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FREE VENICE

# BEACHHEAD

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## EDITORIAL

Thomas H. Thurlow, last Mayor of Venice, died on March 7th at the age of 93. He fought a gallant but losing battle against the annexation of Venice to Los Angeles in October, 1925. "We committed suicide. That's what we called it, and that's what it was." In an L.A. Times interview in 1966, he said, "a local government is more responsive, especially to small details than a downtown City Hall". .."Within the next 10 to 20 years, the entire Ocean Front will be a string of modern apartment buildings." The Beachhead Staff urges a return to the 'good old days' of self-government and community control. Here's to the memory of Mayor Thurlow and the future that holds a

### RESPONSE TO MISS AMERICA

What can I say to cancel out the furies' stary faces stained to the outside window pane: some silver words to shut up in a quaint jeweled case against the full feared moon? or parables to scribe on parchment and to bind and chain within the temple walls?

You must have known the homes of gods are wilderness. The gods are hollow eyed and silent dreaming worlds

whose saints break out of heaven, utter nonsense such as: pain is joy, resort to deserts where they see it out, way out of bounds to mortal laughter.

The holy ones hold off the crowds with oracles - to understand the gift you have to have the gift -

and swing with secret smiles among those singing stars.

*John Haag*

"WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS IT BECOMES NECESSARY..."

remember?

FREE  
ALL  
political  
prisoners

FREE VENICE!

WHEN WE ARE

the waves flow back again each one recedes

leaving on the sand sandcrabs a shell shadows of itself

taking out with it to the sea the round-most stones

and the many grains more of resisting earth

just under a star I can see shadows in the trees

just darkening in the corners where we are

FREE  
AVENUE.

### THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS

• The Beachhead Fund-raising Party was a howling success. We made \$25.00 and everyone got drunk.

Thank you Gwyn for the house. Thank you B.J. for the Pizza. Grazie Anna for organizing it. Thank you People for leafletting and thank you People for coming.

Watch for the next leaflet announcing another Beachhead Party.

Page's Coffee Cup, a new Cafe has opened on Brooks and Ocean Front Walk. It is presided over by Page, who dispenses good vibe with excellent Coffee, and is as appetizing as his succulent, meaty hamburgers. He plans to stay open till One AM. Good luck, us Night People need you!!!

Anyone who has a large house that can be used for Beachhead Parties on weekends, call 399--7681 and leave a message for Anna. We specialize in CLEAN parties and a clean house afterward.

• Saturday March 28 11:30 am, two members of BEACHHEAD staff driving by the Police station noticed a uniformed officer patrolling the grounds armed with a rifle.

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### ROLE OF THE CITY TREES IN THE NEW REVOLUTION

Damn it, it's not enough once a year to curse solemnly and push a few twigs through concrete. They have fingers and fists too (more than we do). They should beat the streets into

cookies for crown-ups. Kalaches, fruit-filled holes, one for each of our Bohemian fiddlers.

After all, they've been given new skirts (durable white paint by men in grey suits). They should dance. A country wedding dance--lively polkas.

They've'd all patch on to their revolutionary hair, and as the ground we're sitting on and all the big holes in our feet regenerate.

*Lydia Starnes*

out  
now!

OUT  
now

OUT  
NOW  
out  
now

!!  
out  
now



# IMPORTANT things

If you're really hung up and can satisfy the mystery requirements, Welfare is good for a rent chit for \$70. With this, a \$10 cleaning deposit (non-refundable), and a \$2 key fee you can get a room, bath, kitchen, when available at the white house on the corner of Brooks and Pacific.

You can also get a \$7 food order...and \$2 cash for carfare. Unless you have your own food thing going - brown rice forever, organic only, or ripple on the rocks-tuna fish and cottage cheese will satisfy your protein requirements. You'll need a can opener and spoons.

When things get a little better, the magic mailbox, work?, or pregnant and on AFDC, meals for millions on Olympic Blvd. sell 4 lb. cans of a protein food supplement for \$2.50 or a 24oz. can for 95 cents. Three ounces of this three times a day will give you three times you vitamin needs and all your protein. Mix it with ice cream or coffee, replace about a third of your flour with it when you bake and you've a magic formula for health.

