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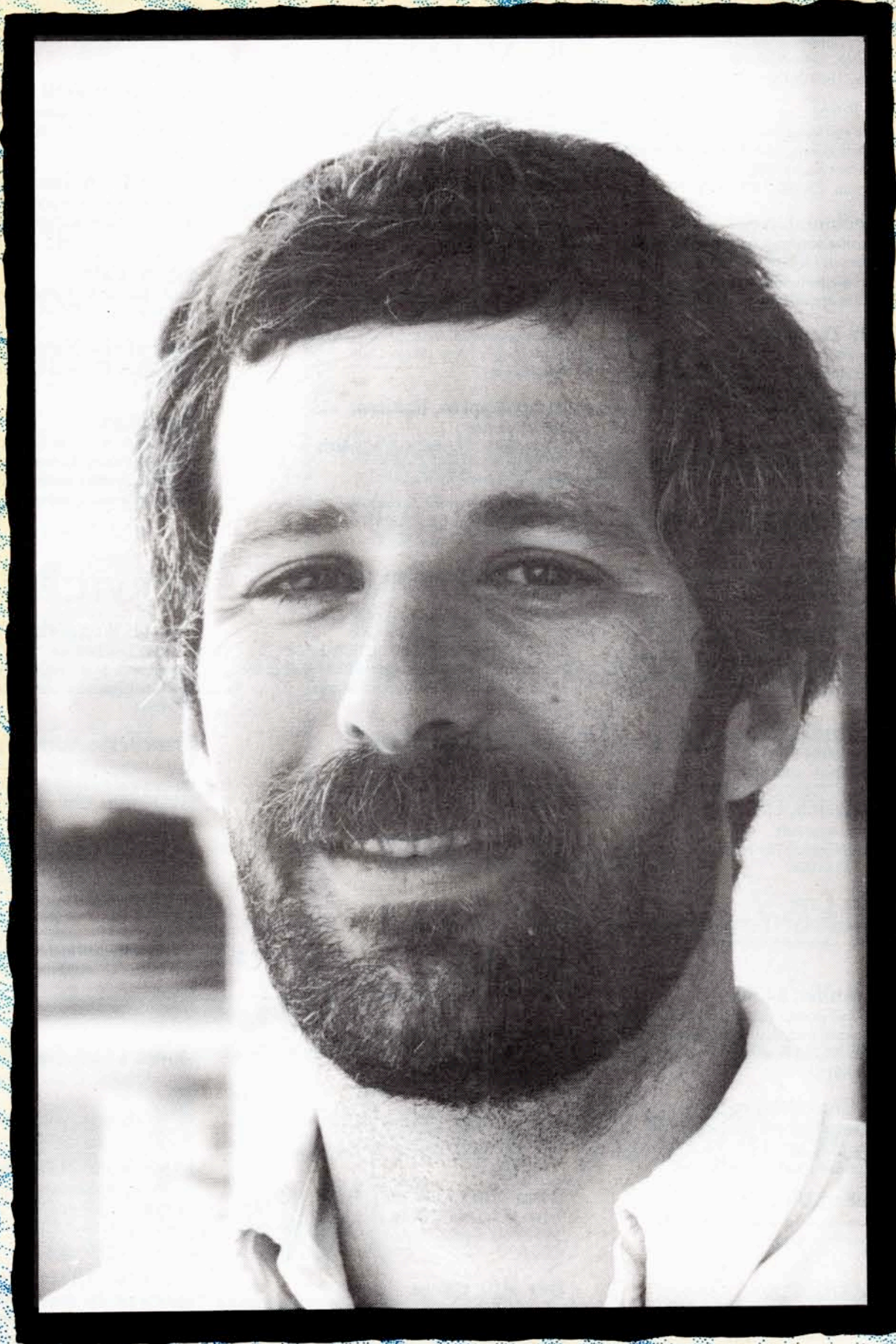
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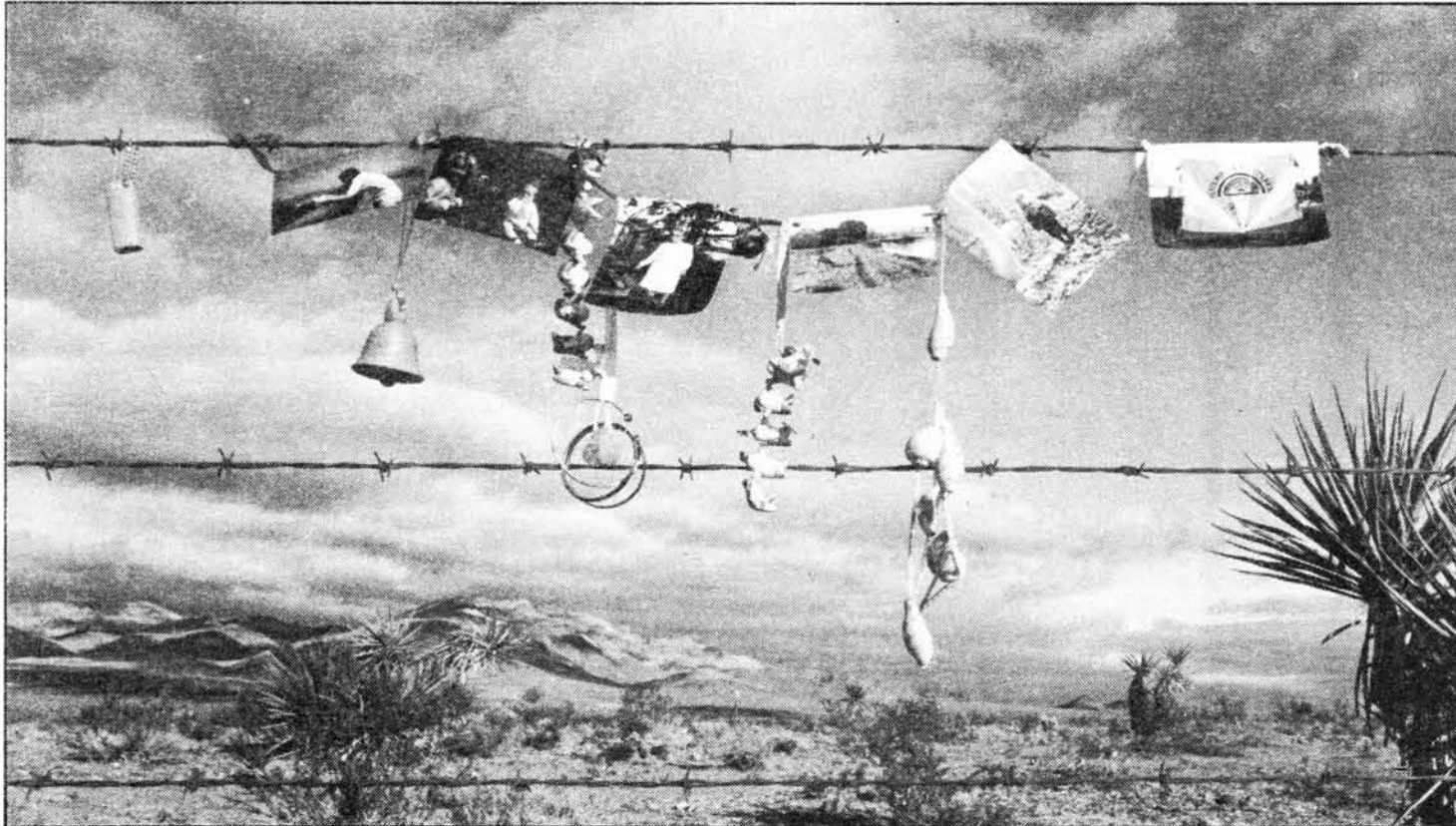
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Healing Global Wounds: Indigenous Forum and Ceremony at the Nevada Test Site, October 2-12, 1992

The Western Shoshone Nation is inviting concerned people from around the world to join them for 10 days to stop nuclear testing. A series of events, Healing Global Wounds, is being planned for October 2-12. These events coincide with the Columbus Quincentennial to focus attention on the continuing assault on indigenous people through radiation poisoning world-wide. Events include an Indigenous Peoples' Forum in Las Vegas on Oct. 3-4, including medical experts presenting the latest information on the human and environmental effects of nuclear testing; a press conference at the Department of Energy; the completion of a 3,000-mile walk by Europeans, Native Americans, and others from the East Coast to the test site; and an all-day Healing Ceremony with indigenous spiritual leaders. On Oct 11, thousands will rally at the gates of the test site. A ride board for people offering or needing rides from Santa Cruz to the test site has been set up in the Nuclear Weapons Freeze office. For more information, call the Freeze at 458-9975.

BUSH IN MONTEREY ON SEPT. 20TH

People of the Monterey Bay unite! George Bush, the arch-enemy of the earth, is coming to Monterey on Sunday, September 20th to take credit for establishing the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. At this occasion Mr. Bush envisions a golden "photo-op" as all parties happily cheer his noteworthy "gift." *Not!*

The people of this region have a serious bone to pick with Mr. Bush. We know the truth behind veneer: 12 years of environmental destruction will not be brushed aside so easily. On September 20th, bike, carpool, or bus to Monterey and tell the "environmental president" what you really think of his record.

*Erik B. Johnson
Santa Cruz*

LETTER FROM SADDAM

The Mother of All Tyrants writes:

I am writing to thank those of you who have helped me in my struggles against so-called democratic ideals and justice. Let me especially thank the students for pointing out that disdain for Evil America is a greater good than focusing in on my so-called indiscretion in so-called Kuwait. If only the isolationists and non-interven-

tionists had prevailed in World War II, we might have been able to exterminate the Jews, Poles, and the rest of the weaklings for good.

Your encouragement has been a blessing to me and other so-called tyrants who hope someday, with your continued efforts, to rid the planet of Evil America and so-called Western Civilization.

The Baath Party sends its gratitude for your constant show of displeasure toward your country and the most welcomed apologies for us. The generous support you've shown in your silence regarding our actions was particularly pleasing. As I watched your demonstrations and read your letters against the Evil Empire of America our hearts were filled with joy.

The knowledge that the youth need look no further than political cartoons to understand the complex international issues rather than stuffy old history gave me cause for hope.

Naturally, sanctions would not have worked as we now know that my people's security and safety are not a primary concern of the Baath Party. But don't let on that you know. I look forward to working with you again.

Your friend,
Saddam "The Humanitarian" Hussein

P.S. It was great how you were able to blame the so-called victim, Kuwait, for the whole bloody affair. Where did you learn that? Keep up the good work.

*Carrie Abdullah
Santa Cruz*

INTERNATIONAL RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE NEEDED

When Asian nations are rent asunder and fighting breaks out between suddenly freed or seceding territories, one may be pardoned to mourn the disappearance of the once-great power that held them together. Wars now flare in half a dozen spots across the globe with no policeman in sight to stop them. The remaining military superpower becomes a mercenary only when its own interests are threatened. Without an authoritative voice, many more wars are in the offing with unforeseeable consequences.

What is obviously needed is an international rapid deployment force under UN auspices with unbreakable agreements to call on national forces under its command. Global leadership is also required for supervising nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation as well as stopping the trafficking in arms.

Aside from martial constraints, global

controls are called for in environmental matters. Pollution and population control are in the planetary interest. So are other global functions that nations cannot or will not handle, such as an energy policy, championing human rights, abatement of cocaine addiction, and waste reduction. To concentrate these and other functions in global agencies requires delegation of power from nations to the UN or new agencies. Without a strong advocate, such delegation cannot happen. But with urging by the US it could be in the cards. First, however, we would have to bring our own economic house to order by becoming a modern industrial state instead of sinking to the level of a banana republic. Unbeknownst to him, H. Ross Perot may become the agent of change to bring this miracle about.

