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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

"THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY GROUP"

This educational session examines San Francisco's Transportation Policy Group, and serves as an example of interagency cooperation. The formation and management of such interagency confederacies is taking on new importance as purse strings garrote public budgets. San Francisco's group allies planning, police, public works, park authority, muni and the mayor's office. Its history and operation will be discussed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6-9 p.m.
HASTINGS COLLEGE, on McAllister in San Francisco
\$10 for APA members, \$8 for students
Call Dave Feltham @ 558-5423 for information

FEBRUARY 26 - S.P.U.R. MEETING

Author and Urbanista Peter Hall of U.C. Institute of Urban and Regional Development will speak on planning trends in London, England and on the Continent.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 5:30 - 7:30 PM
S.P.U.R. OFFICE, 312 Sutter Street in San Francisco
\$1.00 for APA members, \$2.50 for non-members

MARCH MEETING

"VANISHING FARM LAND"

This event will feature Larry Orman and Allan Jacobs. We will outline and discuss philosophies and strategies for this 'New Age' revival of Teddy Roosevelt's preservation of American Heritage concept in the 1980's. There will be refreshments provided.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
6-7 p.m. - refreshments
7-9 p.m. - discussion
PALO ALTO CULTURAL CENTER, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto
Call Joan Lamphier @ (415) 451-8046 for information

APRIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Location and details of this April 18th event to be announced.

MAY MEETING

Reserve the 20th of May on your calendar! We will be discussing the upcoming Peripheral Canal decision. An exceedingly colorful debate is assured. Details are being arranged.

JUNE TOUR

This is expected to occur on the 14th of June. A picnic on Angel Island is the most likely event. Due to fiscal complexities and the need for a coordinated assault on this deer and tree infested outpost, details will be announced.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWSLETTER ITEMS BEING PLANNED:

- * The S.P.U.R. tour to Europe (in this Gala Packet)
- * Other international (tax deductible) educational tours
- * Contest for a replacement of our boring APA logo (start any time, please!)
- * Restaurant reviews (this is Northern Section, not Des Moines)
- * Advertising column for this newsletter (we're only in it for the money)
- * More Real Planner issues (non-object City Plans, Light Pollution, CEPD, and more)
- * Access to media seminar (or at least article)
- * Seminar on what to do with all your unused "Nuke the Hostages" bumper stickers



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LETTER FROM THE SECTION DIRECTOR Charles Q. Forester

Apathy Runs Strong. The response to the idea of splitting some Section functions into smaller geographical areas has been nil. No one volunteered nor evidenced interest. No one even called to say that he or she couldn't do it. The Monterey Bay Area subsection is already established, and they have written to say their program is beginning and would like financial support for that work. The flow of money from the central office down through the chapters to us has been slow, and we in turn must therefore be slow in getting it to the Monterey Bay Area. But we will get them help.

On a larger scale, Teresa Rea and I are working on changing the By-laws to permit a change in our fiscal year that will enable us to smooth the flow of funds as they are dispersed from on high. Fortunately, the Section's previous administration did a good job of raising funds with the boat ride reception during the APA national convention in San Francisco, and those funds give us a cushion (for the timebeing) to publish the newsletter.

Awards. APA national will present awards at the Boston conference in the spring of 1981. A schedule for the State program and ours is being worked on at the present time, and we will announce the schedule for the Section's program soon. There has been concern raised that design and design-related elements have been given too little attention in previous Section awards. Others are concerned that preservation/conservation considerations have not been sufficiently highlighted in our work. Christine Haw of the San Francisco Planning Department is organizing the awards program for the Section. If you have some thoughts on what should be emphasized, contact Christine. Do the same if you want current information on our timetable for submissions.

I just returned from a weekend in Seattle, visiting old friends from graduate school days at Penn. The City of Seattle has undertaken a number of innovative projects including an extensive revision to the city's General Plan and zoning ordinance. They are doing very exciting work, and unlike much of California today, they enjoy high visibility and public trust. If it can be arranged I would like Seattle planners to present some of their work to a Section meeting.

Housing. The Housing Workshop held at the University of California in mid-October was a great success. The Chapter (primarily Dave Booher, President) put together an outstanding panel of professionals to discuss the impacts of new State housing legislation. Over 150 people attended the session -- about 50 more than had been anticipated. The people I talked to, particularly those in the private sector, found the session informative. The number and diversity of persons attending reflects the substantial interest in housing occurring now at all levels. (I take that back: After watching the Presidential campaign, I was impressed by their lack of attention to the nation's housing crisis.) Continued inattention by Federal agencies to the fiscal problems, in particular, will further handicap our local efforts to meet the issue. At the same time I'm impressed with the innovative programs being undertaken by public agencies, developers and even realtors within the Bay Area.

