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A big change is coming...

Wow, what's The Alarm! up to now?



Beginning September 6, 2002 *The Alarm!* will be changing. A host of bizarre and innovative transformations will occur to guarantee a fresh, new look and better accessibility. Check out the editorial on page 2 for a laundry list of exciting new developments at the paper. Hint: it will save you \$\$!

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Chris Kortright

Long Marine Lab plans to create the largest marine science facility on the Central Coast. See story on page 4.

What's Good for the Supes is Good for the Troops

County workers earning 8.5% below regional average

By RACHEL SHOWSTACK
The Alarm! Newspaper Contributor

While the County Board of Supervisors voted to give itself a twenty-seven percent pay increase over four years, the County's lowest-paid employees earn an average of seven-and-a-half to nine-and-a-half percent less than their counterparts in seven other nearby counties. Santa Cruz is also forty-eight percent behind other counties in the amount of health benefits it offers workers.

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contract with the County expires on September 13, and workers are willing to strike if the County doesn't bring wages and health benefits up to parity (equivalence to compensation of workers in similar positions in other areas).

The Fox Lawson Study, which compares Santa Cruz County employees' wages and health benefits to those of similar workers in Monterey, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Marin Counties, will serve as a tool for negotiating the new contract. Although the Union and the County both conducted similar studies in 1999, this is the first study of its kind endorsed by both entities. During the last County labor negotiation period, the dispute centered around which statistics were valid.

County Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt (District 3) encouraged the Board of Supervisors to work with SEIU to create a study they both could agree on. "It's stupid to argue about numbers when there are real disputes

about priorities and what is reasonable to put on the contract," she said.

Now that the statistics are out, the County SEIU Chapter is prepared to show the Board that it will no longer accept the lack of parity. "The County needs to put priority on this issue," said Nancy Elliott, president of the County Chapter of SEIU Local 415. "People can't continue to live and work in Santa Cruz County with these kinds of salaries."

When the Board of Supervisors voted to give itself a raise, the decision was based on a survey of executive management salaries in nearby counties, similar to the Fox Lawson Study.

"What's good for the supes is good for the troops," is the Union's motto for the negotiations, according to SEIU representative Peggy Weaver.

"Santa Cruz County has to compete for workers with other surrounding areas," Elliott said. "The County hasn't been able to compete for years, and it affects County services."

Wormhoudt agreed that parity should be an absolute goal of the negotiations, but she warned that it could take more than a year to get there.

County and Union negotiators disagree about how much of the County's money is available and how much should be spent. But in order to prove there is enough money to give County workers parity, the Union has hired Economist Peter Donahue to analyze the County budget. "The bud-

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Hit and Run:

The sport and risk of crossing Mission Street

By JUSTINE DACOSTA
The Alarm! Newspaper Contributor

Skydiving, base jumping, skateboarding down Lombard Street—these are the "extreme" things your mother warned you never to do.

In a world obsessed with all that is "extreme," it is time to welcome a new sport to the arena. It offers the potential of personal injury and, when performed correctly, the exhilarating high that often goes along with narrowly escaping death.

This new sport? Crossing Mission Street on foot.

Between December 2001 and May 2002, three pedestrians were struck by vehicles on Mission Street. Two of the pedestrians were killed while the other, Santa Cruz police officer Ken Black, sustained minor injuries. The first accident occurred in late December of 2001, when Jon Nollman, 31, was crossing in a temporary crosswalk near Mission and King streets. It was 8 p.m. on a dark and rainy night when Nollman—who was allegedly wearing dark clothing and talking on his cell phone—stepped into traffic and was fatally struck by a vehicle traveling in excess of the 25 mile per hour speed limit.

The second accident occurred in May 2002 near Olive and Mission streets, when Vincent Enrico, 48, attempting to cross Mission Street without using a crosswalk, was fatally struck by a vehicle.

The third incident occurred in May 2002, when Officer Black was investigating the accident that killed Vincent Enrico just a few days before. Black, who was bent down examining the street, was struck by a vehicle and thrown nearly 20 feet. He was knocked unconscious and taken to Dominican Hospital, then airlifted to San Jose Medical Center where he made a full recovery. No one was charged in any of these cases because the police ruled that the motorists were not completely at fault.

Mission Street, which is approximately two and a quarter miles long, is an unusual combination of highway and local street. While lined with dozens of businesses and residences, and with a posted speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour, Mission Street is also a segment of Highway 1. As both a thoroughfare and a businesses area, the street attracts major foot, bicycle and car traffic.

Caltrans has nearly finished a five-year long, \$11 million project aimed at curbing congestion by widening the street and adding protected left turn signals.

Not everyone has welcomed the construction with open arms, however. Mike Schaupp, who works at The Bicycle Shop on Mission Street, thinks the Caltrans project could have been dealt with more efficiently. "The construction

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Letter from an Editor

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU...

Changes are on the horizon here at ye olde Alarm! newspaper. Good changes might we add! It has come to pass that some of the decisions we made in the past weren't the wisest ones (no "I told you so's") and so we have embarked on a new and exciting journey. Are you curious? Good, but you'll have to wait about two weeks to see the fruits of this innovative labor. What we can tell you this week is there are going to be changes—big changes! "Oh no," you're thinking, "they must be flailing. This must be some desperate attempt to improve their sex-appeal and join the ranks of the other Santa Cruz weeklies who ride on a fatty entertainment section and a boatload of ads." Well, fear not—we are not changing in that way. We have too much fun NOT being them to become them!

No, what we're doing is changing our look, our cost and our frequency. See, what we bring to you beginning September 6, 2002 is a more stylized Alarm! (we appreciate those of you who like it the way it is, but we need to spice it up just a bit). We will also be taking those mechanisms out of the coin boxes and letting you grab it for free... that's right FREE. Bad news for those who have taken great pride in

breaking into them and snatching the cash—great news for those of you who want to read it! Also, we will start coming out every two weeks. Some people have said, "come out every two weeks so I can read the whole thing," others have said, "come out every two weeks so you can make it look better," and still others have said, "don't come out at all, I hate your newspaper." Well, to that last person we say, "too bad," to the rest of you, we say, "every two weeks with more pages, better stories and more time to read them."

So, a brief summary: **FREE, BETTER, BI-MONTHLY.** Or FBB as we like to call it around the office. So the FBB Alarm! begins in just two weeks. The revised, or dare we say, sexier Alarm! will have a little more rhyme and reason to it. We also hope it might have your voice in it. In particular, although the present issue is lacking in this regard, we have reaffirmed our commitment to breaking down barriers between communities by publishing content in both Spanish and English. We are excited about the range of new voices present each issue, we hope to hear yours soon...write a letter or an article. The FBB will have all of the columnists present in each issue, no more rotating spots. We plan to ex-

pand some of the commentary and analysis and we are going to do something wild and zany with the timely news—we're taking it to other levels. We'll be redesigning our webpage to become a more interactive media outlet to allow us to use it (along with radio) as a means to address news that invites immediate action. We don't want to tell you the news every two weeks—we want to be involved in the news and with you. Give us a week and visit the webpage, then you'll see what we are talking about.

Whew! What else? Well maybe that's enough to start. We're getting really excited. This issue looks great, but we are tapping our fingertips in anticipation. Next issue will have a totally re-imagined look and style. We have no plans to sacrifice our editorial integrity...but everything else, well everything else is changin'! Curious? Good. Pick up the next issue and be happily surprised. We appreciate your support, we hope you keep on picking up the paper and giving us your feedback. So keep your two quarters, and pick up a pen—tell us what's on your mind.

See you on September 6, 2002!

Love,
The editors

Opposite Editorial

Israeli security, racism, and the question of liberation

By CHRIS KORTRIGHT

The Alarm! Newspaper Contributor

May the holy name visit retribution on the Arab's heads, cause their seeds to be lost and annihilate them, cause them to be vanquished and cause them to be cast from the world. It is forbidden to be merciful to them. You must give them missiles, with relish. Annihilate them, the evil ones. — Rabbi Ouvia Ben Yoysef, leader of the Israeli Shas Party

Israeli Security and the War on Terror

When we in the United States discuss Palestine/Israel, the discussion is framed around both sides being caught in a "cycle of violence" that threatens Israel's security. But in order to be a true "cycle" the two sides of the conflict would have to have some equality. In the Palestine/Israel "cycle," only one side has a state, an army or even a country. The Palestinians have none of these. As Edward Said wrote in last week's *Al-Ahram* the Palestinians are "a stateless dispossessed population of people without rights or any present way of securing them." Also, the "cycle of violence" does not benefit both sides of the conflict. Violence is only legitimized when it is perpetrated by a state, and in this conflict Israel has a monopoly on legitimate violence.

On July 22, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered his F-16s to drop a one-ton bomb on a residential area in Gaza City, killing seventeen Palestinians, including eleven children. After the bombing, Sharon was quoted as congratulating the pilot. He boasted it was Israel's greatest success. How are we to process Sharon's proud statement? What tools are we really given to process it when Israel is supported by our media and government?

Here in the US, we have paid little attention to the occupation of the Palestinian territories. Instead we have

been barraged by constant stories of Palestinian suicide bombers. These stories consistently ignore the government policies of Israel and Sharon, which have been carried out deliberately and methodically against the Palestinian people in the name of security. Suicide bombings are horrendous, but they take place in a too often forgotten historical context of years of abuse, powerlessness and despair.

The Israeli policy perpetrated by Sharon and his government needs to put in the context of global international policies like the US's War on Terrorism, which Israel now uses as a justification for doing what it is doing. Sharon's acts have been incorporated into George Bush's War on Terrorism, which gladly ignores Israel's persecution of Palestinians. Here in the US, there is a only a small contingent of people willing to speak out against Israel. The atrocities against the Palestinian people are rationalized in the name of both US and Israeli security.

Israel, with its nuclear arsenal, air force, army and endless supplies—gifts from the US taxpayers—has wreaked havoc on the Arab world in general and the Palestinian people specifically. The US's willful ignorance and support holds the Palestinians responsible for the daily atrocities committed by Israel in the name of security and the pursuit of terrorism. Our silence and/or support works perfectly for Sharon. Bush shocked the international media when he called Sharon a "man of peace." Even Bill Clinton, who has been called a supporter of Palestinians and has claimed to be committed to the peace process, declared he would "be ready to die in Israel's defense." Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld referred to the West Bank and Gaza as "so-called occupied

territory." He went on to discuss the 1967 War, and justified Israeli occupation because Israel defeated countries "who jumped in and lost a lot of real estate to Israel because Israel prevailed in the conflict."

The Occupation

As the Palestinian people are in a constant state of war, intellectuals, scholars, and politicians in the US and Israel discuss strategic withdrawal, incorporation of settlements, whether to keep building the fence, etc. Yet, at the same time, almost 100 Palestinians have been killed in "targeted" assassinations. Israeli soldiers have also rounded up thousands of "suspects" in the name of a war on terrorism. Nobody in the US asks whether these people killed or imprisoned were in fact terrorists, or proved to be terrorists, or were about to become terrorists.

