exports of \$1.8 billion last year. Nicaragua's population increased by 750,000 during the decade of the 1980s, putting additional strain on resources and public services. Today, Nicaragua's exports (\$300 million) amount to only one-half the value of its imports (\$600 million).

Within the past two years 24,000 Contras and their families returned to Nicaragua, with promises by the Chamorro government of land and other perks for demobilizing. These promises remain unfulfilled. In addition, 65,000 soldiers and

officers have been separated from the Nicaraguan army and thrown into the job market, while tens of thousands of civilian government workers have been discharged by the Chamorro/UNO government. These jobs were terminated either to meet the demands by the US government for the privatization of government services and enterprises, or to meet the loan requirements for "economic stabilization and adjustment measures" imposed on the Nicaraguan government by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. Thousands more have been discharged from private sector jobs because of the depth of the depression. As a result, almost 200,000 workers have become unemployed since April 1990.

With so many losing their jobs in such a short space of time, the informal sector of the economy is no longer able to absorb the unemployed. In the worst of times while the Sandinistas were in power, one who could not find work in the formal sector could become vendors in the market or on the street with a great deal of earning power. This relief is no longer possible.

"The most dramatic element of this massive and chronic unemployment," said Oquist, "is lack of hope...of finding work with so many people thrown into the street at the same

time." Unemployment today in Nicaragua has climbed to 58 percent of the 1.1 million-person work force. It is close to 90 percent on the Caribbean Coast. These are tragic figures under any circumstances but doubly so when one considers that Nicaragua is now the most expensive country in which to live in all of Latin America. Prices for the growing supply of consumer items and foodstuffs in the markets and stores are at least at the level of those found in the United States and exceed them in many cases.

Workers have also lost access to free health care and free education for their families through austerity programs and the crusade for the privatization of public enterprises. These measures have been forced upon the government by the US, the IMF, and the World Bank as conditions for financial aid. Cutbacks in social services are directly responsible for hundreds of children roaming the streets instead of going to school, because they cannot afford the new textbooks the government now requires them to buy. Managua's public hospitals have given notice that they must suspend scheduled operations due to the lack of medicines and surgical materials. Infant mortality has risen to 80 per every 1,000 live births with 24,000 fewer check-ups each day in health centers as a direct result of the laying off of 4,000 health workers and the placing of a hiring freeze on 1,700 vacancies for medical and paramedical staff. Hospitals lack even analgesics and medicines for the most common infections.

Twenty thousand families have been violently evicted from their homes since the Tenants Law, ratified by the Chamorro government in December 1990, was enacted. Oquist reported that in March, just before he left Managua for the United States, 180 families were forcibly evicted from an impoverished neighborhood that they had set up since they "had nowhere else to go." Most of the squatters were abandoned single women with malnourished children who survive by picking through garbage.

"People are desperate," said Oquist, "and they will do anything to survive." He cited as proof soaring crime rates, a surge in domestic violence against women, and the introduction of hard drugs as signs of a deteriorating society, "worse than anything experienced even at the height of the Contra War."

