Bottle Bill initiative is debated

BY ANNE FRENCH
Staff Writer

"When I was a kid, I remember my parents always bought returnable bottles. "It just makes sense," said the head of the five-member San Luis Obispo group, Supporters of Bottle Bill Legislation.

George Crane was optimistic that Californians would vote in the Bottle Bill initiative this November. He claimed there is overwhelming support (85-90 percent) for the initiative which would require a deposit on beverage containers. Crane said the League of Women Voters have named this issue as their No. 1 priority in the upcoming election.

Proposition 11 would require retailers to pay customers 5 cents for each beer or soft drink container made of metal, glass or plastic that they turn in. Retailers are then reimbursed by utilities, insurance, taxes, and so forth.

Though the San Luis Obispo environmental group ECO—SLO normally devotes its time to recycling newspapers, the organization is throwing its weight behind the Bottle Bill initiative which will appear on the November ballot in California.

Grass Roots II struggles to keep doors open

By TRACY JACKSON
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"It's been a long struggle, but we try to keep the doors open."

And you may take these words literally by walking through the program director as the sole paid employee of Grass Roots II, literally the word "grass roots" as defined by Webster's dictionary as "common people working and the sole paid employee of Grass Roots I, literally the word "grass roots" as defined by Webster's dictionary as "common people working.

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Surviving barely, Grass Roots II survives on a $28,000 per year budget that allows only for the money to be spent on necessities—rent, utilities, insurance, taxes, and so forth.

The $28,000 figure which was cut by 20 percent effective July 1, 1982, due to a county-wide revenue sharing cutback, does not allow for the primary services which characterize Grass Roots II, daily transportation for the elderly and disabled, crisis, career, survival, and financial counseling; advocate in fair housing, and landlord/tenant disputes; emergency food and clothing distribution, and to provide referrals for other means of assistance that Grass Roots II cannot supply.

"We refuse no one from service. We are geared to help whatever crisis, whatever need," explained Lewis. Much of this organization's help involves people who don't know where to turn for assistance.

"People are eligible for service, but are unaware of where to go or they are incapable of reading and understanding the forms when they get there," said Lewis. "At Grass Roots II, said Dr.

Bored SLO music fans turn to new magazines

BY CAROL A JOHNSON
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Tired of Rolling Stone, RAM and Creem magazines? Try a little SLOP or RAD on for size.

SLOP and RAD are two locally published magazines written for the music enthusiast who is tired of reading how Elvis Costello has repented and why Van Halen never gets any respect. Both magazines are put out by students and approach the music business in different ways:

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Freedom is the theme behind RAD, according to Graham.

"I prefer to think of myself as a publisher, not an editor," said Graham. "An editor is someone who cuts and slashes stories. I don't cut anything. We don't want a format here, we're trying to get away from formats."

RAD, which stands for Rock Against Disease, was actually conceived two years ago, but did not see print in mimeographed form until this year.

"We were going to call it Scumbag," said Graham. "But then we decided on RAD. I finally realized that if I wanted to get it off the ground, I'd have to do it myself, and it would have to be this way."

So here is RAD, "the magazine that dares to be what it eats." It is distributed at Boo Boo's, Cuesta College and at punk concerts, and it reviews concerts, records and print updates about punk bands. Also featured are drawings and cartoons with such characters as The Meanie, The Scumbag Brother and Betty Butthole and Arthur 666. Collages boasting such phrases as "Herpes: the V D of the '80's" and "Penetration Tonight!" are superimposed over photographs of vultures, and groups of people making obscene gestures are included in the magazine.

But since RAD stands for freedom, Graham said she'll print just about anything—and feels no qualms about it.

"There is no real staff for RAD, although some of the same writers have appeared in a few of our issues," she said. "RAD is not real slick for the time being. We're still new at it." The magazine is going to continue, and we'll keep improving as we go along.

SLOP, and RAD, are novices at printing. But the bosses, we are able to call our own shots," he said.
Labor of love: Griffith calls SLOP’s “labor of love,” since nobody is making a profit on it. He said they’re just breaking even now, since it is completely supported by advertisements.

“Tires are a real demand for a magazine like this in the area,” said Van Cleve. “It’s free, and it’s interesting. We’ve been getting positive feedback so far.”

Van Cleve said that all 500 copies of their first edition were picked up which is very encouraging. They were distributed at KCPR, record stores and clubs in town. He and Griffith hope to distribute them in music stores and recording studios soon.

SLOP’s editors are open to suggestions, and welcome any articles people may want to write. “We’re going to print 500 copies next time,” Van Cleve said. He continued, “We’ll have free SLOP all over the place.”

Kid’s film festival scheduled

It has been billed as a children’s film festival, but sponsors say that adults shouldn’t feel shy about tagging along.

The Economic Opportunity Commission is putting on a Children’s Film Festival this Saturday at the Rainbow Theatre to benefit the EOC.

Show times are 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

The festival will feature the uncut version of The Jungle Book as well as Little Rascals and Pink Panther cartoons.

A $1.75 admission will be charged. Children and adults will pay $2.75.

Several San Luis Obispo stores are donating door prizes. Information on the admission EOC offers will also be available.

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Bill opponents call measure a health threat

Supporters say the main benefit of the Bottle Bill initiative is that it would alleviate the litter problem. The U.S. General Accounting Office estimates that 5 percent of all solid waste would be eliminated if this measure passed.

The GAO states: "The burdens to society from beverage container litter and solid-waste disposal problems are no less tangible than the costs that industry claims it would have to pay if it were required to redeem empty deposit containers."

Bill benefits

According to a brochure circulated by a leading proponent, Californians Against Waste, the benefits of the Bottle Bill initiative include: conserving energy and resources, creating more jobs, reducing taxes through smaller litter cleanup costs, preventing accidents caused by broken bottles and consumer savings for purchasing recyclable bottles rather than disposable ones.

The group CAW began the California legislative lobbying in 1975. The sponsor of the bill is Californians for Recycling and Litter Cleanup.

"I was in San Diego the first day petitions came out," said Crane. He said that in 90 days 500,000 signatures had been collected, ensuring it would be on the November ballot. Crane said that virtually all the arguments in support of deposit have been contested by large industry.

Those opposing the initiative are bottle and can manufacturers, brewers and soft drink bottlers, grocers and nearly all organized labor. They're currently funding one of the state's most costly drives against the measure (upwards to $6 million.)

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Grass Roots seeks recruits

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Joel Land, president of the board and staff, publicizes at the California Men’s Colony, “our criteria is need.”

“Getting Worse

And the problem is getting worse instead of better. Grass Roots II serves anywhere from 45 to 50 people each day and well into the thousands each month. As a result of this overflow, the center increasingly relies on volunteer help, which they are constantly recruiting.

The biggest need is volunteer work with a communication system from which they can contact people as the need for service arises. Volunteers are needed periodically for such chores as yard work, property management, and clerical duties.

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