Every Palestinian is a prisoner. Gaza is surrounded by an electrified wire fence on three sides. Gazans are unable to move, unable to work, unable to sell their vegetables or fruit, unable to go to school. Medical supplies are held up at the border, ambulances are fired upon or detained. Hundreds of houses are demolished, and hundreds of thousands of trees and acres of agricultural land destroyed. The West Bank is occupied by 1,000 Israeli tanks. Their purpose is to fire upon and terrorize Palestinians. Curfews are imposed for periods of up to two weeks. Schools and universities are either closed or impossible to get to. Two-thirds of the population lives below the poverty level of \$2 a day. At this point most Palestinians are refugees from Israel's destruction of their society in 1948.

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August 21, 2002
To the Alarm:

Thanks for the detail and passion of your coverage of the new anti-homeless laws. The New Downtown Ordinances set up forbidden zones for non-obstructive sitting, peaceful sparechanging, political tabling, and street performing. The absurdly-restrictive fourteen foot zones extend from buildings, fences, benches, kiosks, crosswalks, outdoor cafe seating areas, telephones, and drinking fountains. They appear to reduce usable public space to less than ten percent of the sidewalk.

Though Council has asked warnings/enforcement not begin until after September 10, the laws go into effect August 23, for any citizen who demands an arrest. Police must accept these arrests even if they don't initiate them [PC 142a].

Unnoticed in the rush to pass and fluff these laws (two committee hearings in six days, four Council meetings in fifteen days, and four Downtown Commission meetings in a little more than a month) is a key and deadly provision: The new Non-Commercial Use ordinance (MC 5.43) reads: 'Non-commercial use' means any political, civic, religious or other public service or charitable activity, including speech, or the distribution of literature, whether or not such activity is conducted with the assistance of a display device, and where the use is conducted for either the sale of merchandise or the solicitation of donations....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...[all the fourteen foot prohibitions mentioned before on all sidewalks in all Community Commercial, Neigh-

borhood Commercial, Commercial Beach, Central Business District; and Tourist Residential zone districts]."
[Emphasis added]

In other words political and religious speech or writing—if you also ask for a donation (on the flyer or verbally)—is now a severely restricted activity. These laws were written to ratify a police crackdown clearly (and clumsily) directed at homeless, young, and counter-culture people, particularly those hanging out at the New Leaf Market. The laws have little or nothing to do with the alleged "bad-behavior" crisis.

In the City's endless rubber-stamping of Police Chief Belcher's expanding agenda, the laws actually target—not only street musicians and political tablers—but anyone at all engaging in what had been considered First Amendment-protected activity. Are we going to have to ask the Reinquist courts to protect us from the Fitzmaurice City Council?

Sincerely,
ROBERT NORSE
Santa Cruz, CA

August 17, 2000.

To the Alarm:

On August 14, I became aware of the possibility of a compromising Timber Harvest Plan (THP) being approved for Ramsey Gulch. On August 15 I decided to take action against illegal cutting of trees along Ramsey Creek, a Class I fish-bearing stream that Redwood Empire contends should be reclassified as Class II [Note: Class I streams get seventy-five foot, eighty-five percent-canopy-retention "Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones," whereas the WLPZ for Class IIs is only fifty-feet. Not to mention the fact that County Ordinance 4571, passed by the S.C. Board of Supervisors in Nov. 1999 but overturned when local timber behemoth Big Creek Lumber successful-

Letters to the Editors

Write to Us!

All letters to the editor will be published, with the following guidelines:

- 1) No letters over 350 words
- 2) No commercial solicitation ("plugs")
- 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.
- 5) Letters received on paper by Tuesday at 5pm or via email by Wednesday at noon will be published the same week.
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- 7) Play nice.



ly sued the county in California Superior Court in 2000, would have established fifty-foot no-cut buffer zones for Class I streams. And no-cut means one-hundred percent canopy retention...]

We arrived on scene the night of August 15 and worked all night to set up a two-person platform to protect a cluster of five second-growth redwood trees among many other massive redwoods and oaks. I witnessed the blue marks for cutting on trees surrounding a large oak tree marked "W" for wildlife [a tree Redwood Empire is "saving" as "mitigation" for the impact on raptor habitat in the THP]. Logic tells me that if all the trees surrounding a tree marked "W" are cut, the wildlife tree's habitat also will be destroyed. On the morning of August 16 around 8 a.m. I heard the start-up of chainsaws and the catcalls of loggers.

Having been infomed of the five-day waiting period after the THP is

approved [to allow for appeals], I was disappointed once again to find that the greedy corporation, Redwood Empire, had jumped the gun and had started to destroy the diverse ecological system that my heart calls home before it was actually "legal" to do so.

So I will be here until the public is aware of these atrocious things and a way to put an end to the destruction of our forest comes to light in the minds of more than just a few. If the average human had the blessing of spending the night with these trees and the creatures that dwell therein, I would not have to write this to express the love I feel for the home all earth's beings have been given. Please take the time to notice and appreciate your surroundings and stop the perversion of human life."

PENELOPE
Ramsey II Tree-Sit

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At the center of the occupation is the Israeli government and their foot soldiers — the young Israeli conscripts who are allowed free rein with every known form of private torture and abjection at check-points. Palestinians need to face an onslaught of jeeps and soldiers while they wait their turn by the thousands at check points just in an attempt to live their lives. Soldiers regularly make dozens of youths kneel in the sun for hours. They force men to take off their clothes. There is a constant practice of insulting and humiliating parents in front of their children. All of this done for no other reason than personal whim reinforced by government policy.

Palestinian Liberation

There is no Palestinian army of occupation. There are no Palestinian tanks, no soldiers, no helicopter gun-ships, no artillery. There is no government to speak of. So when Sharon ordered his F-16s to drop a one-ton bomb on a residential area in Gaza City, it was understood by Sharon that Hamas, Jihad or the Al-Aqsa Brigades would send Israel the next martyr. The suicide bombings could not stop, or Sharon would not be able to justify his continued occupation of Palestinian territory. The attack on Gaza came on the heels of inter-Palestinian discussions on a cease-fire declaration in which they vowed "to do everything in our power to end attacks on Israeli civilians, on innocent men, women and children... without seeking or demanding any prior gains."

The declaration was significant because it was the work of a grass-roots effort within Fatah and not a mythical deal struck by the Palestinian Authority under CIA manipulation. The declaration seemed to reflect a growing awareness

within Palestinian ranks that so-called "martyrdom operations" had, at the very least, proven to be an exercise in futility.

Many Palestinians are fighting for genuine liberation and self-determination. They are looking for an independent, sovereign and democratic Palestinian state. This objective requires a long-term strategy of struggle, which would have to incorporate more tactical and short-term objectives aimed at strengthening Palestinian solidarity and international support.

Hani Shukrallah wrote, "The experiences of Oslo and beyond have revealed that separation is an Israeli, not a Palestinian objective; its only possible realization is Apartheid." The question is not only one state, two states or some compromised form of federalism. The state question is not the real question. If Palestinians are to attain self-determination, they need to deliver a crushing blow to the racist and colonialist ideologies embedded in Jewish nationalism. This blow is impossible without an alliance between Palestinians on both sides of the Green Line and radical or anti-racist Israelis. There was a movement of class-conscious revolutionaries who existed before the formation of the Israeli state. They wanted to unite the working classes of both Arab and Jewish decent against the British occupying army. A similar type of cohesion needs to happen now. Palestinian liberation and Israeli security can only come at the same time, and they will not come from the likes of Sharon. There needs to be a cross-line class movement that will destroy the Israeli state and its racist ideology, while still leaving place for both groups now called Israelis and Palestinians.



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Local News

New marine facilities raise concerns about effects of coastal development

By RACHEL SHOWSTACK

The Alarm! Newspaper Contributor

While UC Santa Cruz makes plans to create the largest marine science facility on the Central Coast, Santa Cruz residents, along with the California Coastal Commission and local environmental groups, are working to make sure the development doesn't damage the coastal habitat and marine life that Santa Cruz biologists want to learn how to protect.

The UCSC Marine Science Campus, located between Younger Lagoon and the DeAnza Housing Development on the west side of Santa Cruz, already includes the Long Marine Laboratory (a University research and educational facility) the Fish and Game Marine Wildlife Center and the National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory.

After three years of preparation, the University released the preliminary draft of its Coastal Long Range Development Plan (CLRDP), an outline of pro-

posed facilities in the area. According to the Director of the UCSC Institute of Marine Sciences Gary Griggs, the University wants to expand the campus so that more marine biologists can visit Santa Cruz and conduct research. "The Monterey Bay is a national center for marine research and people want to come here," he said.

But more research opportunities should not come at the expense of healthy wetlands, coastal access and local agriculture, according to Coastal Commission Deputy Director Charles Lester. The Coastal Commission is responsible for making sure the plan follows the regulations in the Coastal Act of 1976, which address coastal access and protection of natural resources. The University plans to present a final draft of the CLRDP and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Coastal Commission next summer or fall, after approval by the UC Regents.

Members of the public voiced concerns with the plan's ability to protect coastal resources at a workshop on Thursday, August 15.

The plan includes the 25-acre Younger Lagoon Reserve, which the Coastal Commission qualifies as an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area. According to Lester, the lagoon is an important nesting area for birds and a habitat for sensitive plants, and the Commission is responsible for making sure the plan protects those resources. The Commission will also make sure the plan allows for public access to the coast. "It is important to maintain the public's ability to appreciate the natural value of the shoreline," Lester said.

At the August 15 workshop, Dan Young, a mechanic at the UCSC Physical Plant, raised the question of whether the marine campus should include housing facilities. According to Young, housing for students and researchers belongs on the main campus. "The [marine

campus] property should all be used for facilities that require sea water for research," he said. "Housing will limit the amount of research that can be done."

But Griggs argues that housing at the Marine Science campus will reduce traffic in the area. "[If people live near where they work], they don't have to spend as many travel trips," he said. Much of the proposed housing is for short-to-intermediate-term visitors, like students from other universities who come to spend the summer studying marine science at UCSC. "In Santa Cruz, you can't find a place for three months in the summer," Griggs explained. "If we built some housing ourselves, we think it would work."

Public participation in the planning process has dwindled in recent months, according to Charles Eadie, the Director of Campus and Community Planning. He attributes the low attendance at public meetings to the planners' ability to address

local residents' concerns. But the planning process is still in its intermediate stages. Public comment on the preliminary draft of the plan is open until September 1. Planners will work to incorporate comments into the final draft of the plan.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the CLRDP will provide another opportunity for public comment some time next year. But before the EIR comes out, community members should take a careful look at the plan, he added. "We should focus on the plan and try to anticipate what kinds of things might come up that need to be addressed," said Lester.

The Preliminary Draft of the Coastal Long Range Development Plan can be found on-line at www2.ucsc.edu/ppc/planning/lml.html, at the Santa Cruz main branch library and at the McHenry library on the UC Santa Cruz campus. Planners will accept written comments on the draft until September 1.

Santa Cruz County workers demand parity

□ Wages and Benefits Lacking for local workers

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get is not a complete picture of the County's financial status," said Weaver. "We want to look beyond the budget."

