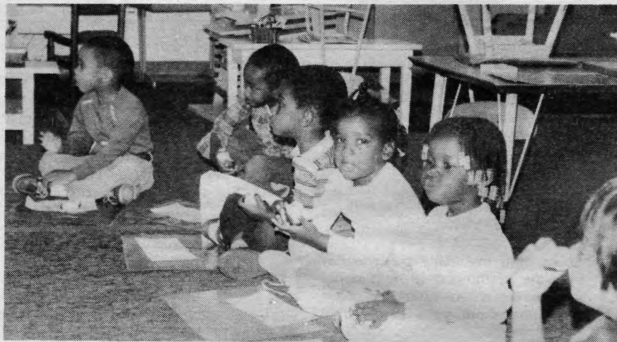


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The Creative Montessori Learning Center held its annual Spring Faire Saturday, May 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the school grounds at 1425 Bay Road in East Palo Alto.

The school's children were featured in a program of singing and folk dancing.

The high point of the Faire's food and refreshment offerings was a

barbecue contest. Forty-Niner star Derrick Harmon awarded the top prize and also conducted a drawing for a number of items that were raffled at the faire.

Quality children's clothing was offered for sale at the Saturday fair.

Live music was supplied by Don Estes and the After Hours Band of San Jose.

City Celebrates Juneteenth

The City of East Palo Alto will launch its annual Juneteenth celebration Monday, June 16th, with a proclamation of Juneteenth observances. The week of festivities will culminate with the annual cultural fair the weekend of Saturday, June 21st at the Ravenswood Recreational District park at 550 Bell Street.

The scheduled events for the special week include a Wednesday afternoon children's program at 1:00 in the East Palo Alto Library featuring Jan Hutchins, anchorman for television station KJCL's evening news program. Betty Simmons of C.O.P.E. will be the guest speaker for the library's Youth and Adult program evening presentation.

Ravenswood City School District superintendent Charlie Mae Knight will be the guest speaker for the East Palo

Alto library's Juneteenth Open House Tuesday evening, June 17th, at 7:00.

East Palo Alto choirs and opera star Henrietta Davis will highlight a gospel musical Thursday evening at 7:00 in the East Palo Alto Council chambers.

The gospel musical will be followed by a 1940's, -50's, and -60's dance at the East Palo Alto Community Center, 550 Bell Street at 8:00. Those attending the dance must dress in the costume of their era.

The Juneteenth Cultural Fair will include refreshments and live entertainment. The Reverend Amos Brown, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco will keynote the Saturday celebration. Aleta Dwyer-Carpenter, KDIA radio news personality, will keynote the Sunday program.

Election Commentary

By Ron Drake

The re-election of East Palo Alto City council members Ruben Abrica, James Blakey and Barbara Mouton on April 8th was seen by most observers as a solid mandate for cityhood but the election of newcomers John Bostic and Wamell Coats was also interpreted as a message from voters that the time to "get down to business" had come.

Bostic and Coats ran on an undeclared, pro-business slate that included Gertrude Wilks, former council member and mayor Henry Anthony, Cecelia Ratliff and Victor Perez. The clearest signal of pro-cityhood sentiment among voters was the failure of long-time council member Gertrude Wilks to gain re-election and the defeat of Anthony. Wilks was top vote-getter in the last election and expectations were that her broad base of support in the church and business communities would hold. The fact that Bostic and Coats ran public, "out-in-the-street" campaigns emphasizing growth of the city's tax base rather than questioning the basis for the city itself boosted them past Wilks and pro-city slate members Onyango Bashir and Jahi Mirembe.

Sources indicate that Bostic has expressed a willingness to work with the re-elected council members in carrying out the twin mandates of continued cityhood and economic growth. (Bostic nominated former vice-mayor James Blakey for mayor. Blakey, however, re-nominated current mayor Barbara Mouton, who retained the post). Coats, on the other hand, is said to be reluctant to participate in this still-developing coalition.

Bostic conducted a confident, self-effacing campaign and refused to conduct personal attacks on other candidates. His position on cityhood was not well-known among voters but confidence in his commitment to the good of East Palo Alto won out.

By far the most interesting aspect of the race was Peter Evans. His campaign was marked by a refreshing frankness and humor but was undoubtedly hurt by two factors: overblown rhetoric and unfortunate, ill-considered attacks on other candidates and on a retiring member of the council. His personal attacks, mounted in the waning days before the election, turned many voters against

his candidacy.

Long-time East Palo Alto resident and businessman Joseph Goodwill ran a low-energy race that seemed to rely on the power of name recognition alone to boost him into a city council seat.

Maurice Davis and pro-business slate member Victor Perez entered the campaign as relative unknowns and finished the same way. The pro-cityhood slate's coattails were not long enough to pull in Onyango Bashir and Jahi Mirembe. (Bashir ran an active, public campaign and could be a factor in the future).

A number of lessons came out of the election: the people of East Palo Alto are solidly behind cityhood. Although the city is indebted to Gertrude Wilks for her long fight for education and a better life for the community, her position on the council in light of community support for

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̄Pena Moai Opens In EPA

The exciting rhythms of Voz do Samba drew a sell-out crowd who danced the night away at the recent and long-awaited opening of Pena Moai.

After months spent remodeling and working with the city's planning commission to obtain the appropriate permits, East Palo Alto's newest cultural center finally got approval to open its doors.

"It's been a long time coming and a lot of work," said councilmember Ruben Abrica who attended the opening. "The planning commission was concerned there wouldn't be enough parking in the area and they made the owners scale down the size of the place."

Currently, Pena Moai is open on Fridays only with an occasional Saturday event, and features only Brazilian music.

Manager Kirstin Lindquist said there is a big demand in the Bay Area for Brazilian music, but that Pena Moai does plan to have more variety.

"We'd like to see more groups from the area use the place," Lindquist said. Pena Moai is available for rental by community groups and individuals.

On exhibition at the cultural center are photographs by Lynn

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The Council Beat

compiled by Tom Auer

March 17

Resolution passed supporting a telephone lottery in California. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Authorized staff to execute letter agreements for loaned executives to supplement City Staff. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Appointed the following members to various commissions: Shirley J. Brandon, Public Works Commission; Moses Webb, Public Safety Commission. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Amended contract with Chief of Police to increase salary 7% effective December 3, 1985. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Resolution passed adopting policy guidelines concerning neighborhood standards. Directed staff to conduct 90-day education program before enforcement of the standards. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Resolution passed awarding contract for organizational assessment and management audit to the Center for Excellence in Local Government. **Unanimous** (4-0, Abrica absent).

Resolution passed awarding contract for construction of basketball courts at Jack Farrell Park. **Unanimous** (4-0, Abrica absent).

Resolution passed approving preparation of a joint proposal by the City and the San Mateo County Community Action Agency to the Office of Community Services for funding for a community economic development program. **Unanimous** (4-0, Abrica absent).

Resolution passed approving appointment of election officers for the general municipal election. **Unanimous** (4-0, Abrica absent).

March 31

Proclaimed the week of May 5, 1986 as Latino Week in the City of East Palo Alto.

Resolution passed supporting the Hormel boycott. **Unanimous** (3-0, Blakey and Wilks absent).

Appointed Carl Dinwiddie to the Economics Development Task Force. **Unanimous** (3-0, Blakey and Wilks absent).

Ordinance passed raising city council's salaries to \$300/month. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

Resolution passed awarding contract for supply of 542 parking control signs. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

Resolution passed approving joint proposal by the City and the San Mateo County Community Action Agency to the Office of Community Services for funding for a community economic development program. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

April 15

Proclaimed the week of April 15, 1986 as Earthquake Safety Week in the City of East Palo Alto.

Proclaimed the week of April 21, 1986 as Professional Secretaries Week.

Resolution passed declaring the results of the general municipal election. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

Resolution passed saluting Gertrude Wilks for services to the City of East Palo Alto as Councilmember. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

Resolution passed saluting Omowale Satterwhite for services to the City of East Palo Alto as Councilmember. **Unanimous** (4-0, Wilks absent).

The following new Councilmembers were installed: Barbara A. Mouton, John B. Bostic, Ruben Abrica, James E. Blakey, Jr., and Wamell Coats.