*Egon Winter
Capitola*

HOW MUCH IS KING GEORGE COSTING US?

So King George is going to make another of his trips abroad. Is this going to be a repeat of his first three years in office, traveling all over the globe while our nation staggers into an economic morass — a national debt of \$4 trillion with thousands and thousands of our citizens unemployed?

I'm sure it would be quite a revelation to know just how many miles King George has traveled and how much it has cost for every mile, and I can't think of one thing that has been accomplished. It would also be interesting to know what it cost to make war on Panama, to bring King George's old buddy, Mr. Noriega, here, try him, and how much it will cost to keep him incarcerated; also how much it will cost to repair the damage.

There are just as many, if not more, drugs coming into this country as there ever were. A number of convicts who were imprisoned for drug trafficking had their sentences shortened or were released for their testimony against Noriega. I don't know if this is called blackmail or bribery, but it's a pretty good bet that they are back in the drug trade.

Also, it would be interesting to know just how much it cost the American taxpayers to finance and arm King George's old buddy, Mr. Saddam, with the latest and most modern weapons and technology. And after we had armed and financed Mr. Saddam, then invited him to cross the Kuwaiti border, how much did the war in the Gulf cost us and what did it cost the American taxpayer to help King George help old pal Mr. Saddam defeat Iran to slaughter, maim and mutilate thousands of innocent citizens, women, children and babies of a little country with whom we had no grievances, which had never done one damn thing to us, was no threat to us, never could have been and never wanted

to be?

What ever happened to the consent of the governed who gave King George authority to use our tax dollars to help his old intimate friend defeat Iran? King George seems to have just about as much contempt for the American people as he does for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Oh hell, I forgot all about the divine rights of kings, didn't I?

Thorald Castor
Los Gatos

BIG CREEK LUMBER PROFITS FROM ANCIENT REDWOODS

In learning about the cutting of old growth redwoods in Butano ridge, I had a chance to talk about it with Lud McCrary of Big Creek Lumber. In explaining to me his reasons for cutting 60 percent of all trees 18 inches or bigger (not mentioning, by the way, that the California Department of Forestry (CDF) gave Big Creek a special exemption to cut 100 percent of all trees 30 inches or larger), he spoke of jobs for his employees and their families and the reputation of his family-owned business that had previously won him praise from the Sierra Club as well as propounding the scientifically unsupported notion that he was helping younger trees grow better by eliminating competition from older trees. He also referred to Butano as his new tree farm. I would like to mention that the Butano ridge project is receiving no commendations from any environmental group and is considered recklessly destructive by most organizations including, until recently, the CDF. So why are the McCrarys abandoning their carefully crafted reputation for environmental sensitivity on this project? Is it for jobs? For forest management? For the salmon in their now-poisoned creek? This project reminds us what tree killing is all about: money. And specifically in the case of Butano, it means millions for the McCrary coffer as we lose thousands of ancient and rare redwoods right in our back yard unless we speak out to Big Creek Lumber and the CDF.

Terrence Willett
Santa Cruz

BUSH MUST GO

The American presidency has fallen a long way in its first 200-plus years; from a hemp farmer named George who could not tell a lie to an oil driller named George who cannot tell the truth. For the past 12 years the White House has been occupied by an insane Anglo warlord (Ronald Wilson Reagan) and a huge berserk rebel warthog (George Herbert Walker Bush). I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of it.

George Bush is the son of a grave-robbing (Geronimo's or Poncho Villa's skull) financier of dictators (Lenin, Hitler, and Nixon) named Prescott Bush.

In 1947 George Bush was a member of the Skull and Bones Society at Yale, as his father was before him. In that year the NSA (Nazi Subversion of America) was passed, which created the CIA (Corporations' Invisible Army). In all probability George Bush was a charter member.

In 1944, during World War II, George was shot down in his plane, the "Barbara," after a bombing mission. Instead of trying to bring the plane down safely in the water, he bailed out, leaving his two comrades, Jack Delaney and Ted White, who

were sealed in the back of the plane, unable to get out, to die in the crash. Parts of the parachute which saved his life were made of hemp. He has showed very little appreciation to this plant which saved his life ever since.

The Republican Party likes to brag that it was founded by Abraham Lincoln. Its real founding fathers were John Wilkes Booth, who killed Lincoln, and Booth's accomplices, among whom were three Republican US senators, Zachariah Chandler (Michigan), Benjamin Wade (Ohio), John Conness (California), and the Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton. The motives of the latter four were entirely different than Booth's. They wanted Lincoln out because he would have been much too soft on the South, contrary to the interests of the northern industrialists. His successor, Andrew Johnson, wasn't corrupt enough, so they tried to remove him by impeachment. They failed by one vote. Eventually they got U.S. Grant, who was a lot more cooperative, in office. So, the Republican Party was baptized with the blood of honest Abe and it has been run by murderers, traitors, thieves and liars ever since. Now more than ever.

During the 1980s Bush sold arms to both Iran and Iraq while they were having a war against each other. In October 1980, Bush and others made a deal with Iran for it to keep the American hostages until after the election in exchange for money and arms in order to ensure Reagan's victory over Carter. Bush and Dr. Henry A. Kissinger also helped to arm Saddam Hussein right up until July of 1990. The ensuing dispute cost the lives of 200,000 people and an environmental catastrophe.

In Panama, Bush killed 2,000 people going after another one of his former business partners.

On January 30, 1983, the 50th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's ascension to the chancellorship of Germany, by some strange coincidence, Bush happened to be in that country.

Throughout his 45-year career with the CIA, Bush has trafficked in cocaine, heroin, arms, and petroleum. To list all the misdeeds committed by the Busher and the rest of the Bush crime family would fill many volumes.

This guy never should have become president. He should be impeached and imprisoned today. He definitely should not be re-elected. We should never again allow another Republican/Nazi swine to desecrate the White House. So, everyone please get out and vote against Bush. That means voting for Bill Clinton. Clinton is very far from perfect. So was John F. Kennedy when he was first elected. However, after July 1962 when JFK smoked hemp in his White House bedroom with one of his mistresses, Mary Pinchot Meyer, he started getting some good ideas, like dissolving the CIA, getting out of Vietnam, and reducing the oil depletion allowance. Because of these ideas, some of the petroleum-based ruling class (including, probably Nixon and Bush) and their secret police, the CIA, decided it was time for JFK to go the way of Honest Abe.

Maybe after Clinton gets elected someone will teach him how to inhale hemp and he'll start to wake up.

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THE CULTURAL POLITICS OF THE OLYMPICS

By Pete Shanks



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People need ritual celebrations. We have to come together periodically to reaffirm some essential part of our humanity. Some households do it over dinner almost every night; some people join together in prayer, often weekly; many families use Thanksgiving for an annual rite of community.

If we lived in a different society, perhaps our elections would be a time for a larger-scale sense of togetherness and bonding, as we join in the process of determining our collective future. Of course they are not. Our society is so fragmented that we have almost no cultural focus that we all share.

Sports serve that purpose for a significant, and very vocal, minority. The impending sale of the Giants baseball team by a San Francisco multi-millionaire to a consortium of almost equally rich men from the Tampa Bay area has provoked outrage among those relatively few fans who derived part of their cultural identity from this opportunity for ritual behavior. Sure, there is genuine pleasure in watching Will Clark swing, or Robbie Thompson turn the double play, but any fan knows it's more fun to watch Royce Clayton (*our* rookie at shortstop) than Ozzie Smith (*their* superstar). The aesthetics of the game are only part of the enjoyment.

On a global scale, as a species, we have almost no opportunity for celebration together. There are no global elections; the United Nations is deliberately rigged to prevent majority rule. There is no global religion, and intolerance seems to be on the rise. At one time there was a trend toward observing a global Labor Day on May 1st, but America was having none of that and celebrates its own right-to-work Labor Day in September.

We do have the Olympics.
And they are rotten.

There is still beauty and strength and grace in the Olympic Games, so much that it is a matter of taste what you choose to admire. Carl Lewis, surely the most

renowned athlete in the world, gliding with unequalled speed down the track, baton in hand; Fu Mingxia hovering 30 feet up in the air before plunging with perfect control, slipping almost silently into the water; Tatiana Goutsou nailing her last vault to take the women's all-around gymnastic competition; Omar Ajete striking out six batters in three innings; and a hundred more.

That is why the Olympics have a reason to be. The scandal is that the spectacle, the money, the ceremony are creating an event where the genuine excellence is surrounded by a stifling, poisonous coat of golden paint that is killing the vibrant form it pretends to gild.

This is politics at its worst. Not electoral politics, not even really national politics, although the Olympics certainly offer enough examples of militant chauvinism. This is cultural politics. We can look at what is wrong with the Olympics and see much of what is wrong with our world.

More conventional politics has dominated the last six Olympics. In 1972, nine Israeli athletes were kidnapped and killed. In 1976, much of Africa boycotted in protest against apartheid. In 1980, America boy-

cotted the Moscow Games, so in 1984 the then-Soviet Union boycotted Los Angeles; in 1988, Cuba and North Korea refused to go to Seoul. At last, in Barcelona, we had everyone there.

Well, not exactly.

At least seven countries refused to let women compete — Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

This was ascribed to fundamentalist bigotry or religious zeal, according to your point of view, but we shouldn't be too quick to point the finger at Muslims. The Olympics themselves (which in ancient times banned women as spectators, let alone as athletes) have only just begun to acknowledge women's abilities in many spheres. Before 1972, they didn't even let the "girls" run more than 800 meters;

the women's marathon has been held only three times. Women still run different events than men do; they do get to race the 3000m, a wonderful event that men should be encouraged to run, but they are generally treated as second-class athletes.

The most inspiring athlete of the games was Hassiba Boulmerka. An Algerian, she won the 1500m at last year's World Championships. By a remarkable coincidence, the men's 1500m was also won by an Algerian, Noureddine Morceli.

Morceli began a national hero. He spends much of his time in Algeria, where for example he publicly follows the Ramadan restrictions against eating or drinking in the daytime, which is tough for an athlete in training. Running has made him rich and famous and he is no fool. He may well be genuinely religious; he certainly goes along to get along. Who can blame him for that?

Boulmerka, by contrast, became a target for abuse. The local fundamentalist community considers it sinful for a woman to show her legs and was horrified at the sight of her on television, whatever the laurels she was

gathering.

She turned her event into a fine example of in-your-face agitprop. She spent time last winter on political organizing at home, and then moved to Germany to live and train, away from distractions. When she came to Barcelona, she insisted in interviews that the Koran has no instructions against equal rights for women, and that she and every other Islamic woman should have the right to test the limits of their abilities. The experts figured she had too much to cope with and wrote her off.

She won. Her joy filled the stadium, according to eyewitnesses. And she dedicated her victory to all Muslim women everywhere.

Incidentally, Morceli came seventh. He may remain the bigger star in the Algerian media. But I bet that in the back rooms, several million women are still cheering Hassiba Boulmerka, athlete and cultural revolutionary.

The commodification of the Olympics was encapsulated on the victory podium of the Basketball Tournament. The "Dream Team" went to collect their gold medals, wearing the USA team warm-up suits, as they were required to do. These suits were made by Reebok (an English company, but what are borders where serious marketing is concerned) and naturally bore their logo. Some of the athletes, notably Michael "Air" Jordan, complained that this violated their contracts with Nike. They came up with an ingenious solution — they draped US

flags over their shoulders to cover the logos.

It would be hard to devise a more cynical exploitation of the stars and stripes.

Anyway, the Lithuanian tie-dyed, Grateful-Dead-supplied uniforms were way cooler.