In addition to better wages and health benefits, the Union hopes the County will give full union rights to temporary workers. Elliott argued that the County takes advantage of temporary workers by laying them off before they have worked enough hours to receive health benefits. "Those could be permanent jobs where people could join the Union," she said.

After the Board of Supervisors released the Fox Lawson Study, the SEIU presented management with a detailed proposal for the new contract, demanding wages on par with nearby counties, improved health coverage and union rights for temporary workers.

The union also demands protection of County workers' freedom of speech. According to Elliott, some of the workers who spoke out at the County budget hearings in June were later disciplined by management. "People have subsequently expressed

fear of going to the board," she said. Hearing the workers' individual points of view is the only way the County can be sure it is meeting their needs, she added.

Most County employees work nine-to-five jobs and are not able to attend regular board meetings. To express their needs to the County, workers have been holding lunchtime rallies focusing on various issues. This Tues-

in 1999. County workers came close to going on strike then, but some were reluctant, according to Elliott. "It's been very hard for county workers to make the decision to go on strike, because it hurts the public and not management," she said. "But people are just not going to put up with it this time."

In fact, County workers are already preparing for the possibility of a strike. Union members have created a strike council, and the County Chap-

ter plans to request strike sanction at a Central Labor Council Meeting on September 4. With strike sanction, other unions would respect the County Chapter's picket line.

"We don't want to go on strike, but we will if we have to, because we have to catch up," she said. "We want the Board of Supervisors to make County workers a priority in the budget over speed bumps."

The County workers' rally will be on the steps of the County Building (701 Ocean St., SC) at noon.

LABOR PRACTICES

day, workers plan to hold a rally on the steps of the County Building and at other locations across the County to demanding improved health benefits, according to Elliott.

Union organizers warned that County workers are willing to go on strike if the County can't meet their demands before the current contract expires. "We hope to reach an agreement by September 13," Elliott said. "If we don't, it's going to be really tough."

She pointed out that the County did not settle the Union's current contract until seven weeks after the expiration date of the last contract

New logging to begin in Santa Cruz Mountains

The Alarm! Newswire

On August 12, the California Department of Forestry approved the 50-acre "Ramsey 2" (technically named Browns Creek THP 1-02-064 SCR) Timber Harvest Plan (THP) in Ramsey Gulch just north of Corralitos, near Mt. Madonna County Park. Redwood Empire, a subsidiary of Pacific State Industries, is an industrial timber company first established in Mendocino County and is the company conducting the timber operation. Redwood Empire, after conducting operations in northern California, opened an office in San Jose and set their sights on the Santa Cruz Redwoods. Four years ago, the corporation logged Gamecock Canyon, which borders Ramsey Gulch. The Licensed Timber Operator for that THP was Hayward Logging. During the course of their work, that company received thirty-seven violations of the State Forest Practice Rules from the California Department of Forestry.

Redwood Empire will now be extending its operations to Ramsey Gulch where they logged two years ago. The Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors, the Department of Fish and Game, as well as the Watsonville Water Board have opposed

the new Timber Harvest Plan due to the fragile nature of the area. According to Dennis Davie of Santa Cruz Earth First!, the current THP, in combination with previous timber operations in Gamecock Canyon will likely result in the degradation of the streams they feed into: Browns Creek, Corralitos Creek and, eventually, the Pajaro River.

Santa Cruz Earth First! has organized opposition to the logging by establishing "treesits" in two trees within the THP's area. The treesits are designed to thwart loggers' ability to cut down the trees in the immediate vicinity of the platforms which activists erect in the limbs of the trees. Santa Cruz County's first treesit was organized during the logging of Ramsey Gulch two years ago. Santa Cruz Earth First! claims to have saved between two and three acres of Coast Redwoods and Douglas Firs in the area. The first Ramsey Gulch logging operation was finally halted by successful lawsuits filed by neighbors.

If you would like to help, Santa Cruz Earth First! is in need of donations, people to help support the treesit and "a GOOD lawyer". Send donations to Santa Cruz Earth First!, P.O. Box 344, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. The group can be contacted at 423-3202 or cruzef@crusio.com.

Local Issues



Chris Hammond

“A Jaywalker’s Paradise” Mission St. near Olive St., the scene of two of the mentioned accidents

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has been restarted twice,” said Schaupp. “They’re just fulfilling a budget. It’s bureaucratic BS.”

It’s not just the dust from the construction and the sound of jackhammers that trouble Schaupp. Bike lanes were not part of the new Mission Street design. “Without bike lanes, a lot of people are really freaked out by Mission,” said Schaupp. According to Officer Black, there wasn’t enough room on the street to include bike lanes, which are required to be five feet wide.

The street widening, along with the traffic abatement measures on side streets like King Street—speed bumps and traffic circles—has increased the traffic flow on Mission. Now four lanes wide, Mission Street has only three posted speed limit signs on each side of the street.

Some locals think that more should be done to protect pedestrians on a street that is so full of foot traffic and has recently undergone such a major face-lift. “There should be a hanging stoplight or warning lights before the crosswalks,” said David Stogner, an employee of Santa Cruz Pottery on Mission Street. “I saw a woman pushing a stroller across the crosswalk almost get hit the other day. There are no posted signs.”

While there are a few temporary crosswalk signs made of green cardboard, Caltrans does plan on adding more permanent signs and crosswalks.

New crosswalks, which do not yet have a start date for implementation, will be pedestrian controlled. Pedestrians will be able to push a button that will activate flashing overhead lights, warning approaching cars. The new and improved crosswalks may create a more pedestrian friendly street, but some motorists may ignore, or simply not see, people crossing.

According to CHP officer Colleen Gilmartin, some motorists may not be aware of the law governing foot traffic.

“The moment a pedestrian’s foot hits the street, they have the right of way,” said Gilmartin.

Although the speed limit on Mission Street is twenty-five miles per hour, cars generally travel at far greater speeds. According to Black, most motorists

on the street for undetermined reasons then turn around and walk away.”

Watching pedestrians try to cross Mission Street can be like watching the Discovery Channel. These animals, looking very confused, are attempting to make the kill but are faced with almost certain failure.

Motorists need to be aware that pedestrians really do have the right of way. On the other

hand, pedestrians need to be aware that not all motorists will follow the law. “Impatience is the major cause of accidents,” said Black. “Motorists

and pedestrians need to be more patient.”

We must regress before we go forward and remember what was pounded into our heads as children: Look left, look right and look left again. All clear? Proceed with caution.

Let’s all follow these easy rules so we can avoid mandatory hand holding and crossing guards at each crosswalk.

“ Pedestrians are confusing creatures ”

on the street travel at about thirty-five miles per hour and those motorists who travel at the legal speed actually disrupt the flow of traffic. Black thinks that Caltrans should be “more realistic” and increase the speed limit as well as post at least two more speed limit signs on each side.

Although motorists are required to stop for foot traffic, pedestrians must be aware that they need to protect themselves out there in the fast paced world that is Mission Street. “The burden is on the pedestrian,” said Greg Braithwaite, who frequently rides his bike and walks on Mission Street. “It would be great if everyone were conscious of what they were doing, but we can’t assume people are paying attention.” Pedestrians must assume that cars will not stop for them and never attempt to cross the street outside of a crosswalk.

Wearing dark clothing while stepping out into traffic has also proven to be a fatal mistake for pedestrians. “Pedestrians are confusing creatures,” said Black, who patrolled Mission Street for over two years. “Some will stand on the corner and stare at the street. Some will walk parallel to traffic then step into the street with their back to oncoming cars. Some will stand

Community Day in Beach Flats



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This man managed to craft balloon-wear and balloon creatures for several hours straight, to the amusement of the many kids present. His handiwork transformed the community’s young-uns into futuristic soldiers and insects for the afternoon.



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A ska band from Monterey introduced some new sounds to the community and visitors alike.

Five Years of Mission St. Accidents

◦ **1997: 6 collisions**

Findings: auto at fault (2), pedestrian at fault (1), inconclusive (3)

◦ **1998: 4 collisions**

Findings: auto at fault (3), pedestrian at fault (1)

◦ **1999: 2 collisions**

Findings: auto at fault (1), pedestrian at fault (1—alcohol involved)

◦ **2000: 6 collisions**

Findings: auto at fault (2), pedestrian at fault (3), inconclusive (1)

◦ **2001: 3 collisions**

Findings: auto at fault (2), pedestrian at fault (1)

The Pacific Gray Whale

By **MICHELLE STEWART**

The Alarm! Newspaper Collective

The following is the second in a three-part series that investigates issues surrounding Pacific gray whale hunting. The first installment (last week) discussed the recent victory for the Makah Indians that allowed them to continue their renewed whaling in Washington State. This second installment will take a historical look at the gray whale industry and the last installment (September 20, 2002) will look at the Makah's history as a whaling nation and their renewed hunt beginning in 1998.

The Dawn of Whaling

It is impossible to say when whaling began—truly. Because for some the answer would be the Vikings of Norway, who employed a technique of herding pilot whales into fjords for slaughter. For others, the first whalers were the Makah, Nootka, Nuuchahnulth and other Indians of the Pacific Northwest who took to the straits, sounds and seas thousands of years ago in cedar dugout canoes to harvest whales as part of their marine diet and economy.

The important question is not who started whaling but rather what brought whales to the brink of extinction. Without a doubt it was industrialized whaling.

As early as the sixteenth century, the whale industry was present. In North America, the Basques set up one of the first whaling stations in Labrador in 1536. With an international demand for whale oil, whaling stations and vessels scoured the seas for the best whaling sites.

Whereas the various Indian tribes of the Northwest, Alaska, Arctic and other regions used most or all of the whale (meat, blubber and bones) for tools, trade and food, the whaling industry demanded only blubber and wasted the rest of the animal, with the exception of the baleen, which was used for items such as corsets or umbrella ribs.

By the nineteenth century, the interest in whale blubber for soap was diminishing, as many of the vessels—out to sea for months at a time—would return only with rancid oil that would make for smelly soap. Although Britain was one of the biggest markets, interest was waning in the smelly soap. However, just as the whales seemed to have a chance for reprieve, a new use for their oil was discovered—lighting street lamps. When rendered correctly, the blubber could be transformed into an

inexpensive oil. The whale industry was reignited as Europe was lit up.

With a demand for a product and many seas to find it in, whalers set out from such places as Australia, Japan, Europe and Americas. The insatiable appetite for whale products led to the depletion of many stocks, including the right, narwhal, pilot and sperm whales.

In the North Pacific (the Pacific Ocean of North America), many species were affected. However, in just fifty years, the last half of the nineteenth Century, the Pacific gray whale was brought to the brink of extinction.

Discovering the Breeding Grounds

Many of the whalers who first came to Magdalena Bay, Baja were unimpressed with its high population of gray whales. The whalers entered the Bay as a means to escape the harsh, winter conditions of the North Pacific—their target species were the oil-rich sperm and humpbacks. The crews of the whaling vessels United States and the Hibernia were the first to take advantage of the gray whale breeding grounds of the Bay.

Between 1845-46, vessels reportedly



An artist's rendition of an eastern whaling station during the boom of Atlantic whaling

oil-rich species, Scammon decided to try his luck with a new approach. Instead of hunting the sperm and humpback whales which take a lot longer to find, but give high yields for their quality oil, Scammon turned to the gray whale.

