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Squatters Vow to Fight Eviction

They're currently living and gardening on a vacant lot near embattled People's Park.

We made it clear that we are not going to leave here peacefully.

Geronimo Pratt: political prisoner framed for 20 years

Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt has been incarcerated for almost 20 years for a murder he didn't commit. Pratt was the leader of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party in 1968, and deputy defense minister of the national Black Panther Party.

A decorated veteran, who served in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, Pratt was framed by the FBI as part of J. Edgar Hoover's Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO).

He was in solitary confinement (the Hole) for eight years and has been recognized by the international human rights organization Amnesty International as a political prisoner. Below is an update on the case.

By Luis Talamantez

government conspiracy to cover up.

Geronimo, a decorated Vietnam war veteran, has become increasingly frail because of a medical condition called PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and suffers such symptoms as nightmares, night sweats, claustrophobia and general bouts of depression.

The California Department of Corrections (CDC) had deliberately exacerbated this condition by forcing Pratt to share his small, confining cell space with another prisoner (double-celling). His condition has been allowed into the prison to treat him. Judge Weigel took matters into his own hands on this issue and appointed an independent physician to examine Pratt and report back to the court. Meanwhile the judge entered an order that Pratt no longer be double-celled.

The procedure surprised the courtroom by suddenly announcing that Pratt was scheduled to be transferred forthwith to Pelican Bay (Del Norte County) the state's newest, an entire Grade 5, maximum security facility. The judge, visibly riled by this un-debated state maneuver, shouted, "No you won't! Pelican Bay has a horrible record. The court hereby orders Pratt not to be transferred."

Free Geronimo! Free all political prisoners!

Talamantez, formerly one of the San Quentin Six, spent 1977-81 in the Adjustment Center cell next to Geronimo Pratt.

Rubber bullet ban shot down
Police armed for crowd control



When Tom Fisher saw a postal jeep blocking a ramp, he deflated its tire.

Out of air! Man deflates postal jeep tire

By Lisa Clark
Staff Writer

Witnesses cheered a disabled Berkeley resident yesterday when he let the air out of the tire of a postal jeep which was blocking a curb ramp.

"Blocking them is not merely an inconvenience to wheelchair users — it can be a matter of life or death," said Tom Fisher, who plans to sue the post office for violating his civil rights.

Fisher said he noticed the illegally parked jeep in front of the red lined curb ramp at the southwest corner of Telegraph Avenue and Parker Street around 1 p.m.

"I waved and shouted, 'Postal person, please come over,'" he said. "She walked up to me with an attitude and was very defensive."

When he pointed out the problem to her, he said, she pointed to a driveway 15 feet away and said, "I see the solution right there."

Fisher said he deflated her left rear tire after she refused to give her name and walked away saying, "I have a job to do."

Patrons of the nearby Bison Brewery applauded the incident from the bar's balcony and glass-enclosed interior.

"We were kinda rootin' for him," Bison bartender Jim Wildeman said. "She was obviously hassling him. Afterwards we invited him in for a free beer to say, 'Way to stand up for your rights.'"

Fisher, who also blocked the vehicle with his wheelchair after another postal worker arrived and inflated the jeep's tire, said he was trying to get a ticket for his actions.

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People's Park

FROM FRONT PAGE

mission decision to reject construction, which the council overturned that night, criticized the city plan on the basis of user development.

The commission passed a resolution in late September stating that the plans for the bathroom and other facilities did not involve users and would "adversely affect the quality" of People's Park, which was declared a city landmark in 1984.

The council's plan called for user development "to the maximum extent possible." Council members said they would hire a contractor willing to let park users help build the structure.

Park activists dismissed the city's idea of user development as a farce.

"You've made it clear that you've no intention of getting any input from the people," George Kalmar angrily told the council. Kalmar had presented a proposal of his own at the meeting, which many park users endorsed.

Some speakers also argued against the development on other grounds.

Park supporter David Nadell said Berkeley's Nuclear Free Ordinance makes the city's lease with the university illegal. Under the ordinance, doing business with a nuclear weapons agent is illegal unless no other alternative is possible.

However, City Attorney Manuela Albuquerque said that because of the city's special relationship with UC Berkeley, contracts between the two are exempt from the ordinance.



Berkeley Rents

Could Rise by 28 Percent

By Debra Leal Holtz
Chronicle Correspondent

rents in Berkeley, which have kept the lowest in the area, could climb an average 8 percent under a rate-increase plan filed yesterday in Alameda County Superior Court.

That law was attacked in court by landlords Jagnor and John Scarie, and the appellate court ruled last year that Berkeley's rent law denied landlords their legal rights by making them responsible for the board to secure increases based on inflation.