If Magic Johnson (who seemed less concerned about money and more interested in the Olympics than his colleagues) were playing for any other team, he would not be allowed into this country for the next Games, because he has tested positive for HIV. Really, that's the amazing thing about the Olympics: All human hypocrisy is there.

The idiocies of nationalism are of course on full display. The leader in total medals was the Unified Team. 'Unified' is a strange name for a miscellaneous collection of republics in the process of flying apart; not exactly the Soviets and not just the Russians, the team was a concept in search of medals and in hiding from a political system.

Anyway, they beat us. But wait, it gets

worse.

A Caribbean island nation whose existence we don't officially recognize did even better, once the population figures are taken into account.

The 243 million Americans laid claim to 108 medals, or one for every 2.25 million of us. The 10 million Cubans picked up 31 medals, one for every 330,000 of them. To add insult to injury, the Cubans walloped us at baseball. They got the gold, and we didn't even medal. Oh well, we have the World Series and they can't play. It's our bat and ball.

Much was made of the fact that "Castro's regime" suspended some planned black-outs so that Cubans could watch their athletes on TV. Nothing was said of the US boycott that for the last three decades has tried to drive the Cuban economy into bankruptcy.

Other people from that region did well, too, led by a Jamaican who won the men's 100 meters. Last time, another Jamaican came in first but was disqualified for stupidity, having taken steroids too recently to avoid detection. The

record books show this year's winner, Linford Christie, as British; Ben Johnson is known as Canadian. In fact, they are as multinational as Reebok and Nike.

The Jamaican sprint medalists, Juliet Cuthbert and Merlene Ottey, along with many other athletes from Africa and Asia, are graduates of US colleges. They have used their talents to drag themselves out of poverty and into an affluent global economy. Like most of us, they are part of the world's rich.

They run for themselves and they wear flags of convenience. Doubtless they have sentimental attachments to them, for we all need a community to belong to, but the world we live in buys and sells that kind of sentiment.

Quote of the games (from memory), during the women's diving competition: "The Chinese train on a socialist system, in which they make all the girls do the same dives, while our American girls use the free enterprise system, in which they get to express themselves as they want." Funny how that rigid socialist system produced the top artistic scores.

Oh well, at least NBC lost its shirt on the Pay-Per-View Triplecast.

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Pete Shanks is a Santa Cruz writer who usually runs in Hi-Tecs.

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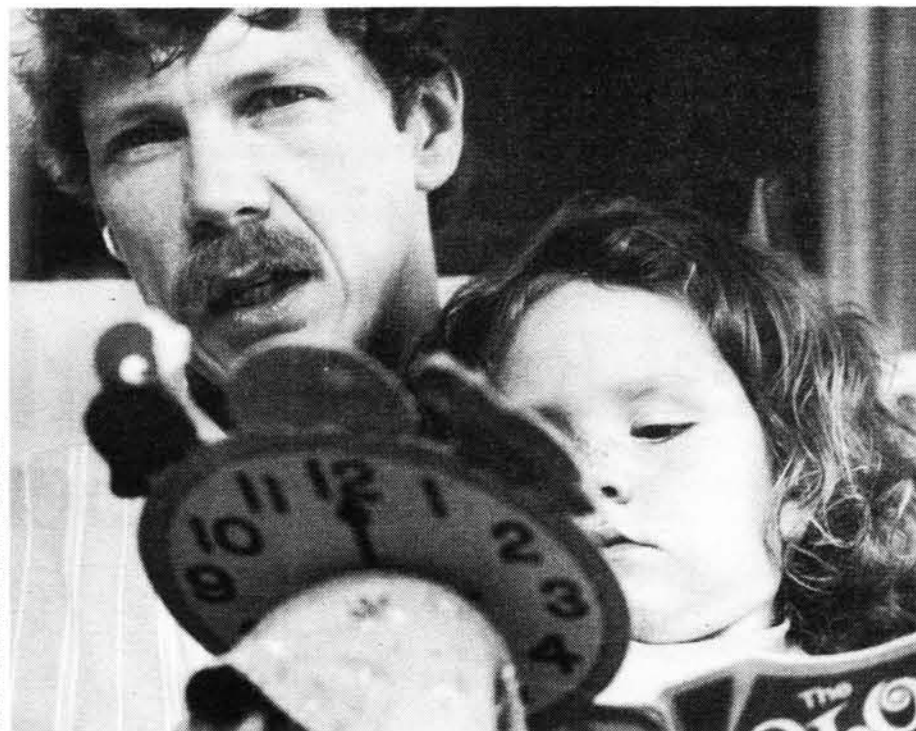
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Disarmament activist Peter Lumsdaine and his daughter Lucy

L it has finally happened. A citizen intervention action has significantly slowed the arms race. In the past they have caused delays — usually for minutes or hours, occasionally days. But the Mother's Day action last May 10th at Rockwell's Seal Beach facility has shut down NAVSTAR deployment for months.

NAVSTAR (Navigation System Time And Ranging) is a constellation of orbiting satellites built by Rockwell for the military. The plan is to have 21 operational NAVSTAR satellites and three spares uniformly spaced in the heavens. There may eventually be three at geostationary altitude for areas of strong interference. Anyplace around the earth, at any time of day, in any weather, a "user" can get three-dimensional positioning within 50 feet, velocity within a quarter of a mile per hour, and time within ten-millionth of a second.

The system uses ultra-precise atomic clocks to time radio waves traveling from satellite to receiver. Five or six exactly-positioned satellites will always be in view — only four are needed. They stagger their "beeps" so the receiving computer can instantaneously triangulate its position. Positioning down to 16 feet in all dimensions can be obtained when a fixed local station transmits corrections for distortions in NAVSTAR signals.

NAVSTAR gives Trident nuclear missiles their first-strike accuracy. Without NAVSTAR a submarine commander could not know his location well enough to dispatch missiles against hard targets such as missile silos or, perhaps more pertinent today, underground command posts. NAVSTAR was used extensively during Desert Storm. Receivers are now cigarette-package size. They are in 155-millimeter (6-inch) artillery shells. They are on cruise missiles and some air-to-surface missiles. Tanks and other vehicles used NAVSTAR to maneuver through the uncharted desert. NAVSTAR takes the guess out of war fighting.

But NAVSTAR is not completely deployed. Only half of the operational spacecraft are in orbit and one of those is now defunct. Possibly four or five of the development satellites still work well enough to add some capability. But for any given location on earth, such as Iraq or Yugoslavia, NAVSTAR fixes are not available at all times. Military opera-

tions have to be planned according to NAVSTAR availability.

The Mother's Day action made certain that NAVSTAR will not be improved for some time. When Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller pounded a completed satellite into uselessness and contaminated others on the line, they deprived indefinitely a military commander's access to extra hours for attack. Peter and Keith significantly delayed the achievement of a comprehensive US first-strike capability, either strategic or tactical.

Why is this so? The first five operational satellites were put into orbit in 1989 and the next five in 1990. Their launches were only two or three months apart. Then two problems surfaced which took eight months to solve. The 11th operational NAVSTAR was launched on July 3rd, 1991 but it experienced one of the same problems. Another seven-month hiatus. All of these launches, problems, and delays were duly publicized in technical journals.

The 12th operational satellite was launched into space on February 23rd, 1992. It worked! Launches were scheduled for every 60-90 days. Number 13 was launched on April 9th; shortly afterward Keith and Peter shut down the production line. Since April there has been no announcement of a launch; no publicity pertaining to technical problems; no reason forthcoming for the delay. Citizen intervention at Seal Beach was not mentioned in technical journals — probably to avoid revealing its success and to hide the real crippling that NAVSTAR has suffered.

At the time of this writing there should have been two more satellites added to the constellation. That has not happened. And since each satellite adds about one hour to NAVSTAR's availability, Keith and Peter have deprived the military of at least two hours per day of war making, and still counting. That is a significant act of disarmament. Congratulations Peter and Keith. As a grandparent of 22 I deeply appreciate your sacrifice. I pray that it becomes more widely respected. ■

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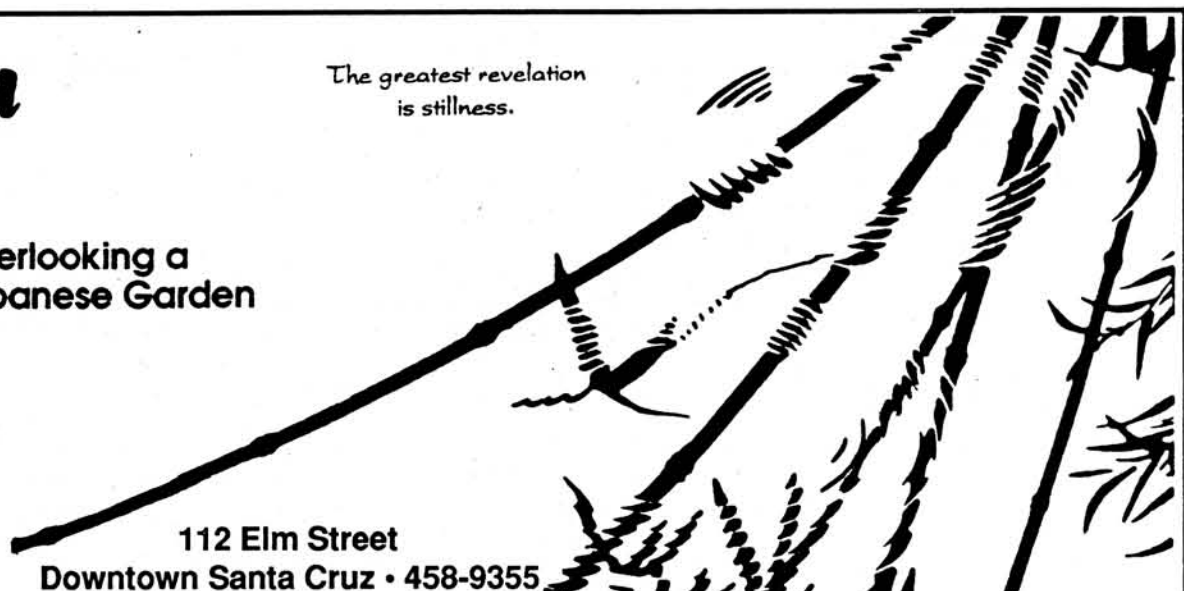
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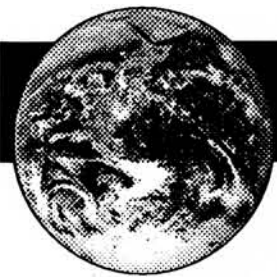
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

Test Ban Moratorium Moves Through Senate

As reported last month, the Senate approved a bill to suspend underground nuclear weapons testing, 68-26. This historic action puts the Congress on record in support of a permanent test ban, and sets the stage for an election year confrontation with the administration over the future role of the US nuclear arsenal.

The moratorium was offered as an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. It would suspend underground nuclear tests for a period of nine months, after which it would allow for 15 "safety" tests over a three-year period, to be followed by a permanent ban after September 30, 1996. The moratorium would then continue indefinitely as long as the former Soviet republics also refrain from testing. The bill had the support of California Senator Alan Cranston and Democratic vice-presidential candidate Al Gore (TN).

In June, the House passed a similar amendment by a vote of 237-167. The House version calls for a one-year moratorium.

Although the House has approved test ban language several times in the past, the Senate has never done so. The key element to this year's success appears to lie in legislative strategists' "two-track" approach.

As in years past, test ban language was again attached to the Defense Authorizations bills in each house. The authorizations process sets the spending ceilings for items contained in the federal budget. Amendments to restrict or eliminate funding for specific weapons programs are offered during deliberation of the authorizations bill. A test ban bill routed through the defense authorizations process faces significant hurdles before it arrives (if ever) for a vote on the House or Senate floor. Congressional test ban supporters have usually been able to navigate a successful course through the House, but get held up in the hostile terrain of the Senate Armed Services Committee. In past years, this has resulted in test ban legislation coming to conference committee with the support of only one house, and getting bartered away during negotiations to arrive at a unified defense bill.