He decided to use the resources of the Bay and its lagoon system to fill his

logical consequence of this situation. However, in the ten years following Scammon's discovery of the lagoon, the whalers were not so wise.

Whaling vessels would descend upon the breeding lagoons as the winter migration began and would position themselves throughout the lagoon system as the returning calves and females made their way into the lagoon. Some vessels would stay outside the lagoon and target incoming whales (or those attempting to exit) while others would take to the shallow interior (Scammon's technique) and target the whales inside the lagoon complex. It has been estimated in those boom years for the whale industry, the population went from a peak of over 20,000 to less than a thousand whales.

The Technology of the Industry

The technology that assisted the military on its battlefields was being modified to accelerate the whale industry. While other whale fisheries employed traditional techniques and equipment, the Pacific gray whale fisheries used cutting-edge gear and methods to increase its yield each year. Hand-flung harpoons were replaced with swivel guns which could send out harpoons that remained attached to the whale until it was towed in. A major advance was the introduction of the bomb-lance, a shoulder-mounted weapon that allowed for better accuracy. The bomb-lance killed the whale immediately with an exploding projectile. Both the lance and harpoon were employed in the Pacific gray whale fishery, with the lance eventually replacing the harpoon.

The Shore Fishery

In addition to changes in weapons, the nineteenth century whaling industry also initiated a commercial shore fishery. The cost of outfitting a whaling vessel was considerable, so for some it was better to set up a shore fishery that relied on sighting a whale, taking to sea to capture it, and then hauling it to land for processing. In lieu of maintaining the vessel and a crew that could number up to fifty men, the shore-based industry used fewer men (approximately fifteen) who could support themselves off the land and take whales when they were seen from the shore. This shore-based industry was comprised largely of Portuguese immigrants who employed techniques they learned at home and later employed in Alta California. In total, records indicate that fifteen of these shore-based stations existed along the coastline between Oregon and Baja.

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harvested only forty whales from the Bay. Since the grays were not generally a targeted species, their breeding grounds were left relatively unexploited in the coming years.

A decade would pass before Captain Scammon would enter the lagoon and make a pivotal decision. Unlike other vessels and captains, he decided to take advantage of the density of the whales. Where other vessels would leave the Bay after winter storms to seek out the

vessel each season with lesser quality goods, instead of taking years in hunt of a higher quality product. Although gray whale oil is not as clear when refined, there was plenty of it and the population density of the Bay made for easy pickings.

In 1855-56, Scammon took his vessel, the *Lenore*, into the Bay for his first season of gray whaling. That first season, Scammon didn't realize that the Bay, and more specifically its maze of lagoons, was in fact a calving area for migrating whales. In the coming seasons, he would use his skills as a wildlife observer to become well acquainted with the ecology of the lagoon system. He then capitalized on a unique approach to hunting whereby he hunted in the shallows of the lagoons where females and calves sought refuge. One of his prime whaling grounds was Laguna Ojo de Liebre (also known as Scammon's Lagoon)

The year after he discovered this lagoon's potential, many vessels flocked to Magdalena Bay to try their luck at gray whaling; Scammon continued his investigation of the gray whales migration and discovered the San Ignacio Lagoon, and expanded his scope of exploitation.

It has been estimated by contemporary historians that the total eastern Pacific gray whale population at this time was approximately 10,000-20,000. Factor into that rather small population the fact that the whalers of Magdalena Bay were targeting females and calves, and you might begin to see the bio-



A whaling vessel outfitted with a harpoon gun typical of the equipment on vessels that hunted in the Scammon's lagoon.

The Devilfish

The Pacific Gray whale (often called the California gray whale) was dubbed the “devilfish” by many whalers for its rather unruly behavior. Many whalers were weary of the grays and especially the females when they were with their calves. Stories often related directly to the behavior of females in and around Scammon’s Lagoon—females were reknowned for the attacks they would levy on a vessel that threatened to harm their calf.

Scammon’s logbook had many tales and warnings to other whalers about the attacks he had weathered in Magdalena Bay. From injuries to instant death on the decks, the gray whale gave many a whaler a run for their money.



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Found in Crescent City, Humboldt Bay, Half Moon Bay, Bolinas Bay, Pigeon Point, Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay, Point Lobos, San Simeon, San Luis Obispo, Point Conception, Goleta, San Pedro and San Diego, these stations added to the overall effect on the gray whales’ population.

It is believed that these whaling stations took a total of 4,000 whales between 1855 and 1900 (The Monterey Bay station was one of the most successful, reporting a total of 655 landed whales). Between 1845-1874, an estimated 8,000 whales were taken by vessel. By the end of 1874, industrial whaling ceased in the Baja lagoons because there were no more whales to hunt; the shore-based industry survived the end of the century because it took such a small number and focused on other species. In less than fifty years, the Pacific gray whale population was decimated—it was the end of the road for the whaling industry of the North Pacific. Sites were set on other seas, and other whales.

By the 1920s early discussions began about the need for international management of all whale species. At the same time, the Makah Indians, the only

Indians in the lower forty-eight states with a treaty right to whale, halted their whaling practices. It was the end of an era (on an international scale).

In the coming decades, the International Whaling Commission would form (1940s) as a management group for the entire whaling industry. In the United States, political decisions would lead to a “Save the Whales” mentality (1970s). The drafting and passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act (1973) found the United States labeled an anti-whaling nation. One of the first species listed on the Endangered Species List was the Pacific gray whale. The biological recovery of the gray whale would rely on conservation measures taken in the US and abroad; however, its recovery towards the end of the twentieth century would place the gray whale in a position to be hunted once again.

In just one hundred years, the gray whale went from a healthy population, to near destruction, to partial recovery and the possibility of renewed hunting. In the next and final installment of this series, I will look at the issues surrounding the Makah Indians and their treaty right to whale in Washington State.



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The Monterey Whaling Station still stands today in present-day Heritage Harbor. Located next the first red brick house, the whaling station is a modern-day reminder of a not-so-distant past when whales—not tourists—were one of the industries of the region.

In Retrospect

Why Santa Cruz Doesn’t Suck

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It is in my own best interests to like Santa Cruz. My parents have moved here from Colorado after their stint in the Peace Corps in Kenya and a brief sojourn in Texas. My sister and her husband live in Seaside. Barring unforeseen circumstances, Santa Cruz is going to be my home for awhile.

As housing costs go up, as my last round of students all leave town, as the paper reports prostitution on the street two blocks away from my house, I find I have to work harder sometimes to like it here. But, there are certain stories I can tell myself that work as tools in my effort. One I like to call “The Story of the Plan That Didn’t Happen.”

This week, I found out that this story is actually true. Checking out a rumor I had heard years ago and then blithely repeated to anyone who would listen, I went and read the April 1963 *General Plan for Future Development, Santa Cruz, California*. The plan is pretty scary, and the things in it that have *not* happened form a core component of my mantra of why Santa Cruz doesn’t suck. Or, at least, doesn’t suck as much as it could have.

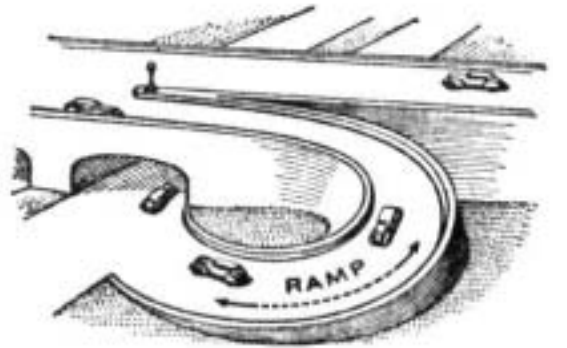
I will let the General Plan speak for itself:

- “Establishment of the new campus of the University of California at Santa Cruz will greatly increase the growth rate of the City and is expected to bring at least 100,000 new residents to the community over the next fifteen to twenty years.”

- “With a student body of 27,500 anticipated by 1990, the social and economic effects upon the development of the city will be extensive indeed.”

- “Tentatively, the growth anticipated during the planning period will generate traffic requiring increases to approximately the following capacities:

- Highway 17 8 lanes
- Highway 1 6 lanes
- Felton to Santa Cruz 6 lanes
- Beach Loop 4-6 lanes



I am eternally grateful that these components of the plan did not happen. I am especially thankful that the envisaged highway “improvements” were never built. Anticipating a population in Santa Cruz of 120,000 people (stuffed into new developments in places like Pogonip and Terrace Point), the writers of the 1963 *General Plan* recommended the creation of a raised highway along where King Street is, with major interchanges (i.e. exit ramps) at High, Bay, and Western. The “Beach Loop” they refer to would have been a highway or expressway along what is now Ocean Street, then across the river, through the beach area, and up Bay, with interchanges at San Lorenzo Drive and Washington Street.

The failed highway plan is the first chapter of “The Story of the Plan That Didn’t Happen.” The second chapter of this short work tells the tale of the giant conference center—something the size of the Dream Inn (or, if you will, the West Coast Santa Cruz Hotel)—they wanted to build on Lighthouse Field back in the early 70s. Our sometime County Supervisor Gary Patton spearheaded the “Save Lighthouse Field” movement, which successfully squashed the plan. I should send him flowers.

Every time it takes me twenty minutes to drive across town in traffic, I think of the ease with which I could make the trip if they had only built those six-lane highways. Then I shudder, smile to myself, turn up the BBC World Service on my car radio, and enjoy the ride.

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International News

Oil pressure—in peacetime, Angolans fight for fair share

By PAUL JEFFREY
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Angola's brutal civil war is over, but the struggle to more equitably distribute the country's fabulous resource wealth is just beginning. Ordinary Angolans are facing a new war against government corruption and corporate complicity. PNS contributor Paul Jeffrey (pauljeffrey@earthlink.net) writes on international development issues for the National Catholic Reporter and other publications.

LUANDA—Hanging tightly to his crutches, Albino Periquito climbs out of the dumpster, not an easy task with just one leg. A land mine destroyed his other limb five years ago in northern Angola. Now, as he walks away from the garbage receptacle, a speeding black BMW barely misses him as it purrs up the capital city's Rua da Missao.

It's a scene from a new and potentially deadly struggle in Angola: the divide between millions of desperately poor like Periquito, who are victims of the war, and a small but incredibly wealthy elite that controls Angola's abundant mineral wealth.

That wealth—oil and diamonds—is fabulous. The struggle over these natural resources fueled Angola's long civil war, which ended early this year after the death of UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi. Only after a United Nations embargo cut into diamond sales could the government military—funded by oil proceeds—finish Savimbi off. Now the government and individuals it favors have both the diamonds and the petroleum, and yet expect the world

to take care of the war's victims. That includes some four million who were internally displaced, many as a result of the government's own wartime scorched-earth policies.

Oil produces nearly ninety percent of Angola's income. Companies such as British Petroleum, Exxon/Mobil and Chevron/Texaco extract close to a million barrels a day from offshore wells. That volume is expected to double by 2007. Yet, what the companies pay in taxes and fees is shrouded in secrecy.

According to the International Monetary Fund, at least \$1 billion in oil revenues went missing in each of the last six years. "That's not a leak. That's a dike that has burst," says Carlos Leite, the IMF representative here.