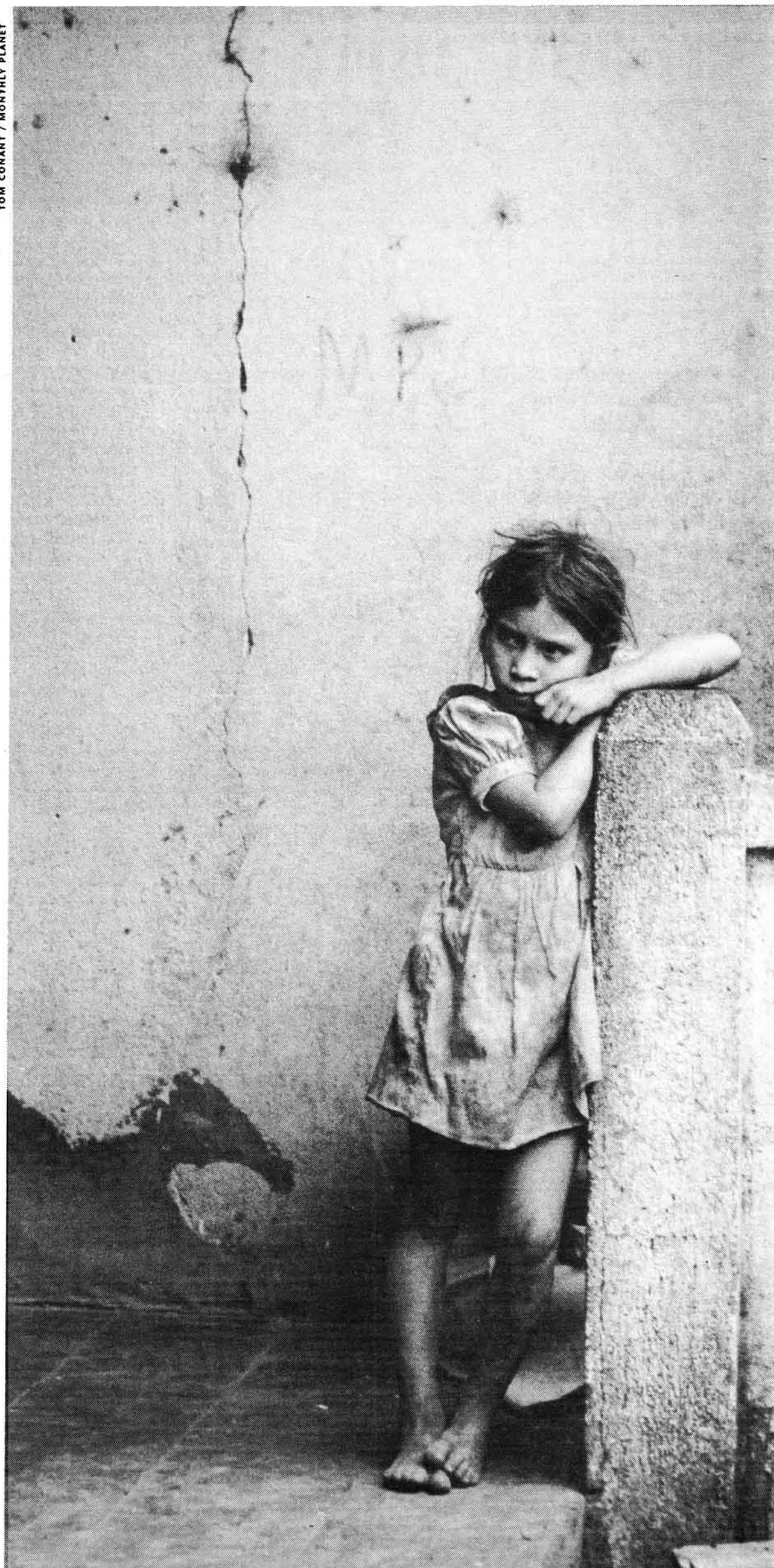
"The drug problem," said Oquist, "has flooded Nicaraguan society in two waves, the first occurring when the 'Miami boys' [ex-Somoza loyalists and others who fled to Miami, and other cities in the US, and those who fled to escape the Contra War] began to return to Nicaragua after the 1990 elections. They not only brought the drug problem with them, but the medical scourge of AIDS as well. The second wave is in the form of the Colombia cartels using Nicaragua as a transit route for moving drugs particularly on the Caribbean Coast. Drug trafficking is now a severe problem in Managua."

Oquist reported that there is still considerable violence from disputes over the ownership and use of the land in the rural areas where most of the war was fought. In the past 18 months more than 60 members of farm cooperatives formed under the land reform program of the Sandinistas have been killed, and 220 private properties have been taken over or invaded by outsiders. Riot police have been called in and Recontras (armed bands of former members of the Contra army) and others have been hired by large landowners (many of whom have spent the years since the overthrow of Somoza in Miami) to take back their lands by force, ignoring the institutions set up by the government to negotiate settlements when a legitimate dispute over land titles is at issue.

Oquist blamed "a divided, inefficient and corrupt" Chamorro/UNO government for making promises of land to ex-Contra campesinos (peasants) which it could not deliver. They were first promised the land when they were recruited to fight the Sandinistas by Contra leaders, some of whom are now officials in the Chamorro/UNO government. They were promised it again as a reward for demobilizing. The government could not legally meet that demand. This was the beginning of the so-called Recontras who formed to take the land they wanted by force. In opposition are the so-called Recompas, former members of the Sandinista militia and armed members of the cooperatives who formed groups to defend their hard-earned rights to the land.

This violence continues to be a problem, but has been reduced somewhat in recent months due to several factors. The government has paid a number of the more troublesome Recontra leaders (some \$150,000 or more) to leave the country. The landless ex-Contras (90 percent of the Contra forces

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were campesinos) are beginning to feel betrayed as they see their ex-leaders, such as Alfredo Cesar and his cronies in the well-paid Nicaraguan Legislature, and the ministries of the government working with ex-Somoza loyalists (Somocistas) and the United States State Department to force the return of state-owned lands to the Somoza family and their wealthy friends. They are also turning against their ex-Contra colleagues who are now hired guns for the large landowners.

Their former enemies on the battlefield who wore the Sandinista uniform have joined them in support of their fight against the government. The FSLN (Sandinista Political Party) has also called on the government to fulfill its promise of distributing land to the ex-Contras. Oquist cited this merging of former enemies in a common cause involving property rights as an example of very strong social forces at work in rural Nicaragua, beyond the control of the politicians in Managua, including those politicians with the FSLN.

It should be noted that soon after Dr. Oquist left Santa Cruz, *Barricada International* reported that representatives of the ex-Contras, retired Sandinista Popular Army personnel, and the National Union of Farmers and Ranchers (UNAG) agreed to unite campesinos by creating the National Campesino Coordinator (CNC).