April 21

Elected Barbara Mouton mayor and James Blakey, Jr. vice-mayor.

Appointed the following members to various subcommittees: Finance, Abrica and Blakey; Personnel, Abrica and Bostic; Litigation, Coats and Mouton; Mayor's, Blakey and Mouton.

Proclaimed the week of April 21, 1986 as the week of the young child in the City of East Palo Alto.

Approved \$900 for the 1986 Summer Jobs for Youth Program. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Resolution passed opposing H.R. 3838, a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives which imposes additional conditions to new issues of municipal bonds to qualify for tax-exempt status. **Unanimous** (5-0).

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In the News

edited by Meda Okelo

Earthquake Survival Cards: Wallet sized earthquake survival cards will soon be made available to San Mateo County residents. The idea was inspired by the realization that should an earthquake occur, most people are unlikely to remember where their telephone directories are. Those interested in obtaining the cards may contact the Emergency Services Coordinator for the county Mr Kent Paxton at 401 Marshall St. Redwood City, (415) 363-4790. The cards tell you how to treat victims in shock; how to stop bleeding, how to help someone who has stopped breathing. They also provide telephone numbers where further information could be obtained.

Students Vote for Divesture of University Stock in Companies Operating in South Africa: A Stanford student referendum proposing that the school divest its holding in companies doing business with or in South Africa was passed by a 2-1 margin. The University president however indicated that although he had all the intentions of passing on the information to the Board of Trustees, he did not expect them to take any appropriate action.

AT&T Cuts South African Ties: Bowing to pressures from employees, AT&T agreed to sever virtually all business ties to South Africa. This, reports indicate, would entail phasing out purchases of minerals, cutting of computer sales, and refusing to provide special long-distance and data transmission services. Meanwhile in a similar local anti-apartheid action, Spartan Shops, a business operating bookstores, cafeterias and other concessions at San Jose State University decided to remove its money from the Bank of America to protest the banks direct and indirect support for the apartheid regime.

Apartheid Debacle: P.W. Botha, South Africa's president declared in mid-April that there would be a moratorium on arrests of Blacks for "Pass Law" violations and that all those charged with offenses would be released. Informed observers read this action to mean that the apartheid system was finally reaching the point of debacle. In 1982 alone, 200,000 Africans were arrested for violating pass laws. Most people convicted under those laws serve their time as laborers in white farms.

To Write or Not to Write: That is the question that the 87,000 employees of Lockheed are asking themselves following the corporations request that they write their senators and congressmen to urge them to support Reagan's defense budget.

Project Illegal Aliens: An Immigration and Naturalization Service official recently indicated that undocumented aliens would only be expelled from the U.S. if they met two conditions: one, they had a criminal record, and

two they held jobs paying more than minimum wage.

Police Barred: The Berkeley City Council, in an unprecedented action, voted on April 22nd not to allow Berkeley police to assist Berkeley campus police in 'quelling' political demonstrations on campus. This vote followed incidents on campus in which the police viciously clashed with student anti-apartheid demonstrators seeking to have the university divest \$2.4 billion dollars invested in companies operating in South Africa. The council, probably due to pressures from the police, later amended the ordinance to allow the city police to assist campus police in situations where there was evidence of "imminent danger to life and property".

Anti-apartheid Arrests: 152 people protesting U.C. Berkeley investments in companies doing business in South Africa were arrested in April. 47 were arrested in similar protests at Yale University. At Georgetown university in Washington, 36 students were arrested following student resistance to efforts by the authorities to dismantle the shanty town built on campus to express solidarity with the millions of Africans in South Africa forced to live under such conditions by the repressive laws of apartheid.

Black Hebrews Group: 49 members of the Black Hebrews sect who migrated to Israel from the U.S. in the seventies are currently being faced with expulsion. The group, which considers itself as direct descendants from the biblical israelites, has always been regarded and treated as non Jews since a 1972 Israeli Supreme Court ruling.

Paper Re-emerges: The Ravenswood Post, a paper published several years ago serving both East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, was reincarnated briefly in a hopeless attempt to try to influence the outcome of the vote on the rent control proposition. Bearing the old newspapers masthead, and a disclaimer as to its association with the original Post, the paper viciously tried to convince voters that the city parents were somehow anti-city. Openly supporting a group of individuals who have had a consistent history of not being participatory pro-city both in its creation and development, the paper desperately attempted to link the city's future development to a No vote on rent control.

Melvin Truss Jr: The State Attorney General's office has been asked to conduct a full investigation of the shooting of 17 year -old Melvin Truss Jr. who was shot by an undercover cop last year. Police claim that young Melvin was shot after allegedly trying to rob an officer at knife-point. The Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, the requesting agency found many holes in the police story as to the circumstances that led to young Truss' killing.

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The Law and You

This is one in a series of articles by Eric Cohen, a law student working at the EPA Community Law Project.

RENTERS: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND SAVE MONEY!

The Scene: Fernando is about to sign a rental contract for an apartment. He's not certain whether or not he wants the place. The only problems are whether the landlord will carry out his promise to paint the place and what, generally, the neighborhood is like. So while Fernando's at the new apartment complex, he goes upstairs--rental contract in hand -- to talk to one of the other renters.

Fernando: Hi, my name's Fernando. I'm thinking of moving in next door. Could I ask you a few questions about the place and about your landlord?

Sheri: Sure, come in. I'm Sheri and I've been living here for 4 1/2 years. What do you want to know?

Fernando: What's the landlord like?

Sheri: The landlord's all right sometimes, he has his ups and downs. The apartment's O.K. too because some people are nice and it's a convenient place to live. But it's got its problems too. You know how it is.

Fernando: Does the landlord fix things he says he'll fix? He told me that if I rent the place he'd paint it for me. It really needs it. You think he'd do it for me?

Sheri: Well, I'm not sure. You know the old saying, get everything in writing so you can protect yourself. Is it written into your rental contract for him to paint the place?

Fernando: I'm not sure. I didn't see it but I never understand these rental contracts too well. So I don't read them except for how much I have to pay.

Sheri: I don't read them too well either but I think it's real important to try because we renters never know what we may be signing. Let's see your contract.... Nope, I don't see anything about painting the place. Maybe you should just write it in at the bottom.

Fernando: Wait, you can't just write it in like that can you?

Sheri: Sure you can as long as you do it before you and the landlord sign it -- so that both of you know it's there. In fact not only can you add things but you can also cross things out as long as it's before you all sign it. These rental contracts aren't only for landlords, they're for us too; we have rights to protect too. It's just that landlords have the rental contract written already so we renters think we have to sign it the way it came and by the landlord's rules and that the landlord's the one in charge. That isn't true.

Fernando: Maybe I should look at this contract a little harder. Will you help me?

Sheri: Yeah. Why not? How much rent will you be paying for your studio?

Fernando: \$400 per month.

Sheri: I don't know if the landlord's allowed to charge \$400 or if it's too much. You shouldn't be paying more than what the last renters were paying because the landlord's not supposed to raise the rent 'till summer. In fact under the new rent law, beginning May 1 you should be paying the same amount as the April 1985 rent; thus you probably should be

paying even less than what the previous renters were paying last month. The April 1985 rent is the same as the April 1983 rent plus 9%. The landlord can only raise your rent after being given permission by the City Rent Board. The landlord can't raise the rent just because you moved in. Do you know what the last renters were paying? If they saved their rent receipts it'd really help to figure it all out. If you call the city you can also find out how much you should be paying.

Fernando: The landlord said I also have to pay \$50/month extra for parking. Do you have to pay that much?

Sheri: No. I've never paid for parking. I wonder why our landlord's doin' that all of a sudden. I did hear our landlord was trying to do that to new renters. You know, I'm not sure it's legal. If it's just a way to charge us renters extra in order to get around the rent law our landlord, may not be able to do it. In fact, most of the time landlords aren't supposed to charge us any extra for parking, or for having extra people live in the apartment -- especially if the others are our close family members -- or for pets or for other things. It all depends on the situation. Our landlord also writes the contract such that we have to pay for a cleaning deposit and the landlord claims we cannot get the cleaning deposit back. Well that's wrong. We're allowed to get all our deposits back unless our landlord has a justified reason not to give it back.