Roster. A roster of the APA Northern California Section Board is included here. Everyone on the Board has an assignment, and these responsibilities are indicated. If you have questions relating to any one of those areas, give Board members a call. We are here primarily to help share ideas among planners and keep you current on planning activities. I urge you to participate.

AEP. I have met with Russ Faure Brac of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). We talked about ways in which we could share information among our organizations. We have many of the same concerns and sometimes the same members. We have a lot to learn from each other and more communication makes sense. Later in the year we will try a joint program. Further on in this issue, there is a description of their organization.

Plan. I remember a well-spoken women at the early CDBG hearings in San Francisco who used to accuse planners regularly: "You folks can't even plan your own lunch." We are trying to disown that epithet. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

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NEW EMPHASIS FOR CITY PLANNING

Jo Werne (Knight News Service)

Donald Sullivan says there has been city planning since mankind left the caves. "That was a big move," he observes. But city planning is still a somewhat unknown discipline to the majority of Americans, "mostly because we, the city planners, have not communicated with the public," said Sullivan who is director of The Graduate Program in Urban Planning at Hunter College-City University of New York.

Lecturing in Miami Beach recently on the renovation of South Bronx, Sullivan predicted that the coming decade will be one in which city planning will finally "become incorporated into the American conscience."

The 1980s will bring the rediscovery of the concept of neighborhood, and with it a sense of pride in our cities," said Sullivan. "With this renewed pride should come interest in the planning of the neighborhoods. Most Americans are out of the planning part of government at the present time, but preservation movements around the country will help change that."

Sullivan hopes that as Americans take greater pride in their cities, they'll become aware of how quickly littering and neglect can turn a street into a slum.

"It's ironic that Americans, who are obsessed with cleanliness of body and cleanliness in their homes, are immune to the squalor in the streets, the litter, the hideous signage. We've been concerned with the space in our homes for some time; now we should become concerned with our public spaces. We must take the concept of beauty in our homes to the city. We need to get interested in zoning and planning, for the cities belong to the public."

Sullivan blames city planners for some of the problems of the cities today, such as urban sprawl and dying downtowns.

SEARCH FOR TOMORROW. Thanks to Don's manipulation Sunny was arrested for murder after Beau died. Don threatened Sissy, who kept mum that he had actually shot Beau. Sissy realized that D. A. Matthews had been in cahoots with Beau also. She's scared she'll be knocked off. Kathy represented Sunny's case. David assured Renata, who saw him with Kathy and Doug, that he loved Renata. Liza wondered about Cliff's mysterious background.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS?

Many planners today are engaged in EIR/EIS preparation or review, environmental management studies or other aspects of environmental planning. If you have been involved in these activities, you may be interested in a professional organization called the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). AEP offers a number of programs and services to promote the professional growth and career development of its members. APA members have an opportunity to increase their skills and understanding of this area of specialization by joining AEP.

AEP was founded in 1974 and its membership is drawn primarily from California and other western states. The Association is dedicated to improvement in environmental analysis and reporting and to incorporation of environmental concerns into project design and land use planning decisions. AEP has been active in promoting legislative improvements to the California Environmental Quality Act and this year sponsored a series of U.C. Extension workshops on "How to Make the CEQA Process Work." The state organization publishes a newsletter every other month and holds an annual conference. The next conference will be held in San Diego in April 1981 with the theme of "Planning with Limited Resources." AEP also conducts an awards program for recognition of outstanding achievements in environmental planning and resource management.

There are local chapters of AEP throughout California, including the San Francisco Bay Area. Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at various restaurant locations with a speaker following the dinner. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter called the Bay Echo and several field trips or other events are held each year.

