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Venice Community Plan: A Citizens' Report

INTRODUCTION

Very soon the Dept. of City Planning will begin holding public hearings and meetings on the Preliminary Venice Community Plan as it has been drafted by the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). That committee was made up of Venice residents and businesspeople appointed by City Council members Russell and Braude and has been working on the plan for about 3 years.

The Planning Dept. hopes to have some 2,000 copies printed and available to the public by the time you read this, and it is important that as many Venice residents as possible read the document. The Dept. and members of the CAC will be available to make presentations and discuss the Plan with those groups of people who request it. If you would like to organize such a presentation, call Richard Gervais of the Dept. at 485-5386. In fairness to all concerned please try to get a substantial number of people together for each meeting: a minimum of ten seems reasonable.

A Long Way to Go

The Plan is still a long way from being adopted. After these hearings in Venice it goes to the City General Plan Advisory Board, then to the Planning Commission, then to the City Council Planning Committee, and finally to the full City Council. Even after the Council adopts the Plan, the process continues because in many cases new ordinances (for zoning and street designations) will be required to implement the Plan. But the first round of hearings and public input is still important in determining what kind of plan will begin to wind its way through the City maze.

What follows is a synopsis and critique of the CAC Plan by the Venice North Beach Planning Task Force, three of whose members served on the CAC as appointees of

High Spirits & Precipitous Planning



Community Plan Analysis text written by
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the North Beach Neighborhood Council. It is interesting to note that the Planning Dept. has initially disowned much of the CAC's Plan, because, amongst other reasons, "it recommends mandatory language be substituted for more permissive language to make the Plan more binding upon city government." In other words, the CAC chose to say that things shall be done rather than saying they should be done; it is a subtle but important difference.

Text and Maps

The Plan has two parts: the written text containing policy statements, community needs, goals of the plan, and so forth, and a map which contains more specific recommendations regarding population density and the street system.

The text is divided into the following major sections: Objectives; Policies; Land Use (housing, commerce, industry, traffic circulation); Service Systems (schools, parks, etc.); and Programs (which apply to each of the above). In each section the major thrust of the CAC has been to emphasize the social aspects of planning, an approach not looked upon with favor by the likes of the City Council. Government prefers instead to deal mainly with zoning and streets and

virtually ignore social planning.

The Planning Task Force has taken the Plan apart by way of its topics, dividing each part into a Premise, the Proposals, and Comments. It is hoped that the reader will have little trouble in differentiating between what the Plan says and what the Task Force says about the Plan.

Land Use

Premise: Because the City has significantly reduced Venice's 1995 projected population (from over 80,000 to 42,000; 1975 population is about 37,000), land use regulations (regarding zoning, roads, height limits, etc.) should be adjusted to reflect this new low-growth projection.

Proposals: 1. Specific neighborhood zoning adjustments (see map).
2. Specific street width adjustments (see map).
3. General building height limit adjustments: all residential at 3 stories or 45'; all commercial to 4 stories. (These are except as noted in the North Beach Specific Plan: see Special Neighborhoods)
4. New residential buildings adjacent to industrial areas should be buffered and soundproofed.
5. Apartments should have on-site open space and recreational area.

Comments: It is not logically consistent that the potential roadway width of Pacific Ave. So. of Washington St. be reduced while leaving the densely-populated Peninsula zoned R-3. The Peninsula should be down-zoned. Even if Pacific is not downgraded, building on the Peninsula had run amuck and the area should be down-zoned.

Should the more stringent height limits outlined in the South Coast Regional Commission's new building permit guidelines be approved, the Community Plan

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OCEAN PARK LIBRARY ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK?

The Library Board of Santa Monica is exploring options for the gentle old library in our community. Their thoughts include tearing it down, remodeling it, building a new library on park land and making program changes. At a meeting February 17th, community residents vigorously objected to the site destruction and advocated a list of program possibilities. But uptown Boards usually have a mind of their own, and our interests must be expressed. Write the Board c/o the Main Library (6th and Santa Monica Blvd.), and let them know you want programs for people not destruction of one of the more charming corners in our neighborhood. (from the Newsletter of the Church in Ocean Park)

HIGH LIFE ON \$148/MO?

The department of Social Services in Santa Clara County, California has just proclaimed that it is possible to live on \$148 a month. The county's Board of Supervisors hailed a new Social Services study as a breakthrough in "proving" that welfare payments are already high enough. The \$148 figure is for a single person using all existing food stamp, health and other relief programs. It allows monthly \$40 for food, \$5 for clothing and \$3 for personal and household needs. The study concluded that "It is unlikely that a single person could live decently and maintain good health with substantially less than this amount."

The study was part of the general welfare "reform" in Santa Clara County aimed at making people work at low paying jobs for the equivalent of their welfare check. The county's Social Service Department wants to "maintain and develop good work habits for the purpose of keeping the recipient from idleness and assisting his rehabilitation and the preservation of his self-respect." (Dollars & Sense/LNS)

JUST DESSERTS

Two food industry sugar apologists were recently lauded for whispering sweet nothings to the American public in 1976.

The National Confectioners Association handed out its 1976 Public Service Award to Dr. Frederick Stare, "in recognition of his courageous championship of truth in nutrition." The candy industry's public relations and lobby group applauded the "truth" in Stare's frequent assurances that sugar has no deleterious effect on physical or dental health - despite medical evidence to the contrary.

Meanwhile, the National Kidney Foundation gave its Health Achievement Award to Stare for his "outstanding programs in patient education, public information and ... medical education."

General Mills' pamphlet to teachers claiming that sugar and pre-sweetened cereals are harmless, along with its products Sir Grapefellow, Baron Von Redberry and chocolate malt-flavored Breakfast Squares, went unmentioned.