Fernando: How can I find out what we can and can't be charged for?

Sheri: Well, it depends on whether our landlord is charging us for something extra just to get around the rent law. If there were charges for the extra things before April 1983, then the charge can continue. But if it's a new charge, it may be violating the rent law. I don't even know all the things which your landlord can and can't do to you as a tenant but I do know these few things.

Fernando: I better find all this out before I sign this contract.

Sheri: Yeah, you should. But if you blow it -- if you're too busy or miss something when you check it all out -- you may still be able to call the landlord on it later. If there's anything that's against the rent law or other laws in a contract, we do not have to follow those parts even if we signed the contract.

Fernando: You mean even if I sign the contract saying I'll pay the extra \$50 for parking, and the parking charge is not legal, I can just refuse to pay it?

Sheri: Yes. But you may have to go to court over it. Often it is best to take your landlord to the East Palo Alto Rent Board (853-3100) and let them figure it all out. You can get help from the local tenants group (321-3984) or the East Palo Alto Community Law Project (853-1600). In addition, you can try organizing a group of tenants against your landlord or publicizing the problems in the newspaper. Even if it doesn't work this time maybe it'll help for you or someone else who tries to challenge your landlord next time. But there's no doubt, if your landlord is violating the law, you can win. I just did it and I know someone else who did it too. **And if you know your rights you'll be able to save some money.**

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Watsonville Strike Continues

WATSONVILLE STRIKE CONTINUES

The town of Watsonville is witnessing a critical struggle between the cannery workers of Teamsters Local 912 and two of the largest frozen food processors in the U.S.

The mostly Mexican and Chicana workers of Watsonville are drawing the line against employers taking away benefits. They are fighting a battle not only for the rights of unionists, but for the rights of Latinos, women, and all working people.

On September 9, 1,750 cannery workers, 80 percent of them women, walked out on strike at the Watsonville Canning Company, and Richard Shaw, Inc. Both companies had imposed wage cuts. Watsonville Canning unilaterally cut wages for production-line workers from \$6.66 an hour to \$4.75. On October 28, the workers at Watsonville Canning held firm, turning down the company's offer of \$5.05 an hour by a vote of 800 to 1.

The company claimed that the rollback in wages was necessary to remain competitive, but four other California frozen food packers recently signed a contract with the Teamsters setting wages at \$7.06 an hour. Other benefits that the company wants to take away include a two-tier wage system, the gutting of seniority rights, reduction of health benefits, and weakening of grievance procedures.

Local authorities are siding with the cannery owners. One court injunction limits pickets to four at each plant gate, making it hard for strikers to discourage scabs from entering the plant.

Based on false charges of violence, another order has come down preventing more than three strikers from gathering where company buses are picking up scabs and forcing those three to stay 25 feet away from the buses. Police have cited and arrested hundreds of strikers who have done nothing more than walk a picket line and defend their jobs.

The members of Teamsters Local 912 are standing firm. The fight is a hard one and strikers must subsist on \$55 a week strike benefits. But the cannery workers are determined to win. They need and deserve our support. The Latino, labor, student and progressive movements are rallying behind the Watsonville workers. **VIVA LA HUELGA!**

For information about the Northern California Watsonville Strike Support Committee call 775-0688.

APOYEMOS A LOS HUELGUISTAS DE WATSONVILLE!

En la ciudad de Watsonville se está llevando una importante lucha entre los trabajadores de canerías del Local 912 de los Teamsters y dos de las más grandes compañías procesadoras de comestibles congelados en los E.U. Los trabajadores mayormente mexicanas y chicanas de Watsonville están diciendo **IBASTA YA!** con las concesiones a los patrones. Luchan no solamente por los derechos de los sindicalistas, pero también por los derechos de los latinos, las mujeres, y toda gente trabajadora.

El 9 de septiembre, 1,750 trabajadores, 80 por ciento mujeres, salieron en huelga de Watsonville Canning Co. y Richard Shaw, Inc. Ambas compañías habían impuesto rebajas de salarios. Watsonville Canning unilateralmente cortó los salarios para los trabajadores de línea de \$6.66 la hora a \$4.75. El 28 de octubre, los trabajadores en Watsonville Canning mostraron su determinación, rechazando por un voto de 800 a 1 los \$5.55 que les ofrecía la compañía.

La compañía alega que la rebaja de sueldos es necesaria para poder seguir compitiendo en el mercado, pero cuatro otras canerías recientemente firmaron contratos con los Teamsters que fijan el pago a \$7.06 por hora. Otras concesiones exigidas por la compañía incluyen una estructura salarial dual, la debilitación del sistema de señorío, la reducción de los beneficios de salud, y la debilitación de los procedimientos de agravios.

Las autoridades locales se alían con los dueños de las canerías. Una orden judicial limita a cuatro el número de piqueteros en cada entrada de las plantas, dificultando que los huelguistas impidan a los esquiroleros de entrar a trabajar.

Basada en cargos falsos de violencia, otra orden judicial ha sido impuesta prohibiendo que más de tres huelguistas estén en los sitios en donde las compañías recogen a los esquiroleros y los obliga a mantenerse por lo menos 25 pies de distancia de los buses. La policía ha multado y arrestado a cientos de huelguistas que sólo han estado defendiendo sus empleos.

Los miembros del Local 912 Teamsters son tenaces. La lucha es dura y los huelguistas tienen que subsistir con \$55 semanales de beneficios de huelga. Pero están decididos a triunfar. Merecen nuestro apoyo. Los movimientos latino, laboral, estudiantil y progresista están cerrando filas detrás de los trabajadores de Watsonville. **VIVA LA HUELGA!**

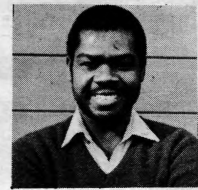
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Ron's Corner

by Ron Drake

Scene: The Pearly Gates

Time: The Future



"OK, let's keep it moving!" shouted St. Peter, "who's the next applicant, Gabriel?"

"We've got Ron Drake, your brilliance," said the angel. "This is file number 3339972644."

"Welcome, Mr. Drake," said the Archangel with a radiant smile.

"I see that you are Black...American...hmm...computer programmer...writer...born a Methodist...current affiliation: None..." "None?, Mr. Drake." "Well, sir, God is God, no matter what or how you call it."

"It?, Mr. Drake? How quaint, Gabriel...God is an 'it.'"

"Yes, sir. I do not presume that God has a race or a sex or a form that I know anything about."

"Quite so, Mr. Drake, quite so." "What is your creed, Mr. Drake?"

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty...wait! I'm sorry. I learned to say that in church whenever the question was asked."

"I believe that all people are equal in the sight of God and so should be in the eyes of man."

"I believe that injustice to one is injustice to all."

"I feel that I am no better or worse than any other person and that I have no right to impose my will on anyone other than my son, who is my responsibility."

"I don't mistreat other people and I expect the same from them."

"Excellent, Mr. Drake," chuckled St. Peter, "excellent! Piety without the trappings of religious conviction! How refreshing."

"I think you mistake deep, genuine fear for piety, sir."

St. Peter's face grew stern.

"Mistake, Mr. Drake? Mistake?" Peter set his bifocals on his nose and flipped through the file in front of him.

"Was it a mistake that you failed to realize your full potential, Mr. Drake? Was it a mistake that you did not devote enough attention to your family? Was all the time you wasted--your time and the time of others--a mistake, Mr. Drake?"

"But I..."

"Was it a mistake that because of your slothfulness and lack of respect for your body that you died in front of your television set...that you died

of a heart attack because the Giants won the 1986 World Series...that your loved ones found you in an easy chair with a half-consumed beer in your hand?"

"Was that a MISTAKE?" "Well, sir, I did the best I could. I repent of all my sins and am heartily sorry."

St. Peter snorted.

"The best you could...I hardly think so, Mr. Drake. I hardly think so. You were given all the advantages this office could afford you. You were given two diligent parents. You were given a serviceable mind. You were equipped with an excellent body. Your wife and son; the best you could ask for. You were born into one of the most materially blessed places on earth, Mr. Drake, and you tell me that you have done your BEST? I hardly think so."

