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Oily birds & beaches on the California coastline

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Last month when oiled birds began to wash up in Pacifica and tar balls speckled the beaches, it was an old culprit wreaking new havoc. Just one year earlier, this spill would likely be categorized as a “mystery spill.” However, the mystery was solved last November and since then 2,081 birds along the California coast have become victims to this aggressor.

With nearly thirteen hundred dead birds documented, the assumption would be that there is a large vessel out on the ocean leaking oil as it travels about. Part of this speculation is accurate, it is the result of one vessel. However, the vessel responsible for these incidents and mortality rates is the *Jacob Luckenbach*, a ship that sunk in just thirty minutes, nearly fifty years ago, in the San Francisco Bay after colliding with the Hawaiian Pilot (its sister ship) in heavy fog.

Until last November no one thought of the *Luckenbach* as a suspect. Much of the oiled wildlife and spills on the California coast were attributed to “mystery” sources. Spills were labelled a “mystery” when the Department of Fish and Game was unable to identify the responsible vessel(s) after doing

chemical analysis of the oil that coated wildlife and/or beaches.

Last November the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) made a chemical match between an oiled bird and leaking oil from the *Luckenbach*. Since this initial identification, 1,275 dead birds and 806 treated (and released) birds have been associated with the *Luckenbach*. The latest incident in Pacifica of oiled wildlife and oily beaches can be attributed to the legacy of the *Luckenbach*. “As a result [of the Pacifica incident], 154 [birds] were taken in [for treatment], of which 112 were recovered dead and another forty-two were recovered alive,” said Scott Newman, a veterinarian with the San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center (OWCC) in Cordelia. Newman went on to state that the total number of oiled birds associated with the *Luckenbach* as of July 15, 2002 is 2081–1275 were recovered dead and 806 recovered alive.

Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response

The wealth of effort associated with oil spill response and prevention has created an extensive network of federal, state, scholastic and private organizations. In California, these

Coastal wildlife struggle to survive as 50-year-old wreck continues leaking during oil recovery efforts



Photo courtesy of the United States Coast Guard

Oiled murre recovered from the Pacifica site in June 2002. One of over 2,000 birds effected by the legacy *Jacob Luckenburgh*.

agencies and groups are coordinated by the OSPR. After the passage of the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990, OSPR was mandated to the primary agency in California to coordinate the response to oil spills and wildlife reha-

bilitation.

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is the managing agency of OSPR and works in conjunction with the US Coast Guard (USCG) and other agencies. The collaboration

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Sueldo justo en Watsonville

Se daria un primer paso en mejorar las condiciones de vida de otros trabajadores.

Por ARMANDO ALCARAZ
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La Coalición Por Un Sueldo Justo del Condado de Santa Cruz organizó un foro informativo en el plantel de Cabrillo de Watsonville, como parte de sus esfuerzos para que la ciudad de Watsonville adopte una ordenanza de un salario justo. La ordenanza obligaría tanto a la ciudad como a las empresas contratadas por ésta, a pagar a sus empleados un mínimo de 11.50 dólares la hora con beneficios y de 12.55 dólares la hora sin beneficios.

Los ponentes expusieron los detalles de la ordenanza, respondieron preguntas, y animaron a los asistentes a asistir a la sesión que celebrará el Concilio de Watsonville éste 23 de julio, en la cual se discutirá la adopción de la ordenanza.

Nora Hochman, co-dirigente de la Coalición por un Sueldo Justo, dijo que la ordenanza no solo beneficiaría a los trabajadores de la ciudad, sino también aumentarían los salarios de otros 400 trabajadores temporales, cifras altas si se considera que el sindicato más grande dentro de la ciudad cuenta apenas con 60 trabajadores.

Existen ya entre 70 y 80 ordenanzas similares en el país, de las cuales una está vigente en el condado de Santa Cruz y otra en la ciudad de Santa Cruz. Según Hochman, después de adoptarse estas ordenanzas en Santa Cruz, se formaron más sindicatos en el sector sin fin de lucro y aumentaron los salarios en general en el sector privado.

Olga Díaz, residente de Watsonville y administradora en Cabrillo College animó a los asistentes a apoyar la campaña. Dijo que los bajos salarios y el alto costo de la vida están obligando a muchas familias a abandonar la ciudad. “Con lo que ganamos [yo y mi familia] apenas salimos al mes,” dijo Díaz.

Díaz subrayó que éste es apenas un primer paso, pues se busca que el mejoramiento de la vida de los

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Living wage in Watsonville

Coalition for a Living Wage struggles to encourage unionization in Watsonville.

By FHAR MIESS
The Alarm! Newspaper Collective

This Wednesday evening, July 17, the Santa Cruz County Coalition for a Living Wage hosted a public forum at the Watsonville campus of Cabrillo College. The forum was organized in preparation for the July 23 Watsonville City Council meeting, at which councilmembers will be considering a Living Wage Ordinance.

Both the City and County of Santa Cruz have recently passed living wage ordinances, bringing the nation-wide total to around 70 jurisdictions. The ordinance, as with others locally, would require the City of Watsonville to pay its employees and those of its contractors a living wage. A living wage is considered to be \$11.50 for employers who provide benefits and \$12.55 for those who do not. This is in comparison to the \$6.75–\$9.00 wage that the Co-

alition for a Living Wage estimates that contractors are currently paying their employees. Contractors are defined as organizations which receive anything above a threshold of \$10,000 from the City.

According to Nora Hochman, co-chair of the Coalition for a Living Wage, the Coalition “expect[s] it to be a struggle in the City of Watsonville. The business community is already very aware of the Coalition’s efforts,” she said. The Pajaro Valley Area Chamber of Commerce has already announced its opposition to the proposed ordinances.

While the Coalition estimates the number of those effected to reach many hundreds of workers, the vast majority of workers living in Watsonville will not share in the direct benefits of the living wage ordinance. So why the anticipation of so much resistance from the business community?

As Hochman puts it, “living wage ordinances are tools. They are not the end-all, be-all. They can be repealed. The name of the game is union organizing.

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LOCAL

Letter from an Editor

Who’s got your back?

As we go to print, the Postal Service announced that it will not be assisting the Justice Department in Operation TIPS—Terrorism Information and Prevention System. The Associated Press paraphrased John Ashcroft’s spokeswoman, Barbara Comstock explaining “The idea is to organize information from people whose jobs take them throughout neighborhoods, along the coasts and highways and on public transit.” The ACLU criticized the idea saying it would only encourage vigilantism.

The concept is frightening, no doubt, for the reasons the ACLU feared. I can’t help but shake my head in disgust on this one. Where have we seen this before? It’s no new idea. Files show that the East German Secret Police, at the height of it’s power, had paid around fifty percent of it’s own citizens to spy on one another. The move created distrust and paranoia for obvious reasons. TIPS is an outright blow against the potential for the mutual accountability of healthy communities, not gods, rulers or monoliths.

Are we paralyzed by fear? TIPS was introduced last January as part of plans for a Citizen Corps. Most showed no resistance to the idea then. Do we really believe that these inventions will protect us from terrorism? To my understanding, terrorism’s goal is to create anxiety by inducing fear and intimidating individuals and human populations. Apparently, many of us are effectively terrorized. While the Bush Administration and it’s groupies point their fingers in all directions, and

at any person in the US with brown skin who isn’t avidly patriotic; I can’t help but wonder how much of our anxiety is created by the US government and media. How much distrust of our neighbors, locally and politically, has infected our minds?

Michelle Stewart outlined some current events in our last editorial, the officer assault of a young man in Inglewood, George W. Bush condoning corporations for their misdeeds and calling for stiffer penalties for those “caught,” and a woman in San Jose who attacked a man of Arab decent. She notes that we would be blind to ignore connections between each, “there is the implicit link; all of these incidents happen in an environment ripe with apathy.” Is apathy a symptom of intimidation? What is the cure for apathy? Will it be something as Orwellian as Operation TIPS in our city, in Santa Cruz or Watsonville, is that what it will take? Tom Ridge, Chief of Homeland Security, was quoted by the Associated Press, saying, “There’s a big difference between being vigilant and being a vigilante. We just want people to use their common sense.” How can such a speculation be made by an institution that undermines your common sense in every imaginable way and grates away any shred of faith we have in one another? I fear that when it comes to common sense, seventy-five percent of the US population is developmentally disabled.

I don’t always know who’s got my back. I find myself wondering if the friendly hippy kid on Pacific Avenue

asking me if I know where he can score isn’t wired. Sadly, my suspicions prove more valid daily. Especially when the Department of Homeland Security calls for ten million volunteers in ten unspecified cities to essentially be a constant reminder that you could be tagged for any “suspicious activity.” Whatever their intentions are, the idea of “suspicious activity” is still up for interpretation in my book.

The goal is to implement the Operation in August of 2002. Now it’s in our faces. The question is: will you do nothing and let political officials make decisions for you?

I take solace in the knowledge that there is active resistance worldwide to countless manifestations of bullying, at this very moment. Even here in Salinas, Watsonville and Santa Cruz tenants are refusing to be complacent by either paying ridiculous rent increases or vacate their homes. In Mexico City farmers took up machetes and hostages under the threat of losing their land to a new airport. Many Palestinians refuse to pack up and leave even with Israeli tanks flattening their homes. It’s horrible that people who are just trying to live their lives have to deal with this. Still, we can look to these movements and individuals and know that we are not alone in outright resisting any decision that would force us to compromise the health and strength of our community along with our personal sense of peace, and I’d like to believe that we would.

I’ve got your back if you’ve got mine.

Halie Johnson

Local Mutterings

What follows is the correspondence Fhar shared with Mark Primack last week after the City Council member referred to a previous Alarm! article out of context. In the interest of public disclosure (or at least a good chuckle) we thought we would share their mutterings with you...

Mr. Primack,

Earlier today, I note that you cited the first installment of my “Transience in Santa Cruz” series to justify pushing through downtown ordinances before many students and vacationers return to Santa Cruz. I was initially worried about this vulnerability in my piece, so I’d like to take the opportunity now to set the record straight.

For the benefit of those members of the public who were not there or who were not “tuned in”, literally or figuratively, I’ll repeat my understanding of the statements made in Council session earlier this evening (Monday, July 15, 2002) which were devoted to the first reading of new and revised ordinances being proposed by the Porter-Reilly Downtown Issues Committee. First, Mr. Primack made note of the claims in my first article that transience has been with us in Santa Cruz since the days of the Ohlone, and that students and tourists are our present-day transients. He uses this as his point of departure to justify swift action on downtown ordinances: “I don’t think it’s appropriate to suggest that the City Council of Santa Cruz go on recess for four months while the university is on vacation. We have year-round business and we need to address it when it becomes important for us to address it. I don’t think anybody here is looking to avoid the criti-

cism of students. This is a time when it’s important for us to address the issues and this is when we’re addressing them.”

Primack then quickly proceeds from this dubious progression of logic to his ultimate point, “I can support the ordinances as they stand right now [in the Porter-Reilly (or should I say Wilson-Barisone?) proposal].”

Mr. Primack, your comments would tend to lead one to the conclusion that transience is a natural reality of Santa Cruz culture, or, at least, that my article attempted to naturalize that reality. In fact, my argument was quite the opposite. Whereas at one time Santa Cruz’s transient native tribes moved with the ebb and flow of the natural seasons, student and tourist transience are functions and determinants of seasonally-shifting capitalist economic climates. In fact, my editorial in the previous issue of *The Alarm!* outlined that there is nothing “natural” or “inevitable” about the transience that now plagues Santa Cruz.

The transience of the Ohlone was the transience of coherent and sustainable communities which moved throughout the year from the marshes and beaches to the hills and back. We can only assume that whatever decision-making structure those communities had remained intact despite their transience. The opposite is the case with tourist and student transience. When students leave town during the summer and tourists flood our community, this has a substantial effect on the ability of community members to hold councilmembers accountable for their actions. All the problems attendant to representative governance are exacerbated by

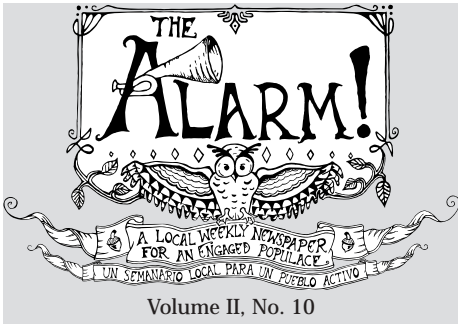
that transience.

While I am tempted to believe that you are not “looking to avoid the criticism of students,” this fails to address the larger systemic issues around transience in Santa Cruz. Regardless of whether we attach agency to any City Council members, City staff, merchants or anyone else, certain individuals and interests are served, systematically, by the departure of the more radical voices of the UCSC student body. You don’t have to try to avoid the criticism of the students in order to benefit from that lack of criticism.

Time and again, we are bombarded with the fact that there is no political will to find alternatives to transience-based economies in Santa Cruz. This is not so much evidence of the inevitability of transience or the infeasibility of its alternatives as it is indicative of the extent to which the interests of the political and economic elite are served by that transience. The insecure labor force and volatile, inflated housing costs encouraged by that transience do nothing to benefit the working class, the unemployed or the homeless, but do plenty to fatten the coffers of business owners and bureaucratic institutions. This inequality becomes no more apparent than in the asinine attempts of the City Council to legislate respect and niceness through the enactment of classist ordinances to be enforced by law enforcement personnel who are, by most accounts, distinctly not-nice and rather disrespectful.