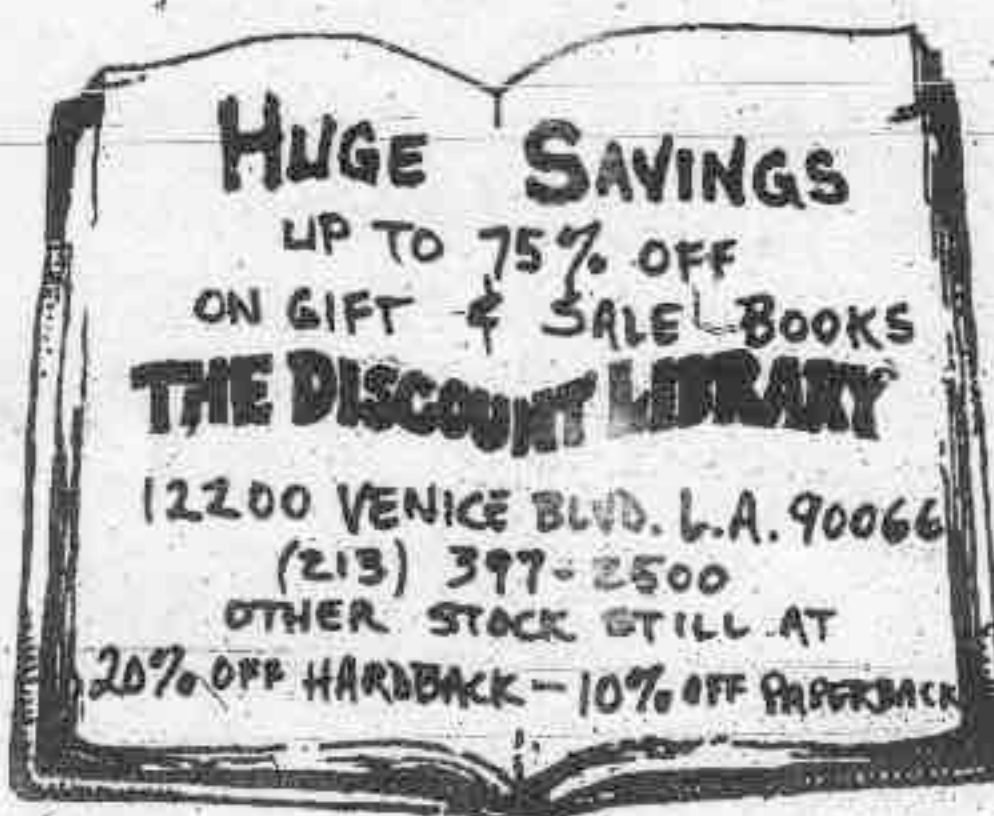
In other quarters, however, Stare and General Mills got their just desserts. The center for Science in the Public Interest put Stare on its 1976 Terrible Ten list. And the group presented GM with the Bon Vivant Vichyssoise Memorial Award for "encouraging bad eating habits."

HUMANISTIC CONFERENCE PLANNED

The fifth annual Western Regional Conference of the Association for Humanistic Psychology will be on May 27-30, 1977 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. The topic of the conference is Connections: Personal, Political, and Planetary.

In keeping with the spirit of the conference, Humanistic Information Centers will be established. These centers will provide service for conferences and non-conferences alike. The centers will be there to help give information and referrals to those interested in personal growth; or for those who just want to rap.

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RUSSELL

By Red Bird

In February, 1977, Andy Warhol and his striking model, the American Indian leader, Russell Means made art history in Venice with a series of paintings of Russell which were on exhibition at the Ace Gallery. The spectacular Andy Warhol brought a crowd to the gallery who saw glamour and bucks in every single turn he made. And that American Indian with the braids who stood there impassively, well, was he just a model, the noble-savage, white Christians have sought through the years to fathom? As Carol Fondiller had put it in her Beach-head article on the subject, do we realize how much it costs one to be a human symbol?

Russell Means, the man, and the American Indian leader, has paid heavily for being a symbol and for being a leader. Many times he has been on trial for his life. Many times he was assaulted and followed, the notion being held by law enforcement that where Russell went, there a riot would inevitable follow. In each case in the courts, Russell Means was exonerated, the government being unable to prove him a danger to America. On the contrary, he is America's conscience and as such a symbol does he suffer today.

In the Sarah Badheart Bull case in Custer, South Dakota where hundreds of Native Americans had marched to demand justice when an Indian youth was murdered, Russell Means was a spectator in the courthouse. When the spectators refused to stand for Judge Bottoms because they hated his racist attitude, the state troopers were called in and a riot inside the courtroom followed. Russell was arrested and convicted later of conspiracy for inciting a riot. He was released on bond. One of the conditions for that bond was that he not engage in American Indian movement activities. Painful as this was to Russell Means, he accepted the conditions stipulated. But now, four years later, the state prosecutor in South Dakota has asked that Russell Means' bond be revoked. A lower court did revoke his bond although his lawyer argued that Means did not carry on American Indian movement work per se. He was active on the question of the un-lived-up American

MEANS REALITIES VS. FANTASIES



Russell Means

Indian treaties last summer when a national march on the question of the treaties was held. Now, the Supreme Court of South Dakota has Russell Means' freedom in its hands. He faces four years in prison if the court does not re-instate the bond. Ask yourself - what is the crime he committed? Ask yourself whether a leader is to go to prison for speaking for his peoples' suffering? This is the reality Russell Means faces. This is the man and his burden which the art lovers did not see and do not know.

Protest to the Supreme Court of South Dakota, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, asking that Russell Means' bond be reinstated before it is too late. Send a letter or telegram.

SKYHORSE/MOHAWK TRIAL

TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON AWAITING TRIAL

In the Skyhorse and Mohawk case of two Native-American leaders of the American Indian Movement in Ventura, Calif., there was a strong protest launched for a change of venue. The racist atmosphere of the court smelled so bad, it even hurt the nostrils of the Calif. State Bar Association. The lawyers and judges of the Ventura Bar Association had put on a skit at one of their festivities mocking and jeering at Indians they called Pintos. This was such blatant display of racism that a judge from Santa Barbara Judge Dodson, ruled on March 18th that the defendants could not get a fair trial in Ventura. The trial will be tried in Los Angeles, in the very near future. Those interested in human rights would want to follow the events of this trial and even visit the courtroom. Perhaps an invitation ought to be tendered to our President Carter. He would learn that the defendants Skyhorse and Mohawk had been beaten in prison, maced and manacled like dangerous beasts, not men. For punishment, they were fed half rations of white bread, spam and dilled pickles twice daily. They were not allowed to exercise or to take fresh air. Even their families were denied visitation rights. And often their attorneys were not permitted to see them.

This case is the most complex in all of California's legal history. The men, Paul Skyhorse Durant and Richard Mohawk had been arrested in October of 1974 for supposedly having committed a murder of a white taxi-driver at the A.I.M. camp in Box Canyon, Ventura County. There were five suspects the night of the murder, three of them with blood on their cloth-

ing. Those three were let go by the prosecutor in exchange for testimony against Skyhorse and Mohawk, known Indian activists. It later became known that there were government informers at work in this case. One named Blue Dove (a fifty year old white woman who wears an Indian wig and all the rest. She is a former actress who is now known to have spied on the Indian community for years) turned out to be an F.B.I. informer. She had driven Skyhorse and Mohawk around to West Los Angeles to an Indian demonstration the day of the murder. The judge, Judge Lewis refused to release the FBI files in the case. This Ventura judge refused to have Blue Dove answer about her FBI connections while previously the prosecutor did issue a statement that Blue Dove was an FBI informer.

The government witnesses, the two Indians and one white woman granted immunity by the prosecution are shadier than hell. The white woman is the daughter of a man formerly in naval intelligence. She has since become the Indian man's wife and the mother of his child. And the "good" white father protects the flowers of evil.

Suspicious that the government is involved in the case and its heavy surveillance at the A.I.M. camp because Indians are thought to be subversive, will be brought out at the trial. The known and admitted FBI informer, Paul Durham was involved with both the camp and the defendants.