If you would like further information about AEP or a membership application, please write to: AEP Membership Records, c/o Envicom, 4764 Park Granada, Suite 202, Calabasas, CA 91302 (213) 340-9400

MONTEREY BAY SUBSECTION

If you live or work in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Monterey or anywhere in the Monterey Bay Area, you will probably find some of the San Francisco/Oakland meetings a bit inconvenient to attend. Fortunately, Monterey Bay Area Subsection is quite active and much in tune with local activities. Aside from serving as an excellent example for how to operate a subsection in other areas (are you listening in Sonoma? Napa? Marin? Contra Costa? Humboldt? Etcetera?), they serve the membership and decisionmaking bodies in the area quite well. For information, contact Ernest J. Franco, President of the Monterey Bay Area Subsection, 142 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

PLANNERS SUPPORT GROWTH

APA is engaged in a major membership campaign emanating from the national office. Cal Chapter Northern Section (that's us) covers 16 counties and already has over a third of Cal Chapter's 3000-person membership. Each APA member is being asked to recruit a new member (thus the name "Add One") by the end of February, 1981. To help you out, a membership flyer and application form is included in the newsletter packet. Please share it with a new staff member in your agency or firm (or even a former AIP or ASPO member) who may be interested in joining. If you can induce three people to join, APA offers you about \$30 in free publications. See details in Planning December and January issues. There's strength in numbers!

NORTHERN SECTION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Northern Section invites its members to nominate planning programs and individuals for consideration for section awards. Award categories will recognize planning programs of local and regional significance, as well as individuals who have made outstanding contributions in planning. Public agencies and consultants will be invited to submit projects such as general plan elements, urban design projects, neighborhood plans, etc. The Northern Section will begin accepting submittals in the next few weeks. Final date for submittals will be announced. Outstanding winners at the section level will be forwarded to the Cal Chapter and on to APA's National office for consideration under the National Awards Program. For further information, please call Christine Haw at (415) 558-4541.

With the recent dramatic rise in the cost of housing and the decline in production of traditional single-family homes, a growing interest in various forms of manufactured housing is coming from many quarters. And with the passage of recent state legislation, planners will be processing increasingly greater numbers of permits for this housing. There is much experimentation in building materials and production methods, seeking greater efficiency and more moderate sale prices. Builders of traditional site-built homes are looking into factory assembly techniques to reduce their costs. State agencies are in the process of gearing up to handle the changes resulting from recently enacted state law and from new production methods and materials. State legislators have worked with industry groups to draft additional new laws that will affect all segments of the market, including tax status, highway transport, and seismic safety. Financial institutions, local governments, and consumers are watching with great interest to see how their interests will be affected by these changes.

"Manufactured housing" is a general term referring to the application of factory techniques to home construction. It includes two broad categories which are differentiated mainly by the type of construction standards under which they are built: "mobilehomes," which are built under a special set of federal standards, and "factory-built" housing, which complies with the Uniform Building Code (UBC), just as conventional site-built housing does. Both mobilehomes and factory-built housing may now be taxed as real estate, and both may be set on permanent foundations --on lots that are either owned or rented by the homeowner in typical subdivisions or in special "parks" or planned developments.

Construction standards established in 1974 in the National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act are administered and enforced by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The State HCD has regulatory power over the full range of manufactured housing. The Division of Codes and Standards is charged with enforcing the Uniform Building Code (UBC) in its review of construction plans for "factory-built" housing. The Mobilehome Division is responsible for monitoring the manufacture and assembly of mobilehomes, in accordance with federal standards.

During the past two sessions, the State legislature passed a number of bills designed to fully incorporate mobile/manufactured housing into the mainstream of the state's housing market. The major legislation is summarized below.

AB 887 (Gage) - MOBILEHOME TAXATION: Amends State law to treat mobilehomes as housing, not vehicles. Allows placement of mobilehomes on permanent foundations, and then to be taxed as real property.

SB 1960 (Rains) - MOBILEHOME ZONING: Requires cities and counties to allow mobilehomes on foundations in all residential zones or designated areas of such zones.

AB 2234 (Wray) - MOBILEHOME PARK CONVERSIONS: Requires local governments to prepare a report on the impact on tenants of conversion of a mobilehome park to another use and provides that the local government may require mitigation of adverse impacts.

AB 2698 (Roos) - MOBILEHOME ZONING AND MOVEMENT: Requires local agencies to either allow mobilehomes in single family zones or other designated zones. Local governments could not prohibit mobilehomes. Allows movement of 14 feet wide mobilehomes. (Zoning provisions will be chaptered out by SB 1960.)