*Barricada International* stated, "Such an agreement is unprecedented in Nicaragua; it unites former Contras with Sandinistas, two radically antagonistic groups in the political realm which confronted each other in war." Although the campesinos in the CNC come from different socio-economic backgrounds, they face the same problems. The movement has caught people's attention, not only because of its character, but also due to its size. The organizers say it brings together more than 200,000 campesinos, and is growing.

The CNC has presented the government with a list of demands and a deadline which is rapidly approaching. The campesinos have warned that if the government does not meet their demands — mainly legalizing their land and granting credit — they will bring the country to a halt.

CNC clearly is not the creation of the FSLN. Although Daniel Nuñez is an extremely popular member of the FSLN leadership, it was through his role as President of UNAG that the CNC was brought together. He stated in *Barricada*: "We didn't unite to become a political party, but to fight in unison for our rights; for land titles, credit and participation in the development programs promoted by the government. We are a multi-party association. Independent of which party we belong to we must fight united as an association to solve our problems, and then, in the '96 election each can vote as he wishes."

According to Oquist, the FSLN is very much aware of the economic power represented by CNC and the potential political clout that could be marshalled by uniting

this power with the agricultural and workers' unions through organizing around common interests.

Since its National Congress of July 1991 the FSLN has spent much time in internal debate attempting to redefine itself, not only in terms of how it may best defend the accomplishments of the revolution in the short term, but also how to redefine itself structurally. The FSLN is also working on strategic positioning to reassert itself as a relevant and effective political influence in the governance of Nicaragua in 1996 and beyond, given the new dynamics in the organization of popular movements such as that represented by the CNC.

Looking ahead toward the 1996 Presidential elections, Oquist said that the FSLN wishes to do anything it can to avoid direct confrontation with the US State Department, as they do not want the US government to intervene in those elections. "Threats of new US military activity in Nicaragua must be avoided and will be avoided through the types of activities that the FSLN is engaging in now to try to normalize relations with the US," Oquist said.

He made two predictions relative to the 1996 elections:

- The FSLN will not go into the elections by itself, but as part of a coalition. This will provide it greater guarantees from intervention by outside interests and at the same time open the possibility of adding other political forces to the political base of the FSLN revolution.

- The 1996 presidential race will be between a right-wing ticket led by former Contra Alfredo Cesar, now president of the Nicaraguan

National Assembly, and a center/left ticket of Antonio Lacayo, the present minister of the presidency of the Chamorro government with former vice president of Nicaragua, Dr. Sergio Ramirez, representing the FSLN. It is not predictable at this time whether Ramirez or Lacayo will head the ticket.

Dr. Oquist left his audience with these thoughts about the status of the Nicaraguan Revolution:

"The Sandinista revolution was about the empowerment of people. It built unions such as the Sandinista Workers Union in the urban areas. Rising out of the ashes of the counterrevolutionary war in the rural areas is the CNC — campesinos taking direct control of their lives. These things won't go away. Policies of governments go when the government loses power, but the social structures that grow out of the empowerment process are not lost. The revolution continues." ■

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# PEACE

## CAMP 1992

When the law ceases to respect peace, it's time to break the law. In Kazakhstan, demonstrations by Soviet citizens put a halt to nuclear testing. Not here...yet. And so, I found myself in a rental car with a couple of complete strangers, on the highway to Nevada. Our mission: civil disobedience.

### THE DESERT

Snowy, volcanic mountain peaks lay over the ridge, in the distance. As I watched, warmed by the relentless desert sun, I could see clouds being formed above them at one edge of the immense clear sky.

When my feet kicked the ground I heard metallic ringing sounds, and looked down expecting to find little pieces of metal. Instead, I saw only rocks, a thin layer imbedded in the dust. Iron ore.

Long before the European invaders arrived, the Shoshone Tribe lived in peace with this desert land. By Shoshone law, it is the military that trespasses.

"Radioactive Dust — Keep Out," declared the sign on a crude fence surrounding one of the dust bowls. Since the radiation from the testing is carried in the dust, all dust is to be avoided.

To help out, the medical tent provided paper masks for safer breathing, along with the "reassuring" statistic that the radiation level at the gate of the test site is the same as that in downtown Los Angeles.

### THE ORGANIZATION

The registration tent had the schedule for the nonviolence training classes. My class investigated various subjects relating to nonviolent protest, especially the formation of affinity groups. The idea is that each group provides support to its members, so that if someone disappears or is excessively brutalized, something will be done about it.

Many people were arrested during the week preceding the main action on Easter Sunday. The first person I saw arrested crossed the cattle guard and went limp when the guards tried to take him away. It's considered an act of defiance to go limp, since one renders oneself more difficult to transport. The hired "Wackenhuts" security guards cuffed his hands behind his back and dragged him face down by a baton underneath his wrists. The crowd booed and hissed this brutality.