Ultimately, this letter is not addressed to Mr. Primack or any of his cohorts on the City Council. It is primarily addressed to

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To the Editors:

I've been homeless several times (though only briefly each time) in my seventy-two years of life in Amerika, mostly in those times when having uprooted myself or having been uprooted and jobless and placeless meant that I, to those critically observant, was a "bum," "a tramp," a "lost soul," a "hippie;" i.e., an entity entitled (by dress, by unkempt appearance, by smell, by momentary lack of approved and acceptable direction) to not even a second glass of water to chase down a paid-for slice of pie and cup of coffee in, say, a Times Square, USA coffee shop.

But I always bounced back, mainly because the times were different; there was work if one was willing, no matter how menial it felt. However, as the man sang in the '60s, "The times they are a'changin'...., ... well, they've changed, and HOW!

There is very little work to be had in Santa Cruz, unless the struggle to survive daily and nightly with no roof, no job, and very little support (if any) from a well-off community can be considered work. And that job don't pay; or at least, if it does pay minimum wage, the rentlords are waiting with their tongues hanging out to skin you, dead or alive!

Now, the City Council seems close to enacting a street-sweeping campaign of people who come to the downtown area for various reasons. Some do want to beg for money (Nice doggie, that's it, sit up, beg....but don't speak, and don't sit down, at least not there, or there, and definitely not THERE! And no leaning...! Or blocking, or inhibiting, etc.) which in this era is called pan-handling, rather than simply "asking!; some come to play instruments, to provide entertainment, also to acquire something called a donation.

Certain merchants don't like this. All capital is supposed to flow through their doors and into their cars, houses, etc. But what the Councilmembers and the Merchants fail to recognize is that there's a social phenomenon at work here, and a very simple one. People of all types come to this Garden Mall to participate in the most significant of human experiences: TOGETHERNESS. If I were homeless in this town at night and hadn't even the \$7.00 required to view a film, wouldn't I at least be entitled to receive some solace from "hanging out" with my friends and/or family here in the midst of all this human activity, this warmth, this opportunity to participate in what's often been referred to as "The Human Comedy?" So what if I choose to display a sign requesting help in the form of a cash donation, so long as I'm not in your face, jostling you, threatening you? Or does the Council and those

Letters to the Editors

Write to Us!

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- 3) No event announcements or personal ads
- 4) Letters to the editors must be sent "attn: Letters" via post or to letters@the-alarm.com via e-mail (we will assume that if you send letters to these addresses, you want them published—if you have general questions or comments, send them to info@the-alarm.com). We prefer e-mail.
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- 7) Play nice.



it stands up for, the Merchants, lack so much in human compassion that they themselves would never consider joining the throng, but would prefer to continue looking at life with jaundiced eye?

No, the homeless are not the problem. The rude, overly aggressive and obnoxious lawless are the problem, and always will be.

And by the way, hackey-sack is not a sport. It's a spontaneous social event whose participants, from my personal experience, are skillfully aware not to bring harm to anyone.

JIM ROSS
Santa Cruz

Dear Editor:

In 1994, police enforcement of the Sitting Ban against Food Not Bombs produced dozens of arrests, several successful lawsuits and a successful challenge to the law's constitutionality. In the course of a police riot on May 11, 1994, police broke the ribs of one man and produced a miscarriage by a baton blow across the abdomen. Then-Mayor Scott Kennedy took no known disciplinary action against the officers involved and pushed through the Rotkin-Matthews Revised Sitting Ban, which is still on the books and bans sitting down on the sidewalk 10' from an store entrance or window, 4' from a drinking fountain or phone, 50' from an ATM or cash-dispensing machine.

Here we are again with more bad laws.

In spite of Kennedy's denials, the 1994 ordinances and the new ones target homeless people, not bad behavior--unless looking homeless and sitting near a shop is "bad behavior". It's homeless people that have the most need of public sidewalks, can't afford cafe lattes and \$8 movie tickets, and for safety reasons often go to well-lighted public areas. Truly bad behavior like assault, shoplifting, van-

dalism (as distinguished from erasable chalk use on the sidewalk), purse-snatching, and drug sales to minors are already illegal.

In fact, they expand the "no political tabling and no street performing" zone ("non-commercial displays") from the current 6' from an entrance to 14' from an entrance, street corner, bench, drinking fountain, kiosk, outdoor cafe, or telephone. That eliminates most of Pacific and leaves even less space in other commercial districts where the sidewalks are narrower.

What we really need is to continue Reilly-Porter community dialogue. Instead we have a police crackdown. Food Not Bombs client Norman Friedberg is still in jail on \$50,000 bail because a police officer demanded he take a ticket for dropping breadcrumbs on the sidewalk to feed the pigeons. Street musicians are leaving Pacific Avenue. Political activists face phony charges for chalking with erasable chalk and tabling ("blocking the sidewalk").

Since City Council's police department won't back off, the community needs to organize.

JOHN THIELKING
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Dear Editor(s):

I am writing to ask of you to examine your back cover. Your paper seems to spend a lot of time talking about the needs of the community or the need to invest in the community...then this back cover?!

Your back cover gives FREE advertisiting to some of the biggest corporations infesting Santa Cruz. You can not be righteous when you tell us to go to Taco Bell or Jack in the Box to buy your paper. List the street, or find better locations.

JACKIE FLANDER
Scotts Valley

To the Alarm:

Has anyone seen City Council act so quickly? Candi Jackson of Jackson's Shoes privately circulated a petition to criminalize street vendors & peaceful panhandlers, increase the forbidden zone for homeless sidewalk sitters, and ban hackeysackers.

On June 25 "Candi's Council" rushed to create the Porter-Reilly committee and at the same time rubber-stamped a police crackdown against the "bums" downtown that merchants blame their economic troubles on.

Krohn and Sugar warned on June 25th that one week was not enough time to thrash out meaningful solutions to long-standing problems, much less propose them in legal form. Reilly and Porter—with their eyes on the August recess (and perhaps the November elections)—sped ahead with "special meetings." Reilly swore she just wanted to do "one or two things". She lied.

The five new Downtown Ordinances she came back with vastly shrink the public space for poor people downtown. Police jumped on board to criminalize street performers and political activists and deputize CSO's and "hosts" to give warnings.

Held without 72-hour notice, her Downtown Problems Committee held two packed meetings (June 28, July 1) in a whirlwind 6 days. The main issue that came up at the two Downtown Problems Committee meetings was "police harassment and selective enforcement of stupid laws". Not part of Reilly-Porter prefabricated agenda, the issue was buried.

Instead on July 9th, Reilly and Porter presented a police recommendation, falsely advertised as the result of their "public Committee hearings". Council unanimously called for another rushed special meeting in six days. The City Attorney was directed to draw up ordinances severely restricting sitting on the sidewalk, silent panhandling (holding up a sign), political tabling, and street performing as well as other laws banning hackeysacking and leaning against a building. The police proposals were rubberstamped to the comma.

Six days later at a highly unusual daytime Monday meeting at 1 p.m. on July 15th, public comment time was severely reduced from three minutes for individuals and five minutes for groups to two minutes and one minute respectively. In the end, Council voted to rubberstamp a second time the exact same proposals NO changes.

Sincerely,
ROBERT NORSE
423-4833

all of you out there who find yourselves consistently under the thumbs of bosses, landlords and law enforcement or immigration agents. All of you who at one time or another, including now, have thought about leaving town for greener (or lower-rent) pastures. All of you who have found the experience of trying to make a home here too burdensome for it to be worth it. All of you who are sick of having friends, comrades and loved-ones leave you—whether temporarily or permanently—on an annual basis. THIS IS NOT INEVITABLE. SANTA CRUZ DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. And the more of you who leave, the harder it is for the rest of us to make this town a place worth making a home out of. Please, don't go!

Fhar Miess

These views are my own only and should not be taken to represent those of any other Alarm! Newspaper collective members or the collective as a whole.

The Reply:

Dear Fhar Miess,

I am sorry for any negative interpretation my reference to your article may have aroused. I had received that article a day or so before the meeting, and though I had not yet had time to read it in its entirety, the first paragraph or two had gotten me thinking. I referred to it during our televised council meeting as much to give *Alarm!* a free plug as to preface my comments. I never did speak to the conclusions you reached, nor did I imply that

the article in any way supported my conclusions. I was simply impressed that you were attempting to address the issue of transience on a holistic level that I had not seen attempted before. I meant to, and still do, salute you for that effort, which was obviously well researched and considered. Would I still have mentioned *Alarm!* had I read the entire article? Probably, though I obviously disagree with some of your leaps to conclusions. I do however look forward to reading the next installment, and would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience. I appreciate the introduction of critical thinking and research to what passes for political discourse in Santa Cruz. Good luck with *Alarm!*

Mark Primack

Sick of hearing
rants about
downtown issues
from the usual
suspects and
nothing else?

Then
write us!

Local News

These are the changes to downtown ordinances proposed by Councilmembers Porter and Reilly, with the assistance of City staff. Stricken language has a line drawn through it and added language is underlined. Ordinances marked with an asterisk (*) were either introduced or ammended during the last sweeping changes to downtown ordinances in 1994.

Santa Cruz Municipal Code 9.10.010(a) would be ammended to read, in part:

"Solicitation" means any verbal or non-verbal request made in person seeking an immediate donation of money, food, cigarettes or items of value. Purchase of an item for an amount far exceeding its value, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the purchase is in substance a donation, is a donation for the purpose of this chapter. ~~A person is not soliciting, for the purpose of this chapter, when he or she passively displays a sign or gives any other indication that he or she is seeking donations, and where he or she does not address his or her solicitation to any specific person, as opposed to a group of persons, other than in response to an inquiry by that person.~~

This would have the effect of broadening the definition of "solicitation" to include both verbal and non-verbal requests for donations. It would encompass any sort of political tabling where a donation can is present.

* Santa Cruz Municipal Code 9.10.030 would be ammended to read: Any person who solicits in any of the following places, or any person who solicits when the person solicited is in any of the following places, is guilty of an infraction:

- (a) At any bus stop;
- (b) In any public transportation vehicle or facility;
- (c) In any vehicle on the street;
- (d) On private property, unless the solicitor has permission from the owner or tenant;
- (e) Within ~~ten~~fourteen feet of any entranceway into or exit from any building open to the public other than those referenced in subsection (f). Where any such entranceway or exit is recessed from the public sidewalk, the fourteen feet shall be measured from the point at which the building abuts the sidewalk;
- (f) Within fifty feet of any bank, savings and loan, or other financial institution buildings, including their outdoor automatic teller machines;
- (g) In the parking lot of any bank, savings and loan, or other financial institution;
- (h) Within fifty feet of all cash disbursal machines, outdoor vending machines, outdoor money changing machines, or any other outdoor machine or device which disburses or accepts coins or paper currency, except parking meters and newspaper vending machines;
- (i) Within ~~six~~fourteen feet of the face of any building not otherwise specifically referenced in this section or within ~~six~~fourteen feet of any fence or other structure separating private property from the public right-of-way, other than cyclone fences between vacant lots and the public right of way;
- (j) While seated on or leaning against any public bench, planter, monument or other public property;
- (k) While seated on or leaning against privately owned property without the property owner's consent.
- (l) Within fourteen feet of any crosswalk.

Changes in this ordinance would prohibit panhandling and political tabling where a donation can is present on all or almost all of Pacific Avenue. Note that the fourteen-foot limitation covers not just the soliciter, but the solicited, which in effect means that no sign can be readable from the designated area. Borders Books & Music has mentioned plans to install an ATM in their store so as to eliminate such "solicitation" anywhere near their store.

* Section 9.50.012 would be ammended to read as follows: In the C-C community commercial, C-N neighborhood commercial, C-B commercial beach, CBD central business district, and R-T tourist residential zoning districts, no person shall sit upon the following enumerated portions of a public sidewalk:

- (a) Within ~~ten~~fourteen feet of any entranceway into or exit from a building;
- (b) Within ~~ten~~fourteen feet of any building window;
- (c) Within ~~four~~teen feet of any drinking fountain or public telephone;
- (d) Within fifty feet of any cash disbursal machine, outdoor vending machine, outdoor money-changing machine, or any other outdoor machine or device which disburses or accepts coins or paper currency, except parking meters and newspaper vending machines.
- (e) Within fourteen feet of any open air dining area or café extension.

Where sitting on sidewalks downtown and in other commercial zones is already severely restricted, those restrictions are now being expanded. Sitting on sidewalks is now prohibited on all of the west side of Pacific Avenue and the vast majority of the east side.

Council seeks to ordain 'niceness'

By FHAR MIESS
The Alarm! Newspaper Collective

The Santa Cruz City Council voted Monday evening to approve the first reading of new downtown ordinances brought to the decision-making body by Ed Porter and Emily Reilly, under the guidance of City Staff. New or revised City Municipal Codes must go through two public readings before being passed into law by the council.

The ordinances (see sidebar) are designed to help the City, merchants and law enforcement deal with perceived increases in behavior they call "anti-social."

Council member Keith Sugar, who, together with Mayor Christopher Krohn, voted against approval of the reading, interrogated Police Chief Steve Belcher's presentation of figures detailing "Calls for Service" in the downtown area. "Calls for Service" is the term used by the Police Department to indicate the number of incidents regarding which police officers took action. Sugar suggested that Belcher come back with comparative figures from before the 1994 enactment of many of the ordinances which are now being expanded in the proposal before the council. "If these ordinances have worked in the past," he said, "I'd be much more disposed to vote for them than if in fact they have a track record of being ineffective.... Sound decision-making requires that we have some understanding of the results before we go ahead and do it again."