P.S. Skyhorse and Mohawk have been transferred to L.A. County Jail where their conditions have improved. They are now allowed to exercise, receive visitors and meet with their lawyers.

SB 154-PETRIE BILL

THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO FOR TAX JUSTICE. WRITE A LETTER OR SEND A TELEGRAM TODAY TO:

Senator Allen Sieroty
Senator Alfred Song
Senator Reuben Ayala
Senator David Roberti

Sieroty is now our State Senator and the other three are on the committee for taxation and revenue. Ayala's vote is crucial. The only address you need for each of them is Sacramento, California. SB 154 provides property tax relief for all families with incomes under \$30,000. SB 154 provides rebates up to \$250. a year for all renters with incomes under \$30,000. SB 154 closes capital gains loopholes which make it possible for wealthy to escape paying their fair share of taxes. SB 154 makes income tax progressive above \$31,000. Today a millionaire family pays the same rate as a family with \$31,000 income.

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By Dorothy Weisser

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The Revenue and Taxation Code sections quoted below explain requirements of the law and steps necessary in paying taxes under protest. Payment under protest does not result in review of your assessment.

Section 5136 PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST. After taxes are payable, any property owner may pay the taxes on his/her property under protest. A payment under protest is not a voluntary payment.

Section 5137 CONTENTS OF PROTEST. The protest shall be in writing specifying: a) whether the whole assessment is claimed to be void, or if only a part, what portion. b) The grounds on which the claim is founded.

Section 5138 COURT ACTION. Within six months after the payment, an action may be brought against a county or a city in the superior court to recover the taxes paid under protest.

Any city for which county officers collect taxes may provide for the defense by counsel for the county of actions brought against the city under this article, in which event it shall be the duty of such counsel to defend such actions, or the city may provide that such actions shall be defended by its own counsel.

Section 5139 CONDITIONS. The action may be brought only: a) As to the portion of the assessment claimed to be void, b) On the grounds specified in the protest, c) By the owner, his/her guardian, executor, or administrator.

It should be noted that the dollar amount you may protest is the amount you are currently paying. Those who withheld in December may protest entire tax bill. Your reason for protest may be whatever

legal reasons you feel your taxes are unjust. Write "paid under protest" on your bill and check. Write a letter to accompany your check and tax bill. A sample letter is given below. You may use the reasons in the sample or any others you think of yourself. Please send a copy of your letter to Homeowners and Renters Against Unfair Taxes at 523 Grand Blvd, Venice, 90291. Keep a copy for your records, to be used in the event you wish to take part in a possible class action suit.

Sample Letter:

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B. Mass Appraisal Method- homes not individually assessed as required by law.

C. Assessed for private business income (portion of sales price not received by owner of property to which my property is compared, i.e. realty commission)

D. Assessment on basis of highest and best use treats my home as a business; yet my home cannot be treated as a business on my income tax return - depreciation and repairs are not deductible. This contradiction in application of the law is contrary to the basic rule of law in the State of California which provides that all statutes must be construed so as to harmonize with the whole body of law which they are a part.

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SHORT SHOTS

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By Moe Stavnezer

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Alan Sieroty won election to the State Senate and now the campaign for his Assembly seat is rapidly gearing up. Since last month's blurb on this race a couple of things have happened which could effect the race. The Democratic field of candidates has dwindled while the Republican side has grown. On the Democratic side Rick Tuttle has dropped out of the race and Nat Trives (mayor of Santa Monica) has been offered a job with the federal government and, if he takes it will also drop out. On the Republican side a Santa Monica attorney named Dana Reed is now in the race. The most active candidate in the Venice area has been Ruth Yannatta, a staunch consumer advocate who stresses community organization as a major focus of her campaign.

If you're a tenant, maybe in never occurred to you that you pay property taxes but you do. Actually about 2 months of the rent you pay each year (around 20% of the total) goes to pay property taxes. Yes indeed, property taxes are considered to be an operating expense and are paid by you-thru rent- not your landlord. On top of that your landlord gets to deduct those taxes on his or her income tax while you get a paltry \$37 back from the state as a renters rebate and get a big zero from the feds. (Property owners get to deduct property taxes on both federal and state income tax returns). You're also lucky enough to pay the interest on the owner's mortgage as part of your rent

and again ne/sne can claim that interest as a deduction on personal income taxes. The "Tax Justice Act of 1977" sponsored by state Senator Petris attempts to remedy some of this injustice and is being considered by the legislature right now. This bill (SB 154) would provide relief for renters as well as for property owners. For instance, a renter earning up to \$5,000 a year would get a \$277.00 break on state income taxes rather than \$37.00! The more you make the less the tax break would be which seems reasonable. The same is true for people who own homes. If you are interested in making the property tax system a bit more fair, I suggest that you write to State Senator Nicholas Petris or Alan Sieroty.

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While I'm on legislation there's another bill, SB 359 which should be of interest to many of you. This bill, sponsored by Sen. Roberti and vigorously endorsed by the Coalition for Fair Housing for Children, would go a long way toward ending discrimination against children regarding apartment rentals. As many of you are painfully aware landlords can refuse to rent to people simply because they happen to be parents - "no children allowed" has become a very common part of the renting scene. This bill would put some curbs on "adult only" buildings and make it easier for parents (single or not) and children to find places to live. Currently the bill is stuck in the Senate Local Government Committee where it appears that Sen. Nate Holden (MDR) is a crucial vote. If you support this bill please write to Sen. Roberti or Holden at the same address given above. You can get more information by calling Toni Tarlau at 393-3168.

A fairly new law gives citizens the right to participate in health care planning (actually the law was passed in 1974 but the way it works has only recently begun to surface). As usual, however, participation hasn't been made easy. L.A. has 5 sub-area Councils (SAC), each of which is the same as a supervisorial district. Each SAC has some say in the way state and federal money will be spent for health care. Anyone 18 and over can become a member

of SAC if you fill out a special form and bring it in person to a SAC meeting or to the Health Systems Office. Further, each SAC elects a governing body of 30 members, 16 consumers and 14 providers of health care. Obviously, this governing body will have most of the power and it's not surprising to discover that it was decided that 10 of its members must be locally elected public officials - 5 on the consumer side and 5 on the provider side. If you're interested in participating and are persistent enough to go through the red tape required I suggest that you call the Health Systems Agency to request a membership form and find out about future meetings. The number is 483-8930 and the address is 1930 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. 90057. Good luck.

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Than it is about notes.

Dear Beachhead, Steven Effingham

These poems by Ed Rose were mistakenly returned to me, Dan James. He appeared in the March issue of the Beachhead, as did I. You apparently inadvertently switched envelopes, when returning our material. He might wish his poetry back. You can return them to him. Sorry I've been so long in returning them. I don't check my mail that often, and today, when I did, I found his poems, addressed to me.