A group of parents led their children up to the cattle guard, where they stood singing in front of the police. After some of the parents had crossed and it looked like the children were about to, an older policeman stepped out and informed the remaining parents that if the children crossed, the adults could be held for child abuse. "Leading angels into hell," someone said.

### THE NIGHT BEFORE

The full moon hung eerily over the fire of dinner camp. A jazz trio provided austere harmonies, interspersed with haunting off-time melodies. Three tall posts lashed into a tetrahedron at one corner of the food tent had crude strips of cloth tied to each at the top as banners, fluttering wildly in the gusts of cold wind. I felt like I was on a pirate ship, huddled with fellow outlaw strangers.

Two cities in the desert: one, the city of Mercury, on Nevada Highway 95 near Indian Springs, exists solely to facilitate nuclear tests. To set foot in Mercury without permission is a felony by federal law. Mercury is a mile or so down the road, directly underneath the North Star, containing a bowling alley, a post office, a chapel, a few trees in a tiny park, and a small but effective airstrip (now lit

*In April, the "Hundredth Monkey Project" sponsored a week-long demonstration at the Nevada Test Site, culminating on Easter Sunday. At least 761 activists were arrested in protest of US nuclear weapons testing, which continues despite a year-long moratorium declared by the Soviets and the French. Here is an excerpt from the journal of a local activist who attended the event.*

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up), used for helicopters and jet planes.

Beyond Mercury lies Quartz Peak (6370 ft.), and (invisible beyond) the test site itself, scarred by countless craters.

And for this week, another small city: the city of Peace Camp exists solely to put an end to nuclear testing. The Shoshone Indians alone grant permission for one's presence. In Peace Camp we stood, unbathed, sunburnt, Hippie, Yuppie, old, young, clean-cut, dreadlocked, Shoshone, Black, White, Green, exotically clad, plainly clad, lined up for the free food supplied by "Food Not Bombs." In line I met a woman who remembered a night, when she was five years old, that the whole sky lit up. She later discovered that her parents had taken her to watch an above-ground test of a nuclear bomb.

### EASTER 1992

They held a service at 10 a.m. Sunday, an hour before the action. Defying the "law" of death, in the name of life: — isn't that what Easter is all about? Since the Shoshone were the first to lead actions by means of "trespassing" on the land, their elders led the protesters across the cattle guard. We were required to obtain permits for land use from the Shoshone tribe, and many had taped them onto their outer garments. At least one Shoshone was holding a constant vigil at the fence during the week of the action, singing and drumming.

The construction of the Shoshone drum is skin stretched across a hoop, with a handle so it can be held vertically in front of the player, and with a mallet in the other hand, beaten.

During the action the drumming swelled and others joined in creating a gigantic vibrant circle of music, with bells, singing, djembe, tambourine, and accordion. There was a protester on stilts, and one person standing constantly at the fence dressed entirely in black (including a mask over their head) holding a tattered, upside-down, American flag.

After crossing the cattle guard, the protesters were met by lines, six across, of baton-wielding "Wackenhuts," named after the company that the Department of Energy hires them from. The camouflage-clad Wackenhuts escorted the protesters to a pen surrounded by chicken wire (boys separate from the girls), about a hundred feet from the cattle guard. There they donned plastic handcuffs and piled onto the same charter busses the Wackenhuts had arrived in, to be taken 60 miles away to the town of Beatty. There the protesters filled out citations in false names such as "No Nukes" or "Mickey Mouse," and then were simply let go on the street, where they were met by other members of their affinity groups and taken back to Peace camp.

A black policeman sang civil rights movement songs along with the protesters on the bus. "Find me a better job," he said.

### NOW WHAT?

The latest government scam is to rename the test site as an "Environmental Research Park," evidently to determine the effects of radiation poisoning on the endangered desert tortoise which inhabits the region.

So far, all proposals to ban testing in Nevada have been rejected, and three tests are planned for this summer, costing taxpayers \$75 million each. Upset? Watch *The Monthly Planet* for information on the next action in October. ■

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To update this information, or to add your organization, call The Monthly Planet at 429-8755.

# WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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**CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT:** You may redeem beverage containers marked "CA Redemption Value" at state-certified centers located near most supermarkets. There are about 20 such centers in Santa Cruz County (redemption in the "Mode" columns on the chart below). Centers operate at least 30 hours per week and must pay you at least 2 1/4 cents each for all qualified containers, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic or bi-metal.