"Anything I could say to you, sir, would be simple excuses. I've told you everything except that I hope your judgement of me will be by what is in my heart and by what I've left behind me. I have killed no one. I have brought as little hurt as I possibly could. And I brought as much light as my situation and my talents would let shine."

St. Peter nodded to Gabriel. Gabriel gripped a lever and sprung the trap door. Drake disappeared into a fathomless abyss.

"He repented," said Gabriel, "that used to be enough, sir."

"Affirmative action for sinners? Hal He could have repented until he was blue in the face and it would have done him no good," spat Peter.

"You know our policy here. This is no place for people of color. This is no place for Jews or Muslims or Buddhists. Hindus find no solace here nor do pagans or Druids or any other idol worshippers. The mother who murders her fetus, the pornographer, the unsaved have no home here for this is the heaven of Jerry Falwell and the Inquisition. This is the heaven of righteousness. Now bring on the next soul."

Gabriel sighed and blew a blast on his trumpet.

"We've got Clarence Pendleton, your eminence. File Number 63457-8903..."

attacks and slanderous invective do not win elections; issues and involvement do.

We can all be proud of the fact that fourteen members of the community were committed enough to get involved. Win or lose, they all served as an example of what is required of us if the city of East Palo Alto is to survive.

Pena Moai Opens

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Pollock Marsh of women in Guatemala, Peru and Panama.

The following events are scheduled for June:

- 6 Brazilian Beat
- 13 Brasil Ja
- 20 Tropical Breeze
- 27 Voz do Samba
- 29 Chiltec Lstac, from El Salvador

Pena Moai's doors open at 6 pm and the music begins at 9 pm. There is a cover charge of \$5. Refreshments are also available for purchase.

Pena Moai is located at 1944 University Ave. in East Palo Alto. For more information call 321-1944.

LEGAL PROBLEM?

Call the East Palo Alto Community Law Project.

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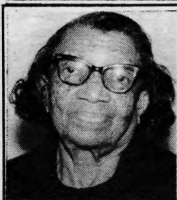
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cityhood made the outcome inevitable. (It is ironic that her strong, early efforts on behalf of incorporation played a large part in paving the way for a city whose existence she came to oppose).

The election of Bostic and Coats made it clear, however, that the time of patience with the city's present course has come to an end. Voters made it clear that unity and positive action on building a viable municipality are the order of the day. Although the fight for the city is not yet over (the state supreme court's decision on the validity of the June 1983 election is still pending) East Palo Alto now expects to begin reaping the benefits of the gamble it has made. The city's infrastructure--its streets, parks and other assets--must be upgraded. The police department must aggressively pursue the eradication of drug trafficking in our streets. East Palo Alto must be made attractive for small business and light industry. The time for self-interest and disharmony has passed.

And, in that vein, the voters will not buy petty politics. Vicious personal



Oakes' Acorns

by Carmaleit Oakes

Once upon a time there was a community that did not believe in itself. Even though its problems were caused by others, it took the blame. Since it had no control over matters that affected its life, it gradually lost self-respect and accepted its fate.

The people were suffering from a multiplicity of problems that had caused them to sink into a quagmire of despair. Goaded by false leaders into accepting defeat, the community actually came to believe that there was no way out. At every turn the community encountered a blind alley as it attempted to extricate itself from the malaise of economic, physical, and social problems.

Buried deep inside of the people's concern was a little voice, a recurring voice, that surfaced and continued to say, "How long will I let others speak for me?" The people went into a huddle to throw off the shackles of despair. They determined that those who blocked their progress had to get out of their way. They applied that old adage, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but, thank God, not all of the people all of the time." The Lord will help those who help themselves.

The people began to marshal their forces and formed coalitions.

Having never acquired the voting habit after generations of disenfranchisement in the rural South, they earnestly sought and learned the habits of coalition building that would move them from a client group to sharers of power.

The people set their star on independence. They went through the tedious and frustrating struggle for cityhood. In the process they gained many toeholds, grasped many ledges, and made many false starts and discouraging slips backward. But they never gave up. Finally, after several excruciating years, they jumped the hurdle of independence by a narrow margin. The people had yet to learn that they must face and overcome a series of additional hurdles.

Still, the people never wavered in their determination to do battle. They felt as though they were hanging on the Cross, for how could those who looked like them be so unrelenting?

Mustering all the professionalism at their command, the people struck down barrier after barrier. It was a bruising fight. But they made it to their greatest challenge: the first municipal election after the cityhood victory.

Having become even more sophisticated in the knowledge of politics, the people went about their business with greater confidence. They selected their candidates. They set up a Candidates' Night. Sitting through hour after hour of interviewing, the people learned a lot about the issues. They learned that many candidates lacked even the remotest grasp of relevant issues. Honesty is crucial in our hierarchy of values. Accordingly the people recognized the candidate who was unfair or misleading about his or her qualifications or made dishonest charges about an opponent. And the people proved their uncanny knowledge at the ballot box! They let the rascals hang themselves!!

Having come fresh from a victory on rent control, the people had another opportunity to lay that question to rest -- permanently to rest. They voted their pocketbook. They understood that landlords would still be able to make a profit while they, the tenants, gained much-needed relief. Owners who think they are entitled to a positive cash flow paid for by the tenants are not living in the real world. Their main reasons for investment are tax losses through depreciation expense and that very nice long-term capital gain when the property is sold. It is time that they realize that they cannot have the "whole pie" unless they have the means to pay for it. Once again, the people warned: Our community is not for sale.

The people have quietly gone about involving the community in its own decision making. Finally, the people understand that they "call the shots." They created advisory boards and commissions. They adopted a budget. Ordinances and resolutions essential for a functioning, viable municipality were enacted. Its own competent, professional police department, a commitment promised to a sometimes impatient community, was put in place. Laws may not cause others to love us but they give us our due. The people are finally reclaiming their self-respect. That slave mentality has bit the dust. The icing on the cake is the sweetest; communicating with all the people through informal outreach programs in the evening -- over coffee and cake in our homes. At long last we understand: equality starts with each of us. Let us work diligently at the task before us, to establish an equal opportunity city.

Unity for the people! We have overcome.

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Border Patrol Agent Exonerated: A Border Patrol agent who shot a 12 year old Tijuana boy in 1985 has been cleared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Humberto Carrillo Estrada, the boy, has not regained full use of his left arm. His family is reportedly suing the U.S. government for \$3 million in damages.

Another Toppling Mission: The CIA, it has come to light has provided \$2.5 million to "Contra" groups in Ethiopia, to assist in efforts to topple the Ethiopian government. This money agreed according to informed sources has been used in the training of armed guerrillas.

Duke's 22 Cent Stamp: A 22-cent stamp honoring Duke Ellington, was issued recently. Duke who died in 1974 would have been 87 years old on April 29th.

No More Government-insured Mortgages: The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) indicated in late April that it would no longer accept applications for government-insured home mortgages. These mortgages usually require a down payment as low as 5% of the price of a home. The FHA has reportedly reached its lending limit of \$57.4 billion and is currently awaiting the outcome of legislation in Congress that would increase its lending authority.

Farmworker Friend Turned Foe: The Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB)

an agency created in 1975 to help encourage farm worker unionization risks having its entire \$8.7 million annual budget eliminated. The United Farm Workers, led by Cesar Chavez is allegedly trying to persuade the state legislature to eliminate the agency's budget because it no longer defends union interest. The agency is dominated by pro-grower Deukmejian appointees.

Ray Luc Levesseur: a member of the underground United Freedom Front, which opposes apartheid in South Africa and U.S. policy in Central America was recently sentenced to 45 years in prison. He was accused of bombing buildings in a New York federal court.

One and a Half Million South Africa Workers Stay Home: Hundreds of mines, factories, and stores across South Africa either closed or reduced their operations on May Day, when approximately 1.5 million workers went on strike in protest against the South African regime. The workers were joined by more than a million students who boycotted classes in a strong statement of solidarity.

Business Boycott Pays Off: A five week boycott of white businesses in Indianola, Mississippi apparently paid dividends when the school board appointed an African-American superintendent. Indianola is a predominantly black delta town of 8,221 people. The boycott resulted in the closure of three businesses, and a temporary shutdown of the schools.