The appellate court said inflationary adjustments must be automatic and across the board, and/or

Mothers in L.A. stand up to police terror

By Imran Ghori
Staff Writer

The Berkeley City Council unanimously approved a plan Tuesday night to build a combined bathroom and storage facility on the city's share of People's Park, despite vocal opposition from park activists.

The council's action is the first development for the park since UC Berkeley built volleyball courts on the city landmark in July, sparking four days of violent protests.

Many of the park users stormed away after the council decision.

"I guarantee you, you have just caused a riot in this city," shouted Dee Strandvold as she left the meeting in her wheelchair.

The \$124,000 site plan, recom-

mended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, also includes a children's play area, picnic tables, overhead lighting and a decomposed granite pathway.

Under the plan, the restroom would be situated next to Haste Street at the

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northeast corner of the grassy area of the park.

"By the end of the year, I think we'll actually have some running water in the park," Councilmember Carla Woodworth said.

Members of the Christian Science Church on Bowditch Street were concerned about the restroom being visible from their location, but council members said the park trees would

People's Park Gets an 'Annex'

Come to People's Park UC Students Please Read This

City won't 'take back' People's Park Annex

on September 20th, Sunday 1984 we will be having our 11th annual People's Park Festival of Music. This is an opportunity to get involved with the community and present to them your creativity and talents. Bring models of instruments, paintings, banners, and papers, and let us know what you have to say. Share your ideas and what you think that plans to benefit the community.

Squatters move to empty lot across the street, plant flowers

By Teresa Moore
Chronicle Staff Writer

Display squatters from People's Park have evicted an empty lot across the street and apparently will be the city of Berkeley nor the University of California has the authority to take action against them.

Berkeley officials say neither the city nor the university have jurisdiction over the lot, located at the corner of Haste Street and Telegraph Avenue and owned by businesswoman Edna Bates.

On Saturday, about 50 people moved in and began breaking up the lot's concrete foundation. Since then, they also have begun to adorn the dusty parcel with flowering plants and potted

plants, who transplanted a young plum tree from People's Park to the annex.

Using bricks left from the lot and not used in the water system, they built walls to hold in the dirt and planted them with marigolds and snapdragons.

Some people were constructing a highway pit elsewhere, bricks were used to patch the hole. A large sign, a popular sandwich and salad shop and a fancy boutique.

"This will be a place where people can go and enjoy fellowship among each other," he said.

Allegedly, a pile of rubble in a corner of the lot stands a wooden structure. Someone has tied a rubber baby doll to the fence and written the words "Honorable Dan" on the wood, a reference to UC Berkeley Chancellor George L. Din.

"It's private property," said city manager Michael Brown. "It's been in the city since the lot was built and it's not for sale."

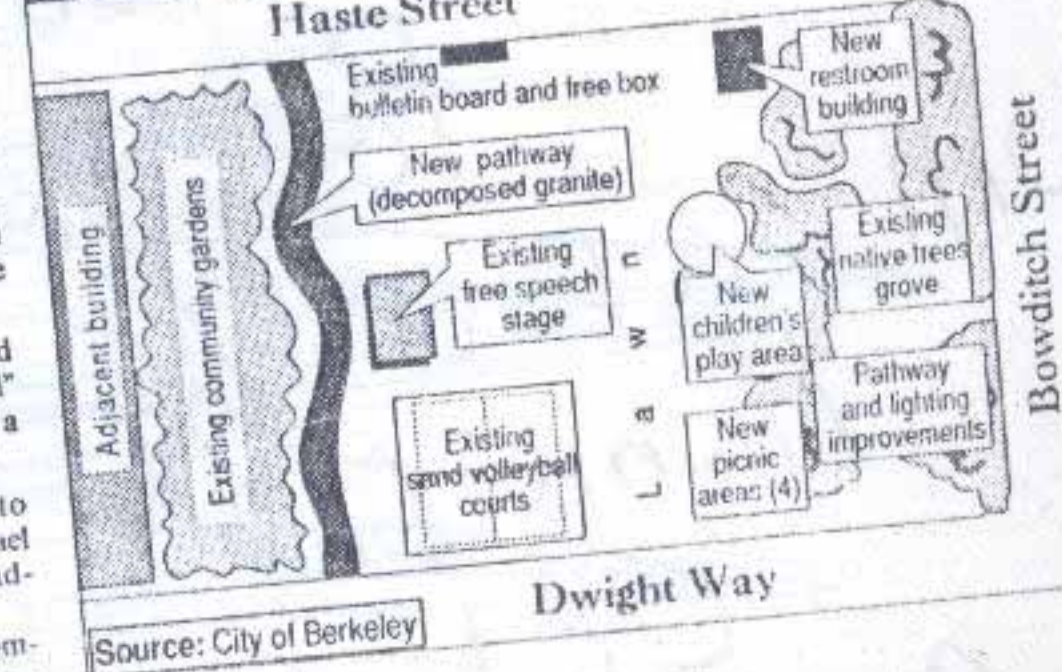
Bates could not be reached for comment.