Just across from Westminster school there's a little thrift shop next door to where the Soul Spot used to be. They give away bottles of vitamins with quarter buys.

Every Friday new clothes from Sears come to the Sunlight mission on Main and about 4th, and sell very, very cheap.

And that's all I'M going to tell you.

Love and good luck in every thing you do for good,

sesame

i sit in the corner and wait  
among the curls of dust  
and darkness  
and wait.

there's sunlight out there,  
in the room.  
sunlight and humming and warm roses.

i see it through the web.  
i didn't mention the web, did i?  
it's there  
it always is  
i know.

and a spider.  
a fleshy, transparent spider.

i've seen him  
or almost once, twice, maybe.  
but he's there all right  
i know.

he's watching, he always does.  
spiders bite they say,  
and watch.

but i fool 'im.  
how i fool 'im.

i pretend i don't even want the roses.

i close my eyes  
and wait.

*Danny Blitzer*

(it's very hard to be sensitive in a place where it acts against you. i wonder if the defecation of life will fall upon me by it's own dishonesty? i also thought that 'nice toys' didn't kill, until i saw a boy beat his sister with a pair of tricycle pedals.)

Homage de Chuck Berry

The on the with their and  
There way out of from the  
in the who to and to

a in the his now a one  
way out of from the on the but  
about some kind of in that he  
in the way of his and his  
about some in/a when and this

you know his single eye lit up  
with meanest part banality

and shot up our happy home  
in Venice Tennessee

OUT  
NOW



I'm so tired of the CIA  
so tired tired tired tonight  
so tired of the CIA  
You children just be quiet

I am so fucking tired of the CIA  
Belieeve he huh huh hoo ooooo  
Through with the CIA  
uhuh

Oh  
Yeah  
Tired of the CIA

*Bob Muckalon*

truths to be self  
vident"  
(that's a good  
one)

END THE WAR  
IN  
VIETNAM,  
LAOS,  
CAMBODIA,  
THAILAND,  
VENICE,  
ETC,  
ETC,  
ETC.

I thought I would build  
a little Venice here  
with all the kids and dogs  
running down the beach  
repeat a 3 way game of catch  
from one window to another down  
to the little girl on the ground  
who hid the ball while the POLICE car passed

I wanted to take poetry away  
from all those too tender emotions  
and delicate play  
that kill the truth  
and suck the guts from life

Just to be an honest troubador  
recording all that passes through me  
what I hear and know and see  
in the rhythm of my surroundings

To-  
BILL  
OLIVE

HAVE A GOOD TRIP!  
we'll miss you -  
Come Back  
Soon  
Venice

Folded Tight Transient broadcloth  
overhang  
into Noose  
rolled smeared into shape  
picking out at random any  
glue or mache  
will solidity it  
to weapon hardness,  
then only a simplicity  
of placing  
it round a neck  
firm and pulling  
gentle.  
but

Six or Seven  
flat geometries right  
reconstruct for you  
the garnish  
of the plane;  
fitting it all into a  
context  
is too difficult  
without ruler and plum-bob-  
The architect  
will be here any minute  
so perhaps  
we'd better wait.



ISLE OF  
DOGS  
BY JANE GORDON

The Free Venice Organizing Committee today expressed their support and solidarity with the residents of London's "Isle of Dogs" community in a telegram. The London community's residents have barricaded the lone entrance to their peninsula and flattened the tires of London buses in order to prevent London's tax-collectors from taking money out of their community.