This year, test ban language was attached to a second legislative vehicle — the Energy and Water Appropriations



bill. This two-tiered strategy was employed to help insure the bill's survivability. So far, it appears to have been successful. However, there are moves afoot to weaken the language of the bill when it comes before the Senate as part of the defense authorizations process.

Senator William Cohen (R-ME) has indicated that he will propose that a test ban take place only after negotiations with Russia are underway to permanently halt underground tests. Furthermore, his amendment will seek to extend "safety and reliability" testing to include 20 tests through 1998. In this, Senator Cohen has the support of Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn (D-GA), who is also looking for ways to undercut the language of the test ban.

Mr. Cohen's amendment is delayed until Congress reconvenes after Labor Day, at which time the Senate will take up floor action on the Defense Authorizations bill. Ultimately, whatever differences exist among the various versions of the test ban bill will be ironed out in conference committee. President Bush

has indicated that he will veto any bill that contains test ban language.

ACTION: Call your senators immediately and tell them to support the test ban language as it is contained in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. California Senator John Seymour especially needs to hear from constituents on this matter.

MILITARY SPENDING BILL

When Congress returns from summer recess in early September, the Senate will resume consideration of the 1993 Defense Authorizations bill. The Senate Armed Services Committee has recommended an overall spending figure of \$274 billion, \$3.5 billion more than what was approved by the House in June. The recommendation includes \$4.3 billion for Star Wars, and \$2.7 billion for five additional B-2 bombers. A number of amendments are anticipated, aimed at reducing or eliminating funding for these projects. These include:

- An amendment by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) aimed at halting production of the B-2 bomber at 15 planes.

Passage of the Leahy amendment would maintain the ceiling that Congress established last year. The Bush administration would like to eke out 5 additional planes.

- An amendment by Senators Dale Bumpers (D-AR), Jim Sasser (D-TN), and Carl Levin (D-MI) to reduce Star Wars funding by \$1 billion.

- An amendment by Senators Mark Hatfield (R-OR) and George Mitchell (D-ME) calling for a nine-month moratorium on underground nuclear weapons testing.

The bill was to have been completed prior to the August recess, but an unexpected series of events resulted in a delay until at least September, and possibly indefinitely.

The Bumpers/Sasser amendment to cut \$1 billion from Star Wars was on the floor when a motion was offered to table (kill) it. The tabling amendment was defeated 49-43, apparently clearing the way for a vote. However, Republicans, led by Senators Jim Warner (R-VA) and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), quickly organized to block further consideration of the bill. As time was running out, the defense bill was put on the back burner until after the August recess.

The authorizations bill will likely, but not necessarily, get a hearing as soon as the Senate reconvenes after Labor Day. If the Senate cannot come up with an authorizations bill, it will move on to the appropriations process. While it is possible to attach amendments to the appropriations bill, such mechanisms are usually reserved for the authorizations process, where policy is shaped. The House has already completed its action on the Defense Authorizations bill, allocating \$271 billion toward military programs for the fiscal year beginning October 1. In both the authorizations and appropriations bills, the House approved the administration's full request of \$4.3 billion for Star Wars, and \$2.7 billion for four additional B-2 bombers.

From an arms control perspective, this is the worst military spending bill to come along in years. The overall spending figure represents a scant 3-percent decrease in military expenditures over last year. Even relatively mild attempts to reduce military spending, such as the amendment by California Reps. Maxine Waters (D) and Ron Dellums (D) to cut the military budget by 10 percent, were rejected. With the end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet empire, Congress now has no excuse for not making immediate and significant cuts in defense spending. In this election year, the Democrats can and must do much better than this.

LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL

President Bush is asking Congress to approve up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel, following several days of

talks with new Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Israel is seeking the guarantees in order to borrow up to \$10 billion on the international market to help absorb Russian and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants. The US will not actually expend any money, but will in effect guarantee Israel's credit so that Israel can acquire the loans.

The loan guarantees have been held up for over a year due to Washington's opposition to then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plans to settle the newly arrived immigrants into the Occupied Territories. Israel captured the territories of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem during the 1967 Middle East War. Since that time, approximately 110,000 Jewish settlers have taken up residence there. The Bush administration has put itself on record as stating that the settlements pose an obstacle to peace in the region.

Israel's June elections brought both a change in government and a change in attitude toward this issue. The rightist Shamir government had vowed not to cease construction of new settlements "even for a day." In contrast, Rabin has ordered a freeze on all new construction while the government conducts a review of the settlement policy. Currently, there are about 140 existing settlements which are either completed or in various stages of construction. The Shamir government had proposed an additional 13 settlements.

Mr. Rabin indicated that in reviewing the future of the settlements, he will draw a distinction between what he calls

"security" and "political" settlements. The meaning of these terms has not yet been clarified publicly, although Mr. Bush is said to have privately pressed for an explanation. Upon emerging from their meeting at the president's home in Kennebunkport, Maine, reporters asked Mr. Bush if he agreed with the definitions. I quote the response, and leave it to the reader's interpretation: "We understand the position and all I will say is that I salute this change. We salute what the prime minister is trying to do. We understand his position. He understands our position. And obviously, we would not be going forward with this loan guarantee if we did not salute the change."

The Senate will take up the loan guarantee request as part of its deliberations over the 1993 Appropriations bill. Foreign Operations subcommittee chair Patrick Leahy stated that he was "delighted" at the outcome of the Rabin/Bush meeting, and promised to push hard to get the legislation through the Senate this fall.

The credit for this element of the administration's Middle East policy belongs to former Secretary of State James Baker. His departure from the State Department in order to run the Bush campaign comes during a critical period with respect to the US role in the Middle East, and serves to underscore the larger malaise and lack of cohesion within the administration around defining and meeting its political agenda in the region.

Bush quote of the month: While on the patio of his Kennebunkport home with Prime Minister Rabin, a sailboat carrying protesters of US policy on the Israeli settlements came within sight of the two men, displaying the banner "Kahane Lives." (Meir Kahane, a leader of the extreme far right in Israel, was assassinated in New York City last year.) According to an Israeli source present at the event, Mr. Bush remarked to associates, "I thought this guy was kind of dead."

Elections are November 3rd. ■

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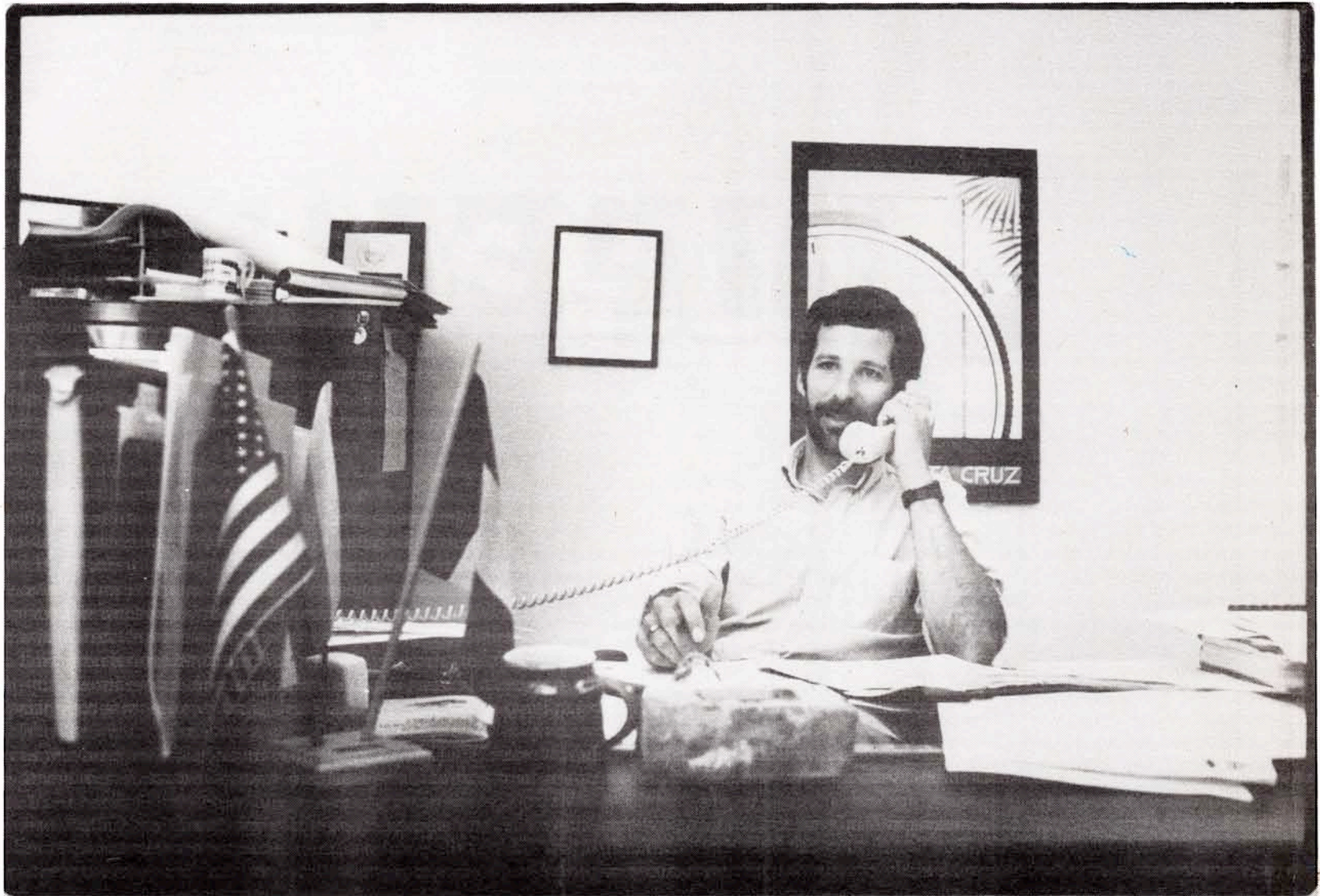
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Don Lane Tells Why

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BY JOHN GOVSKY

Santa Cruz Mayor Don Lane was born on January 12, 1956. He moved to Santa Cruz to attend UCSC, where he earned a degree in Politics. Lane decided to stay in town and in 1979 founded the Saturn Cafe, an alternative eatery popular among students, famous for its "Chocolate Madness" and other outrageous desserts. Today he still manages and co-owns the Saturn.

Not simply content to be a successful businessperson, he joined a number of civic and political organizations: his resumé lists his involvement with about two dozen governmental commissions, clubs, and committees, many of which he chaired at one time or another.

Four years ago Lane won election to the Santa Cruz City Council, and for the past year has served as mayor. His colleagues know him as a committed, tireless worker who is always ready to discuss community issues. A member of the council's progressive majority, he has recently come under harsh criticism from our local daily, The Santa Cruz Sentinel. Lane spoke with me about this and the state of local politics on August 23rd.

Monthly Planet: *On August 6th you surprised the community when you announced that you would not be running for re-election, citing the fact that you were both "running out of patience" and that you were tired of the "absolutely poisonous atmosphere" in this country for elected officials. How did you come to this point of view?*

Don Lane: Well, as I did the job for four years those things just became more apparent to me. On the issue of the poisonous atmosphere that I described, I think that has clearly evolved over four years. It's not that there wasn't some hostility out there, but I think in the last four years it has certainly grown, and not for bad reasons. There have been things, especially at the national and state levels, that have given people additional reasons to have some negative attitudes about elected officials. But one thing I just came to understand more is the prejudice

people have that if you're an elected official you suddenly have certain negative attributes. People embrace this prejudice without really knowing, and that's something that has surprised me. I knew that people tend to do that, but the ferocity with which they applied certain prejudices has surprised me, and that's an important part of it.