"We have had no complaints from any street-front parties," said Park's public officer, Michel de LaTour.

The city tried the lot in October when it was put in a public auction. However, no interested parties showed up. The lot is surrounded by a fence and the lot

City approves plans for People's Park

PEOPLE'S PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN



Source: City of Berkeley

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Displaced squatters from People's Park have colonized an empty lot across the street and opposite the city of Berkeley and the University of California has the authority to take action against them.

"We felt like taking another piece of land," said Yukon Blum, 47, a leader of the People's Park Annex, a project on the former site of the Berkeley Inn, which was razed after the destroyed it last October.

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Dealty, who transplanted a young plane tree from People's Park to the annex.

Using buckets left from the Inn and ash and dirt mixed with water to nurture, they built small islands in the dirt and planted them with marigolds and snapdragons.

Some people were constructing a horseshoe pit. Elsewhere, bricks form a small, curved patch of fresh grass and a hand-painted sign propped against a tree in the middle of the lot reads "Keep Off the Grass."

Handful said he hopes a new People's Park will grow on the large empty lot, which has a bus stop, a popular sandwich and salad shop and a four-story drug store.

"This will be a place where people can go and enjoy fellowship going with others," he said.

Yesterday afternoon, about 20 people gathered in the lot, some tending small flower beds, others...

Also a tall pile of rubble in a corner of the lot stands a wooden cross. Someone has tacked a rule for baby dolls' arms to the cross and written the words "Chancellor Thore" on the wood, a reference to UC Berkeley Chancellor Chang Lih Tsao.

"It's private property," said city manager Michael Brown. "It's between the owner and the individuals using it. I don't know, in the best of my knowledge, has not complained."

Burns could not be reached for comment.

"We have had no complaints from any landlords parties," said Berkeley police officer Michel de Lattin.

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Story of the Columbus

COLUMBUS: THE SHORT STORY

A brother from the Dakota (Sioux) people was talking to an RW reporter about the meaning of Columbus.

"Years ago," he said, "I decided to study up on Columbus, to understand what he was all about. I went and got *A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn, and started reading. I got to this description by a seventeenth-century Spanish observer: 'Two of these so-called Christians met two Indian boys one day, each carrying a parrot; they took the parrots and for fun beheaded the boys.'"

"At that point," the Dakota brother said, "I closed the book and laid it down. What else was there to know?"

"Among our people," he continues, "the traditional word for the white invaders is *Wasichu*. It means *death by foul means*."

Invasion



Someday a petty official will appear with a piece of paper, called a land title, which states that the University of California owns the land of the People's Park. Where did that piece of paper come from? What is it worth?

A long time ago the Costanoan Indians lived in the area now called Berkeley. They had no concept of land ownership. They believed that the land was under the care and guardianship of the people who used it and lived on it.

Catholic missionaries took the land away from the Indians. No agreements were made. No papers were signed. They ripped it off in the name of God.

The Mexican Government took the land away from the Church. The Mexican Government had guns and an army. God's word was not as strong.

The Mexican Government wanted to pretend that it was not the army that guaranteed them the land. They drew up some papers which said they legally owned it. No Indians signed those papers.

The Americans were not fooled by the papers. They had a stronger army than the Mexicans. They beat them in a war and took the land. Then they wrote some papers of their own and forced the Mexicans to sign them.

The American Government sold the land to some white settlers. The Government gave the settlers a piece of paper called a land title in exchange for some money. All this time there were still some Indians around who claimed the land. The American army killed most of them.

The piece of paper saying who owned the land was passed around among rich white men. Sometimes the white men were interested in taking care of the land. Usually they were just interested in making money. Finally some very rich men, who run the University of California, bought the land.

Immediately these men destroyed the houses that had been built on the land. The land went the way of so much other land in America—it became a parking lot.

We are building a park on the land. We will take care of it and guard it, in the spirit of the Costanoan Indians. When the University comes with its land title we will tell them: "Your land title is covered with blood. We won't touch it. Your people ripped off the land from the Indians a long time ago. If you want it back now, you will have to fight for it again."

Columbus: The First What?

It is said that the Columbus voyage was the "first encounter" between the "New World and the Old World." This is contrary to all known information.

Travelers from the great African empire of Mali in the 1300s reported that the king of Mali told them of two expeditions with hundreds of boats sent from Africa west into the great ocean. Some evidence suggests that there may have been periods of ancient trade from West Africa to Brazil. There is physical evidence of a Viking settlement in North America dating back to the year 1000. And by the time of Columbus himself, it had become routine for English fishermen to travel across the Atlantic to the fishing shoals of the Outer Banks, where they often caught sight of the mainland to the west.

Altogether the historical record suggests as many as twenty contacts and sightings before Columbus.