The government argues that oil revenues paid for the war effort, yet most observers believe much of the secret revenues have been used by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to fund an immense patronage system that pays off friends and buys the allegiance of enemies.

Critics demand a peace dividend. "This money needs to be transferred to the people, to create work, to build schools and hospitals, especially for those who remain displaced from the war," says Damiao Franklin, the Catholic archbishop of Luanda.

Pressure on Angola's leaders has led to the creation of several supposed watchdog agencies within the government, such as an Accounts Tribunal, but these mostly exist only on paper.

"These agencies are essentially what they used to call 'reforms for the Englishman

to see," Leite says, referring to Africa's colonial past.

Playing the nationalism card, the government has repeatedly refused IMF demands for hard numbers.

"When the IMF demands information, the government argues that it is sovereign and doesn't have to respond," says Daniel Ntoni-Nzinga, executive secretary of the Inter-Church Committee for Peace in Angola, the most visible network of civil society groups in the country. "But we say the people of Angola are sovereign."

Ntoni-Nzinga believes information about government oil receipts would provide Angolans leverage to pressure for change. But dos Santos refuses them as he does the international community.

As a result, civil society leaders here support a growing international campaign to oblige oil companies to publish what they pay the dos Santos government.

According to the London-based organization Global Witness, which in March published a lengthy report on the international network of oil companies and banks that funds corruption in Angola, oil companies are not necessarily opposed to the campaign. Indeed, British Petroleum threatened early in the year to publicly reveal what it pays Angola.

The dos Santos government quickly threatened to cancel drilling contracts if BP revealed the information.

The IMF's Leite says the US Securities and Exchange Commission has the power, without additional legislation, to require US companies to publish the information.

Since peace came to Angola, the world has been slow to respond to what the United Nations acknowledges is the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The U.N. World Food Program works overtime here, but is about to run out of money; by late July only one-third of this year's \$233 million appeal for Angola had been received. Donors say they're reluctant to spend money on aid in a country where government fat cats are laughing all the way to their Swiss bank accounts.

Ntoni-Nzinga says it is "hypocrisy" for the world to buy oil from the Angolan government and then refuse to help the Angolan people because their government is corrupt.

"We need the world's help. There is never corruption without a corrupter," he says. "Yet as long as they get oil they close their eyes to the other problems."



Serbia's deadly choppers—US firm sold parts to Milosevic

By LUCY KOMISAR
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Bell Helicopters of Texas sold parts to Serbia during a U.N. arms embargo, a report to the war crimes trial of ex-president Slobodan Milosevic shows. The Milosevic regime, writes PNS investigative reporter Lucy Komisar, paid through a secret offshore financial network that included a byzantine web of global tax havens. Komisar (lkomisar@msn.com) is a New York journalist who writes about international bank and corporate secrecy.

At a time when Americans are concerned about US corporate corruption, a tribunal in The Hague has revealed another shadowy deal with international reverberations. Bell Helicopters of Texas sold parts to Serbia during a U.N. arms embargo, when Serbia was involved in a genocidal war using helicopters. The regime of ex-president Slobodan Milosevic paid through a complex, secret offshore financial network.

On June 5, 1998, Serbia paid Bell \$154,785 for spare parts for helicopters. At the time, Serbia was in dire need of working helicopters to use in Kosovo. In that war, some 8,000 to 10,000 Kosovars died.

During the embargo, Milosevic got what he needed—helicopter parts, weapons, oil and millions of dollars of other supplies through an intricate network of shell companies and secret bank accounts that spread from the offshore finan-

cial center Cyprus through Greece and some fifty other countries, including the United States.

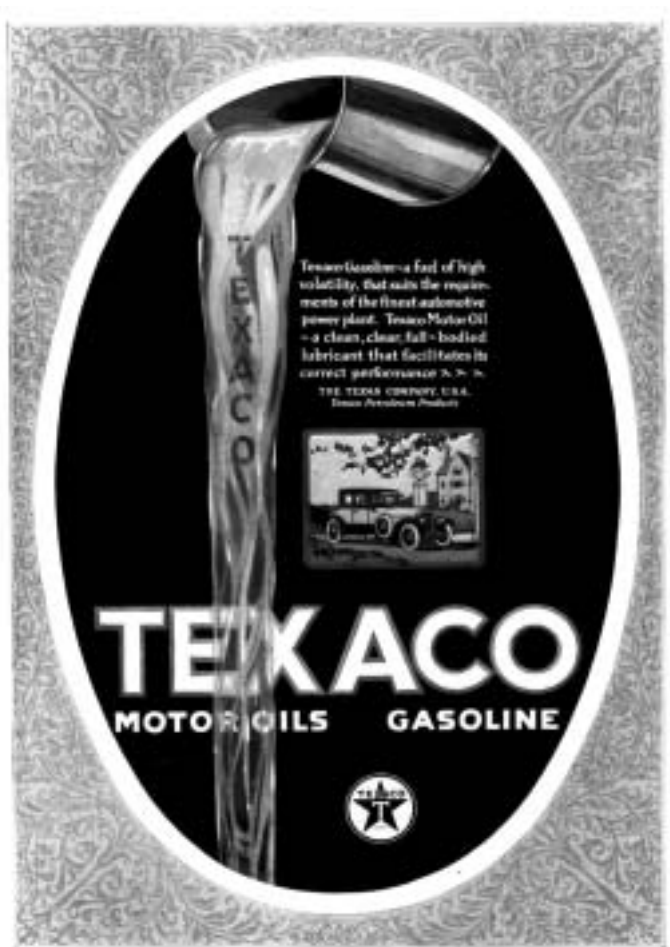
The Bell sale was revealed in June by Morten Torkildsen, an investigator for the UN International Criminal Tribunal at The Hague. His report on the secret financial network that allowed Serbia to evade the embargo was presented as evidence at Milosevic's war crimes trial, in session now.

In a telephone interview, a spokesman for Bell Helicopters in Fort Worth, Mike Cox, said, "The parts we sold were fuselage parts for civil and commercial aircraft. There were no weapons involved."

Cox said Bell checked with the Commerce Department and "were told we were in compliance." However Marise Stewart, director of international government relations in Washington for Textron, which owns Bell, said: "We don't have to check with anybody. In the case of a civilian commercial aircraft or parts sale, there's no requirement for clearance or review."

Was there any discussion inside Bell about the wisdom of selling the parts to Serbia, then conducting a genocidal war?

"There would be no reason to discuss the advisability of a commercial civilian sale, unless you think the customer is not going to pay," said Stewart.



Old Texaco newspaper ad

Commentary

Wild card—US targets Iraq while Iran unravels

By BEHROUZ SABA

Pacific News Service

EDITOR'S NOTE: Through secret back-channel contacts with Iranian leaders, the United States has tried to gauge Iran's response to a U.S. invasion of its neighbor. But, writes PNS contributor Behrouz Saba, the United States must take concrete steps to support reform in Iran, which may be unraveling politically. A native of Iran, Saba (BehrouzSA@aol.com) is writing a memoir of his introduction to America in the 1960s as a foreign student at Monterey Peninsula College.

While Iraq is being targeted for a possible "regime change," Iran may be plunging toward political disintegration—a huge, rarely discussed wild card in U.S. plans to unseat Saddam Hussein.

President Bush, in a departure from his "axis of evil" condemnations, has offered Iran an olive branch of sorts. "As Iran's people move towards a future defined by greater freedom, greater tolerance, they will have no better friend than the United States of America," he told the Iranian people in a written statement.

Iran's government-controlled broadcast media quickly denounced Bush's statement, accusing him of "shedding crocodile tears," while the conservative clergy and the reformist President Mohammad Khatami condemned the president's "meddling."

Both the overture and the rejections, however, were meant strictly for public consumption. Washington continues back-channel contacts with the Iranian government, including with representatives of the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the Guardian Council, whom Bush has branded as "unelected leaders." (They are in fact selected by the Assembly of Experts, which is an elected body.)

Reports indicate that envoys

from both countries have met confidentially to examine Iran's role in the Pentagon's plan for the possible overthrow of Hussein. The Iraqi leader initiated a devastating eight-year war against Iran in the 1980s and is loathed by most Iranians.

Iran's ruling clergy, of course, has no choice but to join the chorus of opposition to a possible American invasion of Iraq. And the reform-minded Khatami recently charged Bush with "misusing" September 11 to "create an atmosphere of war."

The clergy vehemently opposed the bombing of Afghanistan, yet gave a green light for Iran to play a key role in creating the post-Taliban regime. In exchange, the United States assured Iranians that Mohammad Zaher Shah would not be restored to his former position as the king. Iranian negotiators were particularly concerned with Zaher Shah, since his rule would have set a precedent for the restoration of the Iranian monarchy.

While Iraq is being targeted by many in Washington, D.C., Iran is plunging toward greater domestic instability. Ayatollah Jalal-al-Din Taheri, a stalwart of the Islamic revolution, recently resigned from his influential position as Isfahan's prayer leader in protest of the country's rampant poverty, political repression and financial corruption. His resignation coincided with student demonstrations at Tehran University, three years after similar protests ended in bloody police action. Signs of unrest are everywhere as the standard of living continues its downward spiral.

Young, progressive Iranians, counting on their huge demographic edge to emerge as ultimate political victors, have consistently avoided violence. The dominant clergy, however, is increasingly using special

forces, plainclothes operatives and even militiamen from Lebanon to crack down on the opposition, triggering the possibility of another violent uprising.

The last thing Iran needs is another revolution to send tanks to the streets and bodies to the morgue. The gradual move toward a civil society, rocky as it has been, has served Iran well and should be encouraged by Washington through practical measures.

The last thing the Bush administration should risk is the possibility of American troops on Iraqi soil while Iran next door unravels.

Indeed, the Bush administration should put its money where its mouth is if it wants to be a real friend to Iran. Bush should publicly offer to lift sanctions against the country and support its entry into the World Trade Organization (blocked recently by the United States and Israel) if the ruling clergy puts its house in order by ridding the government of corrupt officials and tolerating dissent.

In response to Ayatollah Taheri's resignation, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "I also have been saying for several years that we have to mobilize all possible means to fight poverty and corruption." To put it in Iranian terms, it's high time for Khamenei to bring to the house the lamp he donates only to the mosque.

Despite a virulently anti-American facade, Iranians know very well that they can repair neither their economy nor their global image in absence of constructive relationships with the United States. America, too, needs Iran to protect its considerable oil and geopolitical interests in the world's most volatile region.

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and military dual-use equipment. Civilian choppers can be retrofitted for military use. The Bell 206B, which carries five persons, is an observation helicopter, used by police departments. The Bell 212, which carries fifteen, is the famous Huey of the type used in the Vietnam War. It is designed as a transport but is easily and commonly converted to military use. The parts sold to Serbia were for both types of Bell helicopters.

"The US adds arms to its Hueys," said Mark Hiznay of Human Rights Watch. "Serbia

had its own weapons industry and could easily do the same."