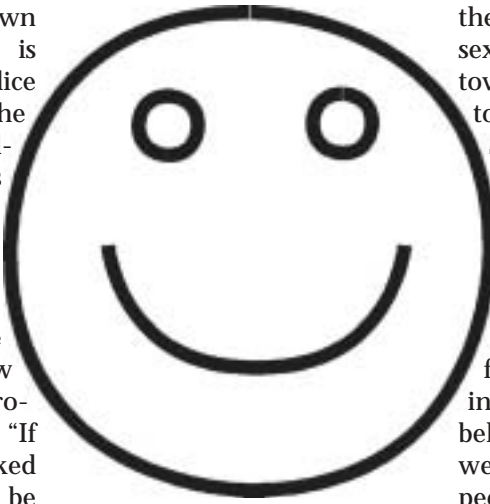
Belcher expressed the difficulty of producing such comparison data. Data from Public Works on the amount of space which would be restricted to non-sanctioned, commercial and non-commercial users of Pacific Avenue due to the ordinances was similarly ambiguous or



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Ed Porter and Scott Kennedy confer during Council session

unavailable. Those data that were available were widely contested by members of the public who spoke before the council. In general, according to UC Santa Cruz student Harmony Reppond, "the statistics are really soft" in support of the argument that there is increased "anti-social behavior" in the downtown area.



Some who spoke to the council, such as Charles Marshall, who identified himself as a 73-year-old resident of Pacific Avenue, a father and grandfather, and a Korean War Veteran, expressed dismay at the squeamishness of some who complain about those who populate the sidewalks of Pacific Avenue. "I must live in a different world than some of the people who've spoken to you [about their fear of going downtown] because my view is completely different."

Reppond drew attention to the classist nature of the

proposed ordinances. "Just because someone is walking down the street and they feel a certain way about the way someone looks and that invokes some sort of physiological response of being scared, that doesn't necessarily mean that they're going to be attacked," she said.

She also took exception to the way in which the reality of sexual harassment on downtown streets is being used to justify these ordinances. She claimed that she was recently sexually harassed twice in the space of two blocks downtown, once by a person in a car and then again by a man in a business suit. If we are to focus on legislating against intimidating and harassing behavior, she said, "I think we're focussing on the wrong people."

Activists, for their part, suggested that civil disobedience would very likely follow any ultimate passage of these ordinances.

Reminiscent of events in 1994 when activists staged a sidewalk sit-in after the council banned sitting on sidewalks in the downtown commercial area, a group calling itself "Areola Rebel Forces" is planning a "lean-in" on July 23 from 3pm to 6pm at City Hall. The name of the event makes reference to a proposed ordinance which would ban leaning against buildings.

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trabajadores se extiende a otros sectores, como es la agricultura. También llamó a que la gente se organize para que en el futuro la ciudad exija a los grandes comercios que vengan a Watsonville, pagar un sueldo justo a sus empleados.

"[La ordenanza] parece imposible pero ya se puede hacer, ya se logró en Santa Cruz," dijo Díaz.

El último ponente, Frank Bardacke, escritor y maestro de la escuela para adultos, dijo que en el Valle de Pájaro la industria de la agricultura emplea entre 10 y 15 mil trabajadores y tiene ganancias de 500 millones de dólares al año. Sin

embargo, explicó, los grandes agricultores pagan muy poco a sus trabajadores y además no pagan impuestos a la ciudad.

Según Bardake, aunque la ordenanza para un sueldo justo no beneficia directamente a los trabajadores del campo, éstos pueden usarla para demandar a sus patrones mejores salarios. Según Bardake, la ordenanza daría un ejemplo claro de como la gente de la ciudad puede cambiar la economía en lugar de simplemente ser víctima de ella.

Los ponentes predijeron que los empresarios de las grandes compañías se opondrían a la ordenanza. Sin embargo el coordinador de la Coalición

para un Sueldo Justo Arturo López, quien puso como ejemplo a seguir la unidad exhibida por los campesinos mexicanos de San Salvador Atenco, dijo que las grandes compañías no tienen autoridad moral para negar salarios justos. "No estamos pidiendo limosnas, estamos pidiendo lo que es nuestro," dijo López.

La Coalición para un Sueldo Justo invita al público a apoyar la ordenanza en la sesión del Concilio de Watsonville que se celebrará el 23 de julio a las 6:30pm. Para más información favor de comunicarse con Arturo López al 724-0211.

Local News

Rent Strike! ¡Inquilinos toman las calles!



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Más que cincuenta inquilinos de lo largo del Condado de Santa Cruz protestaron el viernes 12 de julio por las malas condiciones del alojamiento y los incrementos del alquiler en las propiedades de Praven Patel.. La manifestación, organizada por el Centro de Abogancia de la Comunidad (CCA), tuvo lugar en frente de los apartamentos Guest House Pacific Inn of Santa Cruz propiedad de Patel, e incluyó también a inquilinos de otros apartamentos del mismo propietario en Watsonville y Salinas.

Los manifestantes, quienes demandaban negociar el alquiler con una mediación, llevaron pancartas que proclamaban, “Tenemos dignidad, queremos hogares con dignidad,” y “Somos trabajadores del campo, trabajamos para el alquiler.”

Según Jesús Fernández, organizador del CCA, el noviembre pasado Patel incrementó el alquiler para un apartamento de dos cuartos desde \$900 hasta \$1400. Los inquilinos organizaron y se rehusaron a pagar el incremento.

La mayoría de los inquilinos pertenecen a familias de trabajadores, y muchos son trabajadores del campo. Fernández explicó que mientras la renta ha subido, los sueldos no han cambiado y añadió que los apartamentos tienen ventanas rotas, mala tubería, agujeros en las paredes, y cucarachas.

Al final de la manifestación, los organizadores anunciaron que Patel aceptó tener una reunión preliminar con los organizadores del CCA el lunes 15 de julio en Watsonville.

Refusing to pay rent increases, tenants issued 30-day eviction notices By Robin Schuett-Hames

On Friday, July 12, more than fifty tenants from throughout Santa Cruz County held a demonstration against Landlord Praven Patel for poor housing conditions and rent increases. The protest, organized by the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA), was held in front of Patel’s Guest House Pacific Inn in Santa Cruz and included tenants from Patel’s apartments in Watsonville and Salinas.

The protesters, who are demanding mediated rent negotiations with Patel, carried signs proclaiming, “We have dignity, we need housing with dignity,” and “We are farm-workers, we work for our rent.”

According to CCA organizer Jesús Fernández, Patel raised the rent last November for two bedroom apartments from \$900 to as much as \$1400. The tenants then organized and refused to pay the rent increase.

Most of the tenants belong to working families, many of them farm-workers. Fernández explained that while rents have gone up, wages have not. Fernández added that the properties also have broken windows, bad plumbing, holes in the walls, and cockroaches.

As the demonstration ended, organizers announced that Patel agreed to a preliminary meeting with representatives from the CCA on Monday, July 15 in Watsonville.

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Plain and simple. We’ve been very up-front, right from the gate, that the purpose of these ordinances is to cause workers to explore union organizing for themselves, and, in the meantime, raise the standard for a whole community.”

“It is a fear that a lot of employers have that workers will stand up and take power for themselves and their co-workers,” she said.

As evidence, Hochman cites the example of two groups of workers—totalling about 100 in number—which gained union recognition either during or immediately after the passage of the living wage

ordinance in the City of Santa Cruz. The workers were all employed by a non-profit contractor to the City.

“Ultimately, it’s really all about workers being able to negotiate their own contracts, because anybody can repeal a wage measure—the really important thing is for workers to be able to do it for themselves,” Hochman told the assembly.

To urge the Watsonville City Council to pass the living wage ordinance, the Coalition for a Living Wage encourages members of the public to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30pm in the Watsonville City

Council Chambers (250 Union St., Watsonville). Contact Arturo Lopez or Sandy Brown at the Coalition for a Living Wage for more information, 724-0211.



* Section 9.50.020 would be amended to read as follows:
No person, after having been notified by a law enforcement officer that he or she is in violation of the prohibition in this section, shall [among other things]:
(d) In the C-C community commercial, C-N neighborhood commercial, C-B commercial beach, CBD central business, and R-T tourist residential zoning districts, intentionally throw, discharge, launch or spill any solid object (including but not limited to footballs, hackysacks, baseballs, beach balls, Frisbees, or other similar devices) or liquid substance or otherwise cause any object or substance to be thrown, discharged, launched, spilled or to become airborne.

This rather convoluted piece of legislation would outlaw not only hackeysacking, but also bubble-blowing in commercial districts in Santa Cruz. It would also outlaw pouring drinks from one person’s cup to another and accidentally spitting or drueling in the midst of conversation. The likelihood of the selective enforcement of this ordinance is quite high.

Section 9.60.010 (c) would be amended to read:
“No person, without permission, express or implied, of the owner, lessee, or other person in charge of business premises, shall lean against any business front after having been notified by the owner, lessee, or other person in charge thereof to keep off or to keep away there from. Said owner, lessee, or other person in charge may authorize Downtown Hosts or public officers to provide the notification called for in this subsection by filing a letter of authorization with the Police Department.”

This is purportedly meant to prevent the “quantlet effect” of unsavory types surrounding innocent shoppers and tourists, This section also gives merchants and management the power to officially sanction selective enforcement of the law to target “undesireables”.

* Section 5.43.020 would be amended to read as follows:
(1) In order to assure safe, orderly and adequate public access and pedestrian traffic on city streets and sidewalks, no display device shall be placed, nor shall any noncommercial use take place, in any of the following locations in the C-C Community Commercial; C-N Neighborhood Commercial; C-B Commercial Beach; CBD Central business District and R-T Tourist Residential zone districts:
(a) Within ~~six~~fourteen feet of any building entrance or fence or other structure separating private property from the public right-of-way other than cyclone fences between vacant lots and the public right-of-way, or ~~six~~fourteen feet directly in front of any window;
(b) Within ~~ten~~fourteen feet of any street corner or intersection;
(c) Within ~~six~~fourteen feet of any kiosk or mid-block crosswalk;
(d) Within ~~four~~teen feet of any drinking fountain, public telephone or bench;
(e) Within any portion of the sidewalk between the license-area limit line of any sidewalk café or other open-air eating establishment and the curb of the sidewalk and in no other location within ~~ten~~fourteen feet of any such license-area limit line; or
(f) Within ~~six~~fourteen feet of any vending cart.
(2) No person shall be cited under this section unless he or she has first been notified by a ~~law enforcement officer~~public officer or Downtown Host that he or she is in violation of the prohibition in this section, and thereafter continues the violation.

This ordinance targets those artists who sell their wares on Pacific Avenue. Interestingly, it also enlists non-law-enforcement personnel as arbiters of the law.

Section 15.32.010 would be amended to read as follows:
(a) No person shall place or park any vehicle or object on any public street, sidewalk, roadway, pedestrian way, or bicycle path in the city of Santa Cruz, where placement of such vehicle or object constitutes a hazard to traffic or pedestrians or any obstruction to the free movement of traffic ~~or pedestrians under either or pedestrians of the following circumstances:~~
(1) ~~When such person does so with the intent that such vehicle or object remain in such a place for an unreasonable or substantial period of time; or~~
(2) ~~When such person thereafter knowingly permits such vehicle or object to remain in such place for an unreasonable or substantial period of time.~~
(b) ~~Any period of time which is likely to result in, or which does result in, more than a trivial hazard or obstruction shall constitute an unreasonable or substantial period of time.~~
(b) Any personal property including but not limited to backpacks, boxes, luggage, or devices used to transport personal property, which is left unattended on a public sidewalk or other pedestrian way shall be deemed lost or unclaimed property for purposes of Chapter 2.24, taken into custody by the City and disposed of in accordance with the procedures delineated in Chapter 2.24.

The Porter-Reilly proposal strikes the neutral language of this ordinance in favor of language which specifically targets objects most likely to be carried by those who are homeless and transient.

Regional

An old ghost haunts the Pacific coast

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of the DFG and the USCG allows for the DFG to access federal funds that the USCG can allocate through the Federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (set aside to respond to oil spills). According to Dana Michaels, Public Affairs Officer for the OSRP, OWCC management is a joint venture undertaken by the OSRP, UC Davis and International Bird Rescue Center.

The Five Sites for Rehabilitation in California

The Cordelia site is one of five in the State of California. The others are located in Arcata (run by Humboldt State University), Santa Cruz (run by UCSC's Dr. David Jessup), San Pedro (run by the LA Unified School District), and San Diego (run by Seaworld). When an incident occurs, clean-up workers and volunteers take the affected wildlife to the nearest site for care. According to Michaels, with only five stations for all of California, volunteers are relied on heavily for transport and rehabilitation work. "When they [affected wildlife] are collected by local members, they search for wildlife with their volunteers and transport them to a local center," said Michaels.

In Santa Cruz, The Native Animal Rescue is one of the major organizations that assists in the wake of an oil spill. "We have a local rehab center, and always need phone dispatchers and drivers. We need people everywhere to assist us," states T'an Mirabella of the Native Animal Rescue. "People can call us 24-7. We will take them [calls about animals] all night. We're never closed."

The Mystery Revealed

Until November of last year, OSRP was forced to label many of the spills in California as "mysteries" if a match between oil taken from affected wildlife and vessel traffic could not be made. Michaels commented that the names were often simply region references. "We had a Point Reyes 1 and 2, or a Point Reyes 1997 or 1998," said Michaels. With little to go on, the OSRP simply generated names that referenced the geographical area between Point Reyes and the San Mateo coastline that was affected by the oil. However, on November 23, 2001, the tide changed as chemists with the OSRP made an exact match between an oiled bird and oil from the *Jacob Luckenbach*.