**EXPLANATION OF OTHER MODES:** Drop-off centers accept materials on a donation basis only. For example, you might deliver recyclables to a charitable group, or drop off materials at a landfill recycling center prior to dumping your refuse. Buyback centers offer cash for some materials. They generally buy glass, aluminum, cans, paper, cardboard, and/or metals. Some buyback centers operated by nonprofit groups encourage donation of materials. CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
<b>APOTOS</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>BONNY DOON</b> Bonny Doon Recycling	residences	collection (fee)	cans, glass containers, #1 & 2 plastics, news, office paper, oil, auto batteries	by arrangement	426-8373
<b>CAPTOLA</b> Capitola Disposal Co	residential area	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	476-9288 none
<b>LIVE OAK AREA</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	California Grey Bears	drop-off	news, aluminum cans, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office paper, magazines	Office Hours: 8-4 Mon-Fri Drop-off 6AM-10PM, Daily	479-1055
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues-Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	Opal Cliffs Food	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2 every day	476-1851
\$	Armstrong Enterprises	collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
<b>SAN LORENZO VALLEY</b> County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Transfer Station Recycling Center Newell Creek Road, B.L.	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, metals, oil, oil filters, antifreeze, batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	338-3960 335-9166
\$	Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	redemption	qualified beverage containers	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
\$	Valley Women's Club, w/SLV Kiwanis Club	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	Eric's Recycling	drop-off	tin cans, glass containers, news	11-5 Mon-Sat every day	338-4890
\$	Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 335-9166
<b>SANTA CRUZ</b> City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimco Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, office paper, magazines, phone #1 & translucent #2 plastics, auto batteries, oil, tires (for fee)	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657 459-9813
\$	City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, #1 & translucent #2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
\$	Al Paris Recycling	collection	glass containers, cardboard, aluminum, #1, 2, & 6 plastics, sheet plastics	8-5 weekdays 8-12 Sat	429-3490
\$	Monterey Bay Recycling Hedrick Distributors Bay Side Oil	collection & drop-off	office paper, glass	by arrangement	426-0112 427-3773
\$	Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris	collection	waste fuel, oil, used oil filters, auto batteries, antifreeze by appointment	8-5 Mon-Fri 8-12 Sat	426-1748
<b>SANTA CRUZ (continued)</b> \$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>SCOTT'S VALLEY</b> Recycle America & City of Santa Cruz	residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
\$	Scots Valley Host Lions Club	drop-off	news	anytime	427-1934
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	Zanotto's Deluxe Market	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8am-9pm everyday	438-4324
<b>SOQUEL</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>SUMMIT AREA</b> CT English Elementary Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd 2.5 mi east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
<b>WATSONVILLE AREA</b> County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Landfill Recycling Center, 2 1/2 mi northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, metals, oil, oil filters, antifreeze, batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250 476-1201
\$	Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location - see box below	recycling policy for these materials available at gatehouse	wood waste, asphalt paving, unreinforced concrete, brick & tile		
\$	City of Watsonville	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, paper on garbage day	weekly schedule on garbage day	728-6094
\$	Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	collection	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	1-800-228-2525
\$	D&D Recycling	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	722-3597
\$	Watsonville Metals Co	buyback collection	most metals, news, plastic drink bottles	8-5 Mon-Fri 8-4 Sat	728-1551
\$	Bulfinch Machinery & Salvage	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15 Mon-Fri 9-4 Sat	722-1096
\$	State Steel Company	buyback	most metals	8-5 Mon-Fri	724-7111 1-800-447-7117
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048
\$	Rick's News Industrial Stak-Rite	collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915 724-3905
\$	C&M Salvage	collection	aluminum cans, glass containers, metals, auto batteries, cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	761-2390
\$	Security Shred & Bale	Collection for fee drop-off	confidential papers & files, office paper	by arrangement	722-4101
<b>OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS</b>					
\$	Various Sponsors	drop-off	plastic produce & grocery bags	Variable	384-1212 384-1433
\$	Coast Recycling North, Inc.	collection	plastics, aluminum glass	by arrangement	294-8443
\$	LMC Recyclers	buyback	cans, glass containers, cardboard, news, most plastics, metals, auto batteries	8-4:15 Mon-Fri 8-1:30 Sat	294-8443

# Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or faxed to 429-8889. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 23rd for inclusion in the July issue (publication date: Thursday, July 2nd).



## FRIDAY, JUNE 5

### Vigil to End 25 Years of Occupation.

A vigil to mark the 25th anniversary of the Six Day War and to call for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At the Santa Cruz Clock Tower, Water and Front St., 4:30-6 p.m. Sponsor: Middle East Working Group. Info: 423-1626.

**African Dance Celebration** featuring the Rhythmonauts (playing for the benefit of the Santa Cruz Ethnic Arts Network), and the Dandaro Marimba Band. With special guests, Joanne Bailey & Friends Dancers, and Ghost Productions II with Simbo. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-11 p.m. Sliding scale donations \$6-10 (\$10 includes SCEAN membership).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**Not Charity, But Justice!** An evening of speakers on homeless civil disobedience. Bay Area homeless groups and local homeless activists will speak on the need for civil disobedience in Santa Cruz and their past civil disobedience experiences. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 6:30 p.m. Free. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

**Homeless Civil Disobedience Action Planning Meeting.** 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 6:30 p.m. Info: Anders Corr at 425-3143.