Serbia may well have changed the Hueys in just that way. Radomir Markovic, head of the Serbian State Security (SDB) branch—the secret police—told Hague Tribunal interrogators, "We needed to secure foreign currency reserves to provide the SDB with the equipment it needed—guns for [SDB] helicopters." He said the equipment arrived and was installed on those helicopters.

Stewart said Bell had no "legal requirements to look behind the customer's

ultimate intention or motivation."

The Serbs started their campaign in Kosovo in February and intensified fighting in late May. News reports noted Serbian forces used tanks and helicopters against ethnic Albanian villages. Bell signed its contract in June.

There has been no admission or proof that helicopters fitted with the new spare parts were used in military operations either as gunships or to carry troops or war material. What is certain is that the Serbs went to extremes to disguise their Bell purchase. The Hague investigator, a

Norwegian forensic auditor, reported that the transaction was handled by the Cyprus-based Abridge Trading Ltd. Bank documents show that Abridge's primary function was purchase of military equipment for Serbia.

Abridge was part of a covert Serb network that included eight shell companies with accounts in Cyprus banks that arranged weapons shipments from firms in Israel, Russia, Germany and the United States. Investigators at the US Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control believe that at least \$1 billion was moved out of Yugoslavia through Cyprus

Banks to global tax havens.

"In my career, I have never encountered or heard of an offshore finance structure this large and intricate," said Torkildsen, the auditor.

Why did Serbia and Bell do the deal through this offshore company if they didn't want to hide the sale? Bell declined to answer whether the request for the sale came directly from Abridge or the Serbian government and what it knew or found out about Abridge.

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Eye on the INS

A weekly forum to discuss the INS and immigration policy

□ Catch-22: The Detained

By MICHELLE STEWART

The Alarm! Newspaper Collective

Oh, the games we play. It seems that it is becoming more common to find laws on the books that have no practical application, or that, if applied, lead to ridiculous results. If you are scratching your head in bewilderment, allow me to turn your attention to the INS.

There, one can find both laws that seem impossible to employ and laws that seem ridiculous in intent. Today, for the sake of clarity, we will look at the INS's policy on detainment. Detainment may be *the* poster child for poor policy and illogical consequence. So, what do we know about detainment—or perhaps the better question is: what do we know about those detained?

Of course, I was miffed to see Judge Gladys Kessler back down and issue an indefinite stay on her ruling against the Department of Justice demanding the release of the names of all those detained in relation to the events of September 11, 2001. However, I was not surprised.

By the very logic of the case, the government could compel her to see that if she released the names, it would violate what the feds considered to be their upper hand in the War on Terrorism. The government argued that if it released the names of the over 1,000 people held in detention (at some point) since 9/11, it would lose the chance to exploit the knowledge of these individuals as possible material witnesses. Kessler eventually agreed, and stayed her order—essentially sealing the fate of many people who have been held. Kessler's decision not to press her ruling is a substantial setback for those in detention.

Up until quite recently, a non-citizen could be convicted of a crime (in the US), serve their sentence, and then (due to INS law) be deported be-

cause their violation of US law makes them a deportable alien. However, there are numerous countries that will not take back a citizen if they have left their native soil or committed a serious crime while abroad. For those citizens, those who are deemed deportable by the INS and are unwanted by their home countries, the INS solution was indefinite detainment.

That is until the case *Zadvyadas v. Davis* was heard.

This ruling last summer essentially ended indefinite detention. In this case, two men were released from jail after serving time for manslaughter and other charges, only to find themselves in deportation hearings. After the hearing, it came to light both of their home countries (Cambodia and Lithuania) refused to accept them back. The decision written by Justice Stephen Breyer said that if a deportable individual could not be sent back to their country of origin in six months they would have to be released from detention. However, also included in the ruling was language that afforded exceptions when it came to matters of terrorism or other "special circumstances."

In this post-9/11 environment, most of the people detained as material witnesses are implicated along with the "terrorists," which positions them in a catch-22: they qualify for indefinite detention (due to their associations or possible knowledge of events), and then face possible deportation either due to this "terrorist" association or because of unrelated charges. The final blow is that some of those facing deportation are seeking asylum based on claims of persecution if they return to their country of origin. These people would usually be granted asylum, but don't qualify because of their "terrorist associations."

Many people who were detained



after 9/11 and were released on bond are facing deportation because of minor immigration infractions. Some of these people came to the US to escape persecution in their country of origin—persecution based on political or religious beliefs. The US used to allow these people to stay here, often priding itself on its liberal politics and freedom of speech, religion and association. Now, it would appear that "association" can be a guaranteed one-way ticket back to a home you don't want to visit.

The post-9/11 investigation is one of, if not the, largest investigations in US history. And it has thrown a lot of people into crisis because of the effect it has had on their legal status in this country.

Consider that the word "criminal" now has such nuanced parameters—including knowledge, possible knowledge and/or association—and that the current laws make it impossible to know who is in jail, who has been in jail, who has been deported and who will be targeted after their deportation, then it becomes clear that the policy of detainment is illogical and very telling of the continued post 9/11 paranoia. Caught in the crossfire are the hundreds of

people who have only "committed" a small immigration infraction (or met the wrong person), for which they are suffering a steep or possibly deadly consequence.

What would I like to see happen? Well, many things. Perhaps in this one case, it would have been heartening to see Judge Kessler stick to her original ruling and demand that all names be released. From there, attempts could have been made to aid those in jail, those in detainment, those out on bail facing deportation and those already deported. Instead, the guessing game continues—who is missing and where are they being held?

Judge Kessler had a prime opportunity to levy a judgment on the Department of Justice, and take a bold step away from the post-9/11 tactics.

It has been a catastrophic year for the rights of immigrants and visitors to the US. Next week, the Alarm! will take a week off and prepare for the beginning of a new era demarcated by a new look and print cycle. The next issue will be our one year anniversary and, of course, it will be one year since the twin towers crumbled. In the next column, I will take a look back at the year to see all that was lost after 9/11.

Can You Believe It?

Carjacker Gets Impromptu Martial Arts Training

LOS ANGELES—Tyrone Jermaine Hogan picked the wrong car to mess with when he attempted to carjack the Florida International University judo team.

After having completed one carjacking that evening, Hogan drove six blocks to a service station where he encountered a member of the team and attempted to reach in the van and steal the keys. The men proceeded to wrestle



him to the floor until the police got there. "We had this guy like a pretzel on the ground," said instructor Nestor Bustillo. Looks like Hogan needs to go back to carjacking school.

SOURCE: bizarrenews.com

"That's a wrap Mr. President"

According to CNN and *The New York Times*, former President Bill Clinton plans to step back onto a television near you. Discussions with major network stations such as CBS have the rumor mill running. Word has it that the former Head of State could fetch the largest salary ever for a new-comer to the talk show scene. With an estimated salary of \$30-50 million dollars, Mr. Clinton may easily trump Oprah or Ricki when it comes to silly things TV execs will do to keep us watching!

I Said, "Give Me the King!"

Of all the wild and wondrous items to be found at the National Archives, apparently the most popular one requested is the 1970 photo of Elvis Presley and Richard Nixon. Taken on December 21,

1970 the photo opportunity presented itself when the King showed up in his black cape and requested audience with the President to discuss the possibility of him becoming a "federal agent at large."

The King apparently wanted to offer his services to the country because he saw the advantage he had as an entertainer. People don't seem so interested in why Elvis went to the White House. Instead, they want to have a photo of the thirty-five-year-old King with the pre-Watergate President.

The New Style Shotgun Wedding

Go on a vacation, fall in love, want to get married immediately. It is a real dilemma for some new, or not new, couples. But fear not, a solution is out there.

Ask for a "lay-over" in Stockholm and for a mere \$200 you can get hitched right in the airport. Performed

in the VIP lounge you can request a church or civil wedding and be off in just thirty minutes.

Coordinators can assist the newlyweds with items such as catering and flowers for a nominal fee. For those on the go, a same-day departure can be coordinated and they can be off on their honeymoon faster than you can say, "here's the number of a good divorce attorney."

Shall We Bury Mom or Wear Her

Apparently gone are the days of burying a relative or sending them to cremation. Instead bring on the days of taking those who have deceased and transforming them into jewelry.

A Chicago-based company claims it can make "blue diamonds" out of the remains of your loved one.

Perfecting the process in July, the company says its technology uses simple heat and pressure to transform the remains (carbon) into gems (diamonds).

The cost for a .25 carat is \$4,000 and the items can be mounted to be worn as other jewelry.



The pain and pride of community college

By ELIZABETH GONZALEZ

Pacific News Service

EDITOR'S NOTE: Considering that a majority of high school students may continue their education at community colleges, it's time for these institutions to lose their stigma, writes PNS contributor Elizabeth Gonzales. But the pride of being "learned" won't stop graduates from feeling separation from families and communities where higher education remains a luxury. Gonzales (svdebug@pacificnews.org) has just begun her junior year at Mills College in Oakland, Calif. She writes for Silicon Valley De-Bug (www.siliconvalleydebug.com), a PNS publication and the voice of young workers, writers and artists in Silicon Valley.

After headaches, tears and too many sleepless nights, I have a piece of paper that says I'm of the "learned."

Well, almost. I graduated from Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, or what my friends and I call UC Evergreen to give its name some weight. Graduating from community college is a bit strange, because it's only supposed to be part of your education—a preparation for a "real" four-year college. But community college is not just a phase. It is a unique school experience that is redefining higher education.

For me, community college is where I came to value school. And I'm not alone. In the next decade, community colleges are expected to assume about seventy-five percent of post-high school enrollment, according to a report by the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Even with so many students attending community college, we enrollees aren't supposed to be proud of it. When we're asked what school we go to, the usual answer is, "I'm at community college, uh for right now," or "I go to a junior college, but I'm transferring." The idea seems to be, get out quickly without being seen.

Two weeks before graduating, I participated in an intimate celebration as part of a program that focuses on the academic success of Latino students at Evergreen.

Looking around, I saw about fifteen students who are becoming nurses, teachers, auto mechanics, and computer technicians without going to a four-year school. I also saw how empty the auditorium was. I thought of how not even half of my high school friends are still in school. For a few, it was a personal choice—they just didn't want anything more to do with school. But for the majority, it was other circumstances. There has to be someone or something supporting your educational efforts. I am able to go to school because I want to go, and because I have the encouragement of my parents.

When my friends didn't find this support from their family or workplaces they had to quit. One friend was discouraged by her parents, who thought she was wasting her time with school. Wanting to see fast results, they put her through computer training school, believing she would get a good job like her older sister. But the school she attended never found her a job and after spending thousands of dollars, she got a job with her aunt—something she could have had in the first place. Another friend had no financial support from her parents. She found a part-time job, which made it much more difficult to focus on school. When she took another job,

she decided to leave school for a while. She hasn't been back since.

At times, I feel the pressure of the world because I'm in school when so many are not. I felt that weight the other day as I was leaving my brother's house. He was talking about life and success and saying he would help me in any way he could—all I had to do was ask. As I was getting into the car to leave, I heard him say: "Liz has a different life. The life I could have had, but I don't have the discipline." Then, looking at me, he added, "And it's funny—mine is the easy one and yours is the hard one."