Since then, OSRP oil chemists have been going through old samples taken from oiled wildlife and linking other "mystery spills" to the *Luckenbach*. According to Michaels, the oldest match to date is from 1992. Since the identification of the *Luckenbach* as a pollutant, nearly 2,100 birds are associated with the vessel's leaking oil.



Photo courtesy of the US Coast Guard

Rehabilitated common murres being released at Crissy Field in San Francisco.

The Affected Species

The sheer number of birds affected by the *Luckenbach* is a significant statistic that stands alone. However, the breakdown of affected species is equally startling. According to the OSRP, the vast majority of birds affected by California spills are common murres. With the *Luckenbach*-associated spills, ninety-three percent of the birds recovered alive and sixty-nine percent of those recovered dead have been murres (data effective from November 24–February 27, 2002). Michaels stated, "we are concerned about them, they get hit hard with spills."

In most spills, birds are the population most heavily affected. Pinnipeds (an classification that includes sea lions and seals) are not generally affected unless oil (and a lot of it) gets into their mouths and eyes. In the case of the Exxon Valdez, many different species were affected because of the enormity of the spill. However, in these incidents along the California coastline, the bird species most commonly found are gulls, murres and pelicans. Although brown pelicans, a federally-listed, endangered species, are being recovered, the population hardest hit appears to be the common murres.

“ So far we haven’t had any luck with tracking anyone with legal ownership ”

The Murre Under Pressure

These deep-diving ocean birds are most affected because of their ecology. They live near and on the ocean, and they must dive for their food. When a spill occurs, the murres' soiled feathers can become a mortal wound because their feathers provide the buoyancy and insulation their bodies need to survive. The murres' normal body temperature is approximately 105 degrees, whereas the average temperature of the Pacific Ocean (in this region) is about fifty-five degrees. When the murres lose their insulation, they can immediately go into shock. "They are just as likely to die of hypothermia as they are from ingesting the oil," points out Dana Michaels of the OSRP. The threat of death is immediate for affected wildlife, which is one of many reasons there is so much infrastructure and coalition work needed to do these types of rescue and response work.

Although the common murre is not a federally-protected species, it may be headed in that direction considering the pressures it is under. One of the concerns of the DFG is the continued effect of the 1986 *Apex Houston* Oil Spill that contaminated the entire central California coastline.

"It sloshed oil all down the central coast," reflected Michaels when recalling the vessel that moved down the coast with one of its hatches open. The result was the total decimation of the Devil's Slide Rock (just south of Pacifica) murre population.

In the wake of the spill, there has been a concerted effort to reintroduce murres to Devil's Slide Rock in the hopes of repopulating this prime habitat. However, those hopes are



Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The *Jacob Luckenbach* before it sunk on July 14, 1953

fading as the effect of continued spills hammers at the population, "*Luckenbach* has been killing off the ones we've returned," concedes Michaels. Her concerns are shared by others. Jay Holcomb, Director of the International Bird Rescue Center, points out, "the spills are effecting both the adults and the young." Holcomb is referring to the time of year; it is nesting season along the coast, and it is time for the chicks to get into the water. As the chicks are taking their first crack at learning to swim and dive, they are being con-

stated Michaels of the OSRP. She believed the matched feather came from the first brown pelican recovered on June 28, the first day affected wildlife appeared and tar balls were found on the beach.

The recovery project began in the last week of May and was expected to conclude in June. However, according to the participating agencies and companies, bad weather has pushed the project back. Recovery workers had to abandon the project because of the high seas. "We can have calm summer weather, but go a few miles off shore and you can have 10–15 foot waves," said Michaels. "The *Luckenbach* is about fifteen miles off the coast, and they had 20–25 foot waves approaching their 400-foot recovery barge."

Initially, the recovery project was scheduled for twenty-eight days. "After twenty-eight days they have to bring in new divers because it is physiologically impossible to use the same divers after those 28 days," said Robert Hughes of the OSRP who works closely with the USCG on the recovery. Hughes speculates, "Oil recovery work on the *Luckenbach* will go on until August."

The cost of recovery and the fact that the recovery has been extended is a frustrating incident for many parties. "The polluter pays" is the policy of the Federal and State agencies, but in the case of the *Luckenbach*, the fact that it sunk nearly a half a century ago makes finding a responsible owner a tricky task. "So far we haven't had any luck with tracking anyone with legal ownership," acknowledges Michaels.

There are frustrations stemming from the coalition of those groups involved in the clean-up efforts. "We hope there is no more oil released and that they extract the rest of the oil in a safe manner as to not effect more birds," commented Jay Holcomb of the IBRC.

Unfortunately, until the ocean is no longer used as a means of commercial transport, wildlife will continue to be under threat. The combination of oil rigs in Southern California, vessel traffic on all the seas and other associated activities leaves both the ocean and its inhabitants at risk. Choices can be made to protect these species and their habitat from jeopardy. However, until such decisions are made, the threat of old ghosts like the *Jacob Luckenbach* are just as menacing as other contemporary forces.

If you would like more information about how to become a volunteer locally contact the Native Animal Rescue at 462-1631.

fronted by a menacing adversary—oil.

This time of year, the males stay with the chick; when they are matured, the male encourages them to leap off of their rocky nesting spots into the water. Once the puffy chicks jump into the water, they can easily succumb to the effects of oil. They have limited abilities in the water, and are dependant on the adult males for food and assistance. When the oil comes in, it overcomes the young and they immediately succumb to the effects of exposure. Worse still, for each successful coupling, only one chick is hatched.

This low reproductive rate is a huge barrier in the recovery of the population after an incident like a spill. The example Holcomb refers to is the Exxon Valdez in which some 30,000 birds were killed, of which sixty-nine percent were common murres. The shock to the population must be accounted for alongside the long-term recovery goals. As seen with Devil's Slide Rock, once the spill is cleaned up and the species is reintroduced, it can continue to face huge challenges.

The Clean-up Causes a Mess

What is most frustrating then, is that this most recent spill in Pacifica is the result of trying to clean-up the *Luckenbach*. Since last month, the USCG in conjunction with the OSRP has been conducting an oil extraction from the *Luckenbach*. However, as the contracting agency, Titan Maritime Inc., goes about the tedious task of extraction, some of the oil appears to have leaked out and created the incident in Pacifica. "They matched an oiled feather of a brown pelican to the *Luckenbach*,"

International/Internacional

Ejidatarios protestan contra aeropuerto

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Protestando el despojo de sus tierras por el gobierno mexicano para la construcción un nuevo aeropuerto internacional de la Ciudad de Mexico, ejidatarios del municipio de San Salvador Atenco se enfrentaron a fuerzas policiales del Estado de México el día 11 de Julio. Los ejidatarios estaban en camino a manifestarse contra un acto del gobernador del Estado de Mexico, Arturo Montiel. Según Luis Martínez, ejidatario de Atenco, “[Montiel] tendió una trampa para justificar una acción policial en nuestra contra.”

De acuerdo a Martínez, el gobierno estatal arrestó a 15 campesinos y otros 14 fueron hospitalizados en calidad de detenidos. Los ejidatarios también informaron que hubieron dos muertos y cinco desaparecidos del movimiento, además de los heridos y detenidos por el gobierno estatal.

En respuesta a la agresión policiaca, dieciseis comunidades cercanas a San Salvador Atenco bloquearon las diferentes carreteras de acceso al poblado. Asimismo, los campesinos quemaron tres tráileres de la empresa Coca-cola y decidieron prenderle fuego a un autobús cada dos horas, hasta que el gobierno estatal libere a sus compañeros detenidos. También retuvieron al subprocurador

El origen del conflicto entre los ejidatarios de San Salvador Atenco y los gobiernos estatal y federal es el decreto presidencial del 22 de octubre de 2001, mediante el cual se declara la expropiación del 73% de los terrenos del municipio en cuestión para la construcción de un nuevo aeropuerto internacional para la zona metropolitana de la ciudad de México. Desde entonces, los ejidatarios de Atenco se han trasladado a la Ciudad de México en múltiples ocasiones para manifestar su inconformidad, y han iniciado un proceso jurídico contra el proyecto.

El decreto establece un pago de tan solo 26 pesos (\$2.50 dólares, aproximadamente) por metro cuadrado (10 pies cuadrados) para terrenos de riego y 7.20 pesos (0.70 dólares) por metro cuadrado para terrenos de temporal. El gobierno federal insistía en que los habitantes del municipio no tenían arraigo por sus propiedades, al tratarse de una comunidad nueva en la cuenca del lago de Texcoco.

El 12 de julio, al día siguiente del enfrentamiento, el presidente Vicente Fox declaró que el proyecto del aeropuerto no se detendría o modificaría. Sin embargo, dos días después, el secretario de gobernación Santiago Creel dijo que no habrá aeropuerto si no se llega a un acuerdo con los ejidatarios y que se estudia la posibilidad de pagarles más por sus terrenos.

Sin embargo, los ejidatarios afectados

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de Texcoco, Andrés Mendiola, junto con otros dos funcionarios de la procuraduría de Justicia y cuatro agentes judiciales. Mendiola se comunicó con sus superiores y les advirtió que “no dejen que entre nadie [a San Andrés], porque si no, me matan.”

Después de que unos dos mil efectivos de la Policía Federal Preventiva rodearan a San Salvador Atenco, y que Santiago Creel, secretario de gobernación, amenazara con usar “mano dura” para resolver el conflicto, el gobierno al parecer cambio sus tácticas ante numerosas manifestaciones de apoyo a los campesinos por parte de diversos sectores de la sociedad civil. Primerero liberó, aunque solo bajo fianza, a los líderes campesinos que se encontraban presos, y después, por primera vez desde el inicio del conflicto, la presidencia acordó celebrar una reunión con los campesinos para poder iniciar un diálogo directo.

dicen tener raíces en el lugar y no querer abandonar sus tierras. “El gobierno debe entender que no queremos más dinero por nuestras tierras, sino que las dejen como están,” dijo Martínez al enterarse de las declaraciones de Creel.

A lo largo del conflicto, los medios de comunicación más grandes en México se han esforzado por atacar los esfuerzos organizativos de los campesinos. En la cobertura de los últimos acontecimientos TV Azteca y Televisa, las dos principales cadenas televisivas, presentaron solamente la versión de los funcionarios gubernamentales. Para justificar su parcialidad, declararon que se les había negado la entrada al pueblo. Sin embargo, según los campesinos de Atenco, cualquier reportero con acreditación, sin importar de que medio se trate, ha tenido acceso al lugar.

Arturo Montiel, gobernador del Estado de México, atribuyó el enfrentamiento “a un grupo ajeno al proyecto del aeropuerto, auspiciado por intereses contrarios al desarrollo del país, que han actuado en forma violenta”. Dijo también que su gobierno “intervino apegado a la ley para mantener en nuestra entidad el estado de derecho.” Montiel no explicó, cuando se le preguntó al respecto, cuales eran esos intereses externos a los que hizo referencia.

Lo cierto es que los campesinos de Atenco reciben apoyo a lo largo del país. Diferentes organizaciones sociales de los



Farmers Protest Airport

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Farmers of the municipality of San Salvador Atenco in Mexico confronted the state police while protesting the loss of their lands to the Mexican Government to build a new International Airport. The farmers were on their way to protest a public event of the Governor of the State of Mexico, Arturo Montiel. Luis Martinez, farmer of Atenco, said, “[Montiel] set a trap to justify using the police against us.”

According to Martinez, the State Government arrested 29 farmers, fourteen of whom were hospitalized. Martinez also said that two farmers were dead and five had disappeared.

In response to the police aggression, sixteen communities nearby San Salvador Atenco blocked the different roads entering the town. In addition, the farmers burned three Coca-Cola delivery buses and said they would burn one bus every two hours until the government freed the farmers that had been arrested or put in detention. They also took the Assistant Attorney of Texcoco, Andres Mendiola, two other officials of the Justice Department, and four federal agents hostage. Mendiola warned his superiors “don’t let anybody enter [San Salvador], because if you do, they’ll kill me.”

After some two thousand Federal Police surrounded San Salvador Atenco, and after Santiago Creel, Secretary of Internal Affairs, threatened to crack down on the farmers to end the conflict, it seems the Mexican Government is changing

its tactics in response to numerous protests by different sectors of civil society in support of the farmers. The government freed the farmers that were jailed, although it only released them on bail. Also, for the first time since the conflict started, the presidency agreed to meet with the farmers to start a direct dialogue.

The conflict between the farmers of San Salvador Atenco and the State and Federal Governments originated with the presidential decree of October 22, 2001. The decree declared the expropriation of seventy-three percent of the municipal land for the construction of a new International Airport to serve the metropolitan area of Mexico City. Since then, the farmers of Atenco have gone to Mexico City on multiple occasions to express their dissatisfaction, and have also started a juridical process against the project.

The decree establishes a payment of only 26 pesos (approximately US\$2.50) per square meter (ten square feet) of irrigated land and 7.20 pesos (US\$0.70) per square meter of non-irrigated. The Federal Government insisted that the farming community, near the lake of Texcoco, had not spent enough time on their properties to establish legal residency.