### Workplace Democracy: A Workshop and Booksigning with Len Krimerman.

Co-author of *When Workers Decide* will discuss democratic ownership and control of businesses. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz, 7-9 p.m. for workshop; 9:30 p.m. for booksigning. Workshop \$3-6, booksigning is free. Sponsors: Resource Center for Nonviolence, Democratic Management Services, Santa Cruz Community Credit Union. Info: 423-1626.

### Nicaragua Friendship City Fund-raiser.

Afternoon of food, music and fun in support of proposed friendship city relationship with Jinotepe, Nicaragua. Bring children's clothing, school supplies, or medical equipment for next material aid shipment to Jinotepe. Free, though small donation requested for food. 717 Walnut, Santa Cruz, 3-5 p.m. Material can also be donated on porch at other times. Sponsor: Coalition for Nicaragua. Info: 426-2798.



## THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**Caravan to Cuba Meeting: Breaking the Blockade.** In November Pastors for Peace and other organizations will sponsor a large caravan to Cuba in order to challenge the blockade. More than 100 trucks will bring medical supplies to the people of Cuba. General informational and organizational meeting for Santa Cruz at 1230 Bay Street, 7 p.m. Sponsor: Cuba Education Project. Also, drivers, trucks and housing needed for caravan. Info: Lisa or Jedda, 423-4642.



## FRIDAY, JUNE 19 & SATURDAY, JUNE 20

**Call Me By My True Name** is a ritual/performance/celebration honoring the Goddess and Summer Solstice. Audience invited to bring food, drink, and objects to place on community altar for Goddess. Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. \$6-8. Sponsor: Green Goddess Productions. Info: Caitlin Johnston or Karen Clarke, 427-2022.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26-

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

### SANE/FREEZE Campaign for Global Security, Fifth National Congress.

Three-day conference discussing topics such as military spending, nuclear disarmament, and global arms trade. Keynote speaker, Thomas Grey Wicker, *New York Times* editorial columnist. The Congress will be held at the Clubhouse Inn and Conference Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Info: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze at 458-9975, or call Congress Coordinator Ray Sells at (615) 356-1139.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

### San Francisco Mime Troupe performs in SCAN benefit.

*Social Work: An Election Year Fantasy* is the title of the S.F. Mime Troupe benefit play for SCAN. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. Tickets can be bought by sending checks to SCAN at 108 Locust St. #13, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Prices: \$8.40 general admission; \$15.75 front-section seating plus reception following the show; \$5.25 children under 12. Tickets also available at Civic Auditorium Box Office and Bass Ticket Outlets (tickets also available at door.) Info: Alexander at 458-9425.

### 6th Annual Japanese Cultural Fair

featuring 30 booths of traditional and contemporary crafts, culture and cuisine, as well as business and community groups. Main stage entertainment by the famed Taiko Dojo of San Francisco, the East/West Players of Los Angeles, comedienne Amy Hill, and others. Mission Plaza, near Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, noon-6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Sponsors: the City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee. Info: 475-2115.



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Retreat with Richard Rohr** in Danville, CA. Retreat for men focusing on spirituality and masculinity. A benefit for Nevada Desert Experience. Donation: \$105 single, \$90 shared. Info: Nevada Desert Experience, 1500 34th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601.

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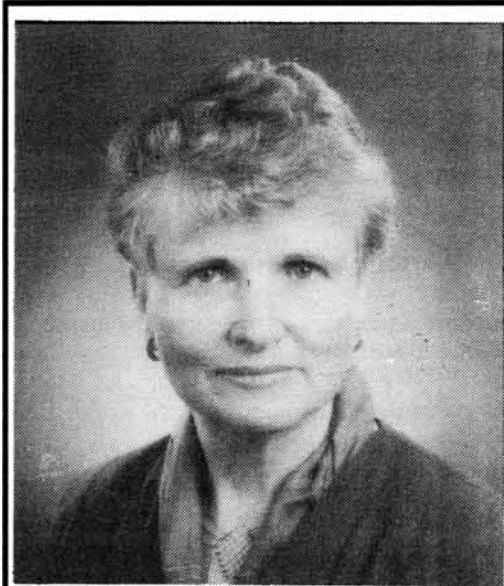
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some small way? Would a trained listener assist you in ordering and letting go of some of the stresses of your life so that you might be freer to play?

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# ONGOING EVENTS

## MONDAYS:

**The Community Group meeting.** 3rd Monday of the month. A support network for the Resource Center for Nonviolence, an information exchange, for fun and fellowship. RCNV, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 8-9:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

## TUESDAYS:

**Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting and video.** Last Tuesday of the month. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

**"The Open Door,"** a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-8:30 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Women's Crisis Support. Call 425-5525 for information or to request childcare.

**HIV Positive Drop-In Support Group.** Meets every Tuesday night at 7-9 p.m. at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) office, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz. All HIV+ individuals are welcome. No fee. Facilitators: Terry Cavanagh and Alan Lamb. Info: 427-3900.

**Support Group for Women with HIV/AIDS.** Meets one Tuesday evening each month from 6-7:30 p.m. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

**Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS.** Alternate Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Call for info and registration: 427-3900. Must call first to register.