AB 2740 (Mangers) - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING: Opens up existing state housing assistance programs to mobilehome developments. Directs CHFA and the Department of HCD to assist mobilehome parks and subdivisions. Reorganizes CHFA Board. Increases loan limits under the Cal-Vet program.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) recently conducted a study of manufactured housing with the assistance of an advisory task force comprised of representatives from the manufactured housing industry, consumer groups, local and state agencies, and lending institutions. Members of the task force were: Steve Belcher, City of Oakland Office of Community Development; John Canestro, City of Hayward Building Department; Alfred Carlson and John Plassmeyer, Santa Clara County Tax Assessors' Office; Milton Edelin, San Francisco Planning Department; Jim Mull, Wells Fargo Bank; Bill Murphy, State HCD; Chuck Regalia, Santa Rosa Department of Community Development; John Santner, Golden State Mobilehome Owners' League; Betty Tripp, Bay Area Mobile Home Board.

The study, which produced three working papers and a completion report, examined the wide range of issues surrounding this topic. In the final recommendations, the task force focused on methods to increase awareness by local government officials of how manufactured housing can be utilized to meet the increasing need for lower cost housing.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live birth -- Most countries now follow the definition of live birth recommended by the World Health Assembly in May 1950 and by the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1953, which is as follows:

"Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such birth is considered live-born."

Under this definition a birth should be registered as a live birth regardless of its "viability" or death soon after birth or death before the required registration date. Although variations in the statistical treatment of "nonviable" live births (defined by low birthweight or short period of gestation) do not significantly affect the statistics of live births, they can have a substantial effect on fetal death and infant death statistics.

Death -- Until very recently, there has been less difficulty with respect to the definition of death than with definitions of live birth and fetal death. For statistical purposes, the United Nations has recommended the following definition of death:

"Death is the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after live birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital functions without capability of resuscitation). This definition therefore excludes foetal death."

Fetal death -- The definition of fetal death recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Statistical Commission is:

"Foetal death is death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy: the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the foetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles."

Prior to promulgation of the above definition most countries had required registration only of those "stillbirths" which had completed 28 or more weeks of gestation. Many countries have not yet adopted the WHO definition for legal reporting purposes. Fetal death or stillbirth statistics are affected very greatly by differences in registration requirements. Fetal deaths of 28 or more weeks of gestation constitute a small percentage of all fetal deaths.

GENETICIST SAYS HUMAN RACE GROWING WEAKER

The human race is becoming genetically weaker, a change that eventually will force us to develop a technologically pampered way of life in order to survive, according to one of the nation's top population geneticists.

Recent evidence indicates that spontaneous mutations are occurring faster than previously thought and that the vast majority of these mutations are harmful, said Dr. James F. Crow, of the University of Wisconsin.

A second factor leading to a weaker gene pool is our improving standard of living which allows more people with genetic defects to survive longer and pass their genes on to others, he reported at a genetics meeting at the Jackson Laboratory at Bar Harbor. The meeting is sponsored by Johns Hopkins University and the National Foundation-March of Dimes.

These two factors already probably have caused a weakening of the genetic makeup of people that may make them unfit to survive in more difficult times, said Crow, chairman of the risk-impact panel of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Nuclear and Alternative Energy Systems.

"If we had to live back in the times of the cave man we would find it much harder to do and many would not survive," he said.

As genetic weakening continues more people will have defective genes which will make them more susceptible to diseases, he said.

But this weakening will occur over a period of thousands of years and by then scientists may have developed techniques for treating genetic mutations, Crow said.

"We are certainly accumulating mutations faster than at any time in the past. In the long term future we will have to devote a larger fraction of our resources to making up for the increasing genetic weaknesses," he said.

To combat the genetic deterioration, medical care will have to be improved to treat more diseases and our lives will have to be made technologically "softer so it will be easier for us to live," he said.

The concern over the threat to the human race's gene pool arose from recent studies conducted by Crow and Dr. Tevumi Mukai of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan.

In a series of ingenious experiments with fruit flies they found that the rate of spontaneous mutations was much higher than expected.

After a period of 40 generations in the flies, which would be equivalent to 1,000 to 1,500 years in humans, they discovered that the mutations steadily accumulated to create an increased death rate in the flies from genetic defects.

The effect from a single recessive mutation is imperceptible. But as these genetic changes add up, they become harmful. These mutations presumably occur in mammals, including man, said Crow.

"This spontaneous mutation rate is not good for us. It is out of balance. The mutations are accumulating faster than they can be eliminated," he said.

Many scientists also believe that the genes that cause diabetes were beneficial under primitive conditions when food was scarce because they permitted the more efficient use of food.

But in affluent societies where food is plentiful, these same genes malfunction when a person becomes overweight, producing diabetes.