Corporate-run Refugee Center: Up to 5,000 Central American refugees may be held in a new Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) detention center in Oakdale, Louisiana. The center, will reportedly be operated by the Corrections Corporation of America, one of the largest of the rapidly growing for-profit prison management companies. The corporation which also runs similar centers in Houston and Laredo, is currently being sued for its policy of holding refugee children hostage until their parents turn themselves in.

Honduran Farmers Protest Contra Presence: Honduran farmers from the region along the Nicaraguan border have begun to protest the contra presence. A delegation that recently visited the US embassy and Honduran Congress stated, 'We have had it to the limit with these people. They are cold-blooded killers.' Citing abuses and atrocities at the hands of contra recruits, the farmers asked the US and Honduran governments to remove the contras from their lands.

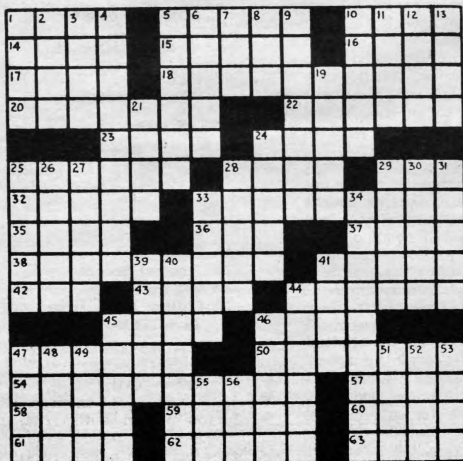
US Trained Grenadian Police Accused of Brutality: In Grenada 'prisoners are being beaten, denied medical attention and confined for long periods without being able to see lawyers' reports the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA). The COHA report notes that 'the country's new US-trained police force has acquired a reputation for brutality, arbitrary arrest and abuse of authority' practices which should not surprise those familiar with activities of other US-trained police forces in Latin America.

CORRECTIONS

A caption accompanying a picture of the Nabata Yero Club team, the Pirates, mistakenly reported that the club president, Mary Lee Swayzer had served in that capacity for 14 years. It is the club that has been in existence for 14 years. The Progress regrets the error.

Crossword Puzzle

by Michael Blake



ACROSS

- 1 Small hole in skin
- 5 _____ to the future (opportunity): 2 wds.
- 10 Study all night
- 14 Diabolic
- 15 **With 22 Across, a major festival: 3 wds.**
- 16 Civil Rights heroine
- 17 Phnom _____
- 18 **Person from San Jose, but not a Californian**
- 20 Bequeathed
- 22 See 15 Across
- 23 First American woman astronaut
- 24 Trade
- 25 Femme _____
- 28 Song: "_____ a Date with an Angel!"
- 29 The G in PG&E
- 32 Film critic Roger
- 33 Doesn't panic: 2 wds.
- 35 Siamese
- 36 John L. Lewis's union
- 37 _____ Bates's Hospital
- 38 **How are you? (pl)**
- 41 Muslim prince
- 42 Hank Aaron is tops in this statistic
- 43 Quite
- 44 **Bestow, as wisdom**

- 45 Captain of 'Nautilus'
- 46 Songstress Adams
- 47 Longhaired cat or goat
- 50 Releases: 2 wds.
- 54 **Governing party, neighbor of 18 Across**
- 57 _____ facto
- 58 Dies _____ (Wrath of God)
- 59 British racecourse
- 60 Necessity
- 61 There are 5 in most Shakespeare plays
- 62 Polish
- 63 **Wave**

DOWN

- 1 **Nickname for 'Jose'**
- 2 Microwave or convection
- 3 Part of a grapefruit
- 4 **The schedule: 2 wds.**
- 5 Consent, as to a demand
- 6 The D in LED
- 7 Not offs (Cricket)
- 8 Before Nov.
- 9 **What 'Carnino' means**
- 10 Pleat
- 11 Almond _____
- 12 Have _____ (share authority): 2 wds.

- 13 **It has 5 dedos**
- 19 Understands, on a 2-way radio
- 21 Chamberlain
- 24 Comedian Dick
- 25 Retriever's trick
- 26 Loathe
- 27 Squads
- 28 "To Whom _____ Concern:"
- 29 Helmet-shaped anatomical part
- 30 Change, as a helmine
- 31 Intelligent
- 33 SF Tower or Baths
- 34 **Rural countryman**
- 39 "If _____ Should Leave You:" 2 wds.

- 40 **There are 4 in every mes**
- 41 Send out
- 44 Form an idea
- 45 Swollen enlargements
- 46 Singer John
- 47 Largest continent
- 48 DEA officer
- 49 Tiny insect
- 51 Ajar
- 52 Secondhand
- 53 **All fem.**
- 55 Approximately: suff.
- 56 School subj.

Mystery Disease Affects Blacks

by Ron Drake and Jane Maxwell

"I was playing right field on a company softball team when I first realized that something was wrong. My co-workers commented to me that I had lost quite a bit of weight but I attributed that to all the exercise I had been getting. But nobody loses thirty pounds by playing three months of softball.

"Late in the game, as I had for the past twenty years, I leapt at the crack of the bat, settled under a towering fly ball, caught it and fired it back into the infield. I decided, then and there, to call my doctor. I was exhausted. I couldn't get enough air and my chest ached.

"My doctor examined me, pronounced me healthy and hearty—pending the results of a chest x-ray he ordered—and told me to cut out the cigarettes.

"He called me at work the next day.

"The chest x-ray I had taken showed a cotton-candy-like consistency throughout my lungs. To confirm his diagnosis, my doctor ordered a biopsy. Surgeons cut a six-inch incision into my chest and took some lung tissue. The laboratory had the results when I regained consciousness: it was sarcoidosis."

This thirty-year-old Black man found himself a statistic in a medical mystery that scientists have yet to unravel. He suffers from a strange disease that affects Blacks more severely than anyone else. While he continues to experience symptoms such as fatigue and occasional shortness of breath, he is one of the lucky victims who go on to live a relatively healthy life (nine innings of softball and a night of dancing are still pleasures he enjoys).

It is now known that in addition to problems with the lungs, sarcoidosis (sahr coy DOE sis) can also produce skin lesions, arthritis, heart problems, blindness and death. But in the late 1800's, its victims' chest problems

were assumed to be either tuberculosis or pneumonia, and their skin lesions cancer or leprosy. So, in 1898, when a sixty year-old English woman developed strange skin lesions on her face and arms, her doctors, not knowing what it was, named it after her—"Mortimer's Malady."

It was not until 1914 that sarcoidosis was recognized as a single disease with many different symptoms and it has since been studied by doctors and scientists all over the world. Many international conferences have been held in recent years and over 100 scientific papers on sarcoidosis are published yearly.

Most people with this disease do develop lung problems. Doctors start to suspect sarcoidosis when they see a person who has some kind of discomfort in the chest such as tightness, shortness of breath or a persistent, dry hacking cough. X-rays usually reveal inflamed nodes (knob-shaped swellings) in the lungs that look different from the way tuberculosis, pneumonia or cancer affect that organ.

Skin problems occur in one-quarter of sarcoidosis patients and develop in two distinct ways. In one, the skin tone and color changes in evenly spread patches on the arms, legs, face, and buttocks. The edges of the patches are usually darker in color than their centers and are slightly raised. The other skin problem shows up as skin-colored growths that have a clear, waxy look. These develop around the eyes, ears and nose. This second skin problem is most commonly seen in Black patients with sarcoidosis.

The eyes can also be affected. The iris, the colored part of the eye, becomes inflamed, and the victim may eventually go blind.

Although they are less common, other problems caused by sarcoidosis include nerve damage that can lead to palsy or meningitis, an enlarged spleen, diabetes, liver damage, and kidney failure brought on by too much calcium in the blood and urine.

For scientists, one of the most interesting things about sarcoidosis is the way it is distributed around the world. It often severely affects one

ethnic group while hardly appearing in another group close by.

The highest incidence occurs in the United States, two of the three Scandinavian countries, and Japan, whereas it hardly ever occurs in South America or mainland Asia.