**12-Step Group for People with HIV.** Meets every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fireside Room, 420 Melrose, Santa Cruz. All HIV+ individuals involved with or interested in any 12-step program are welcome. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

## WEDNESDAYS:

**Women's International League for Peace & Freedom general meeting.** 1st Wednesday of the month. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Poplar and Melrose, Santa Cruz. Call to confirm time. Info: 475-7451.

**Christic Action Team meeting.** The group works cooperatively on upcoming public information events and education outreach materials. Public input and participation is welcome. 7:30 p.m., 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

**People for Animal Liberation meeting.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Rec Room, Hidden Valley Apts., 200 Button St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 429-5698.

**City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.** 1st Wednesday of the month. City Council Chambers, 809 Center St. Info: 429-3546.

## THURSDAYS:

**National Organization for Women general meeting.** 1st Thursday of the month. Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd., Aptos. 7 p.m. Open to the public. Info: 335-7704.

**Green Party Meeting.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 6-9 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

**Cabrillo Students for Social Responsibility Meeting.** Cabrillo Fireside Lounge, Cabrillo College, 7 p.m. Info: 458-2719.

**AIDS/ARC Support Group.** Meets Thursdays 2-4 p.m. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. No fee. Call for info and registration: 427-3900. Must call first to register.

**Treatment Update Group ("Project Inform" Update).** 1st Thursday of the month. Open to seronegative and seropositive individuals. Meets at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project office, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 427-3900.

**NOW's Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting.** 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call 457-0931 or 427-9510 for location.

**"The Open Door,"** a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-9 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Battered Women's Task Force. Call 335-3371 for information or to request childcare.

**Support Group for Children and siblings of people with HIV/AIDS.** Alternate Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Call Santa Cruz AIDS Project to register: 427-3900.

## SATURDAYS:

**Peace & Freedom Party of Santa Cruz County meeting.** 1st Saturday of the month. Business meeting and political discussion. Public input welcome. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4 p.m. Info: 423-3062.

**Bystander CPR.** One Saturday a month (call for details). Shortened version of the regular Basic Life Support Course. Taught by Santa Cruz Firepersons. Co-sponsored by Health Development Foundation of Community Hospital. Free. 303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

## SUNDAYS:

**Green Party Meeting.** 1st Sunday of the month. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 4-7 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

**Vigil for Lasting Peace.** First Sunday of each month, 12-2 p.m., Window-on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero and Del Monte Ave., Monterey. Sponsors: Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch; and the Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Info: 372-6001.


**Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch, membership meeting.** 1st Sunday of each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m., (following vigil). Call 372-6001 for location.