I didn't know what to say and though I shouldn't have felt guilty for being able to go to school, I did. I never felt so great a difference between us. He's 10 years older, has a family, makes good money, and is about to move from an East side home to the West side, with a swimming pool and all. But he has not yet gotten a formal education. I know it's not resentment or envy that I feel from him. It's just a difference that separates us in some way.

These confusing feelings of being apart from the real world and close to it at the same time are part of what community college is about. Many students are the only ones going to school among their family and friends.

When it was my turn to speak at my graduation ceremony, I decided to do it in Spanish: "Todo lo que hago es para ustedes, mi familia, y para la raza bella de piel morena." I told my family that everything I do is for them and for the beautiful, brown-skinned people, even if they don't know it and perhaps never will. To get an education just for me would be selfish in a world where, for many, education is a luxury.

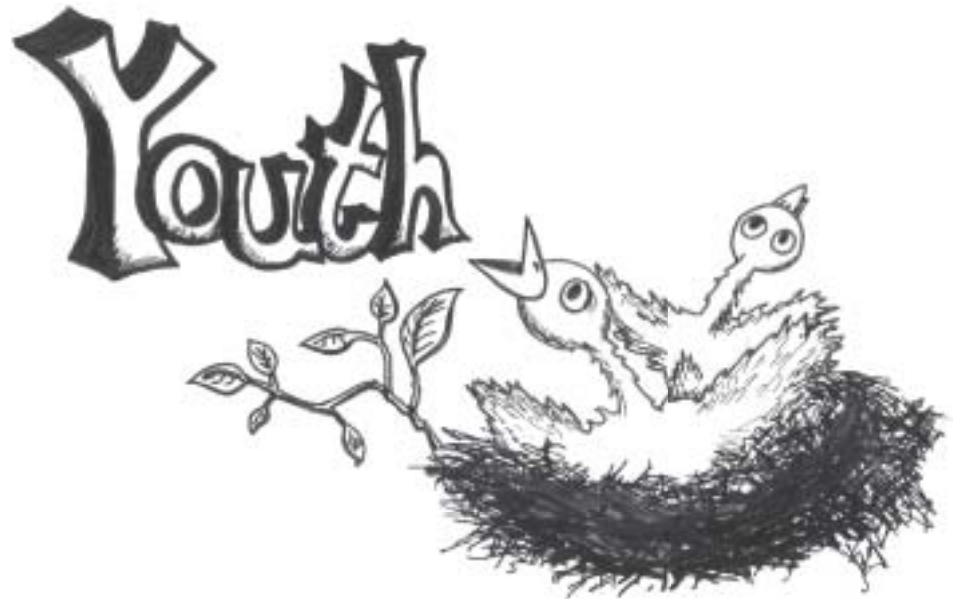
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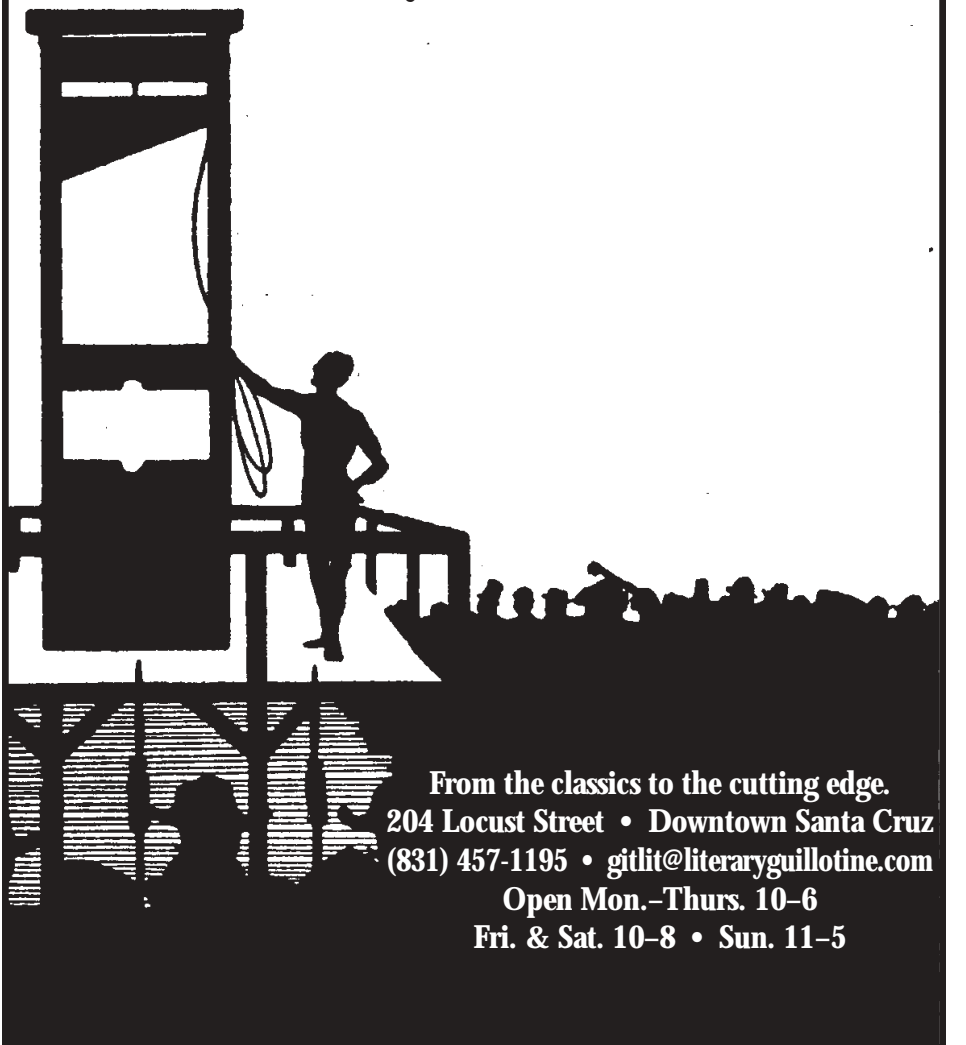
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SAT-SUN 8/24- 8/25

10 AM-1 PM Political Theater Workshop. Call 425-7529 for info and to register, \$25/day. At the Veterans' Memorial Building, SC.

2:30 PM (live music) **3 PM** (show starts) *Mister Smith Goes to Obscuristan*, presented by the San Francisco Mime Troupe. Original political satire based on the events of Sept. 11 and the aftermath. Free. Volunteers needed, please call (415) 285-1717, or locally call 426-2292. At San Lorenzo Park, SC.

Nostalgia days. Carnival rides, games, classic car show, motorcycle show, beer, wine & BBQ (live music on Saturday). Call 438-2356 for info. At Siltanen Park on Vine Hill Road, Scotts Valley.



The San Francisco Mime Troupe presents the original musical satire *Mr. Smith Goes to Obscuristan*. Free performances are featured at San Lorenzo Park on Saturday & Sunday, 8/24 & 8/25. (More details under above listing.)

ABOVE (left to right): Condoleezza Rice (Velina Brown), Dick Cheney (Ed Holmes), and George Dubya Bush (Amos Glick) confer in the Oval office.

SATURDAY 8/24

11 AM Redwood Grove Hike. Guided & informative tour through the redwoods. Call to confirm 335-4598. At Henry Cowell Redwood State Park, HWY 9, Felton.

12-2:00 PM Nadi es Illegal - No one is Illegal. Rally at César Chávez Park in San Jose.

2-4:30 PM *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Shakespeare Santa Cruz. \$10-\$45. Call ticket office at 459-2159 or go to www.shakespearesantacruz.org for more info. At the UCSC Sinsheimer-Stanley Glen, SC.

3 PM *The Party Never Ends*, a new dance theater piece, presented by the Moving & Storage Performance/Crash, Burn & Die Dance Company. Call 425-3055 for more info. In front of the Holy Cross Church in the Mission Plaza Park, SC.

7 PM-11 PM Mythical Masquerade Ball, a dance benefit for Santa Cruz City Schools Alternative Family Education programs. Costume contest, games, entertainment, food and a DJ. Teens and adults only. Call 423-8311 for more info. At the Harvey West Park Clubhouse, 326 Evergreen St., SC.

8 PM *Dangerous Neighbors: Bought Out!* Satirical sketch comedy about American society. \$12/general, \$10 seniors/students, call 429-9278 for info. At the Broadway Playhouse, 526 Broadway Ave., SC.

8-10:30 PM *The Sea Gull* by Anton Chekhov, Shakespeare Santa Cruz. \$10-\$45. Call ticket office at 459-2159 or go to www.shakespearesantacruz.org for more info. At the UCSC Sinsheimer-Stanley Glen, SC.

8 PM The KGB, Wasting Time, Now Hiring and the Other Left. Call 848-3488 for more info. \$8. At the Gaslighter's Music Hall, 7430 Monterey St., Gilroy.

SUNDAY 8/25

9 AM-1 PM Live Oak Farmers' Market. At the East Cliff Shopping Center, 1515 East Cliff Dr., SC.

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7 PM The War on Terrorism: Is Iraq Next, and Why? Featuring political science professor Stephen Zunes and Gulf War veteran Dan Fahey. \$5-\$10 suggested donation. Call 423-1626 for more info. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway St., SC.

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MONDAY 8/26

12-4 PM Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-in Center, 412 Front St., SC.

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

4:30 PM "Merrymaking Monday." Join Food Not Bombs and Downtown for All in a celebration that is all-inclusive. Hackeysackers, skateboarders, jugglers, merchants, tourists, etc. invited.

9 PM Hip-Hop Lab open mic. Call 688-9888 for info, no cover, ages 21+. At the Aptos Club, 7941 Soquel Dr., Aptos.

TUESDAY 8/27

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

7 PM Santa Cruz Earth First Meeting at 509 Broadway Ave., (next to the Center for Nonviolence).

5 PM Youth Coalition SC, RCNV, 515 Broadway Ave., SC.

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

6:30-9 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. Call Casa Bienestar at 761-8595, 90 Mariposa Ave., Wats.

7 PM "United We Stand Against War," video showing presented by the Santa Cruz Peace Coalition. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway Ave., SC.

7 PM Downtown-For-All meeting. At the Wired Wash Cafe on Laurel St., SC.

7:30 PM Author Linda Greenlaw discusses her book *The Lobster Chronicles*. Call 462-4415 for info. At the Capitola Book Cafe, 1475 41st Ave., Cap.

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WEDNESDAY 8/28

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

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

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THURSDAY 8/29

12-6 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 PM Youth hours. Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center, 412 Front St., SC.

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

7 PM Drop-in domestic violence support group. 303 Walnut Ave., SC. For info call 426-3062.

7-8 PM (beginning) **8-9 PM** (intermediate/advances) Free Salsa Dance Class. At the Wired Wash Cafe on Laurel St., SC.

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

7-8:30 PM Wise Guys. Drop-in support group for teenage survivors of violence. 303 Walnut Ave., SC. Call 429-3062 for info.

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8:30 PM Copwatch meeting. Call 596-4833 for info. At 1135 Branciforte St., SC.

9:00 PM Dance Church, free-form dance environment, bring an item for the altar. All ages. Call 466-9770 for more info. At the 418 Project, 418 Front St., SC.