Also there is the matter of time spent engaged in the process, working with people. As an elected official I could equally make certain derogatory comments about the people, whomever that is. Some people, some people's behavior as political participants, is not very positive. It really is hard for me, dealing with that on a day-to-day basis, not to get tired, get kind of worn down, and run out of patience with how people act.

MP: *Could you give me some specific examples of this poisonous atmosphere?*

DL: I think that for me some of it is just the animosity that I receive when some people call me on the telephone, or come to council meetings and berate the city council, making blanket statements that are totally unfounded but still are stated quite forcefully. I've also gotten angry, anonymous phone calls and all kinds of harassment in letters. That kind of thing. And then just the environment, whether it's comedians on television or commentators, or whatever, clearly there's just a real negative presumption about elected officials — that we're just on the take. Our motives are constantly questioned. I'm a fairly idealistic person and feel pretty good about my integrity, and I don't really enjoy having it constantly attacked.

MP: *Our daily newspaper, The Santa Cruz Sentinel, has said that you are too sensitive a person to be an elected official. How do you feel about that?*

DL: Well, actually I don't think it was the *Sentinel* that said that first. I think it was probably me who said it to them and said it in some other forums and they picked up on

the question of whether I might be too sensitive. It's really unfortunate. It's a double-edged sword to be quote "sensitive," because I think it's very useful to be sensitive in the sense of feeling for other people and responding to other people. After all, that is part of my job. One of the key jobs of an elected official is to respond to perceived needs out in the community, and not just brush them aside easily. And so that sensitivity is really useful. But it also tends to mean that when I'm criticized sometimes it gets to me a little too much, and I'm aware of that. I think it's unfortunate for the process that sensitive people get pushed out, and I think it's also unfortunate for me that I can't deal with it better. It's something that I was very aware of earlier in the year when I was thinking about whether or not I wanted to run. I said I need to find a way for this to not get to me so much, and I was trying over a period of a few months to very much focus on that, and I didn't find it.

But I also think that I'm not going to let the *Sentinel* get away with their part in this. When the press, and especially the *Sentinel*, is so consistently either unfair or mistaken in their coverage and misinforming people, which thereby engenders a lot more criticism, I don't think it's bad that I reacted sensitively to that and challenged them. Because you know that's another part of my job: to try to truly communicate what's really going on to people in the community. And when the *Sentinel* does a poor job, then I have to kind of take them on and try and correct the errors and set them straight. And it's really interesting that, even though I may be too sensitive, I think the *Sentinel* is also very sensitive, probably way too sensitive. I don't think they've ever had an elected official be quite as antagonistic towards them as I have been in the last several months, and look what's happened — they are beside themselves.

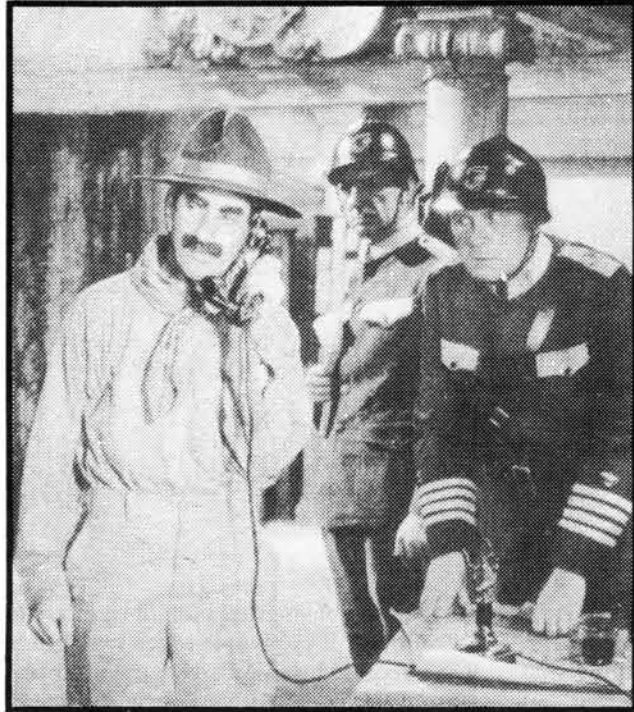
They are going out of their way to kind of pick on me, and why is that? It's because they don't like to be criticized and the only way they know how to deal with that is to

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keep jabbing at me. I'd like to say to the *Sentinel*: "What are you going to do about your hypersensitivity to criticism? If you can't stand to be corrected and your flaws being pointed out then maybe you need to rethink your attitudes also; maybe you need some staff there who are better, who aren't so thin-skinned."

MP: A while ago you said that you would not talk to the *Sentinel* anymore because you felt you were being misquoted and misrepresented. It's a pretty radical thing for the mayor of the town to refuse to talk to the town's only daily newspaper. What brought you to this point?

DL: It was a very specific thing that happened. I presented the *Sentinel* with some information to correct a significant error on a front-page story about the Greenbelt. I really pressed them on it, and they declined to make the correction, and so I said to the reporter who made the error, "I won't talk to you about any other issues until you work to correct that error," and she has declined to do so up to now. So as long as she's going to take that position, then I will maintain mine. As I have said directly to the *Sentinel* and they even printed it, my position is essentially this: They have made mistakes so often with different things that I have said, that it doesn't seem useful. I'm not communicating to the community by speaking to the *Sentinel* anymore if everything I say is not represented correctly. So, what's the point? I think what I need to communicate to the community now is, "Don't trust the *Sentinel* to give you accurate information" because I have had repeated experiences where it has been incorrect.

It's not just a personal thing either. The entire city council has gotten to the point where we sort of shake our heads and smile when, at pretty much every council meeting, a member of the public will come in, maybe at oral communications or at some other time of public testimony, and say something based on what they read in the *Sentinel*. We just chuckle, like I said, and shake our heads and have to say, "Well, see the problem with your comments is that what the *Sentinel* informed you of wasn't correct."

In fact, I just can't resist telling you this one anecdote of when I made the statement to the *Sentinel* that they printed, where I actually said I'm not going to respond to questions anymore because you always get my answers wrong — I'm paraphrasing now, but I had written the phrase out on a piece of paper before I said it. Later they called me to comment on another story, and I read them the response again. Sure enough, the next day in the paper, though they didn't twist it completely, they quoted it in such a way that it really changed the tone and made it sound even harsher than I actually said it. And they changed the words. So I actually I just sent the piece of paper over, of the statement I had read and said, "See, you're proving my point. I pick up the paper the next day and I read it, and

you've changed the words." Sort of case closed at that point, as far as I'm concerned.

MP: In a town where the *Sentinel* really dominates the local news coverage because it is the only daily newspaper, do you feel that it could be self-defeating to simply not talk to them at all?

DL: Well the thing is, I just don't talk to them directly. I certainly am at a lot of public events where I speak to the whole community, I speak to the audience wherever I am, I certainly speak on the record at the council meetings. So, if they want to know what I have to say to the community they have the opportunity to get my comments.

I'm not trying to win some battle with the press here; I don't really care what happens to me in this. What I'm trying to say to the community is, "You shouldn't rely on the *Sentinel* for your information." It's not to say you shouldn't read the *Sentinel* at all, because you don't have a lot of alternatives. But you should have a healthy

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amount of skepticism about what you read in there. I think what I'm doing is certainly heightening people's awareness of that, and that's valuable, whatever happens to me. If they want to keep writing sort of nasty editorials about me that's fine, because I really don't care anymore what they have to say about me and I don't think anyone close to me really cares what they have to say about me anymore. But at the same time it is really engendering an attitude in the community that people have to think twice about relying on the *Sentinel*.

MP: It seemed to me that the *Sentinel* recently exercised its power in this community over the Greenbelt issue, with the series of articles about the proposed \$36-a-year tax to buy the Greenbelt. Do you think that the *Sentinel* was primarily responsible for whipping up such a hysteria over the Greenbelt?

DL: I think they were half of it. The way that they were responsible was partly their misinformation, and partly a failure to really cover the issue completely in a kind of an unemotional way. You had an organized group of active people being the ones who whipped people up, and the *Sentinel* should be the referee in a situation like that. A good press says, "Here's an emotional group really going after it and here's a governmental institution, and there's kind of a battle between them." The press should be the one that gets at the facts and tells people what's really happening, what's the real story here. Instead, they embraced an attitude of, "There is something wrong with this"; in other words, embracing the attitude of the opponents, and then writing a series of articles to reinforce that position. So they ended up, and I'm not saying in an explicit sense, but just ended up sort of working in a partnership with the opponents. I mean, if I didn't know anything about that issue and had only relied on what I read in the *Sentinel*, I'd have been against it — and obviously I was a supporter.

MP: One of the major splits that has developed among Santa Cruz progressives involves the ever-important issue of what constitutes acceptable or desirable development. The standards seem to be changing, and a split seems to have developed in the progressive movement here. On the one hand, you have the traditional position that development should be slowed and controlled very directly by the community and the neighborhoods. On the other hand, some say that's an elitist point of view and that you need a certain amount of development to provide for jobs, opportunities for low-income citizens, and to keep the housing costs down. What do you see —

DL: Can I add one to that, which has always been real important to me? Development is a source of revenue for the municipal government to do its job, which includes serving low-income residents especially.

MP: Right. So, where do you stand on this issue?

DL: I think it's pretty easy to set an idealistic goal that could actually bring these two divergent forces together, which is, if we had some way of really encouraging quote "good" development. I think even those who are very negatively inclined towards development do say, "If it's really good; if it really fits in to Santa Cruz; if it's really — if you'll excuse the term — politically correct in some way, then we can support that." We just don't like all this stuff that contains, 'Well it's a chain, it's not local, it's too close to my neighborhood.' I'm not down-playing those issues; those are real concerns that people have. If there was this sort of model development then I think everybody would be happy. The problem is we don't really have mechanisms in place in this community that really can make that happen. And so we are still stuck in this division because that model choice doesn't seem to exist, except as a concept.

The Community Credit Union is like a first step in what could be a mechanism that would get us there. I'm talking about something that's going to be a lot more of an economic powerhouse and will really deliver some resources to create development that people want. Real "green" industries that aren't just not negative to the environment, but actually seen as environmentally useful industries, that's the kind of thing all of Santa Cruz could rally to, and yet we just haven't got any system in place to assure that. But the problem is that that in and of itself takes a lot of resources, money especially, and a real commitment to choose to put resources into that at the loss of some other things. And I'm not sure we really articulated what we want to give up there, in order to put those resources there, especially when we're trying to put some of those same kind of economic development resources into rebuilding downtown, and, I don't think anyone disagrees with the idea that that's a real priority for the community now. So like most political problems, in the end, they are economic problems: Where do you divide up the resources?

MP: You said, "We don't have a mechanism," but we do have a general plan, which it seems has been directly contradicted in a few cases. A developer wants to do a certain project, it doesn't really follow the general plan, there's a big meeting and eventually things bend and the general plan is somewhat ignored. That

seems to be a pattern. You're talking about a vision that should be coherent, and yet we do have somewhat of a vision embodied in that plan, which is basically being ignored.

DL: The general plan only addresses the vision, and doesn't really say how to get to the fulfillment of that: What mechanisms, what devices do you put in place in this community that actually deliver the result that the general plan calls for? For instance, the general plan, at the site of the factory outlet, calls for fairly high-density housing. In fact, projects were turned down for dense housing there. Do we just say, "Well, if we can't fulfill what the general plan calls for, then do we just do nothing?" That's part of the problem, and one of the things I'm wrestling with is economic development issues. I'm pushing a little because to say we're not going to do anything, and not necessarily ever contradict the general plan, means we're going to see declining city revenues.