On July 12, a day after the confrontation with the police President Vicente Fox declared the airport project would not be changed nor stopped. However, only two days later, Secretary of Internal Affairs Santiago Creel said that there would be no airport built if an agreement was not reached with the farmers. He also added that the Government is looking at ways in which the farmers

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estados de Oaxaca, Yucatán, Guerrero y Michoacán, así como el sindicato de los trabajadores de la llantera Euzkadi y el frente popular Francisco Villa emprendieron una movilización hacia Atenco y anunciaron el cierre de autopistas en sus estados. Los ejidatarios también son acompañados en sus protestas por un grupo de estudiantes y profesores de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), y por miembros del Frente Zapatista de Liberación Nacional (FZLN) y del Frente Popular Revolucionario.

Ignacio del Valle, uno de los líderes arrestados en la manifestación del 11 de julio, dijo en entrevista a *La Jornada* que el movimiento recibe tanto apoyo por la justeza de sus demandas y por ser un claro ejemplo de como un modo de vida esta en peligro de extinción. “El concepto de globalización ha pegado muy fuerte. El sistema ya no oculta lo que trae detrás. Dice abiertamente ‘te quito tu tierra y te exploto.’ Los campesinos no somos otra cosa que mano de obra barata, ni a quien se le ocurra impulsar el campo.”



Retrospect

“Gypsy Kids”

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This week’s column was inspired by a single phrase in the *Metro Santa Cruz*, July 3–10 “Reality Check” issue. The lead article of that issue was an attempt to “put some overdue perspective on the controversy over safety in downtown Santa Cruz.” In last week’s issue of *The Alarm!*, writer Manuel Schwab revealed some of the problems with this “perspective.” Whatever the general problems with the *Metro* article, what struck me was the author, Sarah Phelan’s, use of the phrase “gypsy kids” to describe the young folks who hang out and panhandle on the mall. The term appears in the article in quotes, but there is no attribution for the quote. These scare quotes suggest that the phrase “gypsy kids” is one in common use, and that the author is merely reproducing it for the sake of the article, putting it in quotes so as to distance herself from the phrase.

Now, I have heard these kids called many things—hippies, dirties, street scum and derelicts—but never “gypsy kids.” It seems odd to me that a term that Phelan evidently finds common is not just one my friends and I do not personally use, but one that I have never heard applied to the downtown kids. Admittedly, I have only lived in Santa Cruz for twelve years, and perhaps “gypsy kids” is a phrase in use in a social circle I have no access to. Still, I would argue that “gypsy kids” is not an everyday phrase, a fact that makes Phelan’s unattributed quote troublesome.

Let us take a moment to consider both general and local history of “Gypsies.” According to the dictionary, the term “gypsy” is a corruption of “Egyptian.” Legend has it that when the Romany people—in their vast diaspora from their origins in India—came to Western Europe, they tried to thwart prejudice by presenting themselves as displaced and persecuted Egyptian Christians. The self-proclaimed false origin metamorphosed into what, for many years, was the common term for the Romany. However, in recent years, the term Gypsy, with its load of prejudicial garbage—the image of the fortune-telling, horse-thieving, pick-pocketing con artist—has fallen out of polite use. “Gyp,” meaning to swindle or defraud, is a term to be avoided, and is as offensive as using the phrase “jew” to mean beat down in price (a term even my 1967 Random House Dictionary recognizes as disparaging). Applying the term “gypsy kids” to the downtown panhandlers is thus doubly offensive: it

reinforces negative stereotypes about “Gypsies,” and then applies the full force of these stereotypes to another unrelated group. Phelan’s decision to use this phrase, which if it is in use at all is certainly not the most common term applied to downtown loiterers, is mystifying.

Or, perhaps, it is not mystifying at all. As is my habit, when I started considering the problems of downtown Santa Cruz, I turned to old newspapers to see if the current hysteria about the mall was really anything new. There, among references to an 1894 shootout on Pacific Avenue and articles about vagrancy, juvenile crime, vandalism, dog-stealing, prostitution, bootlegging and Tong wars, I found references to “Gypsies” on the Central Coast. Focusing on articles from the 1920s in the *Santa Cruz Evening News*, I found references to the “Gypsies” as “Unwelcome Guests” (October 11, 1922), and “Unwelcome Visitors” (March 8, 1923). The paper documented police efforts to “corral” the “[t]en automobile loads of Gypsies,” who had arrived in Salinas “and proceeded to take the town by storm” (October 11, 1922). Another article talked about “phrenologists” setting up shop on Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz, where they “will be allowed to remain if it is found they are not violating any section of the city ordinance pertaining to fortune telling” (March 8, 1923).

A different article told of a less forgiving attitude: “The local police officers are under instructions to order all nomads of this character out of the city upon their appearance on the streets” (January 19, 1923). The physical description of the “unwelcome guests” is interesting. One article described the “gaudy colored but rather soiled dresses” of the women (October 25, 1922). Another article (October 11, 1922) stated that “men, women and children were included among the nomads and outward appearances indicated that few of them were on friendly terms with a modern bathtub.”

These physical descriptions made me uncomfortable, because they too closely mirrored my own frequent thoughts about the groups of kids downtown. I will still argue that Sarah Phelan’s use of the term “gypsy kids” is unfortunate in multiple ways. But perhaps what is most dismaying to me is the disquieting recognition that, given my own feelings about the panhandlers downtown, and despite my attempts to be a decent non-prejudiced person, it is a phrase I could have come up with myself.

War Notes



A bi-monthly column following the developments of our new permanent war, the war on terrorism

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Iraq

Two days of talks between Iraq and the UN over the resumption of weapons inspections fell through on July 5. Iraq wanted the economic sanctions that have devastated the country to end before the inspectors returned, but the UN, under US pressure, demanded the inspectors must first certify that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction before sanctions can be lifted. The UN was careful to stress that talks are still ongoing. Yet, the Bush administration was quick to condemn Iraq. Even while these talks were going on, the US continued its march to war with Iraq. A detailed Pentagon plan for the invasion of Iraq, leaked to the *New York Times*, called for a massive air and ground attack from several countries—Kuwait, Turkey, Qatar, and Jordan—as well as from the sea.

According to *New York Times* sources, this is only a preliminary plan, and a consensus has not been reached in the Defense Department or in the Bush administration itself. General Tommy Franks, commander of the Central Command which would run such a military operation, has warned that the invasion would require at least 200,000 troops. Franks’ assessment has been criticized by the hawks of the administration who are weary of an attack so dependent on the Army.

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld is known to dislike the Army. He is a proponent of what is known as Revolution in Military Affairs (R.M.A.), a theory which attaches paramount importance to new technology, especially in the Air Force and the Navy, and new systems like National Missile Defense. Rumsfeld’s staff notes that the Army was organized to defend Europe from attack, whereas new threats are going to increasingly come from Asia where the Air Force and Navy will play key roles. Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense, has been very critical of Franks for his supposed excessive and outdated reliance on ground troops. Feith, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and General Wayne Downing, until last week the White House’s deputy national security advisor for fighting terrorism—Downing reportedly resigned due to the lack of action against Iraq; his resignation was called “bad news for the war” by several hawks—all advocate an Afghan-style strategy that would rely on a combination of air strikes and a coalition of Iraqi opposition forces. The Iraqi opposition, however, is notoriously fractured and weak.

Meanwhile, Jordan, named by the plan as a launching pad for the invasion of Iraq, has denied that it would allow such an operation to use its territory. Government spokesman Mohammad Adwan was quoted in the *Jordan Times* as stressing Jordan’s “firm stand on national and pan-Arab issues related to all our brethren in the Arab world, especially in Iraq and Palestine.” Adwan stated that the “only means capable of solving the Iraqi question and ... bringing an end to the suffering of the brotherly Iraqi people” was a dialogue between the UN and Iraq. With only lap-dog Britain on the invasion bandwagon, the US has a long way to go if it intends to build the sort of coalition it did during the last Gulf War.

US as the Defender of Democracy

As Bush’s “you’re with us or you’re against us” doctrine is being put into practice, we can see one of Bush’s first goals is to oust national leaders that are not willing to easily go along with US interests. First we had the attempted coup in Venezuela against democratically elected Hugo Chavez, then Bush called for the ouster of Yasser Arafat—also democratically elected—and now we are moving to knock out Saddam Hussein. Some have cautioned, however, that once Hussein himself becomes a target there is no reason for him to hold back on using any chemical or biological weapons he may have.

China

This week the Pentagon issued a strident report to Congress on the build up of China’s military. The report asserted that the Chinese military budget wasn’t the \$20 billion publicly stated but probably more like \$65 billion a year. (The US budget is \$350 billion and Bush wants it to increase to \$396 billion in the coming year.) China has been modernizing its military forces for years but increased the rate of change since the September 11 attacks. China is fearful of increased US hegemony, especially in Asia.

The Pentagon report states that China seems to be moving away from a strategy of peaceful reunification with Taiwan to a military strategy. This is, of course, in response to a similar US shift in policy from diplomacy to military solutions to international conflicts. China recently bought several Russian submarines capable of blockading Taiwan. In addition, they added two more orders for Russian Sovremenny-class destroyers, which are armed with missiles designed to take out American aircraft carriers (they already operate two such destroyers). The report argues that these ships are being added to the Chinese arsenal to deter the US from intervening in any conflict between China and Taiwan. China is also worried about the build up of US troops in the Philippines and the possibility of a Japanese military build up. A bipartisan congressional commission also came out with a report this last week stating that, as China moves to a more high-tech economy, Chinese imports might eventually “undermine the US defense industrial base.”

Indonesia

Since the beginning of the “war on terrorism,” the US has been hankering to restart military relations with Indonesia. Relations were cut off three years ago after the massacres in East Timor. But the mostly Muslim Indonesia is seen as a key state in the war on terrorism. This week, however, the move to restart military aid to Indonesia was dealt two blows: first, a recent power shift in the military put the head of the Army in command of all three branches of the military. The Army has more ties to Indonesian Muslim fundamentalists than the other branches and it has also been responsible for more human rights abuses. The US wants to see the Navy and Air Force—forces they see as key in the “war on terrorism”—as taking command within the military. Secondly, marshal law was reinstated last week in the province of Aceh, which has been rocked by separatist conflict.

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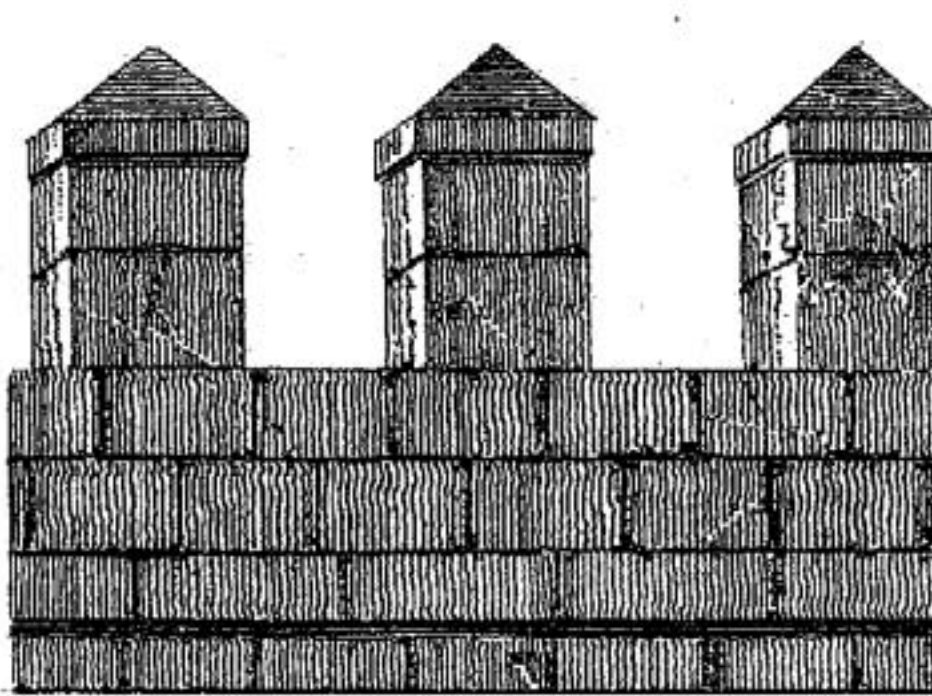


Eye on the INS

A weekly focus on the INS and immigration policy

□ An aging Europe can be found locked in its fortress

By MICHELLE STEWART
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"It is difficult to point to any winner in the Danish election, but the losers are easier to identify. They are all those with dark skin, humanism and decency. Goodnight, Denmark."—Dagens Nyheter, Swedish Daily Paper.

Recently, I have caught myself speculating on the possibilities of the European Economic Community, curious of the ways immigrants are treated there, and how immigration is handled. Here in North America, we bought into NAFTA hook, line, and sinker; however, the only borders it opened up were those associated with capital. NAFTA served the interests of industry as the borders became increasingly porous to goods.

In the past, I assumed that Europe had better will toward immigrants, that the Union was demarcated by both an investment in capital as well as a recognition of the needs of migrating people. That assumption was both naïve and wildly unrealistic. I realize, now, as I look into the various projects the EU has undertaken, that a trade bloc is a trade bloc—it is obligated to trade not people.

It is interesting then to consider Europe, and to look at the issues facing that bloc and how many of its policies and ideologies are common to the US's notion of trade bloc participation. Last month member countries of the EU met in Seville, Spain with the key issue at hand being illegal immigration and how it effects national security—sound familiar?

Tony Blair has recently threatened

to cut "third-world" aid for those countries which don't assist in halting "illegal" immigration. Does this not seem like ridiculous logic? Penalize the impoverished country because its citizens are fleeing (with good reason) in search of a better life. Of course, to actually address this issue correctly, Mr. Blair and many other world leaders would have to face the situations they have caused.