KNOW YOUR NUCLEAR REACTORS

1. **MAGNOX REACTOR.** One of the first types of nuclear reactor to be used for large scale commercial production of electricity was the natural-uranium, gas-graphite system developed in Britain and France. The first commercial reactors of this type are generally known in Britain as the Magnox reactor because the fuel cladding material is a magnesium alloy called Magnox. The reactor core of a 500 MW(e) Magnox nuclear power station would contain around 30,000 fuel elements consisting of natural uranium metal rods canned in Magnox. The fuel elements are stacked in channels in a massive pile of graphite blocks. Carbon dioxide at high pressure is used as a heat transfer fluid (or coolant) in forced circulation through the fuel channels and steam generators. Finning on the fuel cans and steam generator tubing assists heat transfer. Large spherical pressure vessels in steel, connected by ducts to the steam generator units and gas circulators, were used in the early Magnox power stations but in later plants these were superseded by prestressed concrete pressure vessels with an integral arrangement of steam generators (see AGR below). With very large natural uranium reactor cores a more or less continuous fuel changing operation is called for and on-load fuel handling systems were therefore developed. Complex fuel handling machines connect to standpipes which penetrate the top of the pressure vessel and remote grabs on pantograph arms load or withdraw the fuel elements. Neutron absorbing control rods are withdrawn by chain mechanisms from separate channels in the graphite core and can be inserted by gravity for rapid shut down. Due to the large thermal capacity of the graphite core and, in the later stations, the inherent safety of concrete pressure vessels, no special containment building is required to deal with the possible effects of a primary circuit rupture.

2. **ADVANCED GAS-COOLED REACTOR.** The AGR is a development of the Magnox system designed to raise the maximum allowable temperature of the gas coolant and therefore to improve the steam conditions. Beryllium has been considered as an alternative fuel cladding material to Magnox as it would have allowed higher operating temperatures with natural uranium, but the material proved to be too difficult to work. Stainless steel cladding was therefore adopted and this results in a need to use uranium enriched to give 2 to 3 percent content of the fissile uranium-235 isotope. The enriched uranium fuel, in the form of sintered oxide pellets, is packed into stainless steel cladding tubes with low profile radial finning. These fuel pins are made up into fuel element assemblies of 36 pins in a graphite sleeve and the fuel element assemblies are loaded into channels in a large graphite moderator stack similar to the Magnox reactors. On-load fueling is again adopted, mainly in this case to ensure high availability of the plant. The fueling operation is made simpler by a smaller number of fuel channels and single stand-pipe access to each channel. The whole of the reactor core and array of once-through steam generators arranged circumferentially around the core, are contained in a prestressed concrete pressure vessel. The impellers of gas circulators are also situated inside the vessel to provide the forced circulation of CO₂ up through the core and down through the steam generators around the core. An alternative configuration with helical steam generators in wall cavities, or "pods," around the main reactor cavity, has been introduced on later AGRs (see HTGR below). The inherent safety of the concrete pressure vessel, the high thermal capacity of the graphite core and the ceramic nature of the oxide fuel make this system suitable for near urban siting without special containment buildings.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF PLANNING . . .

Should San Francisco's Embarcadero Freeway be removed? Should the plan to extend I-280 be cancelled? How would these changes affect the local transportation network? Who benefits from the freeway abandonment?

These were just a few of the questions addressed at the APA Northern California Section meeting held January 21st in San Francisco. The topic: Abandonment of the I-280 Extension and the Embarcadero Freeway.

History

Al Lubliner of the San Francisco Department of City Planning provided background on the project. Planning for the Embarcadero Freeway began in 1951. At that time, the San Francisco waterfront was industry-oriented; there were no plans to expand the CBD towards the Bay. The Embarcadero Freeway was consequently constructed with a spartan, functional design. Opposition to the project, although it existed, was limited and ineffective.