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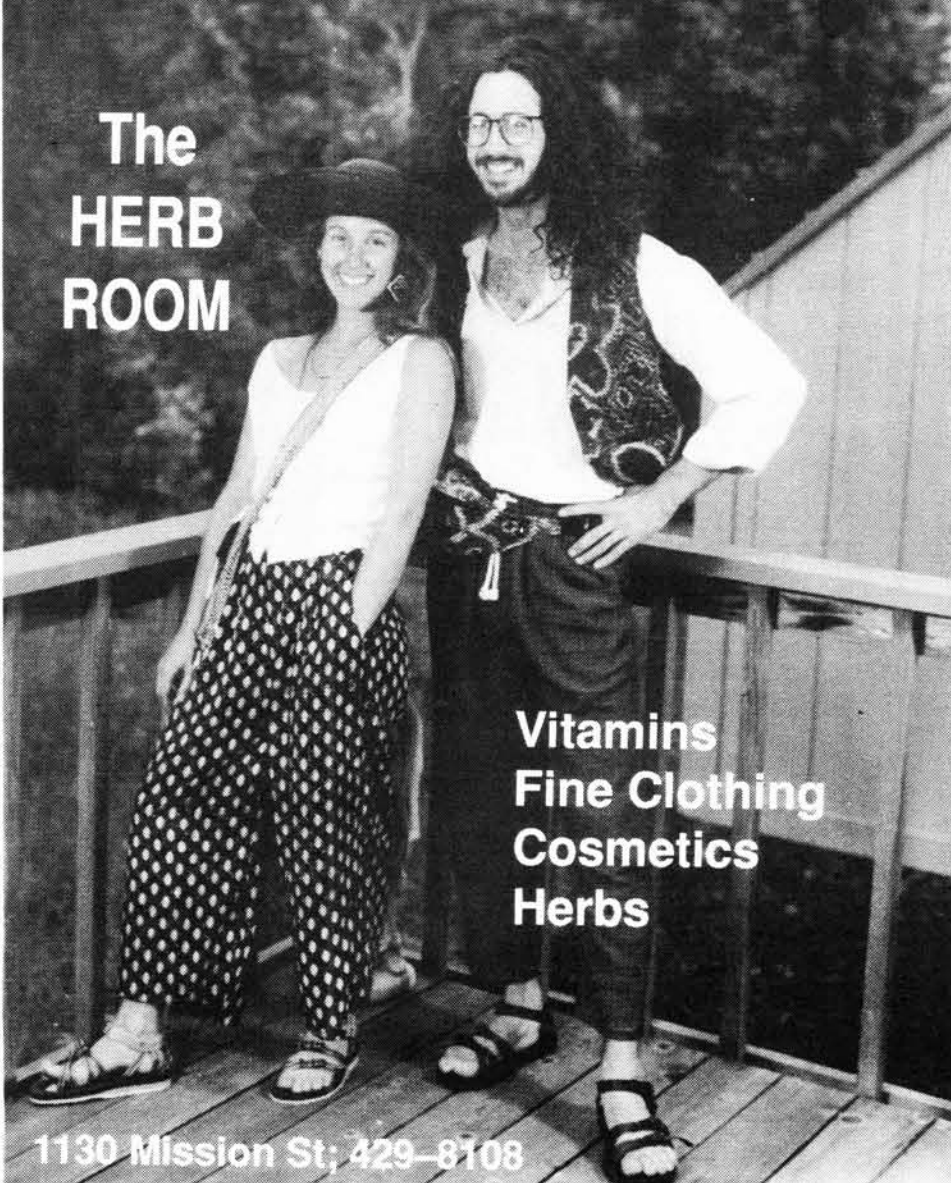
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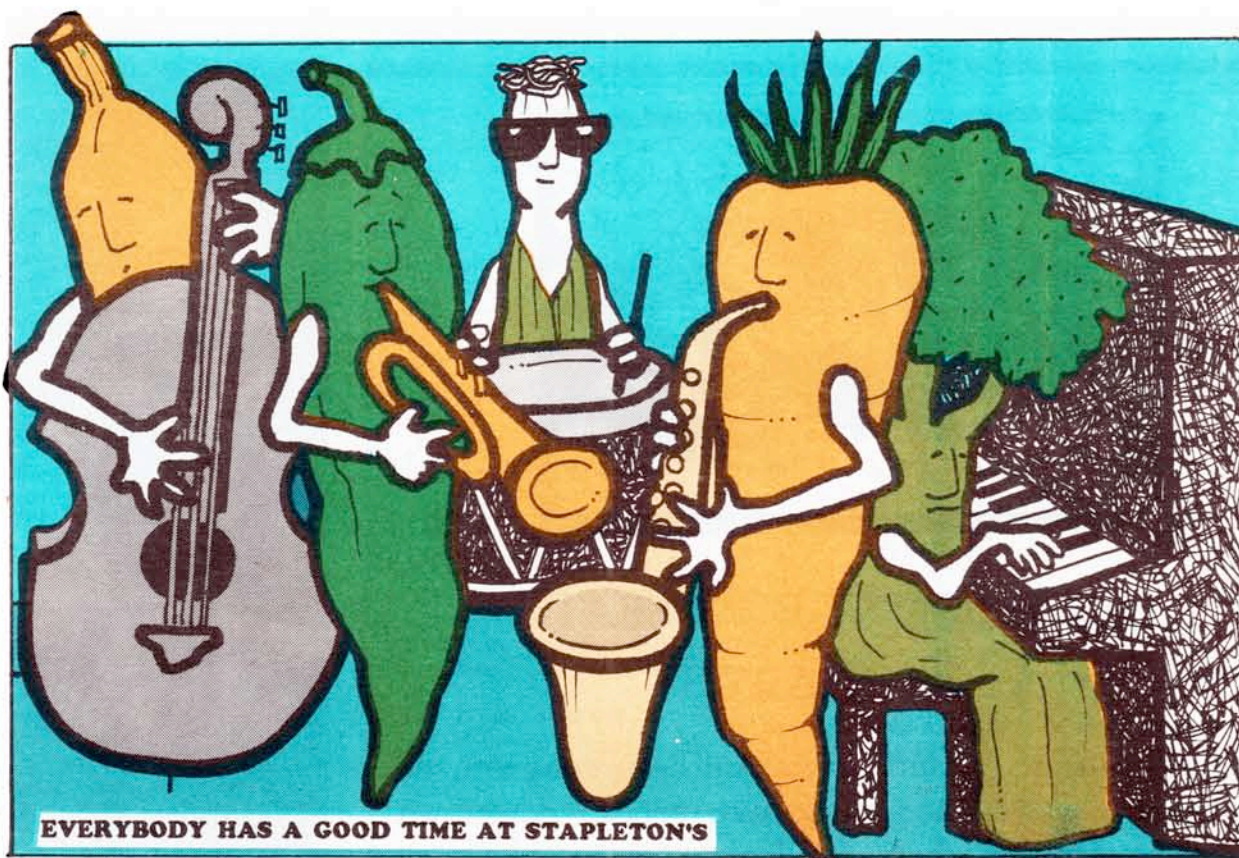
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