The ripple effect of European colonialism can not be forgotten in many reaches of the world, especially when one considers the fall-out of colonialism and the rise of neo-colonialism. But members of the EU trade bloc do not want to address these matters, since it is much easier to speak poorly of their southern neighbors than it is reconcile the past and present, and attempt to assist them. As it stands, the largest groups of illegal immigrants originate from Ecuador, China and Angola; they most commonly arrive in Madrid, Paris, Dublin and London posing as tourists with forged documents.

In May, the interior ministers (of EU member nations) met in Rome to consider a new plan to create a unified EU border police. One of the more controversial proposals is to fingerprint all incoming immigrants from any nation outside of the EU—sound familiar? Consider the US's new interest in tracking Arab visitors from selected countries, and requiring biometric identification for all new visitors. But back to Europe....

Each nation would share database information and personnel in the

interest of securing the border that surrounds the EU. The policy would heavily affect the airports (the main point of entry for immigrants) and seaports. Of the nations highly interested in this program are France and Italy; those in vocal opposition are Germany and Spain. Consider the above-mentioned cities that receive the most illegal immigrants, and it becomes apparent that the combination of Tony Blair's intolerance of immigrants alongside of France's support for the new border patrol will likely usher in this new policy.

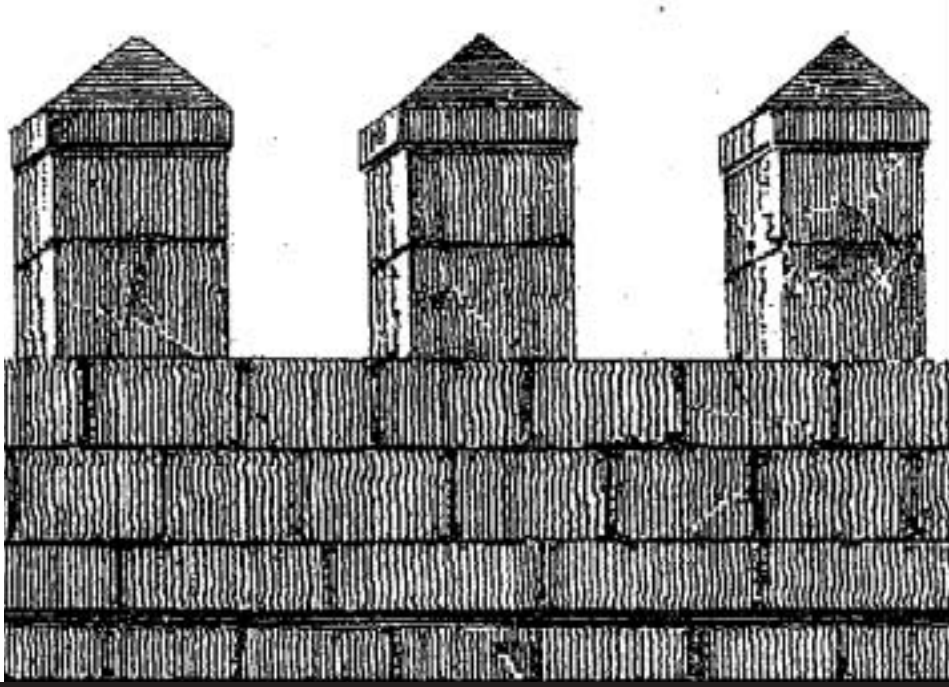
In some nations, the very presence of immigrants has become cause for hysteria. Take for example, Denmark, where a recent election brought "immigration concerns" to the forefront. By the end of the election, the party just right of center was victorious by displacing the Danish Social Democratic Party, ending its nine-year rule. More shocking for some was the popularity and significant showing by the Danish People's Party which came in third in the election boasting a twelve percent support base. Part of the Danish People's Party's platform was to oppose Denmark's participation in the EU and to reduce the rate of immigration. The far-right party somehow found a constituency which strongly believed the claims that Denmark was being over-run with immigrants and that they were affecting the way of life in the country.

One must consider the standard of living and the rate of immigration in Denmark to recognize the significance of this mindset. The reality is that Denmark enjoys one of Europe's lowest unemployment rates, and the

population is such that less than eight percent are foreign-born. So, what is the threat? Or maybe it is not so much a threat, but instead an increasing level of animosity. In a nation such as Denmark, when one considers those above mentioned factors, it becomes clear that the claim that Europe is becoming wholly xenophobic is perhaps merited. It would appear that Denmark, and other nations, face limited threats to their standard of living and instead are concerned with the "color" of their nation-states.

Taking a close look at the politics in Denmark or the ideas of Tony Blair, it becomes clear that there are no shining immigration policies to be found on the other side of the ocean. If we look to trade blocs to solve immigration problems we will have a long and oppressive wait ahead of us, since these blocs only consider people in relation to how they can best serve the labor needs of capital.

In the US, the EU and other trade zones, we are seeing the expansion of a dual border policy; the border is only opening due to the needs of capital, while it becomes increasingly restrictive to immigrants. This then poses an interesting final question: the population of Europe is continuing to fall, and in the next twenty years the elderly population will be over twenty percent of the nation's population—what does this mean? Economists and population experts would both agree that the only way to maintain the workforce population is through immigration. How will this play out in the coming years as an aging Europe needs young, foreign blood?



Undocumented border deaths rise

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At least 70 immigrants died near the U.S.-Mexico border in June—the highest number of border crossers to perish in a one-month period in eight years of tighter border security, Telemundo reports. The number of immigrant deaths usually spikes in the summer months, when temperatures in southwestern U.S. deserts reach peak levels.

The statistics were compiled by the civil rights group Cali-

fornia Rural Legal Assistance. Immigrant advocates blame the U.S. government's eight-year-old Operation Guardian border security plan for shifting immigrants' routes away from cities like El Paso and San Diego and toward harsh and remote deserts while failing to stem the flow of illegal immigration.

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Commentary

Penance and *The Penal Colony*

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This past week, the trials of two men charged with crimes against American citizens came within steps of their conclusion. The details of the trials and the public discussion surrounding their conclusions are saturated with symptoms of the new face of our domestic and foreign policy, which has slowly been emerging as the international alliance against evil begins to cope with the contradictions of the War on Terror.

These trials set civic standards, and regulate the boundaries (between those oppositions of good and evil, moral and immoral, inside and outside, civilian and combatant, terrorist and legitimate combatant, crime and law) that are so crucial to the maintenance of coercive democracy. They are important sites to observe the direction that the political climate of the state is heading, dramatic illustrations of what is expected of us morally, and what immoralities we will be expected to accept.

The defendants in the two trials were in all respects—except the broadest political categories—dissimilar and unrelated. Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, known generally as Sheikh, was condemned on July 15 by a Pakistani judge to die by hanging. The charge was conspiracy to kidnap and murder Jewish-American journalist Daniel Pearl. John Philip Walker Lindh, whose charges revolved around his role as a combatant on the wrong side of our war against the Taliban and Al Qaeda, signed a plea bargain—which is likely to be accepted—that limits his sentence to approximately 20 years.

Lindh is a 21-year-old from an affluent Marin County family who converted to Islam at the age of sixteen. His father was once an employee of the Department of Justice. Sheikh, 38, is from an affluent family of British Muslims. His father owned a successful clothing factory. These are the types of facts that the news media report with such pleasure: the scintillating incongruity of rich Westerners who somehow wander astray and end up in the worst of all possible situations, fighting alongside the fanatics of the third world. This, it seems, is the message that we are to glean from these trials, at least in part.

But clearly the rhetoric about the two men diverges quickly. The proliferation of biographical details that have been uncovered about Lindh are implicitly aimed at explaining his wayward path. He was an avid hip-hop listener, the BBC reports, as though that somehow constitutes some seed that may come to violent fruition. Other sources submit that he was subjected to the propaganda of charismatic leaders. Lindh's transgression is somehow inauthentic, dismissed as the product of indiscretion or negative external influence.

The transgressions of Sheikh, on the other hand, are something we are to believe he carried in his blood. The profiles of Sheikh emphasize his criminal roots as a schoolyard bully, and report that he moved from one fundamentalist mission in adulthood to the next, until he finally met his end in the Pearl killing. Ironically, the Independent reports "the kidnapper made only one mistake, though in hindsight it will be seen as a huge blunder. His ransom notes were written in better English than can be found on the front pages of Pakistan's English-language newspapers."

That ironically impeccable English, however, tells volumes about the work that the two trials are meant to perform on the public consciousness. The difference between the image of Sheikh and Lindh is not, to be fair, entirely far-fetched. Sheikh in fact did have a much more serious commitment to the particular brands of Political Islam that he advocated than did Lindh. But another operative difference between the two men is that they are not, in fact, two rich Westerners of equal stature who wandered astray. Lindh's background (and let this not be misconstrued to undermine the severity of the treatment he is actually receiving) is staunchly American,

and despite the fact that he ventured far outside the boundaries of American behavior, he will be allowed back provided that he suffers through a certain degree of repentance.

The "you're either with us or against us" logic of this war clearly comes with its qualifications. For Sheikh, his status as an insider to the greater western empire is qualified as perpetually contingent by virtue of his race. It will be revoked the moment he crosses that empire's boundaries, as evidenced by the fact that he was not extradited to Britain despite the death sentence he was given by a court not of his country of origin. For Lindh, that qualification is that he can, like the biblical prodigal son, have his status of imperial immunity returned to him: that he can be purified (cleansed of his anti-American transgressions) by penance, bearing in mind that this penance might include torture.

In fact, it was speculated about both cases that the defendants were tortured in the aftermath of their capture. For Sheikh, the fact that he was in Pakistani provisional custody for nearly two-and-a-half months before formal charges were brought against him was ample indication for many observers of his trial that he had a confession literally "beat out of him." As far as Lindh was concerned, we need not speculate on the treatment he was subjected to before he was transferred to federal custody on US soil. It is unclear how many Marines took 'souvenir pictures' of Lindh while he was strapped to a gurney in the belly of a cargo container on the deck of a US ship. No doubt, many of us have seen the pictures of a young man with plastic handcuffs ratcheted tightly around his wrists and straps across his legs, chest arms, and eyes. He was bound naked, and anyone who knows the climate of that region in December knows that the lack of appropriate protective clothing alone is tantamount to torture.

But we will never see the fallout of this mistreat-

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ment by our government officials; part of Lindh's plea bargain required him to drop any claims of mistreatment while in US custody. It remains legally invisible alongside the countless and no-doubt-more-egregious abuses committed against Lindh's comrades who happened to be so unfortunate as not to be born on American soil to rich parents. For those Taliban combatants, torture is nothing more than a legitimate extraction of information necessary for the maintenance of "homeland security." We should anticipate that their stay in "Camp X-Ray" (the military concentration of prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) will within our lifetime go down as one of the grossest offenses against human dignity committed by our state in its history.

For Lindh, however, the violence committed against him, no matter how intolerable, can be seen as a nationalist purifying ritual: a public display to ensure the American public that we know how to make our wayward sons loyal again. The proliferation of comparisons between the secret military tribunals legalized by GW Bush's executive order—dating coincidentally from about the time of Walker's arrest—and Franz Kafka's story of totalitarian excess "The Penal Colony" are not misplaced. In that story, the sentence levied against a criminal is



inscribed onto the convict's body over the course of half a day by a mechanical plotter of needles. The intention is that the prisoner will recognize the law that he broke in the same moment that he dies.

In the case of Lindh, punishment is, of course, less severe. He was spared the secret military tribunals to which Sheikh would certainly have been subjected had the US extradition charges against him passed. For Lindh, furthermore, the death penalty is not on the horizon, and clearly the offer made to him by our attorney general was meant to "preserve his future" as his attorneys put it in press conferences regarding the plea bargain.

But the lessons of an empire intent on preserving the rules of its own law are nevertheless being inscribed on the body and life of Lindh. The torture that he was subjected to in the early stages of his incarceration began to wane as he came closer to home, as his hair was cut, his beard trimmed, and the accent of a man who had not spoken English frequently in the preceding two years was polished off. He was stripped of the Taliban identity that he had assumed through the repentance that is so intimately tied to the puritanical roots of the American empire. Suddenly we could see him as one of our own again.

But the quest for purity that he had been on, by testimony of his parents, is as misguided as that of our criminal system

in cleansing him of his political pubescence in his years in Afghanistan. The world is not organized into purified moral blocks, and it would behoove us to remember this when dealing with people like Sheikh, who are driven to commit indefensible violence by an outrage about the indefensible actions of our government. Upon kidnapping Daniel Pearl (a journalist who incidentally was known to challenge the rabid pro-US stance of his editorial staff on occasion), Sheikh and his fellow kidnappers said they would begin to treat Pearl humanely the moment the Afghan prisoners in Guantanamo bay were treated similarly.

And no matter how misguided—nay, disingenuous—those claims for reciprocity and fairness sound coming from such politically questionable sources (let's not forget that Bin Laden asserted that no American should feel safe until every Palestinian in the West Bank felt secure), most of us are left to wonder how long it will be until we take those demands seriously. How many times will we watch the intolerable violence of our own state effect counterviolence until we realize that the problem really starts at home.

Youth

Youth failed by education, temps become teachers

By DAMIEN SANCHEZ
The Silicon Valley Debug

Why would anyone want to be a teacher? No one in their right mind would want to be underpaid for hours of lecturing the same recycled material to students who might not even care. Besides, technology is the way of the future right? Well, some of us would rather invest in the advancement of young people than in micro-devices and the Internet. So yes, I want to be a teacher. Me, the same person who got kicked out of high school, sent to continuation school and then dropped out entirely. And I'm not alone.