Dan James

June 2, 1974

By Ed Rose

spring has sprung
from the portals
of venice,
a dot on a map
by the pacific
outside l.a.....
women
in winter whites
wear swimsuits
in shades of rainbows
while weathermen
wear swimsuits
in shades of rainbows
while weathermen
with big barometers
discuss the wind;
cocks
on top of vanes
point directions
and clap thunder our eyes.
the sand sits by,
the ocean laughs
as it plays
a merry tune,
ah!! sweet june.

TOURIST/HOME MOVIES

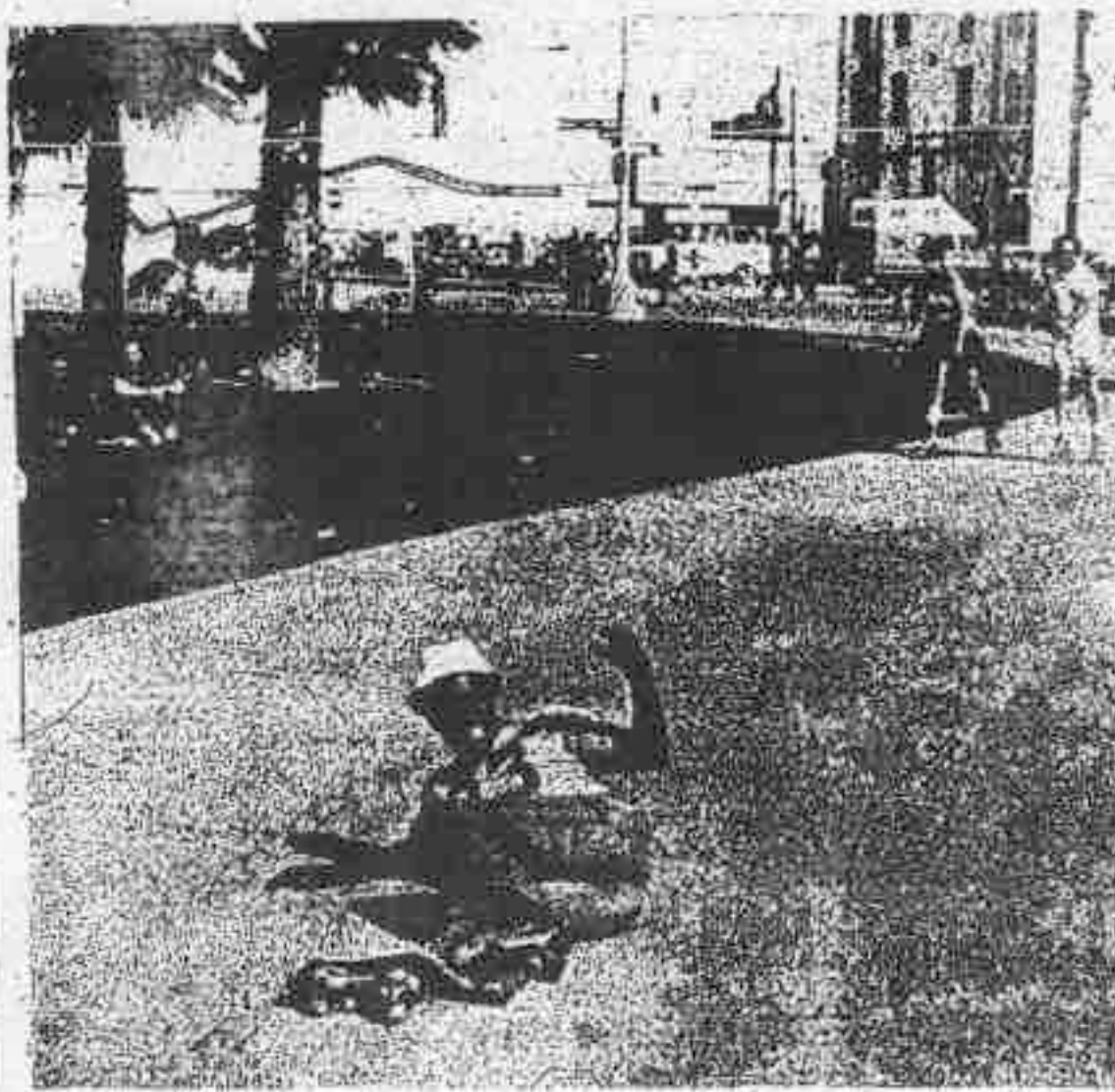
By Bob Bacon

"And here's one of an Indian
Selling Ralph a trinket -
I suppose he'll use the money.
To buy some wine and drink it."
Tourist, do you also
Tour the Black Man's slums
Photographing winos,
Photographing bums?
Do you really think you're welcome,
Do you really think it's funny
The things that starving people do
For little bits of money?
Do you see the anger?
Do you see the pain?
That says in silence "Go away -
And don't come back again."
(Reprinted from Akwasasne Notes)

Very Venice The Old - The New - The Unique
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POETRY

photos by
Gill Wainer



Dear Beachhead,

On March ninth a group of Black Moslem terrorists commandeered two buildings in Washington D.C., corralling hostages for use as barter, thus following a world wide pattern of terrorist violence.

Not only were their demands unethical but also their means to an end. Using violence for any reason other than extreme circumstances such as self protection from immediate bodily harm is unethical.

And too, from a more pragmatic perspective, violence is counter productive. First, it serves as evidence for fascists like Ed Davis who can point it out to the establishment saying it's all leading to a Terrorist Pearl Harbor; hopefully receiving permission to perpetrate their own brand of terrorism.

Those who have worked tenaciously at keeping aspiring Hitler's out of power, droop in disgust and frustration.

Secondly, violence breeds fear everywhere. Instead of a society progressing by giant strides of free people, it must creep forward like frightened soldiers on a bloody battlefield. Violence is used only by ignorant imitations not enlightened leaders; it's an anachronism in the age of Humanism.

To be free, means to be free from terrorism too. To deify and revere terrorists as romantic revolutionaries only serves to exponentially promote more violence.

Enlightened individuals everywhere can do their part by rejecting violence of any kind on any level, in every way so that survival of the fittest through Humanism doesn't fall backwards into survival of the "violentest."

A. PAUL DILESKY

METAMORPHOSIS INTO BUREAUCRAT

My hips are a desk.
From my ears hang
chains of paper clips.
Rubber bands form my hair.
My breasts are wells of mimeograph ink.
My feet bear casters.
Buzz. Click.
My head
is a badly organized file.
My head is a switchboard
where crossed lines crackle.
My head is a wastebasket
of worn ideas.
Press my fingers
and in my eyes appear credit and debit
zing. Tinkle.
My navel is a reset button.
From my mouth issue cancelled reams.
Swollen, heavy, rectangular
I am about to be delivered
of a baby
xerox machine.
File me under W
because I wonce
was
a woman.

-- Marge Piercy
(LNS)



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Dear Beachhead,

I'm new here in Venice and at first I didn't know what was going on when - where or why. But that was stopped at once when I picked up your paper! I think its great what your doing and keep up the good work! Boy, there sure is a hell of a lot going on around here! Thanks.