The CBD, however, did grow towards the waterfront. Opinion that the Embarcadero Freeway was a blighting influence gained strength. By 1973, local and regional agencies were closely examining the land use, pedestrian access and visual impacts of these freeways. The result of this analysis was the Northeast Waterfront Survey Plan, which advocated a new transportation system centered on the following elements:

- o No I-280 extension. Instead, touchdown ramps should be built from the existing I-280 terminus to an improved Embarcadero surface roadway.
- o Remove the Embarcadero Freeway and replace it with a limited access surface roadway
- o Improve Southern Pacific service along the Peninsula; improve the Transbay Terminal

The first step in the process of abandonment - to get the regional agencies and the federal government to approve withdrawal of the I-280 extension plan - has already begun, claimed Bill Hine of MTC. The monies allocated for the extension can instead be used for replacement projects, such as the improvements listed above. (Total federal matching value: \$105 million; value for transfer after withdrawal: \$80 million)

Project Support

Aside from Al Lubliner, two other panelists also supported freeway abandonment. John Twitchell of the Citizens' Committee for Removal of the Embarcadero Freeway expressed the belief that the land surrounding the existing structure is under-utilized, and that the freeway is a barrier to redevelopment. His committee is advocating a variety of improvements which, he believes, will actually improve traffic circulation once the freeway is removed. Jerry Armacino of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce concurred with these views, but expressed concern about the potential impact of abandonment on downtown and North Beach businessmen.

Dissent Does Exist

The audience, though, was in a quarrelsome mood, and definitely had mixed feelings regarding the project. While it was clear that "big business" would benefit by freeway abandonment, no formal mechanism had as yet been advocated. This added value for use in financing replacements to the freeway. (Value capture schemes may be the subject of future seminars or discussions - ed.)

Another point raised by several transportation engineers was that by removing some access to the Bay Bridge and the Bayshore Freeway, abandonment of the Embarcadero Freeway might create unforeseen congestion problems in the CBD and south of Market Street. The impact on travel time to the North Beach/Broadway area was likewise partly defined. 68,000 vehicles use the existing system each day.

Not discussed was a conceptual plan developed by architect Thomas Lee to transform the Embarcadero Freeway into a structure suitable for stores, housing, artist facilities, and parking. In a reprinted article distributed at the meeting, Lee outlined his plan to use the existing structure to add 383,000 square feet of floor area to the waterfront without harming pedestrian access to the Bay.

- Richard Anderson

MELLOW SHOES MAY CLOG THE SOLE Bill Farmer (Knight/Ridder Newspapers)

"Your shoes," said the woman on the elevator.

"What about my shoes?"

"They are not mellow enough."

Dead in the tracks stopped I. She was right.

I always wear shoes that are suitable for bearing palls. Nobody ever invites jokers such as myself to be pallbearer because of the dignity of the occasion, but I try to stay in funeral fashion just in case.

But mellowness in footwear is the rage.

Mellowness hits footwear at college age and lasts until the first appearance in district court -- or, roughly 35 years old. By mellow shoes, I mean shoes that are, I don't know, more cozy than a man's shoe normally appears. That is, the soles are about the thickness and shade of a lemon meringue pie, the tops are punctuated by more riveting than the iron-works at the new skyscraper or the leather is stitched with threads as thick as grapevines.

Oh yes. The shoe laces on mellow shoes are thick as scarves. And there are no heels. The leather is usually the shade of a stewed chicken -- or the manly tones of a Hush Puppy that has been sprinkled with Adolph's Meat Tenderizer.

These are not jogging shoes, the kind worn by busboys and manufactured from old awnings. No, these are the kind of shoes occupied by people who have degrees and are still unemployed or, of course, by city planners, which is almost the same thing.

It is a subterranean badge that says, "Hey, I am fighting the established way, but I can't get hippiesque about my defiance by actually wearing sandals to work."

All mellow shoes look as though they were made in Europe. They include Earth Shoes, and, if you are thin enough, clogs. Most people who put on shoes just wear shoes -- these people are "into" mellow shoes, if you know what I mean.

The mellow-shod, as I call them, often carry out the theme -- in a man's purse, for example. And they will wear jeans to work. Why, they'd rather get a haircut than wear a necktie to work. Mellow-shods probably don't smoke any more dope than your Mr. Average Pallbearer does these days, but they look like they do, and that's important to them somehow. These people carry their own lunch to work and it is vegetarian; they're the ones on the low-power, or mellow motorcycles.

I suppose the mellow-shod are saying, "hey . . . man . . . say something nice, why don't you." OK. Dirty sneakers were worse.

MEMO FROM THE EDITOR: DELPHIC DINING

Over the past 50 million years, the predictive function has been an essential element for the success of the human life form. Our abilities, limited as they are, to project and develop options for the constructs of future "realities" have been beyond calculable value since those pre-dawns we huddled and spoke encircling the fading embers of Paleolithic campfires gnawing pterodactyl pemmican.