According to the California Commission Teacher's Credentials, there has recently been a steep rise in people applying for their credentials. In the last year roughly 2,000 more credentials were given than the previous years. Even with the peeked interest, they say California will be short of the necessary amount of teachers for the next ten years. At the same time many young adults, either blown out by the dot-com crash, or having never benefited from it, are looking for not just for jobs, but careers. The two biggest problems facing California, unemployment and education could actually solve one another. Forget the dreams of cubicles. Tomorrow's career opportunity is in the classroom.

A lot of my friends in their early twenties are now looking into the craft of teaching. They were getting no satisfaction out of bouncing around temp jobs without really feeling they were making their mark in the world. Ironically, they are the same ones who feel that education failed them. Like them, I believe that school is, for the most part, a big joke. Teachers talk down to their students and act as if they don't even care to be teaching; educational texts and lectures that only tell and glorify one perspective of history; curricula that are proven ineffective yet are still enforced. It doesn't take a scholar to conclude that something isn't right here. But this is why so many others and I have taken the initiative to go back to school and work

toward becoming a teacher. We don't just want to educate. We want change. We have higher aspirations for our younger siblings and friends. Moreover, we have higher expectations of our educational system. And who better qualified to make these changes than some one who has been directly affected and insulted by this system? It's a beautiful thing to feel a revival in teaching is with us. At least for me the satisfaction of giving back to students who are experiencing the same struggles I had is enough with or without high pay.

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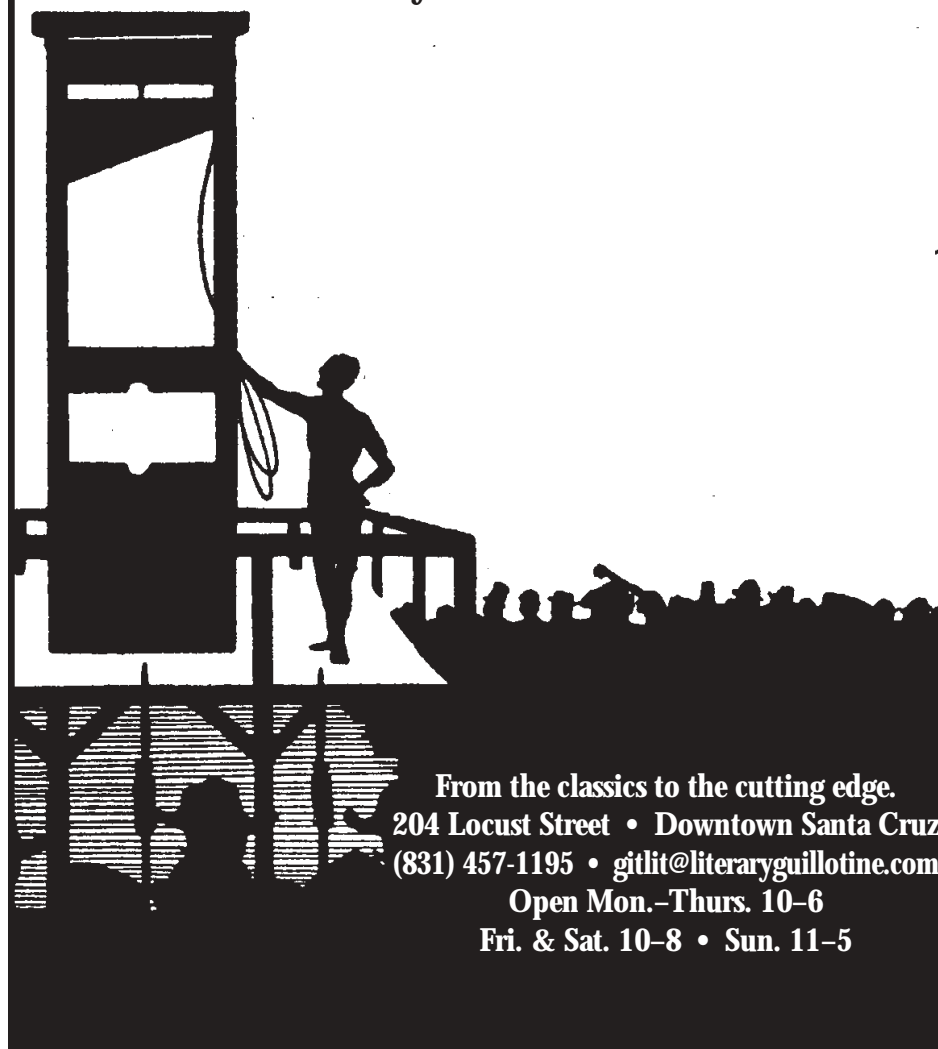
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could be compensated for their land.

However, the farmers say they have had roots in their place of residence since colonial times and that they don't want to abandon their lands. "The government must understand that we don't want more money for our land, we want them to let the land be as it is," said Martinez after hearing the declarations of Creel.

Since the beginning of the conflict, the biggest media organizations in Mexico have tried to smear the farmer's efforts to organize resistance. While covering the latest events, TV Azteca and Televisa, the two main television channels, presented only the Government officials' version of events. To justify their partiality, they declared that they had been denied entrance to the town. However, according to the Atenco farmers, any journalist with a press pass, no matter what media organization he or she was associated with, had free access to the town.

Arturo Montiel blamed the confrontation on a "group that had nothing to do with the airport project, motivated by interests contrary to the development of the country who had acted in a violent way." He also said his government "lawfully intervened to maintain the entity in the rule of law?" Montiel failed to explain what the external interests he was referring to were.

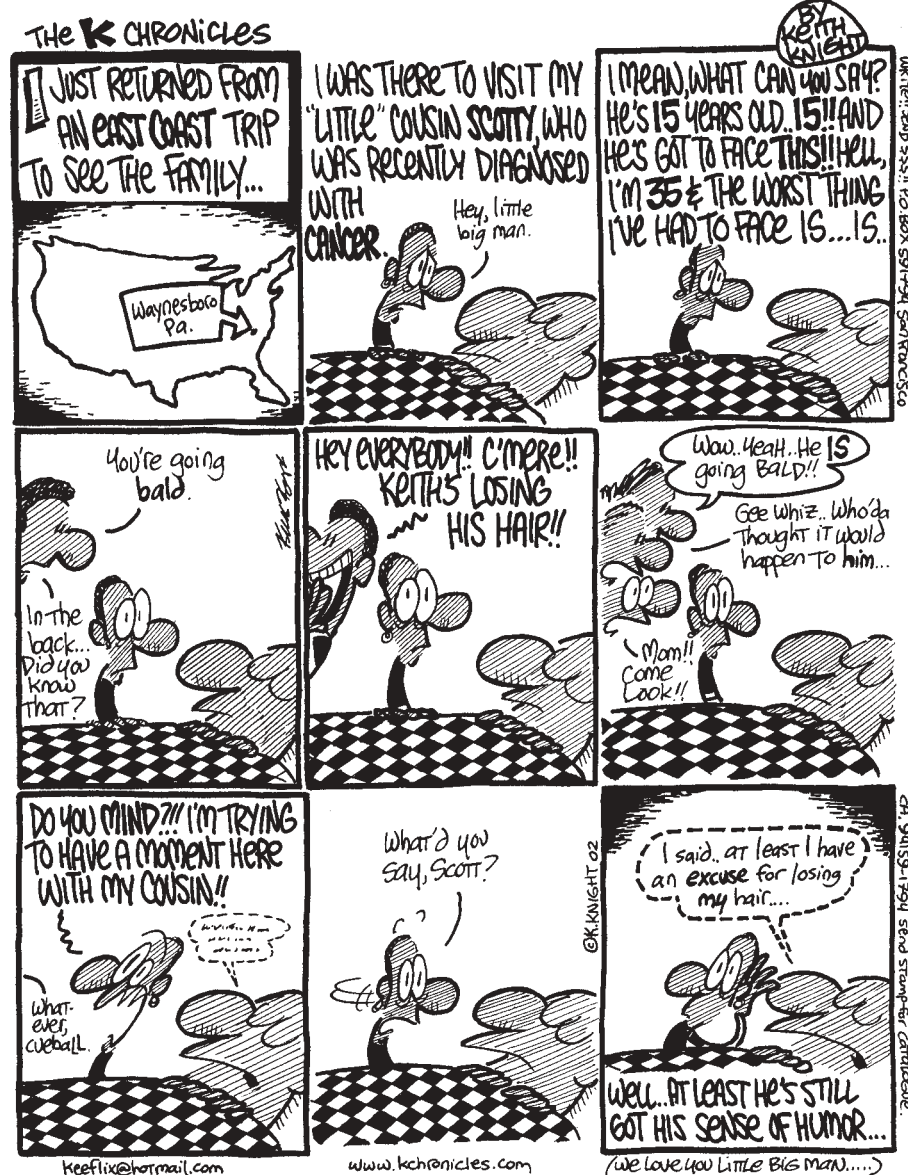
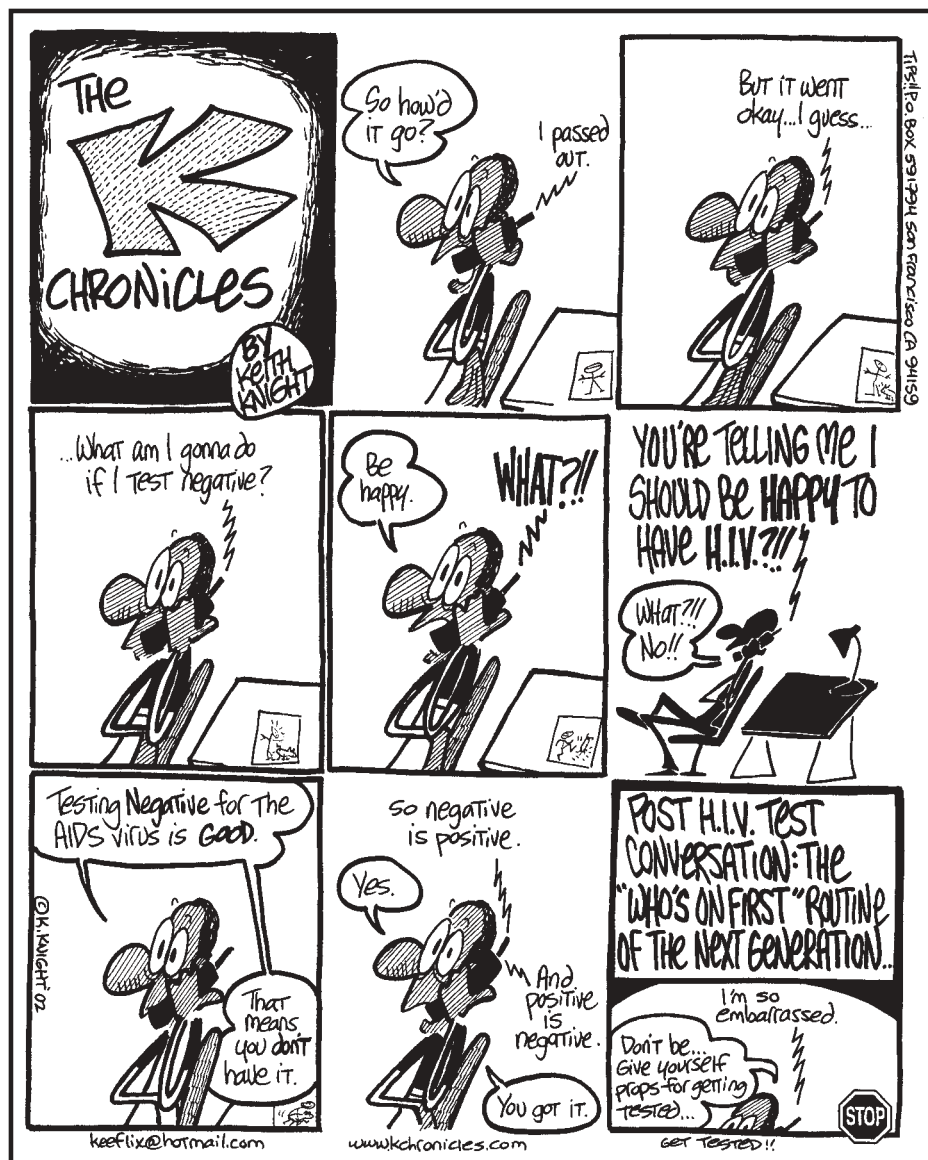
The farmers of Atenco are supported across Mexico. Various social organizations in the States of Oaxaca, Yucatan, Guerrero, and Michoacan, and the Worker's Union of the Tire Factory "Euzkadi", and the Francisco

Villa Popular Front announced the closing of several roads in their Sates. Also, a group of students and teachers of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and members of the Zapatista Front of National Liberation and the Revolutionary Popular Front are accompanying the farmers' protests.

Farmer Ignacio del Valle, a leader arrested in the protest on July 11, said in an interview with *La Jornada* on July 17, that the movement receives such wide-spread support because their demands are just, and because the conflict revolves around a way of life in danger of extinction. "The concept of globalization has hit strong. The system no longer hides its true intentions. It openly says, 'I take your land and I exploit you.' We the farmers are nothing else but cheap labor, and nobody even thinks of supporting the land."