Martha Bolton

CANINE CA-CA: SIDEWALK SCOURGE



By Ida Honoroff

(Reprinted from "A Report to the Consumer")

Some months ago KPFK carried a program that originated at WBAI, the title: "DOG BEEP - The Scourge of the Sidewalk." The message it conveyed related to a fast becoming world health problem. The Merck Manual informs us that, "Toxocara Canis is without doubt of global occurrence and more common than present data might indicate."

Fran Lee, the leading exponent of Sane Dog-Control Regulations, is also the founder of the organization CHILDREN BEFORE DOGS. Fran does not hate dogs. Her purpose is to educate people about making the environment safe for children by having dogs trained and cared for as if they were members of the human population, which they are in a very real sense. She maintains that dog owners have the responsibility to train dogs to void where their feces can't endanger people, mostly children and she has been endeavoring to shed light onto the dangers of toxocarasis worm, an intestinal parasite commonly found on dog droppings. In the dog, the round-worm goes through a normal life cycle and in most instances may not harm the host, but when spread to humans the worm burrows through the wall of the intestine, enters the blood stream and lodges in a vital organ, usually the liver, lung, brain or eye. In the eye it mimics the symptoms of cancer and causes blindness. In the lung - asthma; in the brain - inflammation. In less serious cases it can make you very sick.

Toxocarasis is considered rare, and is one disease that is extremely difficult to diagnose, since most doctors and pediatricians are not familiar with the symptomatology, and generally, unexplained fevers are diagnoses as "a bug" or "flu". Those cases that have been diagnosed are very tragic. One 18 month old boy was admitted to a Norwalk, Connecticut hospital with fever and convulsions. The first diagnosis was meningitis, but one of the doctors learned that the child had been given a puppy who was found loaded with toxocaracanis. One of the worms reached the boy's brain, and since there is no known treatment for dislodging the worms, the child, Guy Kristiansen, suffered irreversible brain damage.

Drs: Beautyman and A.L. Woolf (Westminster Children's Hospital, London) report on a case where the larva was found in the brain and the neurological symptoms were largely due to a second disease agent. "It seem likely that this child suffered a clinically silent, or at least, undetected migration of ascaris larvae through the cerebral vessels which continued until death."

The degree to which this disease is a threat to people is only now beginning to be explored. Most of the clinical findings relating to the dangers of toxocaracanis have only recently been published (within the last few years). This may also explain why most doctors are not as informed as they should be.

Dr. Norman Ashton, author of "cornea Plastic Surgery" writes: "Today toxocarasis holds a secure place in the differential diagnosis of ocular disease and even the most junior aspiring ophthalmologist is expected to be fully conversant with the condition. It is therefore surprising to recall that only 7 years ago it was just beginning to be recognized in American ophthalmology and was completely unknown throughout the rest of the ophthalmological world."

Merck Manual: "Liver biopsy and demonstration of the larva or its fragments in the typical granulomatous lesion is the only known method of confirming the diagnosis. No specific treatment is known."

California has a serious dog problem, but New York's problem is quite unique. According to Fran Lee, New York is the world's biggest outdoor dog-toilet. City streets are dotted with mounds of feces, while their parks are fast becoming wastelands of filth.

Venice Town Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Venice City Hall, 681 North Venice Blvd.

The dog waste problem is not only an assault upon sensibilities, it is a menace to public health. People use their pets as 4-legged feces machines. Dog-crap is to them what engine-exhaust is to car owners, the unfortunate by-product of something they feel they need for survival.

An editorial in "Dog Fancy Magazine" reads: "are our city dogs in danger? We who love animals generally consider ourselves just a shade above everyone else. We have a sensitivity to nature and animals that is not known to people who have never loved a dog. Our love and sensitivity must now go beyond our pets and encompass our human neighbors. We can no longer ignore the rights and privileges of other people. Our dogs are our responsibility and we have no right to inflict them on others."

At the "DOG CRAP CONFERENCE" called last year by the organization Children Before Dogs, a New York veterinarian hit the nail on the head: "Dogs will go anywhere they are trained to go, it's the owners who are responsible for the filth in the streets, not the dogs. There is something basically insane about letting

DOG OWNERS BEWARE

By LILLY TANNER

At present, the Department of Animal Regulation is having signs constructed regarding leash-law violations: dogs are prohibited from public beaches and dogs are prohibited from defecating on public property. These signs will be posted between Pacific Avenue and Ocean Front Walk.

Eight additional animal control officers are being added to the West Los Angeles District; six of these officers will be a special enforcement unit for the Beach and Venice area.

The courts will levy the fines in conjunction with the Department of Animal Regulation. All of this should come about within the next two months.

The Venice Police Department has been contacted and has agreed to assist the Department of Animal Regulation in the enforcement of animal control laws in Venice and the Beach areas, from Will Rogers to Dockweiler.

REMEMBER: No dog in L.A. County may legally run loose and will be picked up on contact with the Animal

Regulation Department.

The beach areas will be watched with special care, as thousands of people come there daily, but all of Venice will be under the new control. So, keep your dog on a leash at all times, or your dog will eventually be picked up and you will have to pay a fine, according to Sec. 53.06.2 of L.A. Municipal Code.

(From the West Washington Boulevard Gazette.)

your dog put a mound of manure in a place where a person can be fined \$25 for dropping a gun-wraper."

Fran Lee has offered her research to the N.Y. Times, Look, Wall St. Journal, etc. They are simply not interested. The fear of the Dog Lobby is considerable. This same Dog Lobby, is quite instrumental in assuring the NO DOG CONTROL LAWS are passed in New York City, or anyplace else. At the time Fran appeared as a guest on national t.v. (in Chicago) she was warned not to name names of certain groups, or reveal the part they play in turning our country into a dog run. This network has been contacted in advance by the dog promotion lobbies and certain threats had been made, such as loss of pet-product advertising. The multi-billion dollar industry has an important stake in the care and pampering of pet owners. Any individual or group who dares to suggest that dogs are not the same as children, takes on the emotional fountainhead from which all profits flow. The Dog Lobby, consisting of veterinarians, pet stores, the puppy mills and all of the big pet product companies, have a powerful vested interest in keeping the dog market free of dissenting voices.

The Pet Food Industry is coining in super-fortunes by encouraging people to identify with dogs. In 1970 Alpo Dog Food spent \$7 million on advertising, and \$8 million in 1971, while their sales for 1970 were \$140 million. On an average day New Yorker's will watch more than 125 pet-food broadcasts on t.v. The Pet Food Industry expected 1971 to top \$1.25 billion in sales with a \$2 billion year in sight for 1972.

Businessmen have learned that the neuroses of pet-owners can be profitably exploited. New cat and dog foods are flooding the markets, most of them engineered to look like human food, hamburger, stew, gravy, etc. Top Choice's commercial tells the viewer "PUT YOURSELF IN YOUR DOG'S PLACE" appealing to human sensibilities. The Pulver ad reads: "A DOG

IS SOMETHING LIKE A CHILD." The ads however neglect to tell you that much of the meat that feeds their pets are secured through the systematic slaughter of wild mustangs on the western plains, or by importing the flesh of whales, some species hunted into extinction.

