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HOLES IN THE WALL

We came together around the idea of "New Morning" because we felt the need for a community newspaper. In the first issue we tried to edit only "poorly" written articles. By the time the second issue was being laid out, we realized we had no right to decide what was "poor", so we edited for length and space. We called people whose articles were too long and asked them to cut it. When we met to plan the third issue the floor fell through. We understood that even doing layout meant we were editors. We understood that "editing" is a uns subtle form of chauvinism. Ever have a man speak for you?

Traditionally a newspaper should "reflect" the community. We feel that it is not good enough because a reflection is a reverse image. That basic distortion is amplified and twisted by editing. The straight press calls it journalism; the underground press calls it raising the consciousness of the people. Each fall prey to seeing their own reflections. The only way to have a community newspaper is let the community write it. Such a paper ought to be something we can see through like a hole in the wall. And aren't there walls! This week we gave out galley sheets to groups in the community, like Bay High School and Free University. They did layouts we helped facilitate a process of communication. We'd like the whole paper to be that way next time.

But that's not all. We hope that donations, pledges and charging a dime will pay expenses. We feel that the potential for this paper to earn money should be understood. We tried to give the paper away because we thought a price would mean taking a capitalist road. We were wrong. Charging the price is not capitalist. Keeping the profit is. So the profit will go to various groups doing some work or service for the people in Berkeley. Redistribute the wealth. Serving the people. If your collective or group would like space in the next issue call 548-3861 or come by 1940 B Bonita, or attend the next community communication gathering April 12 - noon at the free clinic 10 AM (morning)