SPAIN 1492— Desperate Lords Deep in Debt

The Spanish monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella who sent Columbus to the Americas ruled a feudal kingdom called Aragon and Castile. The nobility, about 2 percent of the population, owned 95 percent of the land. Almost all the rest of the people were poor peasants.

The heart of the ruling class was the *Mesta*, the association of sheep-owning noblemen. Their herds of three million, crisscrossing northern Spain in search of grazing pastures, were the heart of the country's economy. They sold wool north to the growing merchant and artisan cities of the Dutch Netherlands.

One historian, Hans Konig, sums up: "This, then, is a very brief sketch of the economics of Spain at the end of the fifteenth century: half-starving peasants and noblemen holding enormous estates; townships humbly obedient to an aggressive monarchy and Church. The country was criss-crossed by millions of hungry sheep like a permanent plague of locusts. Wool was the national export but the wool trade brought in diminishing returns, and the damage to the land began to cause repeated famines at home."

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Photo: Remains clean with new player

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By Tribune news service

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Ronald Stradley and Carol Denny

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FIGHT THE POWERS

Council targets homeowners

City to sue its own rent board

Council opposes hikes

By Susan Rosenberg
Staff Writer

The City of Berkeley will sue its own rent board to force it to sue the board for the imposition of rent control on the city.

The Berkeley City Council Tuesday night passed a resolution that would sue the board for the imposition of rent control on the city.

The board's action is a violation of the city's charter, which states that the city is not subject to rent control.

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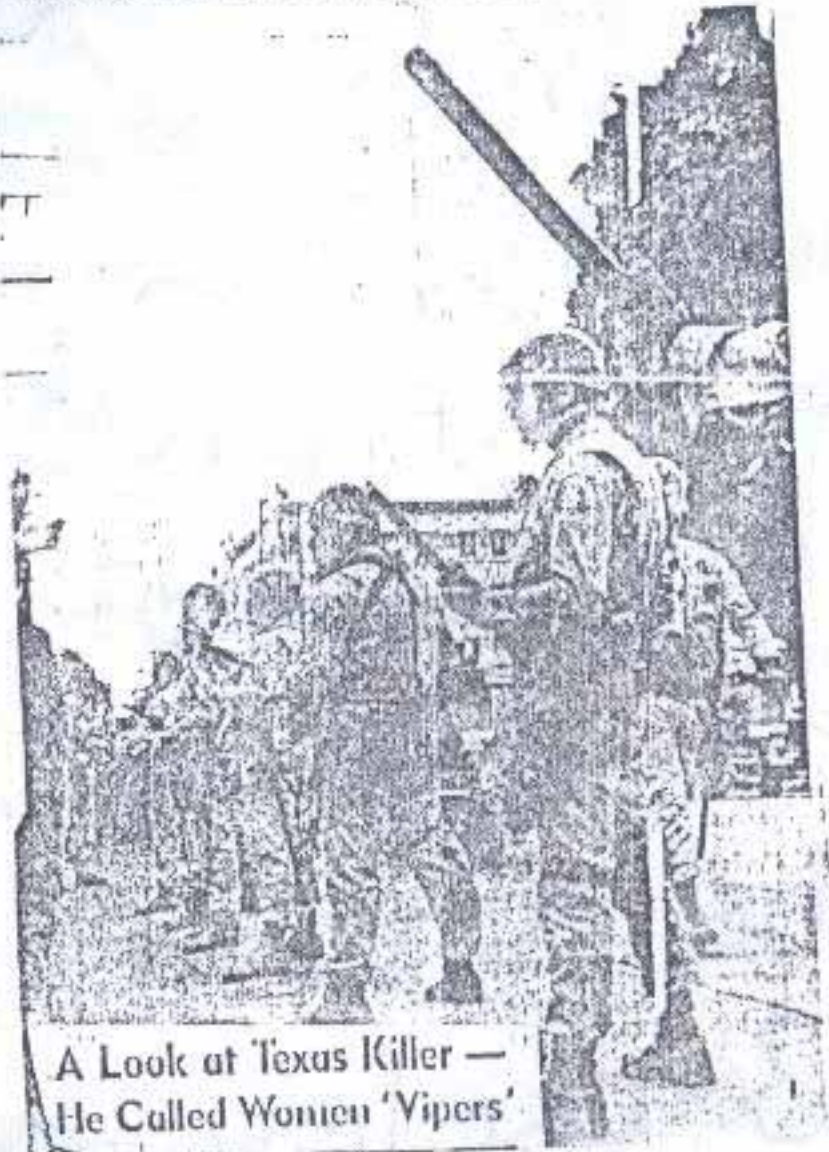
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Malcolm X

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CHA: Guilty of Crimes Against Women

Three women allege harassment, want UC cop fired... The Homeless Are NOT Criminals!

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