Dr. B. Bissler (London) writes: "Since young dogs and cats, particularly puppies 1-to-6 months of age are the greatest source of infection, it behooves the medical and veterinary profession to give strong advice to parents, particularly of young children, where there is a puppy in the house, to have fecal specimen examined for roundworms, and the puppy treated with an anthelmintic immediately after purchase. All puppies should be treated before the prenatal infection becomes patent. All pet shops should treat puppies sold as pets, to ensure that these animals are free from toxocara infections."

Dr. Paul C. Beaver (Tulane University, New Orleans) writes: "A number of people, mostly children in this country and elsewhere, have become blind in one eye because the interior of the eye was invaded by a larval worm from soil contaminated by dogs. People must be encouraged to keep their dogs free of worms and train them to defecate in a restricted place where the owner can handle the problem of sanitation...prevent children from eating soil and from being in contact with dog-litter contaminated soil when it is wet or very damp."

Dr. William H. Zinkham (Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine,

able suggest that visceral larva migrans may be a very common clinical disorder. The chances of being exposed to soil containing toxocara canis ova are extremely great. There are estimated to be approximately 25 million dogs in the United States together with 28-30 million cats. Well documented studies have shown that 1/3 to 1/2 of mature male dogs, 1/3 of the puppies and about 1/10 of adult females pass toxocara ova in the stool."

Children Before Dogs insist that all schools, veterinary and medical groups must become better educated to the dangers of diseases transmitted from pets to man. Check the sandboxes and fountains in the parks, if dogs or cats defecate in them, your children could pick up a serious disease. So that animals are not allowed in food stores or restaurants. The excretion of animals are additives we do not need in our foods.

You may contact Fran Lee, Children before Dogs - Empire State Building, #5216 New York, New York 10001

THE SKATE PLACE



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AT ROSE AVE.

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should adopt these guidelines (35' on the Peninsula, and nothing over 28' elsewhere in Venice.).
Regarding zone and highway designation changes, it is very difficult to tell what changes have been made from reading a City Plan map. To make it easier to see what has been changed, refer to the following list:

- CAC Recommended Zone Changes:
1. RTD from M to RD 1.5 (change in use)
 2. Coeur D'Alene area from RD1.5 to R2 (down)
 3. Silver Strand from R2 to R1 (down)
 4. Ocean Ave. from R3 to R2 (down)
 5. Venice Blvd. w. of Ocean from R4 to R3 (down)
 6. Penmar Ave. from R3 to R2 (down)
 7. Amoroso Walkway neighborhood from RD1.5 to R2 (down)
 8. Rose Ave. w. of 7th from C2 to C1 (down)
 9. Pacific Ave. S. of Wash. St. from C2 to R3 (change in use)
 10. Wash. Way from R4 to R3 (down)
 11. W. Wash. Blvd. e. side from R4 to R3 (down)
 12. Electric Ave. from R3 to R2 (down)

- CAC Recommended Street Changes:
1. Pacific Ave. N. of Wash. St. from Major to collector.
 2. Pacific s. of Wash. from 2ndary to local.
 3. Main St. from Major to 2ndary.
 4. W. Wash. Blvd from Major to 2ndary.
 5. Palms Blvd. from collector to local.
 6. Ocean Ave. from collector to local.
 7. Hurricane St. from Collector to local.
 8. Rialto St. from 2ndary to collector.
 9. Via Dolce from 2ndary to collector.
 10. Windward Ave. from 2ndary to collect.
 11. Rose Ave. w. of Lincoln from 2ndary Commerce to collector.

Premise: The Plan proposes that the major commercial areas of the community remain about the same as at present. Those areas are Washington St., W. Washington Blvd., Windward Ave., Rose Ave. and Lincoln Blvd..
Proposals: 1. Provide commercial art-craft areas which allow local artisans and artists to live, work and sell at the same location. (W. Washington, portions of Windward and portions of the Ocean Front are suggested.)
2. Encourage the continued existence of neighborhood "mom and pop" markets.
3. Allow second-hand sales in C-1 commercial zones (the Ocean Front).
4. Develop a Windward Mall commercial area stressing the unique architectural heritage and potential of Venice.
5. Eliminate on-street parking on Lincoln Blvd. during peak traffic hours.

Comments: Essentially these are good proposals, but they are, in some cases, a little too vague. For instance, mom and pop stores are a fine idea but where is a proposal to make them feasible in the face of changing times? The Windward Mall idea does not mention what kind of commercial uses would be appropriate. By contrast, the Plan proposes a feasibility study regarding second-hand sales in C-1 areas (which is now not allowed) and the idea to restrict parking on Lincoln may be the only inexpensive way to address the critical through-traffic problem in the community.

Industry
Premise: The community should contain a variety of industrial space with the intent of providing diversity of opportunity in both employment and land use.
Proposals: 1. Eliminate the industrial zone designation on the site currently housing the RTD bus lot and redesignate it RD 1.5 residential.
2. Encourage boat building and related uses on industrially zoned land.
3. Encourage onsite sales of products produced on industrial land.
Comments: The Venice community has a fair amount of industrial land available (more than the norm for a community this size) and hence needs more to appropriately use what it has than to create more. The RTD lot is not considered appropriate either by its neighbors nor the community at large, being a source of parking problems, traffic, noise and air pollution. It is likewise neither a significant source of local employment or a Coastal-related industry. The RTD apparently already intends to move the operation and should be encouraged to do so. At the same time, in addition to the RD 1.5 designation, the

community should also consider using the land for higher density senior citizen or low-income housing.
The old Gas Co. property at Rose and Main has long been a site with some industrial and commercial potential. As it stands now, the commercial aspect is being developed (shopping facilities) and the industrial use phased out as the Gas Co. liquidates its holdings.
Generally, there seems to be a feeling that heavy industry should continue to be discouraged while light, small entrepreneurial industry should be prompted.

Circulation
Premise: The Plan aims to promote "an integrated, balanced system of transportation, public and private, which meets the transportation and recreation needs of the community and of the surrounding area." These objectives are to be realized "without undue widening and realigning of streets." Although the Plan must be responsive to the needs of all citizens of Los Angeles, the preservation of the community, its distinctive character and life style is a primary objective of the Plan, and this objective is not to be violated by any "improvements" in the area of transportation and traffic circulation.



- Proposals: (policies) 1. Develop alternatives in area-wide transportation and circulation to prevent excessive use of Coastal highways.
2. Reduce Pacific Ave. north of Wash. St. from a major highway to a secondary highway.
3. Construct no major highways or free-ways through the community (meaning the Marina By-Pass, for instance).
4. Establish a mini-bus service.
5. Establish a park and ride bus facility in the median strip of Venice Blvd.
6. Re-establish the beach tram system.
7. Create a double left-turn lane north-bound at Lincoln and Washington.
8. Oppose the widening of streets.
Comments: Pacific Ave. and Main St., both being used increasingly by cars destined either for Venice beaches, the Marina or Santa Monica, should not be widened to meet the volume. The rationale here is that traffic will only continue to increase if the roads are widened. Widening would violate the integrity of the community and would tend to destroy its chances for survival.