10 PM Roots Late Night Cafe. Featuring performance, open mic, dancing & a live DJ. Call 459-4838 for info. At the UCSC Student Center, SC.

FRIDAY 8/30

8:30 AM The Santa Cruz Downtown Commission will meet to discuss exemptions and additions to the new downtown ordinances. At the SC City Hall Chambers, 809 Center St., SC.

1:30-5 PM Women's hours. Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center, 412 Front St., SC.

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

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

5-6 PM Peace vigil and human billboards protesting war. Call the Santa Cruz Peace Coalition 427-2676, or Sandy Silver of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for more info. At the intersection of Ocean St. & Water St., SC.

Mark Your Calendar



Oh yes, Shanda Leer and company are back in full force Sunday night, September 1, at the Club Dakota. Alina Malletti will join Santa Cruz's Drag Kings and Drag Queens as a special guest. Malletti, of San Jose, is a contender for this year's Miss Gay America Pageant.

"The Shanda Leer Show" brought in \$1000 from raffle ticket sales to benefit Santa Cruz Pride last May. This year's raffle ticket proceeds will go to "Pincurlz," a larger drag show that donates all of its proceeds to the Santa Cruz AIDS Project.

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

8-10:30 PM *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Shakespeare Santa Cruz. \$10-\$45. Call ticket office at 459-2159 or go to www.shakespearesantacruz.org for more info. At the UCSC Sinsheimer-Stanley Glen, SC.

9 PM-1 AM Community Dance Jam with DJ. Smoke-free, alcohol-free, all ages. \$7 (after 9:30), \$5 (before 9:30). Call 425-3325. At the 418 Project, 418 Front St., SC.

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9 AM-1 PM Live Oak Farmers' Market. At the East Cliff Shopping Center, 1515 East Cliff Dr., SC.

1-5 PM Kuumbwa's 27th Anniversary Celebration. At the San Lorenzo Park, SC.

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8 PM "The Shanda Leer Show," featuring Drag Queens and Drag Kings performing their favorite numbers, comedy routines and raffle prizes. Proceeds from raffle prizes will go towards "Pincurlz," an upcoming benefit show for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. \$5 cover charge, 21+ with valid ID. At the Club Dakota, 1209 Pacific Ave., SC.

MONDAY 9/2

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7 PM Santa Cruz Peace Coalition Meeting. Call 841-9139 x 1917. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway Ave., SC.

7 PM Downtown-For-All meeting. At the Wired Wash Cafe on Laurel St., SC.

7 PM Santa Cruz Earth First! Meeting at 509 Broadway Ave., (next to the Center for Nonviolence).

WEDNESDAY 9/4

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

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

THURSDAY 9/5

12-6 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 PM Youth hours. Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center, 412 Front St., SC.

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

7 PM Drop-in domestic violence support group. 303 Walnut Ave., SC. For info call 426-3062.

7-8 PM (beginning) **8-9 PM** (intermediate/advances) Free Salsa Dance Class. At the Wired Wash Cafe on Laurel St., SC.

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

7-8:30 PM Wise Guys. Drop-in support group for teenage survivors of violence. 303 Walnut Ave., SC. Call 429-3062 for info.

8:30 PM Copwatch meeting. Call 596-4833 for info. At 1135 Branciforte St., SC.

9:00 PM Dance Church, free-form dance environment, bring an item for the altar. All ages. Call 466-9770 for more info. At the 418 Project, 418 Front St., SC.

10 PM Roots Late Night Cafe. Featuring performance, open mic, dancing & a live DJ. Call 459-4838 for info. At the UCSC Student Center, SC.

FRIDAY 9/6

1:30-5 PM Women's hours. Condoms, coffee and conversation at the Drop-In Center, 412 Front St., SC.

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

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

5-6 PM Peace vigil and human billboards protesting war. Call the Santa Cruz Peace Coalition 427-2676, or Sandy Silver of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for more info. At the intersection of Ocean St. & Water St., SC.

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

8-10:30 PM *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Shakespeare Santa Cruz. \$10-\$45. Call ticket office at 459-2159 or go to www.shakespearesantacruz.org for more info. At the UCSC Sinsheimer-Stanley Glen, SC.

9 PM-1 AM Community Dance Jam with DJ. Smoke-free, alcohol-free, all ages. \$7 (after 9:30), \$5 (before 9:30). Call 425-3325. At the 418 Project, 418 Front St., SC.

SATURDAY 9/7

11 AM Redwood Grove Hike. Guided & informative tour through the redwoods. Call to confirm 335-4598. At Henry Cowell Redwood State Park, HWY 9, Felton.

SUNDAY 9/8

9 AM-1 PM Live Oak Farmers' Market. At the East Cliff Shopping Center, 1515 East Cliff Dr., SC.

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

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

5:30 PM ongoing. Earth First! Radio. FRSC 96.3 FM.

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Commentary

Wall Street is looking a lot like Lombard Street

By CHRIS KORTRIGHT
The Alarm! Newspaper Contributor

Capitalist ideologues and neo-liberal theorists always talk about slumps in the economy. Slumps are a natural part of the "science" that is claimed to stand behind the machinery of capitalism. These faithful followers of the capitalist system talk of the market as if it were a roller coaster; there are inevitable drops, but these drops lead to accumulation of capital for the stronger corporations. The leading priests of capitalism have been trying to keep our faith by telling us that apparent weaknesses are actually the inherent strengths of the system.

On August 5, when the Dow closed at 8,044 after a disastrous free fall, Harvey Pitt, head of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, proclaimed his faith in the system's inevitable resurrection. He said, "I believe that our economy is strong, that we have many fundamentally sound companies, that we are undertaking significant and far-reaching reforms and that stock prices in the market will eventually reflect all the good things that are happening." This statement was made just after the Dow Jones slid more than 700 points last July. Can these economic faith healers explain away the relatively consistent downward trend that stocks have been taking?

While most people discuss the Dow's free fall as an indicator of our present slump, the US Dow Jones Total Market Index (TMI) provides a more

comprehensive marker for economic analysis. The Dow only measures the stock performance of leading US corporations. The TMI assesses the overall economic system. According to the Dow Jones website, the TMI index includes ninety-five percent of the investable market, tracking a total of 1,650 stocks. In the past year, the Dow only showed a downturn of seventeen percent whereas the TMI has fallen by twenty-four percent. The TMI shows a more accurate picture of the market than the Dow, and gives an image that looks less and less like a roller coaster with its inevitable upturn. Despite the falsely positive picture presented by the Dow, our economy and the global market has been in a two-year recession with no sign of recovery.

In their attempts to save face, corporations have been posting business expenses as capital expenditures (items included in the profit balance). This deceptive practice has had a tremendous effect on the market. The most talked about cases—Enron and WorldCom—are not

isolated events. Xerox, AOL Warner, and Qwest are all under investigation by the US Department of Justice for similar practices. But with all of these attacks on the faith of the market, the people hurt the most are not the stock holders or the CEOs (including those looking at jail time), it is the workers.

Massive lay-offs follow the profit losses and bankruptcies. WorldCom's global operation has already fired 17,000 workers and the numbers are rising. The lay-offs are not just an issue of US workers. In the past six months, the Swedish corporation Ericsson fired 25,000 workers, representing a

quarter of their work force; British Telecom fired 13,000 workers; Alcate, a French telecom company, fired 10,000 workers; in Germa-

ny, 12,000 telecom and banking jobs were lost. Looking at these numbers is frightening, but the workers that are hit hardest during market down turns are not banking and telecom workers, it is the manufacturing sector.

The manufacturing sector has borne

the brunt of the market crisis. In Britain, 400,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in the past three years, representing ten percent of the work force. The same trends are accruing here in the US. Six months ago, the Ford Motor Company announced that they had a "bloated" work force. Ford promptly took care of business, closing five plants and firing 35,000 workers. As you read this, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) is negotiating (or trying to negotiate) with the ports to limit automation that would severely cut longshore workers. US unemployment is projected to reach six and a half percent by fall. Things are getting worse.

The analogy of a roller coaster to represent capitalism's up and down turns no longer works. Wall Street and the global capitalist system is starting to look a lot more like Lombard Street to me. Lombard is a steep curvy street that tour guides in San Francisco refer to, jokingly, as the crookedest street in the world—except for Wall Street. On a roller coaster, we are strapped into our seats at the whim of the system. But really, capitalism is much more like a car without brakes on Lombard Street. If we stay in the car we will inevitably die. However, we do have the option to pull hard on the steering wheel and remove ourselves from this death-trap known as capitalism.

“ Can these economic faith healers explain away the relatively consistent downward trend that stocks have been taking? ”

Wholly Cross-Words

By Oliver Brown

ON HIATUS 'TIL NEXT ISSUE. Mr. Brown will be back on September 6, 2002.

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08160201 Tired of playing scrabble with the same three people? Want to branch out? I am looking for scrabble enthusiasts for casual scrabble engagements. No funny stuff... just good clean scrabble.

08230200 My neighbors are hellians, I call the cops all night. want to come over next Saturday night? I'll dial 9 you dial 1-1

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08230205 Two Words: Guitar Wolf. Strike a cord? I've got the movie—you got a VCR? Let's make music together.

08230206 Jack-guzzling, camel-smoking, sensitive Emo man-child seeks similarly-wounded stylish, cute girl for leftist politics, debauchery and discussions of Hot Water music lyrics. Black hoodie a must, fishnet stockings a plus. Does your soul cry out in the dark? Mine does too. Let's bleed together and make it a double.

08230207 Where do I start? I am a trickster, a lover and not a fighter. I am going on a Morrissey mega-tour but my car won't start... want to give me a ride?

08230208 I SAW YOU: you red-haired vixen working at Capitola books. Putting away the Special Edition Life magazine you dropped a copy, I tried to pick it up for you and you smirked. Me: short, dark hair giggling. You, a goddess holding my heart in your hand on Monday afternoon.

08230209: YOU SAW ME: At the Box: I was weaving while they were standing. You: wearing black shirt and white concealer, Me: the same. Want to weave next week? I'll wear my bat wings.

08230210: I like editing and I like my cats. I know my history and I want to get to know yours. Want to go for a walk on the secret staircases... I won't tell if you don't.

08230211: Catholic, straight edge, punk rocker looking for a date to go to Beach Fest. I have backstage passes to meet Mr. Palau. Only the abstinent and pious need apply.

08230212 Blond bombshell seeks someone to come over to drink tea and read children's books. I make a mean homemade vegan pasta dish at midnight... want a sample!?

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 Beach Street, across from Boardwalk
 Beach Street, near Pacific Ave.

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 Joe on the Go (near Albertson's)
 Sacred Grove
 Pearl Restaurant on Seabright
 Day's Market on Seabright
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 Staff of Life

Post Office (Soquel Ave. & Morrissey)

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Soquel Ave. & 7th Ave.
 Live Oak Super (17th Ave.)
 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 Capitola Village Beach

Capitola Ave. & Bay Ave. (Gayle's)

SOQUEL

Ugly Mug on Soquel

APTOS

Cabrillo College bus stop
 Cabrillo College cafeteria
 Straw Hat Pizza (Soquel frontage Rd.)

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