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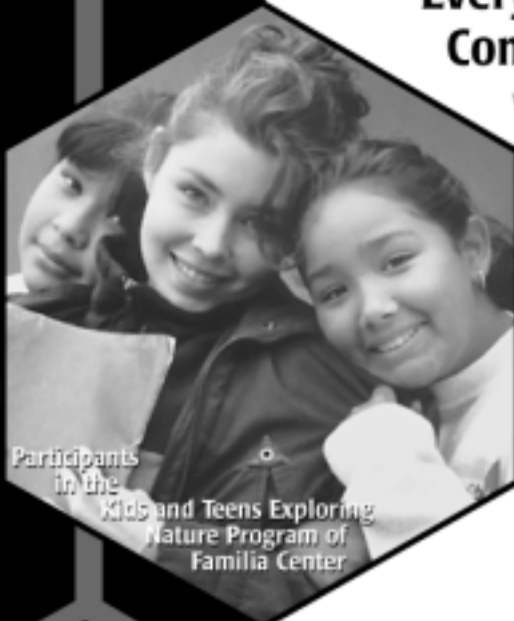
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1:00 PM Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman. FRSC 96.3 FM.

5:00 PM Free Speech Radio News. FRSC 96.3 FM.

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Wednesdays 9:00 AM & Fridays 6:05 PM Counterspin by Media Watch and FAIR. FRSC 96.3 FM.

FRI-SAT 7/19-7/20

Friday morning-Sunday afternoon "Another World IS Possible: Building Just and Healthy Communities." Presented by the Institute for Deep Ecology and the Cultural Conservancy, Global Exchange, INIYA, New College and SolCity. On-site childcare, scholarships available, lunches on-site (donation). Sliding scale \$45-\$300, work trade available on arrangement. To register call (707) 874-2347 or visit www.deep-ecology.org. At the First Unitarian Church, 685 14th St., Oakland.

8:00 PM HAIR. Pre-show concert one hour before the show. \$20/adult, \$15/seniors and students, at the door \$25/\$20. For tickets call (831) 429-1812. At the Rio Theater, SC.

SATURDAY 7/20

7:00 PM S.M.A.R.T. Recovery (Self-Management and Recovery Training). A self-help program for recovery from addictive behavior. Non-denominational. Based on cognitive/behavioral methods. Page Smith Community House 111 Coral St. (at River St and Hwy 1), SC.

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8:00 PM Original Music Series presents: Vermouth, The Diablos, Matthew Embry and Chris Wedertz. \$8. At the Cayuga Vault, 1100 Soquel Ave., SC.

9:00 PM Night of Love Songs. Barbara Manning (SF Seals), Oliver Brown, Justin Ward (Pedestrian). 1515 Brommer St. in Live Oak. \$3

SUNDAY 7/21

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Live Oak Farmers' Market. 1515 East Cliff Dr., at the East Cliff Shopping Center, SC. Now open every Sunday through November.

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MONDAY 7/22

9:00-10:30 AM Creative Writing for Fun. For older adults 55+. Register in advance by visiting the Downtown Seniors Office (SC), or calling (831) 420-6180.

12:00 PM-12:00 AM Green Anarchy Tour, Eco-Defense Action Workshop, Radical Film Fest & Music. Visit www.greenanarchy.org/tour

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3:00-5:00 PM Free HIV testing, education videos, information and safer sex supplies. Call (831) 761-8595. At Casa Bienestar. 90 Mariposa Ave., Wats.

6:00-7:30 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous. Women's meeting Survivors' Healing Center. 2301 Mission St., SC. For more info call (831) 477-4165.

7:00-9:00 PM Pregnancy Information Night. Meet birth/pregnancy support providers, watch videos and participate in discussions. At Loudon Nelson Center, SC.

TUESDAY 7/23

12:00-6:00 PM Organic fruits, vegetables and flowers grown at the UCSC Farm and Garden. At the corner of Bay St. & High St., SC.

2:30-6:30 PM Felton Farmer's Market. 6090 Hwy 9, Felton. Ongoing through November.

3:00-6:00 PM Areola Rebel Forces protest at City Hall. All artists, performers, musicians, craftspeople, actors, activists, artcars and bikes are welcome to come, perform and display their art and areolas.

3:00 PM Public Hoot at City Council. Public opposition to draconian ordinances set for Aug of 2002. At 809 Center St., SC.

4:00 PM Santa Cruz City Council meeting, to discuss plans for the depot site and the new downtown ordinances. At City Hall Chambers, SC.

5:00 PM Youth Coalition SC, RCNV, 515 Broadway, SC.

los Martes 6:30-7:30 de la tarde Grupo de apoyo para madres y niños sobrevivientes de la violencia doméstica. En español. Defensa de Mujeres, 406 Main St, Watsonville.

6:30 PM Watsonville City Council meeting. To discuss a living wage ordinance. At Watsonville City Hall Chambers, Wats.

6:30-9:00 PM Parents' Support Group is for parents who need more info to understand or help a loved one during and after the use of drugs and alcohol. At Casa Bienestar (831) 761-8595, 90 Mariposa Ave, Watsonville.

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8:00 PM Musician David Rovics performs. Sliding scale donation \$5-\$10. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Call 662-3915.

10:00 PM Areola fashion show and mammary jam. 418 Front St, SC.

WEDNESDAY 7/24

12-1:00 PM Brown Bag Lunch. Women professionals' writing group, with speakers. For info call (831) 426-3062. 303 Walnut Ave., SC.

2:30-6:30 PM Santa Cruz Farmers' Market. Lincoln & Cedar St., SC. Ongoing through November.

5:00-6:00 PM Beginning Hip Hop Summer Session. Drop-in dance classes with Eva and Carmela. \$10-\$15 teens and adults. Loudon Nelson Rm 4/5, SC.

6:00-7:00 PM Intermediate/Advanced Hip Hop Summer Session. Drop-in dance classes with Eva and Carmela. \$10-\$15 teens and adults. Loudon Nelson Rm 4/5, SC.

Miercoles/Wednesday 7:00-8:30 PM Drop-in domestic violence support group/grupo de apoyo para sobrevivientes de la violencia domestica. In English y en español. Childcare available. Hay cuidado de niños. Women's Crisis Support 1658 Soquel Dr. Suite A., SC.

7:30-9:00 PM English Morris Dancing. High-energy centuries old, comes from the Cotswold Region of Central England. Dancers wear bells on their legs and clash big sticks together or wave hankies. Loudon Nelson RM 4/5, SC. Call (831) 426-3437.

7:30-9:30 PM Creative writing circle. Contact Karen for location and info (831) 469-0360.

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8:30 AM Homeless United for Friendship and Freedom. Baker's Square on Ocean St., SC.

THURSDAY 7/25

12:00-6:00 PM Organic fruits, vegetables and flowers grown at the UCSC Farm and Garden. At the corner of Bay St. & High St., SC.

12:30-4:00 PM Youth hours. Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center. 412 Front St., SC.

7:00 PM Santa Cruz Peace Coalition meeting, RCNV, 515 Broadway, SC.

7:00 PM Gay Teen Alliance. For youth ages 14-25, all genders, bilingual. 12 E. Gabilan St., Salinas. For info call (831) 772-8200.

7:00-8:30 PM Young Warriors. Young women's leadership program. Drop-in support also for survivors of violence. Call (831) 426-3062 for info. 303 Walnut Ave., SC.

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FRIDAY 7/26

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3:00-7:00 PM Watsonville Farmers' Market. Main & Park St. around the Plaza, Wats.

5:00 PM Peace Vigil at Watsonville Plaza facing Main St., Wats.

5:00 PM Peace Rally at the intersection of Ocean & Water St., SC.

5:00-6:00 PM Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center. 412 Front St., SC.

6:30-7:30 PM Nicotine Anonymous to stay stopped. Trinity Church, 420 Melrose Ave. (off Water St.), SC.

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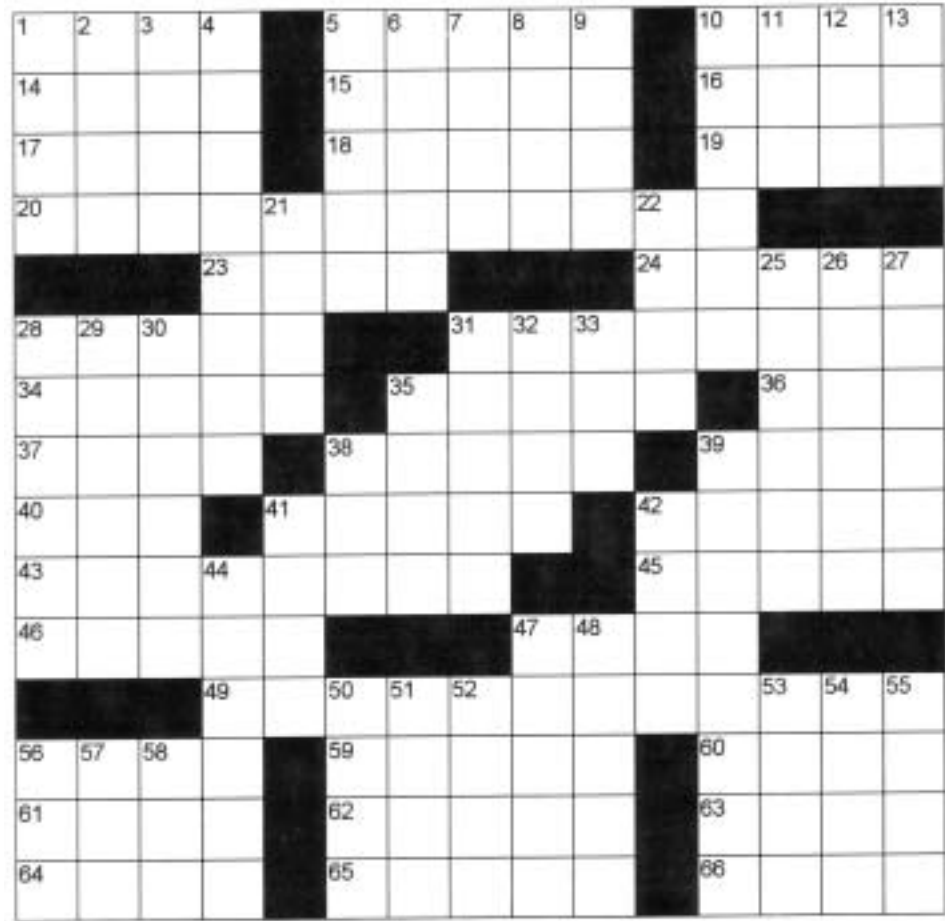
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Wholly Cross-Words

By Oliver Brown



Puzzle #007

Across

- 1 PDA company
- 5 Experiments
- 10 Alec Baldwin role in *Beetlejuice* (1988)
- 14 Zone
- 15 Fraction
- 16 Try again
- 17 Cake layer
- 18 Soft palate dangler
- 19 TV's first all-women wrestling show
- 20 1986 purchaser of GW Bush's money-losing Spectrum 7
- 23 Signs a contract
- 24 More mature
- 28 Turn over
- 31 Fictitious orphan who married Edward Rochester
- 34 Stops the leak
- 35 Public uproar
- 36 Doze
- 37 Droops
- 38 Seethed
- 39 Step in Hermosillo
- 40 From Santa Cruz to Merced (as the crow flies)
- 41 Marine and Peace
- 42 Dwellings
- 43 Nat King Cole hit (1953)
- 45 Eat away
- 46 Author of *The Man Who Loved Children*
- 47 Practice fighting
- 49 Leader of Fauvism
- 56 Egg-shaped
- 59 Sea duck
- 60 Gateway competitor
- 61 Central points
- 62 Sounds the bell
- 63 Wildebeests
- 64 Funk/punk bassist
- 65 Ancient Egyptian commemorative stone
- 66 Cutting or leading

Down

- 1 NY-NJ train service
- 2 "La fleur que tu m'avais jetee"
- 3 Glance at sideways
- 4 Leopard spots
- 5 Prehensile proboscis
- 6 Roof edges
- 7 Defeat better opponent soundly
- 8 Scrabble piece
- 9 Glide high
- 10 Tartan pattern of Clan Campbell
- 11 CTRL-ALT-___
- 12 Busy but useless activity
- 13 Cut grass
- 21 Terminates
- 22 Movie attendee
- 25 Electricity generator
- 26 Rubbed out
- 27 Calmness
- 28 Shakes the apple cart
- 29 Sun revolver
- 30 Home to the Oregon Air and Space Museum
- 31 On edge
- 32 Father to Deimos and Phobos
- 33 Agreeable head motion
- 35 Roll up
- 38 In honor of
- 39 Keep your breath to cool your
- 41 Hand over territory
- 42 Miami team
- 44 Flower
- 47 "I love the ____ of napalm in the morning."—Kilgore, in *Apocalypse Now* (1979)
- 48 Break down into parts
- 50 Profits
- 51 Haymarket Square ____
- 52 Not in use
- 53 Transmit code
- 54 Hit a home run
- 55 Built to Spill song on *Keep It Like A Secret* (1999)
- 56 Policeman (abbr.)
- 57 Degree of loudness (abbr.)
- 58 Robert DeNiro role in *Casino* (1995)



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Coffee House (Commercial Dr.)
Bus stop near El Chino and Cafe
X on Soquel Dr.

CAPITOLA
Chill Out (41st Ave.)
New Leaf Market (41st Ave.)
La Esperanza loop road at Capi-
tola Village Beach
Capitola Ave. & Bay Ave. (Gay-
le’s)

SOQUEL
Ugly Mug on Soquel

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Cabrillo College bus stop
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