The Plan map notes the proposed designations (and current designations) of the important streets in the community. The Legend contains the following designations: Major Highway (up to 104' including sidewalks), Secondary highway (up to 86'), Collector St. (up to 64') and Local St. (up to 60'). Check the streets you are particularly interested in; if their designation on the map indicates that current use is not up to its designated potential use, don't let it go unnoticed; it is an open door to future street widenings. The City hates to roll-back street designations, but the Plan is the best place to do it. If you don't deal with street widths in the Plan, don't be surprised when faced with the consequences

later on (for example: the North Beach sidewalks, which are ten to 15 feet wide on most streets, are officially designated local streets which could be made into real streets in the future!). There are other street designations than those listed above, including some which might be more appropriate to the unusual Venice circulation system.

Service Systems
Premise: Public facilities and services (schools, recreation, health, police, library, sewage, water, etc.) should be provided in a balanced manner in proportion to the needs of the community. Population density increases should be geared to the ability of the community to provide such facilities and services.
Proposals: 1. Find a new site for a larger Venice library.
2. Consider the consolidation of social and welfare facilities into multi-purpose centers to simplify citizen access.
3. Upgrade employment counseling and placement services.
4. Develop community health care facilities.
5. Encourage and develop community day care services.
6. Facilitate the undergrounding of power and phone lines.

Comments: Basic to this element is an idea long ignored in the development of the City of Los Angeles: that population growth should not exceed the availability of necessary services. The water and energy shortages speak directly to this, as do heavily trafficked streets. Traditionally, communities expand and leave their citizens to figure out how to cope with the growing pains. This could easily happen to Venice.

Most of the services spoken of in this element are outside the direct authority of a community plan and their upkeep and improvement require the approval and money of other City departments. This reality limits the actual power of the Plan to that of recommendation, and the Plan is offering some very responsible recommendations.

It's important to fight for the retention of these proposals because the language, if retained, will force City agencies to relate to humane notions of urban planning. If they attempt to ignore the recommendations, the community will have a lever with which to attempt to pry concessions from them. So despite the implied weakness of a plan in these areas, planning language remains a valuable tool and potential weapon.

In terms of the actual proposals, bringing any of them to fruition will require the City Council.

Recreation
Premise: There is never enough recreational facilities or access to them.
Proposals: 1. Encourage mini-parks where they are more appropriate than large recreational facilities.
2. Open school facilities to recreational use after school and on weekends.
3. Create a Marina Channel view park.
4. Provide more beach parking on the Peninsula.
5. Complete the extension of the beach bikepath to the Marina Channel.
Comments: With an exceptional recreational amenity like the beach in the community, people often ask why Venice could possibly complain about lack of recreational opportunities. But you can't neglect to build a high school just because the college is down the street, and likewise, a beach is not the end-all and be-all of community recreation. It is a regional facility, and it certainly does not provide Oakwood area kids with a place to play baseball should they need one.

We feel there could be more specificity as to where neighborhood or mini-parks might be required. The Plan could also spell out some means of implementation and funding. For instance, could some of the 105 city-owned lots in Venice be used for recreation, or can they be swapped for lots which could? The City also has over \$1.5 million in Quimby recreation funds collected from Peninsula developers to provide open space, yet the Plan does not propose any use of that money.

The Plan does mention the use of the Pacific Electric railroad right-of-way
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COMMUNITY

BEYOND BAROQUE CENTER 392-5763
1639 West Washington Boulevard, Venice, California 90291

Friday, April 1, 8 pm: open poetry reading with Michael Andrews.
Saturday April 2, 12-5 pm: gallery opening and reception with Penny Stellone and Patricia Windom. Show continues through April 23.

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Friday April 22, 8 pm: open poetry reading with Roger Aplan

Friday April 29, 8 pm: open poetry reading with David Meltzer

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Other films in this series include Anais Observed, on Anais Nin by filmmaker Robert Snyder on Thursday, May 5 at 7 pm.

On May 12, the Library will screen Antonia-Portrait of the Woman about Antonia Brice and a short on Virginia Woolf.

The Venice Branch Library is located at 610 California Ave. For info call 821-1769.

WOMENSPACE

Womonspace, a new Women's Westside Center is holding open planning meetings on Saturdays at 11 a.m. at 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. For more information call: 399-9220. Sisters, join in creating Womonspace.

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Family Planning Center.....392-4147
1501 Pacific Ave. (at Market St)

NEW PLAYGROUPS FORMING

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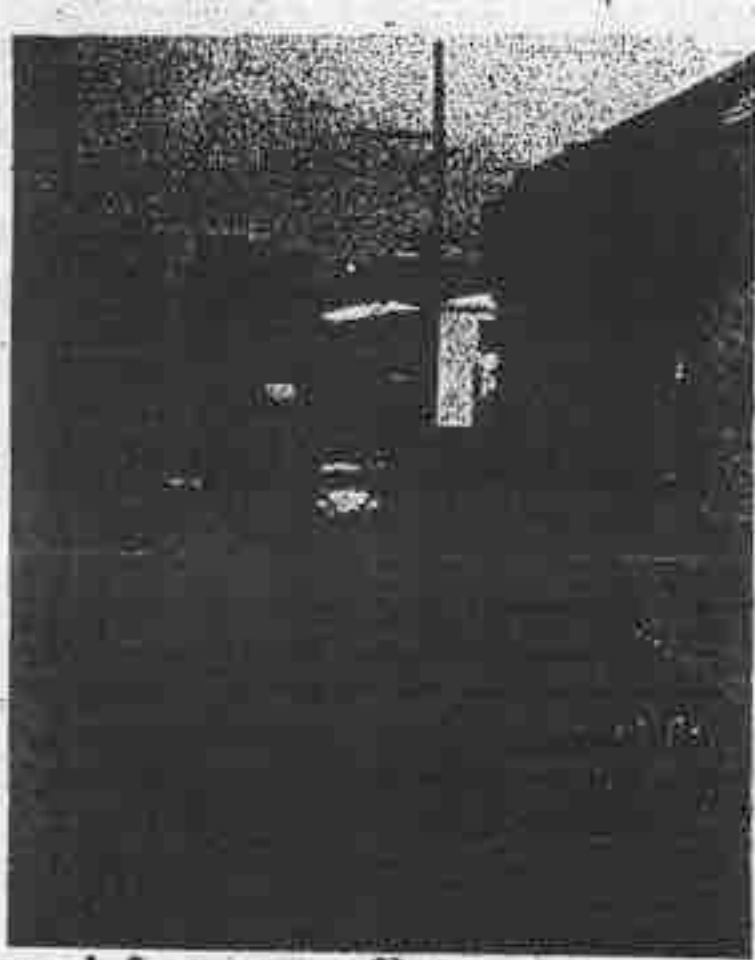
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But most proposals are still on the drawing boards: property tax reform has received a lot of publicity and involves a lot of problems, though it could serve to benefit owners and renters alike. The building of lower income units could help to counterbalance the influx of high rent units. A speculative capital gains tax on real estate transactions could slow down the speculative, inflationary trend in real estate prices. Most of the legislative proposals amongst the above would require State action and the most a community plan can do is suggest them. Some people think that even doing this will be hard at the City Council level.