As humans succeeded and multiplied the functions became more specialized and produced the prophets, priests, witches, wizards, seers, soothsayers and other augers. Now, as the urban world destabilizes, the "traditional" fields have been joined by a bureaucratic contemporary: the Planner. Even though stripped of spiritual facade, the modern planner is not limited in social utility. Manufacturers, brokers, shippers, farmers, militarists, designers, and of course municipalities all employ planners.

Desire for vaticanation has produced a more "scientific" specialty, concerned with intricate prioritization and mired in Byzantine regulatory systems, burdened like society at large with analytical detachment.

While planning's quantitative tools are not, of themselves, objectionable (and the argot is laudable), the loss of aesthetic sensibility and spirituality are deplorable. Science is, and must remain, merely an instigator to the achievement of higher goals. Presage is far too complex for mere sterile logic. It is an art, and demands minds adroitly tuned to the anagogic monism among the myriad future amphibologies.

The Real Planner must remain dedicated to the Art of Planning: endeavoring to provide the entire rum and bonzer bill of fare of possibilities, and discovering means by which exalted refectations may be created and assimilated. We must remain, as our occupational ancestors: the chefs de cuisine de l'ame.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE Chris Haw

This is my favorite recipe! Not a light, fluffymousse, but a very rich mousse for hard-core chocolate lovers. (Very chocolatey dessert)

8 eggs	3/4 cup whipping cream in carton
12 oz. chocolate chips (be sure to get <u>real</u> chocolate)	1 bar chocolate (Hershey's milk - no nuts)
10 tablespoons butter	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 cup cognac (optional)	

It's best to make the night before you serve this - it needs time to chill.

Separate eggs. Put whites in a large bowl. Put yolks in a small bowl. Let the whites sit (an hour or so) until they warm to room temperature. Melt the chocolate with the butter in the top of a double boiler over hot water. Remove the double boiler from the water and beat in the egg yolks, one at a time. Cool mixture for about ten minutes. Add the cognac if desired. (You may use other liqueurs or brandy.) Beat the whites until they form stiff peaks. Gently add the chocolate mixture to the whites and mix thoroughly. (The white streaks of the egg whites should disappear.) Spoon mixture into clear glass parfait glasses. (Wine glasses or Irish Coffee glasses work well.) Chill overnight or at least 4-6 hours. When ready to serve, beat the heavy whipping cream with a teaspoon of vanilla extract and a spoonful of sugar if desired.

Make chocolate curls with the chocolate bar. Use a vegetable peeler and pare along the bar, forming a chocolate curl. (It may help to warm the chocolate bar a little - but don't melt!)

Scoop the whipping cream onto the mousse; add the chocolate curls as desired.

Serves about 8 - depending on the size of your serving glasses.

BARBECUED DOG BOX-LUNCH

A box-lunch brought by "boat people" bound for Hawaii on a jet from San Jose contained barbecued dog heads and necks, shocked authorities said yesterday.

But, in a moment of confusion, the lunch got left behind while puzzled airport security guards checked to see if shipping dog meat out of state is against the law.

"We're still in the process of checking," said Larry Kemp, a state humane officer.

"But it really was cooked dogs," he said. "They said it was and a baggage handler saw it."

The bizarre case surfaced at San Jose Municipal Airport Monday when several Indochinese refugees attempted to board a United Airlines jet for Honolulu with a "strange smelling" box.

A baggage handler caught the scent, detained the party and asked what it was.

"Parts of barbecued dogs," they said, matter-of-factly, opening the box.

"Sure enough," Kemp said. "It was -- heads and parts of necks."

While airport authorities were checking to see if any laws were being violated, the refugees apparently handed the box of dog meat to friends, boarded the jetliner and flew to Honolulu.

The box disappeared out of the terminal, Kemp said.

Authorities at Honolulu International were alerted but could find no trace of the package, he said.

An investigation is under way to track down the refugees, Kemp said.

"I'm not out to prosecute or condemn anybody for doing it," he said, noting that many Asians regularly eat dog meat which they consider a delicacy.

"I just wanted to find out if the dogs were killed humanely," he said.

With the influx of Indochinese settling in the Bay Area, Kemp said, he's received "numerous" reports of people eating dog.

"But, this is the first substantiated case I've had," he said.

"I know it's shocking to a lot of people who believe dogs are man's best friend and not something to eat, but there's no law against it," he said.

"There's no California law against killing or eating dogs as long as it's your animal and it's slaughtered humanely."