Most of the same people who are the part of the progressive coalition, and who are very resistant to certain kinds of development, also say we need adequate funding for human services. Some people aren't being very conscious of how to get the revenue to do that. That's one of the reasons the city councilmembers end up being the first to be willing to be more flexible. We are the ones asked to take those goals and turn them into concrete things. That immediately means that we need revenue to do those things and that, I think, is really an important motivator for us. But the other thing I would say, just to not lose this point about the general plan, is that the plan is sort of a direction we want the community to go. It's a goal. It's not construction drawings, it's just a vision.

MP: You spoke about the difficulty of reaching agreement on what should be done in Santa Cruz. It seems to me that when the conservatives are in power, they don't really push so much for a consensus point of view, but they really push hard for their point of view and will win on it most of the time. When progressives are in power there seems to be this idea that we need to come to a consensus that includes all the viewpoints. Doesn't that somewhat self-defeat a progressive position and hurt the people that elected a progressive majority to council? How do you feel about that?

DL: Well, my feeling is that the process, though I don't think it should strive for perfection, should be still held as the highest goal that we have. You know there will never be perfection in result; what will always last, I think, is that the people have a sense that "Yes, the way we came to that decision was reasonable, was a good way." To me it almost necessarily means that it's going to be contentious at times and argumentative and there will be people unhappy with the details of the outcome, but that's OK. What really needs to be worked on more is just having the people have a sense that they had their chance to participate in the decision.

Now I know that's not really what a lot of elected officials think is the best way to approach decisionmaking. They feel — and it's not just a conservative phenomenon — they feel like, "Look, we are trying to accomplish some things, and whatever it takes to get those things done, that's what we'll do." I'm certainly tempted by, and I think on certain issues I've even fallen into, that approach, but it's hard to really defend it. I think in the end the best

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approach is to say, "Let's let there be this sort of turmoil here and then let's say when and identify a point at which we're going to make a decision, and then sort of let the turmoil occur up to that point and then make your hard decision."

MP: Let me ask you about a few other specific issues. One of the issues that has divided progressives is the camping ban. What do you foresee happening with the Santa Cruz camping ban? Do you see any movement towards repealing the camping ban?

DL: I hear a new level of discussion, a little higher level of discussion, lately. I don't think it's going to be repealed though. I have probably been as critical of it as anyone, and I don't support outright repeal of it, because the camping ban isn't just about homelessness. This is a tourist town that has literally thousands of people driving in here every day who would camp on the beaches, camp in people's neighborhoods. This is not an issue of rich or poor; these would be motor homes and people on vacation. To me the issue about the camping ban has always been more, "How can it be fair, how can it not particularly penalize poor people?" It has a lot to do with how it's enforced. If people are poor and are faced with a possible citation, they should always be given a chance to avoid the citation, always be given a warning, always be given a chance to comply with the law. But there's also working on creating the viable option, whether it's more shelter, or a place where people can in fact park their cars and sleep in their car overnight and know that that's a "free zone," in other words.

Those are the kinds of things that I've supported and tried to push for and haven't gotten very far with because I don't think the majority of the council, no, different councils, have ever really wanted to push very hard on those issues. This is one of those classic issues in being an elected official where people outside of elected office really expect more, and then when you do a little bit they're mainly disappointed. I understand they want more here, but, I think I have a pretty good sense of what's possible here, and I'm working on what's possible.

MP: Another issue which has been very contentious at times is whether or not a police review commission should be established in Santa Cruz. What do you feel about that and what do you think will happen?

DL: I would like to see there be some kind of police review commission or board or entity of some kind that creates a mechanism by which citizens are able to monitor what the police department is doing. I think something will get adopted by the council and that will create that mechanism. I think that will happen pretty soon. But I also think it will have trouble because we probably won't have enough funding for the best model that we would otherwise want to create, and we will be constrained by the lawsuits of those who oppose it. But the problem, and the reality, in this situation is that lawsuits will end up being a major impediment for awhile — and it will interfere with anything coming into existence or functioning effectively.

The other thing I'd just mention is that there ought to be some kind of advisory body that is just a way for citizens to provide more input about how the police department does its job. When I ran for council four years ago it was one of the things that I advocated — an advisory committee — just the way we have one for almost everything else in the city, so that we can just look at the police and say, "Do we like the way the camping ban is enforced? Do we like the way complaints are received? What are the funding priorities for the police department?" I think we need that, and I hope that will not get lost in this discussion.

MP: Do you foresee the Greenbelt measure passing, and, if so, how will the Greenbelt be preserved — or will it not be preserved?

DL: Well, if it passes, and I believe that measure will pass — "Measure I," it's called — then the land-use regulations that apply to the Greenbelt are extended for two more years. We basically have two years to figure

out, as a community, how we want to make use of the Greenbelt. Whether we want to buy it. Whether we want to do some land swaps. Whether we want to raise revenue to do it. Whether we want to give it up. All we're saying is for two years we're going to hold off on any big changes, so that we can decide again. If the measure fails, it really ends up being a message that we don't care about the Greenbelt as a community, and I think that would be a very unfortunate message for the community to send out. I'm going to be working a lot on it because I think it's one of the most important issues for the community.

MP: What are you most proud of in your term on the council and as mayor, and more in general, what do you think progressives have accomplished over the last few years in the city of Santa Cruz?

DL: Well, a few things come to mind. One has to do with homelessness. For me personally, I feel like I have had an impact on that issue by my own individual efforts, both in terms of the quality of the debate — I think it's a lot less heated now than it was a few years ago, and I've really worked on it a lot — and then there have also been some specific programmatic ways both in terms of getting consensus on a homeless day center, on shifting some funding priorities towards homelessness. I think we've had some real gains there..

I also think affordable housing, and specifically the Community Housing Corporation, have seen some real successes, and I feel some real pride there. I think the relationship that the city has with the university now is much healthier than it was a few years ago and I've worked at that, with the new chancellor, Dr. Pister, and we have a very positive relationship right now. It doesn't mean that there aren't issues between us; it's just not that hard anymore in dealing with them.

And then in the large sense, going back

to that earlier question about growth and development, I think it's pretty remarkable when you look at how Santa Cruz appeared, say, 15 years ago, compared to how it looks now, and then you go to other California coastal communities, and think about how much they have changed, been transformed by growth. It hasn't happened here. We certainly have been affected, there have been changes, but really Santa Cruz is more the same than different. That's certainly not just a legacy of my four years, but of a continuation of progressive people — and it's not even just a progressive thing, I think it's just that people in Santa Cruz really know that they have something special in this community, and some real important things to hang onto.

MP: Let me ask the flip-side of that question. What has frustrated you the most? What do you see as some of the failures of the last few years among progressives on the city council?

DL: The Greenbelt has been a failure — not just the particular Greenbelt assessment district, but it was a failure in terms of not having been worked out over a period of years so that when we got to this, to this year, that we didn't have the thing wrapped up rather than still being fought over. So I think that's a real problem. We have tried more than we ever have before to articulate what we want in terms of economic development but, again, it's really not the effort we needed and still need to get a couple more significant institutions that really fit into our vision of Santa Cruz.

MP: It seems that negative campaigning is now an established fact of American politics, and even of local politics. Do you foresee any way out of this? Do you think that this will continue to degrade American politics, and do you think that this will continue in Santa Cruz itself, that the state of politics will continue in this downward spiral where everything is so nasty and personally directed?

DL: I can't say that I'm optimistic about it, and it's hard to really separate Santa Cruz from the rest so I'll try to talk more broadly. It is very important that we look at campaign financing as a part of that, because negative financing really depends on being able to produce, in a massive way, this repeated negative message — especially negative TV commercials and negative mailers and that kind of thing. So, if you don't have tons of money in campaigns to do that, I think that really helps.

I'm certainly biased towards Clinton over Bush, and I think it's really important that Clinton win almost for that reason. I have some mixed feelings about Clinton on other issues, but I think that his tone in this campaign has been more positive than we've seen in a long time about certain issues. The Republicans are so into the "us and them," and that's really the worst part of negative campaigning: the sense of dividing, saying that there are bad people that are not us, and they're what's wrong with the country and we need to defeat them. And I see Clinton being particularly good, or trying very hard to say, "let's have a positive, inclusive kind of vision." If he wins that will be an affirmation of a direction in American politics, that we're going to try and be inclusive. Anyway, it would be great if it worked. ■

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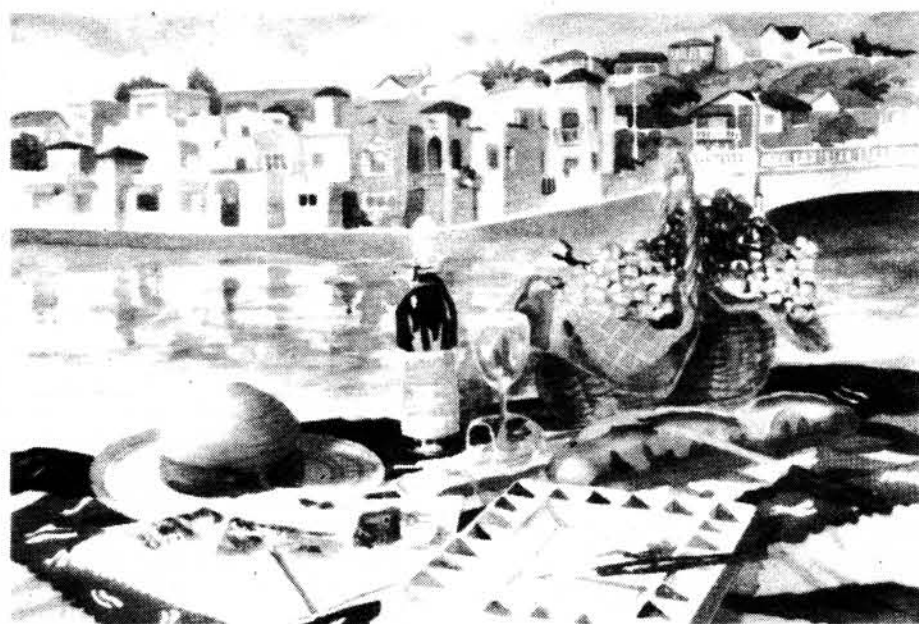


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After winning independence from France, Haiti went through many years of changing presidents. Most of these were self-serving, though relatively benign, up until Francois Duvalier. In a 1964 manipulated election Francois Duvalier (sometimes known as Papa Doc) became dictator for life. His tortuous and corrupt regime remained in existence until his death in 1971, whereupon his son, Jean Claude (aka Baby Doc), became dictator for life, and the corruption continued. Jean Claude was ousted in 1986 and once again a series of presidents were 'elected' and then ousted. In 1990 Haiti had its first internationally observed and verifiable democratic election. Jean Betran Aristide was elected by a considerable majority consisting largely of the extremely poor Haitian peasants and urban unemployed. After being in office for a very short time he was removed by a military coup



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Currently there is a temporary prime minister, Marc Bazin, a conservative politician with strong ties to the US and Haitian elites. Bazin was selected by the Haitian Senate, under great pressure from the military.

The Organization of American States (OAS) immediately condemned the coup, and has attempted to negotiate Aristide's return. The OAS also initiated an embargo on Haiti, in an attempt to put pressure on the rich and middle class who depend on international trade for their wealth.

Haiti is now going through a reign of terror that equals the Duvalier regime. Anyone suspected of being an Aristide supporter is targeted. The military has lists of people to kill, arrest, or deport. Poor neighborhoods are being terrorized; rapes, beatings, and arbitrary arrests are commonplace. An OAS inspection team just weeks ago found evidence of three men having been killed for distributing pro-Aristide posters. Although it is difficult to tell how many people were killed during the coup and the following repression, the OAS estimates at least 2,000, with the killing continuing.

