**COMMUNITY HANDBOOK**

The COMMUNITY HANDBOOK is a compilation of people’s resources for Los Angeles and nearby communities. Part One, published in the April 2 issue of the VANGUARD, listed consumer organizations, food co-ops, housing and tax assistance groups. Part Two, this issue, lists day care centers, medical and dental clinics, senior citizen groups and women’s organizations. We will be developing other resources in the weeks to come. Readers are encouraged to contribute listings, comments, complaints, reactions, kudos, updates, deletions or other responses about these resources to the Los Angeles Vanguard, 1000 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca., 90034, or call us at 531-1641.

**DAY CARE CENTERS.** (Free or fee based on ability to pay.)

Children’s Center, 718 Rose Avenue, Venice, 393-4826.
Alston St. Children’s Center, 348 S. Avenue 18, LA, 221-7198.
Archdiocesan, 6150 W. 9th St., LA, 388-1291.
BISCA, Inc., 4752 S. Huntington Dr., LA, 221-7133.
Campus Children’s Center, Valley College, Van Nuys, 988-8750.
Child Development Center, 1620 E. 12th St., LA, 564-3215.
Children Care & Development, 2137 N. Martense Ave., Los Angeles, 226-1931; 3450 W. Venice Blvd., Venice, 3450-9611.

Counseling & Learning Center of Watts, 1457 E. 103rd St., LA, 564-7191.
Gate Street Children’s Center, 2306 Thomas, LA, 222-5302.
Los Feliz Co-op Nursery School, (Ukritish Park Recreation Center, 3401 Riverside Dr., LA, 664-5335.
Neighbors of Watts, 226 E. 120th St., LA, 779-6396 or 779-6392.

**CONSUMER BEWARE**

Jan & Mal Geller is a couple team assigned the task of finding consumer bargains, and uncovering consumer rip-offs.

There is probably no major “necessity” of life that stands as open to fraud, misunderstanding and frustration as the family automobile.

Among the many reasons for this state of affairs are: widespread ignorance by the average motorist, misleading (and sometimes fraudulent) advertising by auto products merchants, the ease of repair shop fraud — and the difficulty of proving it — in the absence of a standardized and interchangeable parts between different makes and models of cars, and simply not paying attention to what your car is trying to tell you — until it is too late.

Any driver can save time, money and frustration by doing simple tasks for himself.

1. Check gasoline and fuel system.
   - Excessive price doesn’t mean poor quality. Check octane ratings instead of posted price. Each pump must have its rating posted by law. The best price-value ratio you have found is the Gas at Santa Monica Boulevard and Gower Street (regular at 42c/g.)
   - Use the lowest grade gas with which your car will perform well. Experiment, or ask your dealer, mechanic or a knowledgeable friend.

2. Check engine and cooling systems.
   - Don’t use gas that smells sour (like garbage). Generally, this gas is higher in methane-related compounds and performs less well.
   - Check and change oil filters as needed. Gases are generally equipped with little servos where the fuel line enters the carburetor. Also, quite a few cars have another filter in the fuel line (this resembles a little squint cylinder and would be located somewhere after the fuel line rises from under the engine and where it joins the carburetor). These filters are not kept clean, impurities in the gasoline can clog them and cause poor performance, stalling and uneven idle and acceleration. The screens can be washed in solvent and put back in place. The in-line filters are made to be discarded and a new filter installed.

3. Check and change transmissions fluid.
   - Power steering fluid. The car is equipped and belt tension once a week or more. Regular attention to these very minor and routine tasks can save some very major difficulties.

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6. Power steering fluid is like the engine and transmission lubricants. A transmission fluid leak are signs of wear and tear and a faulty transmission liquid leaks out of the engine and will eventually ruin the car. A car can tolerate a small amount of fluid, but a large amount will cause immediate failure of the car. A car with a small amount of fluid will be in good condition, but a car with a large amount will be in poor condition.

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5. Fan belt tightness is essential to make sure the belts are turning smoothly and evenly (without any noise). The most important motor is the generator (or a small belt). A slack belt gives uneven charges and can wear the battery out, or vice versa, and you may has to replace the battery.

4. Check the oil level and fill it if it is low. Add enough oil to the oil tank in order to make sure that it is full. Add at least a quart of oil to the oil tank.

3. Underinflated or overinflated tires are dangerous and much more quickly. The recommended pressure is usually imprinted right on the tire, or ask someone who knows.

Westside Women’s Center, 237 E. 6th St., Santa Monica, 388-3941.
Sisterhood Book Exchange, 1153 Vermont Ave., LA, 477-7300.
Women’s Institute & Health Center, 7151 W. Manchester Blvd., LA, 4911 or 776-5117.
Sunshine Mission for Women, 300 Hoover, 474-7419.
Mamman’s Organiz., P.O. Box 579, Santa Monica.
Women’s Resource Center, UCLAG, 809 Douglas St., 651-3528.
Women’s Information Center, USC, 5th and Figueroa, 476-6057.
Westside Women’s Health Care Ctr., 1104 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, 450-2191.

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It was my privilege to know, and to work with, Ed Koupal. His untimely death last week was a tragic loss to all who admired and respected him for his integrity, his intelligence, and his contribution to our profession.

Ed Koupal was a true professional. He had a rare ability to see beyond the obvious and to recognize the deeper implications of complex issues. His expertise in urban planning and development was unparalleled.

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Ed Koupal was fearless. He was one of the last realists. He had a deep-seated confidence in the American way of life. He was convinced that the country could weather any storm as long as it was kept on the right path. He was a man of integrity, and his integrity was the foundation of all his work.

Ed Koupal loved people. He was a man who never lost his sense of humor, even in the face of adversity. He was a man who never gave up, no matter what the opposition. He was a man who never gave up, no matter what the opposition.

Burt Wilson

Burt Wilson was co-coordinator of CAUSE, a consumer group coalition.

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