But Kemp said humane officials are "concerned" about where the dogs were obtained.

"We'd like to know if they got them at a pet store, animal shelter or just grabbed somebody's pet off the street," he said.

MEMOS TO THE EDITOR

To who, to whom it may concern:

To those bashful few who have not mastered the art of delicacy, couthness and politeness and an understanding of the meaning of verbiage, to all the cretiness masses into submission, superiority and put down. To all of the majority of as yet unevolved mindless people, to the nurds and turds of this world who may puzzle or hurt or dismay or mock. To all those Ignoramous fools who by their sly wit and wisdom can inflict and hurt and put down as it were. To the history of us all, and our "civilization" as it id and as it is and to its disconsents who are many, to what we call "society" and even friend, in the perjorative way (sic) (sick), to all of those who think, who believe, and thereby prevent and mofify and injure and dig and cut deep with perplexion. To all the many and all the few who do not understand, or care to, to all the masses who are asses, and the smart who are farts, to the wiseacres and the bigshots and the turkeys and the shnooks, to the noodnicks and feshugines and meshuginas and pissers and "bleeps." To all those that silence the fertile and imaginative and bright and growing, to all those who do not like run-on, and verbiage and cabbage and bulk, to all those who frown on tangentials and "color" and additions and adjective-ity and in-depthness, to those who would lead those others into traps and temptation, to all the illogical logistians (sp), to all the unknowing intellectual knowers, to those unwilling to accept and be and let be, to all the irritating and aggravating and insincere, insecure, interminally indeterminantly, non backscratching, thorns in the side and corns in the hide, to those who deserve to be fooled and chastised and mocked and halted and desisted and prevented from their invective, to the ruiners of some and the destroyers of others, to the continual continuation of this paragraph on nonessential humanity, to all those who can not see or hear or understand, to all those who wish to be everyones drum to march to to the conformists and the false right lobers and the phony thinkers or at least misinformed, misled, illintentioned or well intentioned who go too far or blow it in the parochial sense and in the bronchial sense, to all those who would make fun of or jest or fool around with ones brittle mind, to all you mockers, and idol worshippers and good intentioned gods and gnomes.....

Fred Fep

.....brazzzzzzzzzzzzz to you

REN

on the mighty shores of ocoloppy / where the outlawed monocs roam
i met a loney ranger reared / upon a broken stone
he looked about the prism'd land / his eye a dewy mirror
and there within in caverns deep / i saw the look of fear

i saw the look of fear therein / as strong as visions bright
i saw that fear had now replaced the courage once his right
i heard him speak of bully times when all was white and black
i heard him say how he would place the land back onto track

i heard these words in blank dismay / so old was ranger reared
so old these words that he displayed / these words of loney fear
i left him on his chosen place / that shattered block of stone
i left him to the outlawed monocs / and wandered back to home

yet to this day i think of him and wonder what our fate
if such an outlaw came to be our country's president.

OK

m.a.s. Jones

TUNA J. von Hoffenmüller

Stuffing explosive harpoons in the
bellys of whales

And sugar-coated cardboard into
the bellys of children

And workers into the acid
of ethno-stereotype

The corporate dragon
lives on us all

Hypnotizing, drugging us
with music records
and television shows
and promises of profit
(or wealth)

It warps the words
and works

of those before

We try to slay it
flayl at it

But its only our own
greed

And callousness to those
not inside our own skins

Sirs

A representative of the fast food industry called today protesting the categorical exemption. He felt that while it is basically true that burger pushers and zoning administrators are in the same category, at the same time the industry has been unjustly denied exemptions. He was most insistent and I might add a bit angry. I tried to ease the situation with that old skinny piece of meat between two buns joke, but that didn't work. He calmed down when I told him that we would accept 139 Bonus Jack coupons in lieu of the \$50 protest fee.

(unsigned)

ANOTHER WORLD. A fatigued Kevin couldn't make it through Tracy's heart surgery and Russ had to take over. Amy accused Joey of marrying Kit for her money. Pat realized Cecile is out to do her in professionally by maligning her abilities. Jason is in financial trouble and came running to Tracy. Amy wants to resume a past relationship with Phil but suspects Miranda is fooling around with him. Hazel reported to the mob that Blaine may be double-dealing them. Mitch realized that Rachel is keeping a secret from him that could be about the baby she's carrying. Willis was jealous that Taylor gave Gwen a building project. Joey punched out a housing photographer. Rose upset everyone by giving an interview about Joey and Kit.