"Venice residents are in a very similar situation," said Jane Gordon, FVOC member who initiated the idea of sending the telegram. "We are trying to separate the Venice community from the City of Los Angeles because we feel that the L.A. power structure is not responsive to the needs and desires of Venice residents, and yet they have complete control over Venice schools, parks, police, planning and redevelopment. We have absolutely no say in running our own community, and yet we must pay taxes to the city to perpetuate this situation"

The Free Venice Organizing Committee asserts that Venice residents would be capable of governing themselves both politically and economically but that



# FREE SCHOOL

A Free School is starting in Venice for kids three to six years old. In a "Free" or "Summerhill" school, the "teachers" are out to discover and help meet the needs of the students. The kids will be free from adults' acting out their hang-ups on kids. How about your babysitter? Is there any love there? In this so-called civilization, all but very few adults are daily acting out hang-ups on kids. The Venice Free school will stand for love and equal rights for kids, too! It is a cooperative effort by local people who want ten groovy kids to work with, and who are willing to work for less than your present nursery school, less even than your babysitter. They are looking for kids whose parents cannot afford expensive private nursery schools and cannot find a babysitter who loves children, or else are uneasy about the way their present nursery teacher gets uptight with the kid. The Venice school will offer the kids means of continual expression and growth: daily verbal discussion and joint staff-and-student-body meetings, field trips at least twice a week to destinations chosen at the meeting, gardening and growing their own for hot organic lunches, experimenting with various plastic and paint media, working out hostilities non-violently. And these people really do love children! Give your kid a break. Contact Gwyndolin at 111 Wavecrest Avenue for more information.

## APHORISMS

People who are afraid of life look for something else to believe in.

Heaven represents the real Earth we lack the courage for.

Organizations, formed to serve the members, serve to form the members.

If our bodies were democratic, our brain cells, being in the minority, would be out-voted by the more numerous muscle cells. Watch out for aimless twitching!

Wouldn't it be something if the human race were periodically overcome by such unbearable and uncontrollable love for each other that they just had to have great oracles of love for years and years on end that got written up in the history books as "The Love of 1976" and "World Love I" and "World Love II" etc., or "The Peace of 1987 to 2013", or how about "The Civil Love between the States"? If this seems silly to us, it means we've been conditioned to accept and understand death better than life.

*Gail Williams*

## Venice PFP Reports

The Peace & Freedom Party is pretty well known for initiating law suits. The latest one, a law suit which involves abolition of filing fees now required of candidates running for public office, was introduced in Federal Court in February. The suit challenged the constitutionality of the filing fee on the grounds that it is like a poll tax, and that it prevents poor people from running for office. The suit also claims that the political effectiveness of the Peace & Freedom Party and its right to free expression is hindered by the fee.

The suit went before the Federal Court to secure a temporary restraining order to enable candidates to get their nominating papers without paying the fee, but it was not granted. A three-judge court turned us down as well, but Peace & Freedom did not give up and took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court which which, while turning down the request for the temporary restraining order, agreed to hear the suit in the future.

March 20 was the deadline for candidates to file for office; all candidates who attempted to complete the requirements for filing made it. Their papers were accepted at the Registrar's office, thanks to the nominating parties which were held in Venice and at the Ashgrove enabling candidates to get the necessary signatures for their petitions.

Some of the people running for office who live in Venice are Marge Buckley, Attorney General; John Haag, Lieutenant Governor; Jane Gordon, 28th Congressional District; Lew McCammon, 26th Congressional District; Jill Lewis, 26th Senatorial District; Shari Neelands, 59th Assembly District; and Bob Niemann, 60th Assembly District.

The candidates for state-wide office are Richard Romo, Berkeley, and Warren Neilson, San Diego for Governor; Bob Scheer, Berkeley, for U.S. Senate; Israel Feuer, West Los Angeles for Secretary of State; and Jack Hampton, Santa Monica, for Treasurer.

The Beachhead staff endorses these candidates and urges people interested in supporting them to send a check or money order to

Peace & Freedom Campaign Committee  
1727 West Washington Blvd.  
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The office, located at the above address, is open every afternoon from 10-8, and every one is invited to stop by.

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ITEMS





# BRAUDE (?)

BY CAROL FONDILLER

Councilman Marvin Braude stated that he opposed a freeway through Venice "because it would destroy the diversity of the community and ruin the beach," at a meeting on March 24. He urged people to sign and circulate his anti-freeway petitions and write elected officials to oppose the freeway.

Maybe he got the idea from the Free Venice Organizing Committee who presented him with petitions containing 1,200 signatures that he said are stapled to a file...somewhere. Braude is still in favor of turning Pacific Ave into a mini-freeway. He seems unaware of the effect of the Master Plan on the Canal and Oakwood residents.