In the United States, for instance, it occurs ten times more often in Blacks than in anyone else, but is almost never seen in Africa. It is common in Japan but only in the central mountainous regions, and is almost unheard of elsewhere in Asia. Immigrants to England from Ireland and the West Indies make up the majority of patients in the United Kingdom. In the Scandinavian countries, Norwegians have a much higher incidence of it than Swedes while their Finnish neighbors hardly get it at all. The incidence in Czechoslovakia is nine times greater than its northern neighbor, Poland, and eighteen times greater than in its southern neighbor, Hungary.

No one knows why the disease appears this way.

"It's one of those diseases we don't understand yet," says Dr. Gordon Yenokida, chief of the Respiratory Medicine Department at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

"There's no well thought-out bias or hypothesis to explain these differences."

Yenokida has worked at the National Institutes of Health in Washington D.C. where most of this country's sarcoidosis research is done. He says that all of the sarcoidosis patients he saw were Black.

"It doesn't have anything to do with place (in Black patients)," he says. "It's just more common where Blacks are."

While there is no "cure" for sarcoidosis, the disease can be treated with steroids, which reduce inflammation in the lungs and make breathing easier. If treatment is begun early enough, the lungs can be cleared in about seven out of ten patients. Chances are that this early treatment prevents the disease from spreading.

In addition to steroid therapy, other medication to open the lung

passages is also prescribed. (Sarcoidosis patients who are without their medication can achieve approximately the same effect with a cup of strong coffee or tea, but prescribed medication should always be taken as directed).

The basic guidelines for management of sarcoidosis are the same common-sense guidelines for maintaining good health: avoid smoking; avoid drugs, chemicals and environments which may affect the respiratory system; and maintain a balanced regimen of diet, rest and exercise. Diet is important in avoiding elevated levels of calcium in the body. Rest and exercise combat fatigue and shortness of breath. Sarcoidosis patients should also have regular check-ups so that a doctor can order x-rays or prescribe vaccinations against flu and viral pneumonia. Those who have not been diagnosed as having sarcoidosis but who are in the high-risk category (Blacks between the ages of twenty and thirty-five) should consult a doctor to be checked for early signs of the disease.

The outlook for people with sarcoidosis is generally excellent. Two-thirds of those who show initial lung damage clear completely within two to three years. Less than one-half of the remaining third die.

The main reason some people get the disease more severely than others is race. Researchers all over the world have found that Black patients experience more chronic and extensive symptoms than do whites. Fifty per cent of white patients who show some lung damage can expect a rapid recovery as opposed to only twelve per cent of Blacks. Blacks also develop a higher rate of skin and eye problems.

As medicine develops more sophisticated technology, it has become easier for doctors to tell if someone has sarcoidosis. But this same technology has not allowed them to understand why. Whether it has one or many causes is, perhaps, the major mystery to be solved and, until then, victims of sarcoidosis will continue to suffer.

Birthwatch

- January 2, 1986
A daughter to Mary Ann Rosas
- January 14, 1986
A son to Louise Helene and Ike Bain
- January 15, 1986
A son to Yvonne Cheatham and Roger Davis
- January 20, 1986
A son to Guillermina Aguilar and Jesus Bravo
- January 21, 1986
A daughter to Bernadette Alvarez
- January 24, 1986
A daughter to Sheri Reams and Tim Gibson
- January 25, 1986
A son to Ana Amaya
A son to Anne Sylvia Bothwell and Robert Fenster
- January 30, 1986
A daughter to Lilian Mirey Miranda and Fabio Antonio Estrada
- February 4, 1986
A son to Victoria and Rioberto Diaz
- February 5, 1986
A son to Rosalba and Octavio Chavez
- February 6, 1986
A son to Elvira and Antonio Barragan
A daughter to Marcie and Wilbur Gatlin
- February 22, 1986
A daughter to Monique Farrell and Maurice Williams
- February 26, 1986
A daughter to Cathy Jones and Sekou Toure Blakey
A son to Luz Millan
- February 28, 1986
A daughter to Emerita and Armando Macias

- March 3, 1986
A daughter to Ester Colin and Jesus Magana
- March 4, 1986
A daughter to Esther and Juan Cardenas
A son to Robin Dunham and Daniel Youngblood
- March 5, 1986
A son to Jennifer Hayes
A son to Roferia Neal
- March 6, 1986
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A daughter to Rannelle Finley and Darren Webb
A daughter to Orinda Johnson and Raymond Black
- March 7, 1986
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A son to Guadalupe and Peter Caballero
A son to Syllvia J. Belion
- March 8, 1986
A son to Wanda Jean and Anthony Little
- March 11, 1986
A daughter to Mary and Eugene Coy
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A son to Armando Quintana and Carmen del Aguilar
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- April 17, 1986
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Appointed the following members to various boards: Richard Reyes, Rent Stabilization Board; William W. Woolfolk, Jr., Mid-Peninsula Access Corporation Board of Directors. Reappointed the members of the Rent Stabilization Board. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Resolution passed approving agreement for maintenance of state highways in the City of East Palo Alto by the City Department of Public Works. **Unanimous** (5-0).

Resolution passed authorizing participation in the Program for Rehabilitation of Streets Utilized by Transit Vehicles (Phase II). **Unanimous** (5-0). Resolution passed authorizing the Public Works Director to execute a change order for boiler repair at Ravenswood High School.

Politics of Non-Alignment



by Leah Halper

April 18 is an obscure anniversary. On that day in 1955, several small nations met in Bandung, Indonesia, and formed a loose association later named the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Indira Gandhi called the NAM the "biggest peace movement in history," an alternative to the East-West Cold War framework. But its anniversary is hardly celebrated by the U.S. government, which fears and attacks NAM, its members, and the UN bodies where the movement exercises its strongest influence.

Nicaragua, however, observes the anniversary faithfully. Nicaragua has been an exemplary member of NAM since September 1979, when the nation stopped parroting U.S. positions at the UN and found an independent tongue on foreign policy, broadening diplomatic and trade relations and using international law to promote national sovereignty and independence.

Although non-alignment is a dynamic concept, there are four fixed principles which qualify a nation to join NAM: non-participation in military alliances (NATO or the Warsaw Treaty Organization), non-use of territory for foreign military bases, peaceful coexistence and support for national liberation struggles. Easing global tensions, ending apartheid and racism and promoting economic and political cooperation among poor nations are also important. These principles are so generally appealing that countries as diverse as Pakistan and Vietnam are members. The mixture works because small, poor nations have powerful, if limited, common interests.

SEEK DISARMAMENT

These interests initially involved pressing for disarmament treaties in the newly nuclear world, a role NAM still takes seriously. As more nations joined, some of the focus shifted to support for liberation of former colonies. Once political independence was won, the logical demand was for the redress of injustices and dependencies created by the global economic system.

The U.S. has never been friendly to NAM, seeing any nation opting for non-alignment as lost to the Soviets in the global contest between "capitalism" and "communism." The U.S. watched

its automatic majority at the UN General Assembly drain away as dozens of nations emerged from colonial rule in the 1960s. For the first time the U.S. was subject to democratic, majority-rule decisions, which Jeane Kirkpatrick calls the "tyranny of the majority."

Within NAM there has been continual debate between those who wish to remain carefully equidistant from the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., and those who base policy on national values without worrying that they will be accused of favoring one major power or the other. Most NAM nations, including Nicaragua, find themselves on the same "side" as the U.S.S.R. on disarmament or human rights questions, which increasingly isolates and estranges the Reagan administration from the rest of the world.

CUBA JOINS FIRST

NAM activism was slow to take hold in Latin America, where the U.S. kept a tight cordon around its backyard. Until 1970 Cuba (a NAM founder along with Yugoslavia, Egypt, India and others) was the only member in the hemisphere. A non-aligned thaw in Chile ended when Pinochet overthrew the Allende government in 1973, chilling Latin American interest for some time. (Though still a member, Chile has boycotted NAM meetings since 1976.)

During the 1970s, nonetheless, NAM played a strong role in supporting Panama's efforts to regain its stolen canal zone. When the U.S. and Britain intervened in the Malvinas Islands, NAM was quick to protest the aggression and call for decolonialization of the islands. And NAM has been the earliest, most dedicated supporter of the Contadora Group.