Censorship is in effect; many journalists have been beaten or arrested. The army is an occupying force in its own country. Corruption and smuggling are rampant. Thousands of desperate people are attempting to flee Haiti.

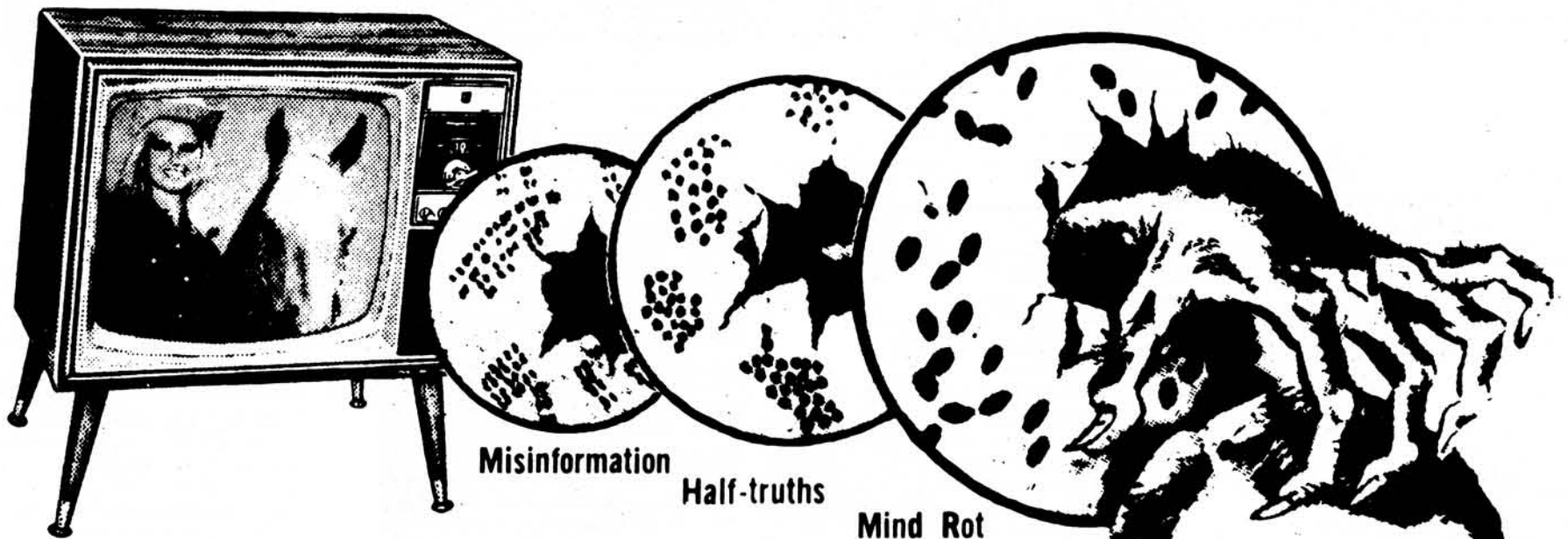
The US has supported the OAS, but this support is lukewarm at best. The US has given only partial support to the embargo declared by the OAS, although to be fair, most of the violations of the embargo are committed by European countries.

Even worse, the Bush administration is refusing political asylum to refugees. Many refugees have died trying to flee to the US. With Guantanamo Bay (a US naval base on leased land in Cuba) now being closed to refugees, many are being intercepted at sea and directly returned to Haiti, where they are often victims of increased repression. The Haitians are interviewed to see if they qualify for asylum, but very few have been granted that status. It seems to many observers that anyone who flees a communist country (such as Cuba) is granted political asylum, but the Bush administration doesn't seem to consider fleeing a county run by military thugs to be grounds for granting political asylum. Thus, Haitians continue to die attempting to flee Haiti, and others continue to die in Haiti at the hands of the military.

What can an individual do? Contact your representatives and candidates for office and urge them to do the following things: Commit themselves to actively work for the restoration of democracy to Haiti, i.e. the return of Aristide to his full power as democratically elected president of Haiti. Press the Bush administration to tighten the embargo on fuel, to freeze the assets, and to withdraw US travel visas from the coup leaders and their supporters. Press also for temporary protected status and considered asylum for Haitian refugees and the rejection and condemnation of the effort by coup leaders to gain acceptance for Marc Bazin as prime minister of a 'consensus' government. ■

Joslyn Garcia, although born in New York, has many relatives living in Haiti, and has visited there many times. Some of the information in this article was provided by Quest for Peace, a project of Quixote Center. They may be contacted for additional information at: Box 5206, MD 20782 or phoned at (301) 699-0042.

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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" column on the chart below). Centers operate at least 30 hours per week and must pay you at least 2 1/2 cents each for all qualified containers, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetal.

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
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Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	Trout Gulch Road & Aptos St	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods, 763 Rio Del Mar Blvd Safeway, 16 Rancho Del Mar	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
BONNY DOON Bonny Doon Recycling	residences	collection (fee)	cans, glass containers, #1 & 2 plastics, news, office paper, oil, auto batteries	by arrangement	426-8373
CAPITOLA Capitola Disposal Co	residential area	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	businesses Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	476-9288 none
LIVE OAK AREA 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	2710 Chanticleer Ave (north of Hwy 1 near Skyview Drive-In)	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	Deluxe Foods 2-1515 East Cliff Dr	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues-Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$ Opal Cliffs Food	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Portola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2 every day	476-1651
\$ Armstrong Enterprises		collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
SAN LORENZO VALLEY 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	336-3950 335-9166
Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location — see box below	County Transfer Station at entrance gate	redemption	qualified beverage containers	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts		drop-off	glass containers, aluminum, #1 plastics	11-5 every day	338-6578
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\$ Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9, Felton	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 335-9166
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City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	all residences, single units through fourplexes	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, #1 & translucent #2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
At Paris Recycling	businesses 1111 River St Across from Tannery	collection	glass containers, cardboard, aluminum, #1, 2 & 6 plastics, sheet plastics	by arrangement 8-12 Sat	429-3490 459-9619
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SOQUEL 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
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SUMMIT AREA CT English Elementary Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd 2.5 mi east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
WATSONVILLE AREA 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	All City single family residences	curbside collection	wood waste, asphalt paving, unreinforced concrete, brick & tile	recycling policy for these materials available at gatehouse	
City of Watsonville	businesses	collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, paper on garbage day	weekly schedule on garbage day	728-6094
Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	Crestview Shopping Center, 3424 Freedom Blvd	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	1-800-228-2525
D&D Recycling	Trailer at Fairway Foods parking lot, 908 Eastlake Ave 710 B Walker St	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	722-3597
Watsonville Metals Co	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb 39 Walker St	buyback collection	aluminum, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news, plastic drink bottles	8-5 Mon-Fri 8-4 Sat	728-1551
Bjaltich Machinery & Salvage	56 Porter Drive in Pejaro	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news, plastic drink bottles	8-5 Mon-Fri 9-5:15 Mon-Fri 9-4 Sat	722-1096
State Steel Company	1912 North Main St Albertsons, 1986 Freedom Blvd	buyback	aluminum, glass containers, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news, plastic drink bottles	8-5 Mon-Fri 1-800-447-7117	724-7111
Envipco California	Nob Hill Food	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
20/20 Recycle Centers	South County only	collection	news, office paper cardboard, office paper	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 cardboard, 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	357 Locust St	Collection for fee drop-off	confidential papers & files, office paper	by arrangement	722-4101
OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS Various Sponsors	Lucky, Safeway, Thrifty, Albertson's Stores	drop-off	plastic produce & grocery bags	Variable	384-1212 384-1433
Coast Recycling North, Inc.	businesses	collection	plastics, aluminum	by arrangement	294-8443
LMC Recyclers	1800 Monterey Hwy San Jose	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 pm Wednesday, September 23rd for inclusion in the October issue (publication date: Saturday, October 3rd).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A Traditional Labor Day Picnic will provide barbecued chicken and a full afternoon of entertainment, including two all-union bands, kids' games, bingo and more. The picnic will be held at De Laveaga Park, on Brandiforte Dr., 12 noon-5 pm; free shuttles will leave from the County Government Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, every half hour. There is a \$5 charge for dinner. Sponsor: Santa Cruz County Central Labor Council. Info: 475-1335.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Wiping the Tears of Seven Generations. A documentary on the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1892 and last year's Bigfoot Memorial Ride: awarded "Best Video" at the 1991 American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. Sid Welsh, Leader in the American Indian Movement, will be the featured speaker. Part of the Video Series Commemorating 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance, at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm, donation: \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"Sensual Dreams/Political Nightmares," a series of large, colorful oil paintings by artist Mark Henson, deals with erotic and political themes in an imaginative yet realistic style. On exhibit at the Dancing Man Gallery, 123 Maple St., Santa Cruz, Monday-Friday 9-5, and Saturday 11-4. There will be a reception for the artist on Friday, September 11 from 7-10 pm. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. Info: 761-2446 or 462-7150.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Anne Frank in the World Exhibition opens in Santa Cruz. Composed of more than 800 photographs and a video display, this unique bilingual event focuses on the dangers of discrimination and racism. The exhibition will be open in Santa Cruz through October 8 at Pacific Gas & Electric, 1543 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz. General admission is \$2, students and seniors will be admitted without charge. Info: Downtown Association, 429-8433.

"Is the U.S. Left Disintegrating? A Proposal for a Viable Future." A forum featuring Jeff Mackler, national secretary of Socialist Action



and former leader/founder of Mobilization for Peace, Jobs and Justice. One of the monthly forums at the Peace and Justice Center, 555 Waverly, Suite 27, Palo Alto, the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. They are free and open to all interested people. Info: (415) 326-8837.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The Film: The Diary of Anne Frank. A special showing, accompanied by the film *Blood in the Face*, at the Sash Mill Cinema, 303 Potrero St., Santa Cruz, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 will benefit the Santa Cruz County Anne Frank in the World Exhibition) and are available at the Exhibition sites in Watsonville and Santa Cruz, and at the New Society Bookstore, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 423-1626.

"The Moon's Prayer: Wisdom of the Ages." Native people of the Pacific Northwest fight to protect and restore their natural resources. Featured speaker to be announced. Part of the Video Series Commemorating 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance, at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm, donation: \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Salud Para la Gente Survival Celebration. Despite state cutbacks and IOUs, Salud continues to provide quality health care to the local community. Come celebrate and enjoy — art, music, and food! 204 E. Beach St., Watsonville (across from the Veterans Memorial Bldg.) from 4-7 pm. Info: 728-8250.

The Film: The Diary of Anne Frank. Presented in association with the Santa Cruz County Anne Frank in the World Exhibition, accompanied by the film *Blood in the Face*. At the Sash Mill Cinema, 303 Potrero St., Santa Cruz, 7 pm. General admission is \$5, \$4.25 for students with ID, and \$3.25 for seniors. Info: 423-1626.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Santa Cruz County Coastal Clean-up, covering 42 miles of shoreline and inland areas. Last year over 1,300 people lent a hand in making our beaches cleaner and safer by collecting 15,000 lbs. of debris, 40% of which was recycled. Call Ecology Action at 427-1357 if you want to help this year. There will be a volunteer orientation from 8-9 am at the County Government Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, and clean-up will go until noon. Sponsor: Ecology Action. Info: Piet or Tony, 426-5925.