"Any plan is better than no plan at all," he stated. He did not favor a community inspired plan, however. People asked if the freeway were defeated by the labor of present Venice residents, would they be deprived of the fruits of their labor by making Venice too valuable for the likes of them? Braude maintained a discreet silence.

For most people at the meeting this was a naive question. Freeways are bad and they will work against them with anyone. Venetians will sign and circulate petitions again. Hope springs eternal and all that.

Politics do make strange bed fellows. We just want to know Marvin's position and where his...ah...head's at.

Letter to:  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Gentlemen:

During the past month, the Venice Health Council has had representatives at the meetings of the Santa Monica - West L.A. Health Planning Group. We have made it clear that we feel that the planned health facility at 25th and Pico will not serve the needs of the Venice Community, (the community in this area with the greatest health needs). The reasons follow:

1. The facility is located 3 miles from the largest poverty pocket in the West community and is a few blocks away from two hospitals and some 35 doctors.
2. Venice has 6 doctors for 65,000 people.
3. Only medical patients will be accepted and we are most concerned about the people who are not on medical and emergency cases.
4. Only 'pre-enrolled' medical patients will be accepted for care.

5. Community people were asked to serve in an advisory capacity after the building was near completion and plans already formulated.

6. No Santa Monica or West L.A. community people have attended the Health Planning group meetings.

As president of the Venice Health Council, a community group, I would like to request a public hearing regarding the Santa Monica-West Los Angeles Health Planning Groups' responsiveness to community needs. Because it is always difficult for poor people to stay home from work and travel long distances without private transportation, we are asking that the meeting or hearing be held at the Venice State Service Center.  
Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs.) Peggy B. Simon, Pres. VHC



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## SOFTLY YELLING

We talk softly  
even when we yell.  
They know we are still  
with them,  
militants, radicals, quiet liberals  
are we  
too full  
to disrupt;  
too full  
to destroy;  
too full  
to fight.....  
to die to the last.  
too full of them are we  
(quiet liberals).

Yes,  
they know us  
too well -  
better that we ourselves  
as we go softly yelling:  
up the revolution!  
off the pig!  
right on HUEY!  
right on CHE!

(but Che is dead - remember?)  
(but Che is dead - remember?)  
right on revolution!  
softly yells the establishment.

Rick Davidson

## POOLISH ARCHITECTURE

the back sides of our doors look inward - right through us and into our deepest secrets. the front sides stand clean, painted with a ten cent store bought paint, and so we build as if someone else lived us.



NOW

LOST IN VENICE	2 REVOLUTIONARY PUPS MALCOLM - black male CHE - brown female 3-month-old shepards (wearing flea collars)
REWARD	CALL: MARGE-392-4177; 396-6876

## HUMAN EVENTS from 1

We picked up a photographer and went back to get a shot of the man who tried to dodge behind bushes and buildings to avoid our camera.

Desk Sgt. Barnett could not comment on why the officer was there, but he asked his Watch Commander (Neal) who replied that it was because there had been a bombing across the street from a police station up north. When asked if this was going to be policy, Neal said "until we think it's safe to pull them off."

Turns out that it was ordered from downtown and (depending on who you talk to) might or might not continue.

Objection? Overruled, folks, due to circumstances temporarily beyond our control.

● Citizens of Venice beware! Rumor has it that code enforcement is returning. Some homes have

already been threatened with demolition. Anyone needing help or with information contact Rick Davidson of the Planning Committee of Free Venice--399-7681. We are mounting a four fronted counter-offensive; citizens' inspection team; construction team; finance team; and legal team. We can help you save your home.

## Isle of Dogs cont. from pg 2

no viable channels exist to achieve dis-incorporation. Miss Gordon explained, "we assume the residents of the Isle of Dogs, like the residents of Venice, have attempted to go through legal channels to redress their grievances with the city of London. We fully appreciate how often that is a dead-end, as it has been in Venice. Our telegram reads, 'Right on! Free the Isle of Dogs! (signed) Free Venice Organizing Committee.'"



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