Today 18 Latin American nations are full members and seven (including Costa Rica and El Salvador) have observer status. As much as there are "leaders" within NAM, Nicaragua is a leader. Its courageous David-and-Goliath case in the World Court has exposed the U.S. as an international outlaw. Its cooperation with the Contadora process and concessions for peace have won broad sympathy. NAM condemned the U.S. mining of Nicaraguan ports, for example.

Despite the devastating U.S.-funded war and hardship at home, Nicaragua pays full its assessed amount to the UN Council on Namibia,

and has carried solidarity to a selfless length by sending earthquake aid to Mexico and Chile. At the Security Council, says Victor Hugo Tinoco, Nicaragua tries to be a "voice for non-aligned and Latin American interests."

Nicaragua's experience of repeated U.S. intervention has given the country credibility that provokes the Reagan Administration to counter-attack. At a 1983 ministerial-level meeting of NAM held in Managua, Comandante Daniel Ortega introduced the concept of a "strategic reserve," pointing out that Latin America has always been cultivated for its cheap labor, natural resources and possibilities for experiments with arms and war tactics that do not risk U.S. lives. (Nicaragua was, for example, the first nation to suffer air bombings of civilians in wartime, in 1928 at the hands of U.S. Marines in Ocotul.) Now, he said, the U.S. wants to make the Latin American "strategic reserve" global, and he warned other nations to avoid such a fate, calling for an end to "total exploitation."

ATTACKS ON UN

The major diplomatic/ideological battleground has been the United Nations, where small countries like Nicaragua have an equal say in the allocation of funds and the passage of resolutions, and where NAM nations carry out much of their work studying issues and coordinating their actions. In fact, attacks against Nicaragua and attacks on the UN begin to blur and overlap. Reagan named first Jeane Kirkpatrick, then Vernon Walters to the top U.S. post at the UN; the appointments extended the President's domestic tendency to name people whose fondest hope is to abolish the agencies they run.

Both Kirkpatrick and Walters are special friends to the Contras, but Walters' credentials are more than academic. As a CIA official he helped overthrow the progressive Brazilian government in 1964, and was apparently involved in the assassination of former Chilean ambassador Orlando Letelier in 1976. He was also one of the staunchest friends of the contras as they mounted their war against the Nicaraguan people and government.

Under Walters, according to a March 1986 report in *Newsday*, the U.S. mission to the UN is a nest of intelligence gathering activity. Julio

Icaza Gallard of the Nicaraguan embassy confirmed the reports, saying that "several missions are victims of discriminatory practices. The Nicaraguan mission is under constant FBI observation and its personnel are frequently provoked by U.S. special services."

U.S. ABOVE LAW

Reagan administration refusal to recognize the jurisdiction of the World Court in cases involving Central America is another case in point, as the U.S. has set itself above international law. Withdrawal from international fora -- the World Court, UNESCO, UNCTAD and possibly the Food and Agriculture Organization-- seems to be a standard response when the Administration finds itself in an embarrassing spot.

So it is no surprise that the U.S. is also moving towards a policy of selective funding of UN programs. This means a rejection of the UN principle that the majority decide and enforce funding priorities. Many nations have refrained from funding particular programs over the years, but Jeane Kirkpatrick articulated selective funding as a conscious tactic before she left the UN.

Cutting contributions to the UN means focusing more and more on bilateral aid to friends -- a policy which has benefited El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala in recent years. "Friends" are recognized based on their votes on several "key" UN resolutions; as Zimbabwe found when it crossed the U.S. on a vote condemning the downing of the Korean 007 spy plane, the U.S. withholds aid when its interest are violated.

The Reagan Administration's fear of Nicaragua has nothing to do with the fact that the country is just two days' drive from Harlingen, Texas. It has everything to do with Nicaragua's example to the rest of Latin America -- and the world -- of independent-minded development and foreign policy. Unable to crush the constellation of NAM nations and the ideas NAM represents, Reagan has set out to crush Nicaragua, a bright example of what non-alignment can be. He must not be allowed to succeed.

(Leah Halper, former *Progress* staff member and East Palo Alto resident, has been living and working in Nicaragua since January, 1985.)

Crossword Answers

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Crushed Grenada \$59.5 Million
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Honduran "Big Pine" I, II and III \$39 Million
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MAIN DISHES

El Salvador Snow \$1.7 Billion
Warmed-over remains of an old Southeast Asian recipe. A full scale counterinsurgency war with U.S. advisers, weapons and war supplies. Comes with a complete air war including C-47 gunships, A-37 fighter planes, Huey helicopters, napalm and white phosphorous bombs. Served with death squads and human rights atrocities. since 1980

Steamed Nicaragua \$80 Million
An old favorite from the CIA Cookbook. Just put a popular revolution in a pressure cooker and turn up the heat. Includes a proxy army organized from the ex-dictator's goons, mined harbor, internal subversion, plus lots of Red scare seasoning and colonial lies. known costs of covert funding

SIDE ORDERS

Guatemalan Squash \$87.5 Million
A little-known favorite from the countryside, prepared with ingredients imported from the North. Warning: Deadly to native Indian populations. proposed aid 1986

Stuffed Costa Rica \$9.2 Million
A rare treat. We take the only nation in Central America without an army and add guns, armored vehicles and supplies imported from the U.S. for a strong taste of militarism. total 1985 military aid

Half-Baked Opposition Seasonally available a few days a year
An offering from the Democratic side of the menu. Lukewarm mush on a bed of soggy misqu Coast. Hardly fills you up at all.

NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMS OR HUMAN NEEDS.

Flyer produced by the Monistral (NJ) Committee on Central America (7 Oxford St., Monistral NJ 07043) for use during street theater and crowd leafleting.

Births

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A daughter to Al Phells and Dawn Ward

April 29, 1986
A son to Anneliese Duckett
A daughter to Jose-Luis and Rosa Maria Alcaraz

April 30, 1986
A daughter to Cynthia Bean

May 2, 1986
A daughter to Ella Polk
A daughter to Chandra Bhan and Saras Wati

May 3, 1986
A daughter to Vivian D. and Morris H. White

May 4, 1986
A daughter to Jamesetta J. and Leonard D. Battle

May 10, 1986
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City Hall Bulletin Board

CHIEF'S CORNER PARKING ENFORCEMENT

There have been several questions recently regarding parking enforcement. Section 22502 (a) of the California Vehicle Code requires vehicles to be parked within 18 inches of the curb and the right wheels of the vehicle to be parallel with the curb. The reasoning behind this law is simple: In order to park your vehicle with the left side parallel to the curb, you would have to drive on the wrong side of the street. Thus, risking a head-on collision with a vehicle driving in the opposite direction. When you drive off from this position, you again must drive on the wrong side of the street.

Section 22500 (f) of the vehicle code prohibits parking a vehicle on a sidewalk. There are several reasons for this law: The first is vehicles drip oil and grease. If they are on the sidewalk, this oil will stain the sidewalk and will also cause the sidewalk to deteriorate. The second and most important reason for not parking on the sidewalk is because when the sidewalk is blocked, it forces pedestrians to walk into the street. This puts the pedestrians in peril of being struck by a moving vehicle.

The police department will enforce all parking regulations within the City. Your cooperation in legally parking your vehicle will be greatly appreciated.

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LEAGUE RECRUITMENT

The Recreation Division of the City of East Palo Alto is interested in starting LEAGUES in the following sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Flagfootball, and Softball. We are willing to have male and female teams and/or co-ed leagues in these sports and we are looking for participants.

Please return the form below if you would like to participate in one of these sports, to 550 Bell Street, East Palo Alto. Or for additional information call THE CENTER between 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 853-3121 or 853-3140.

The Leagues will start as soon as we have enough teams and/or players to a field and a minimum of four teams in a sport.

COMING EVENTS

- o Mayor's All-Star Basketball Classic - To Be Announced
- o Invitational Biddie Basketball Tourney - May
- o Teen A.A.U. Olympic Basketball Tourney - June
- o Youth Summer Employment - June

The Community Services Department Summer Schedule will be available for the Community the second week of May.