Fifth Annual "National Estuaries Day" Celebration. A variety of activities, including educational projects, nature walks, and crafts, will be offered to commemorate this important day and the designation of the new Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. This year's event will be held at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve, 1700 Elkhorn Road (approximately 4 miles inland from Moss Landing via Dolan Rd.) from 10 am-4 pm. Entrance fee is \$2.50 for adults, children under 16 free. Sponsors: California Department of Fish and Game and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation & Volunteers. Info: 728-2822.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Resource Center for Nonviolence Rummage and Bake Sale, including the third annual Non-Sexist Fashion Show. From now until September 15, usable items will be accepted for this benefit sale. Bring clothes, books, records, working appliances, musical instruments, furniture, or other rummage to 515 Broadway (near Ocean St.), Santa Cruz Monday through Friday, between 9:30 am and 6 pm. Receipts available upon request. Info: 423-1626

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Population, Environment, Women's Rights Town Hall Meeting. A report of global success in voluntary reduction of family size by past president of the Population Crisis Committee, Fred Pinkham of Carmel, will be followed by an open discussion. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4:30 pm. Sponsors: Zero Population Growth (ZPG) and Population/Environment Crisis Connections. Info: Dan at 688-3792.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Vanpool to Sentencing of Peace Activists, Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller, in Santa Ana. Lumsdaine and Kjoller await sentencing for axing a NAVSTAR satellite. Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 21, after which there will be a demonstration at Rockwell International in Seal Beach. Vanpool will leave from Farmer's Market Lot (Pacific & Cathcart), Santa Cruz, at 10 am, and will return Monday night or Tuesday morning. Expenses will be shared. Sponsor: Stop First Strike/LAC. Info: 429-8020.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

"The Personal Is Political, the Political Is Personal" Art exhibit being held at the Stevenson College Library Gallery at UCSC. A reception — including a brief lecture by painter, muralist, and ritual works artist, Kim Anno — will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 4-6 pm. Sponsor: Monterey Bay Women's Caucus for Art. Info: 688-4234.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

A Vigil in Support of Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller, who axed a NAVSTAR satellite, to coincide with scheduled sentencing in Santa Ana on Monday. The vigil will be held at the Santa Cruz Town Clock (Pacific & Water) at 5 pm. Sponsor: Stop First Strike/LAC. Info: 429-8020.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"Indian Ghosts of California Missions." Slideshow story on California Indians, from their origins to their enslavement by the Missions, plus "Century of Change," a short video on the Santa Cruz Mission and the Ohlone. Featured speakers: Anne Marie Sayers, tribal chairperson of Indian Canyon Mutsoan Band of Coastanoan Ohlone Indians, involved in Coastanoan Indian research and revitalizing the Ohlone language, and Mary Riotutar, a Santa Cruz Indian Council elder. Part of the Video Series Commemorating 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance. Santa Cruz Public Library, 224 Church St., Santa Cruz, 7 pm. Donation: \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

The Restless Conscience, Oscar-nominated film about anti-Nazi resistance. Presented in association with the Santa Cruz County Anne Frank in the World Exhibition, at the Sash Mill Cinema, 303 Potrero St., Santa Cruz, 7 & 9 pm. General admission is \$5, \$4.25 for students with ID, and \$3.25 for seniors. Info: 423-1626.

"What New World Order?" Potluck & Discussion. Douglas Mettem, president of the Association of World Citizens (an accredited non-governmental United Nations organization), will discuss the role of the United Nations, give an update on the worldwide arms race, and review the crisis in the environment. First United Methodist Church, 24 North 5th St., San Jose. Potluck at 6:30 pm, discussion at 7:30. Free; donations will benefit the San Jose Peace Center and the Interfaith Peace Coalition. Info: Alice Cox, 297-2299.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Santa Cruz AIDS Project Client Services Volunteer Training. Learn to give emotional and practical support to people living with HIV and their families. Volunteers must be available for all dates listed below, and usually work about 4-8 hours a week. Positions require a minimum 6-month commitment. Four sessions: Thursday, September 24, 6:30-9:30 pm; Saturday, September 26 & Sunday, September 27, all day; and Tuesday, September 29, 6:30-9:30 pm. Info: 427-3900.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Free Composting Workshop. Composting is an excellent way to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. San Lorenzo Lumber & Garden Center, 235 River St., Santa Cruz, 10 am-12 noon. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26-
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Santa Cruz AIDS Project Speakers Bureau Volunteer Training. Learn how to give a one-hour talk to the community on HIV and AIDS. Volunteers must be available for all dates listed below, and give two talks monthly. Positions require a minimum 6-month commitment. Three all-day sessions, Saturday, September 26, Saturday, October 3, and Saturday, October 10. Info: 427-3900.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 &
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Architecture of Doom, a film depicting the Nazi aesthetic in art, architecture, and popular culture, presented in association with the Santa Cruz County Anne Frank in the World Exhibition, at the Sash Mill Cinema, 303 Potrero St., Santa Cruz, 7 & 9:05 pm. General admission is \$5, \$4.25 for students with ID, and \$3.25 for seniors. Info: 423-1626.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Candidates Forum on Children's Issues, including Assembly candidates Sam Farr and Susan Friedman, and county supervisorial candidates Patrick Dugan, Fred Keeley, Robley Levy, Walt Symons, and others. Moderated by Diane Siri, superintendent of Santa Cruz County Schools. Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos, at 7:30 pm. Sponsor: Alliance for Children of Santa Cruz County. Info: 684-0506 or 423-1626.

"Li'a — Legacy of A Hawaiian Man." Exploration of the traditional balance between Hawaiian land, people, and music through the life and work of musical legend Sam Li'a. A film by Eddie Kamae. Hinano Campton, Native Hawaiian, co-founder of Daughters of the First People, and co-editor of an anthology of native women's literature, will be the featured speaker. Part of the Video Series Commemorating 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance, Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm, donation: \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2-MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Healing Global Wounds. Ten days of events, including an indigenous people's forum in Las Vegas and a demonstration at the Nevada Test Site, are scheduled for early October. Make plans now to attend this unprecedented event, demanding an end to 500 years of injustice to Native Americans and an end to nuclear testing on native lands. Sponsors: the Western Shoshone National Council and the Global Antinuclear Alliance. Info: Western Shoshone National Council, P.O. Box 140115, Duckwater, NV 89314, or call American Peace Test, (702) 386-9834, or the Nevada Desert Experience, (702) 646-4814. For carpool information from Santa Cruz, call the Nuclear Weapons Freeze at 458-9975. (The WILPF bus has been cancelled.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Keepers of the Forest & Voices from Oka. Documentaries on current indigenous struggles from the Lacandon rainforest in Mexico and the Mohawk people in Canada. Featured speakers: Michael Guillen, Mayan writing specialist, recently in the Lacandon leading a tour, and another speaker to be announced. Part of the Video Series Commemorating 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance, Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm, donation: \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Protest 500 Years of Genocide. Demonstration & Civil Disobedience will occur in San Francisco. Sponsor: American Indian Movement. Info: (510) 655-0901 or (415) 552-1992.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOPS

Plan now to attend these free workshops at the Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., sponsored by the City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women:

- Beginning Self Defense (19 & older) Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, October 6-November 24
- Beginning Self Defense (19 & older) Wednesdays, 7-10 pm, October 7-November 25
- Self Defense for Young Women (13-19) Wednesdays, 5-7 pm, October 7-November 25
- Self Defense for Girls (8-13) Session One Tuesdays, 5-6:30 pm, October 6-October 27
- Self Defense for Girls (8-13) Session Two Tuesdays, 5-6:30 pm, November 10-December 1
- (Intermediate) Self Defense Against Weapons Saturday, December 5, 10 am-5 pm

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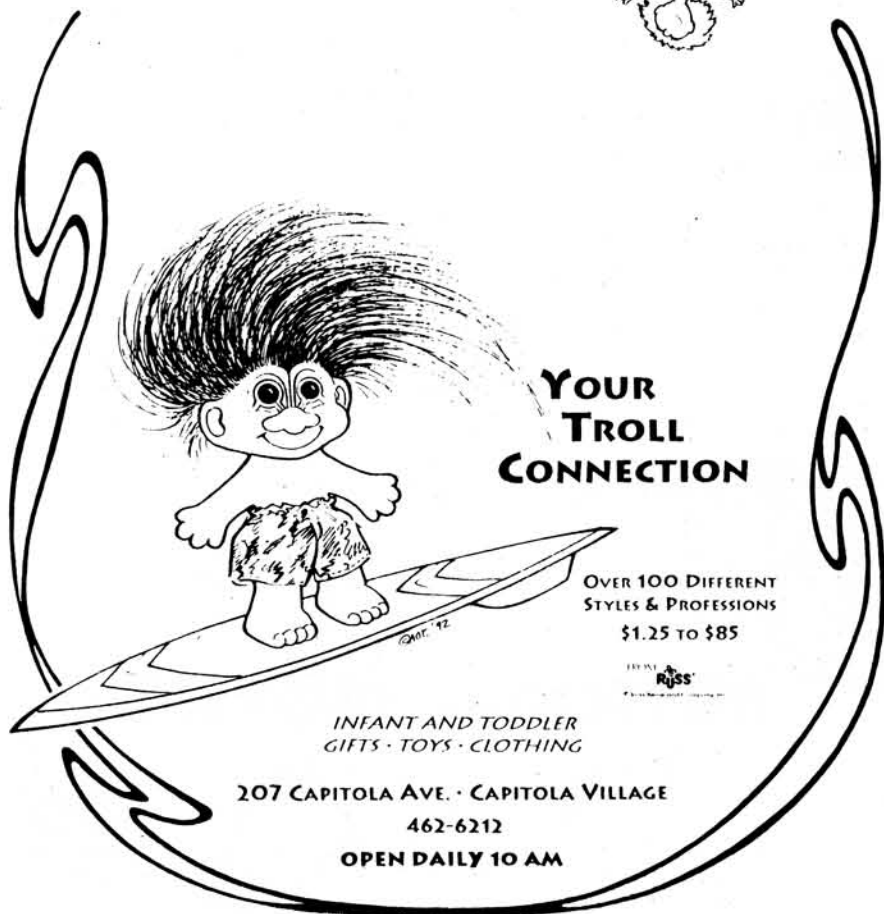


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ONGOING EVENTS

TUESDAYS:

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting and video. Last Tuesday of the month. 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm. Info: 464-8633.

People for Animal Liberation meeting. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Call Cheryl at 429-5698 for location.

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

HIV Positive Drop-In Support Group. Meets every Tuesday night at 7-9 pm 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 6:15-7:45 pm. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS. Alternate Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm. 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 pm 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.

HIV/AIDS Spanish Support Group. Support group in Spanish for people with AIDS. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7-8:30 pm. Meets in Watsonville; call for location. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 763-3430, 800-400-3901, or 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 pm, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

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. No meetings in August.

THURSDAYS:

National Organization for Women general meeting. 1st Thursday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. 7 p.m. Open to the public. Info: 335-7704. (Childcare provided; call 335-7704 first to confirm.)

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

Cabrillo Students for Social Responsibility meeting. Cabrillo Fireside Lounge, Cabrillo College, 7 pm. Info: 458-2719.

Stop First Strike meeting. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 7:30 pm. Info: Sarah or Eric, 426-7970.

AIDS/ARC Support Group. Meets Thursdays 2-4 pm. 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 pm. Info: 427-3900.

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

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

SATURDAYS:

Peace & Freedom Party of Santa Cruz County meeting. 1st Saturday of the month. Business meeting and political discussion. Public input welcome. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4 pm. 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 am-1 pm. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

SUNDAYS:

Green Party meeting. 1st Sunday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 4-7 pm. Info: 425-3193.

Co-Housing Orientation meeting. Last Sunday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4pm. sponsor: Santa Cruz Co-Housing Network. Info: Ruth, 426-5614.

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