ATHLETIC LEAGUE INFORMATION FORM

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____
 Are you currently on a team? _____
 Which sport/league are you interested in? _____
 (Please Check) Youth
 Teen _____ Adult _____ Senior _____

RAVENSWOOD SITE COMMUNITY WORKDAY

A Community work day for clean up at the Ravenswood High School building is scheduled for Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This community work project offers citizens the opportunity to be part of an historical happening, while contributing their time and energy to the establishment of the Civic Center and the rehabilitation of a long sought after property.

The clean up will take place inside the building and will include such tasks as washing and painting of walls and boxing of materials. There will be a task that each one of us can do.

To sign up for the time you can come and the task you will do, or for additional information, please call Patricia Perkins at 853-3100. Lunch will be provided.

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ARTS AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES

Monday
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting-Every Second Monday of the Month

Art (Children) -
2:15-4:15 p.m.

Swahili (Adults) Advanced
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jazz Dance Evenings (Youth)

Swahili (Adults) Advanced
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Jazz Dance Evenings (Youth)

Thursday
Jazz Dance Evenings (Youth)

Swahili (Adults) Advanced
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday
Juneteenth Committee Meetings
May 9, 23; June 6, 13, 20

Art (Children) Evenings

Saturday
African Dance (Youth)
9:30-11:00 a.m.

African Dance (Adult)
11:15 - 12:45

June 21st - 14th Juneteenth Celebration

Sunday
June 22nd - 14th Juneteenth Celebration

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TEEN CLUBS

The Teen Clubs are for teenage boys and girls in Junior High and High School. Teen members participate in the development, planning and scheduling of activities that include dances, field trips and fundraisers.

Teens meet weekly with Adult Advisor to discuss a variety of interests and for academic counseling and personal self-development.

Original Teen Club - meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Polynesian Teen Club - meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH SUMMER FUN

Locations:

Bell Street Recreation Center, 550 Bell Street & Jack Farrell Park, Fordham Street

Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Looking for something to do during the summer?

The youth summer fun program provides supervised activities for children 6-12 years old.

Activities will include Arts & Crafts, Games, Field Trips and much, much more. So come join the fun.

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FORTHCOMING CLASSES

The Cultural Center will offer the following classes in the Summer. Those interested are advised to register early. Classes will be limited to only 15 students on the average. All are encouraged to suggest classes that they might be interested in, either as students or as instructors. Students should bring their own instruments. Instruments are available for rent.

Flute Playing: Students will learn the basic elements of flute playing, music reading and the development of an improvisational style. The class is intended for students interested in learning about the rich and varied African-American musical heritage. The class is ideal for the 9-15 age group.
Instructor: Jendayi Ayodele
Days: Saturdays
Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$30.00

Recorder Playing: A how-to-class.
Instructor: To be announced
Days: Tuesdays
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Basic Drum Playing: (Adults) For the novice. An ideal class to learn the basic in Bongo drumming. The class will explore the historical development of drum patterns.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Basic Drum Playing: (Youth) An introductory class in Bongo drumming. Designed for the 7-14 age group.
Instructor: Fred Simpson
Days: Wednesdays
Time: Evenings
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Mexican Dance: (Beginners) Introduction to Mexican dance.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Sewing: Basic and intermediate lessons.
Instructor: Joan Sykes-Okelo
Day and Time: To be announced
Fee: To be determined

Theatre/Drama: A down to earth basics class in acting for the 7-14 age group.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: To be determined

Polynesian Dance: Introduction to Samoan, Fijian, and Tahitian dance forms.
Instructor: Dee Uhila
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Photography Basics: An-All-You-Need-to-Know-To-Take-Good-Pictures Class. A practical class intended to unravel the camera, lenses and films, aiming and focusing, exposure, timing and light controls.
Instructor: Earl Black
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: Evenings
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

Jazz Dance: Introduction to jazz dance styles with emphasis on rhythmic variations, movement, and coordination.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

African Dance: (Beginners) Introductory Congolese dance forms. Age 7-14 years old.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

African Dance: (Adult/Beginners) Introduction to congolese dance for adults.
Instructor: To be announced
Day and Time: To be announced
Duration: 10 weeks
Fee: \$35.00

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BELL STREET RECREATION CENTER
550 Bell Street, 415/853-3121
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Daytime Schedule ('til June)

Monday/Tuesday
Co-ed Drop-in Volleyball
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Thursday
Drop-in Basketball
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Youth Activities
1:30-5:00 p.m.
Monday/Friday
Youth Activities
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday
Open Gym/Gameroom
12:00-5:00 p.m.

Evening Schedule ('til June)

Monday/Wednesday
Co-ed Drop-in Volleyball
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Drop-in Basketball
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday
Drop-in Basketball
5:30-8:15 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday
E.P.A. Teen Basketball
8:15-9:00 p.m.

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Meeting

City Council

1st & 3rd Monday of every month

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Monday of every month

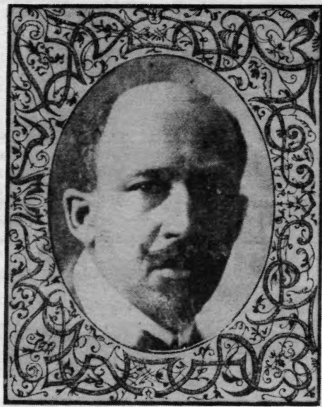
Rent Stabilization Board

1st & 3rd Thursday of every month

Arts & Culture Commission

2nd Monday of every month

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W.E. B. Dubois 1868-1963

Monday, June 16th,
7:30 P. M. City
Proclamation of
Juneteenth observances.
Council Chambers, 2415
University Avenue, East
Palo Alto.

Tuesday, June 17th,
7:00 P.M. East Palo Alto
Library Open house.
Guest speaker *Dr. Charlie
Mae Knight*,
Superintendent,
Ravenswood School
District. 2415 University
Avenue, East Palo Alto.



Zora Neale Hurston 1903-1960

Wednesday, June
18th,
1:00 P.M. Childrens
program, with special
guest *Jan Hutchins*, KICU
television news
anchorpersion. East Palo
Alto Library, 2415
University Avenue.

Wednesday, June
18th,
7:00 P.M. "*Drugs and
Mind Enslavement*" Guest
speaker, *Betty Simmons*,
East Palo Alto Library,
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto.

Thursday, June 19th,
7:00-9:00 P.M. "*Make a
Joyful Noise*" Gospel
Musical. Featuring the
*New Sweet Home Youth
Choir*, the *Sanctuary Choir*
and guest soloist, opera star
Henrietta Davis. Council
Chambers 2415 University
Avenue, East Palo Alto.



Winnie Mandela 1936-

Friday, June 20th,
8:00 P.M. *40's, 50's, and
60's Costume Dance*, Bell
Street Gymnasium, 550
Bell Street, East Palo Alto.
Call 853-3100 for ticket
information.

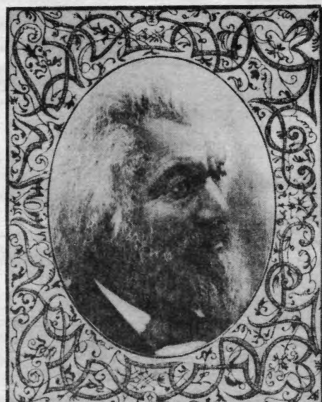


Paul Lawrence Dunbar 1872-1936

Saturday, June 21st,
12:00-6:00 P.M., Cultural
Fair, 550 Bell Street, East
Palo Alto.

Weekend events include
varied entertainment and
delightfully delicious
ethnic foods. For Booth
information Call 853-3121.

Sunday, June 22nd,
12:00-6:00 P.M., Cultural
Fair with Keynote
Speaker, *Ms Aleta
Dwyer-Carpenter*, Radio
news personality. 550 Bell
Street, East Palo Alto.



Frederick Douglas 1817-1895



Frances E. W. Harper 1825-1911

Sponsored by the East Palo Alto Juneteenth 86' Committee [Arts & Culture, Human Services, Parks & Recreation Commissions, East Palo Alto Library, Community Observation Program for the Eradication of Drugs (COPE) and the Community Services Department].

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