Special Neighborhoods

Premise: Certain sections of the community have characteristics which require specific planning approaches. Besides the beach itself, the North Beach and Canal areas are so designated in the Venice Plan. The goal of the Plan is to protect, enhance and restore special neighborhoods that unique cultural, historical and aesthetic qualities.

Proposals (and policies): 1. Specific Plans (separate planning ordinances) should be prepared for the Canals and the North Beach neighborhood.

2. The Canals are in need of restorative repair, but not at the expense of the

unique social and economic balances in the neighborhood.

3. That the special RW (residential waterway) zoning be reviewed for possible revision.

Comments: (A summary of the already-drafted North Beach Specific Plan follows below.)

The intent of the Plan toward the Canals is laudable, but the City is likely to ignore such noble sentiments in the face of intensive economic pressure to develop in the Canals. Still, it is in the interest of the community to retain this language in the Plan; if it is maintained, these goals and objectives become official City of LA goals pertaining to the Canals. Canal and community activists and concerned residents can then challenge City-initiated Canal redevelopment should it violate these goals; it also puts the community in a better bargaining position at the Coastal Commission. If the wording of the Plan is to your liking, or you would like it strengthened, be sure to say so at hearings, in writing and wherever else possible.

The North Beach Specific Plan aims to protect Ocean Front Walk from overdevelopment, to preserve its unique residential-commercial character and to preserve it as a public place where the community can gather to meet and play and where it can interact with visitors who are drawn here precisely because here they can participate in a very special aesthetic and cultural experience.

The Specific Plan attempts to provide for a mix of residential uses, in both low and high densities, provides incentives for low income and senior citizen housing, encourages commercial and art craft uses and aims to eliminate possible residential development in commercial zones.

The immediate threat to this neighborhood is the result of a change in the zoning code of LA permitting residential construction in commercial zones. The Ocean Front's C-1 zone permits R-3 apartments; if the beachfront were developed to R-3 standards it would probably end up much like the Peninsula.

North Beach Specific Plan Policies

Population: Encourage senior and low cost housing through transfer of development rights adjacent to the Specific Plan Area (from Marine to S. Venice Blvd., from OFW to Speedway) and through the easing of parking, density and height limit requirements in the Plan Area. 15% of all regular residential construction should be set aside for low income housing. City parking requirements on regular residential and commercial developments are raised 25 %.

Land Use: Encourage beach and neighborhood related commercial activities (art craft, second hand sales, street vending, small cafes and restaurants, small groceries) while discouraging all uses that are "not to scale" with the community as it exists today. This goes for building height limits as well.

Residential development is limited to parcels upon which it already exists; Commercial uses are allowed anywhere in the Specific Plan Area. Artcraft zoning is placed on OFW near Windward Ave. and recommended for Windward Ave. itself.

Parking: Parking requirements are increased 25 % over existing City standards. For senior and low income housing, parking standards are relaxed.

Conforming Uses: All existing buildings which exceed densities set forth in the Specific Plan are to be considered automatically conforming, which is to say legal. Should any of these buildings be destroyed by accidental or natural disasters, they can be rebuilt to their original scale. If they are voluntarily destroyed, new structures must conform to the provisions of the Specific Plan.

Signs: Billboards, moving, flashing, blinking, roof and projecting signs are prohibited. All non-conforming signs must be removed within six years.

Utilities: All new and relocated utilities must be undergrounded.

Building Permits: All building permits in the Specific Plan area will be reviewed both by City Planning and by a Design Review Committee appointed by the Councilperson. This committee will determine whether new construction is compatible with design elements of the Specific Plan.

Building Freeze: No new construction on OFW will be approved until the Specific Plan is formally adopted.

Architecture and Special Characteristics:

"The cultural, architectural, historic and aesthetic qualities embodied in the physical structure of Venice make it different from any area in the City. Its uniqueness and diversity are resources that the City cannot replace once lost." Therefore: retain the narrow street and walkway system; stress restoration of existing structures rather than demolition and replacement; designate appropriate buildings to be of historical

significance and allocate monies for their preservation; restrict lot consolidation to three lots or 120 feet; provide substantial front and sideyard setbacks with an additional 10% of buildable lot space in new construction to be set aside as open space landscaping.

Height Limits: Senior housing: 60 feet. Other residential: three stories. Commercial: two stories. Artcraft: three stories.

Comments: Regarding height limits the Task Force feels both residential and commercial developments should be limited to the equivalent of two stories, with heights to the top of the pitch measured from the center of OFW or Windward Ave. rather than from the grade.

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for such things as linear parks and bike paths, yet this proposal concludes that such use should not preclude the possibility of using the same right-of-way for public transportation. Logic dictates recognition of a contradiction here.

Housing

Premise: Preserve and upgrade community housing without displacing the current citizenry. Steps should be taken to mitigate the effect of deteriorating structures and rising land costs and building costs on the community.

Proposals: 1. Provide grants and low interest loans for home improvements, obtaining them from any feasible source.

2. Oppose large scale public housing projects.

3. Support the setting aside of a portion of new multi-unit developments for low income and elderly people.

4. Recommend changes in tax laws and property tax assessments to encourage property maintenance.

5. Establish special guidelines to encourage provision of housing for the elderly, including tax breaks, use of publicly owned land, rehabilitation of Ocean Front hotels and apartments, and incentives in the building, zoning and safety codes.

6. Use vacant city-owned land parcels for low and moderate income housing.

7. Amend the recently-adopted CA (artercraft) district to eliminate certain undesirable uses and insure the envisioned combination of residential and art craft uses.

Comments: As with many segments of the Plan, it could be argued that those proposals concerned with housing lack specific, aggressive programs to deal with what is perhaps the most critical problem in the community. One CAC member argues for the designation of certain areas which presently supply low and moderate income housing and the employment of extraordinary means to preserve this housing stock.

Amongst those means would be concentrated rehabilitation, subsidies, bonus zoning, differentiated permits and so forth.

Despite the absence of this kind of specificity, the groundwork is laid in spirit for what will clearly have to be a major, concerted effort on the part of the community in the area of housing. Preservation and provision of housing at lower costs requires money and the cutting of considerable bureaucratic red tape at the City, County, State and Federal levels.

A rehab loan program currently exists in Oakwood via the Neighborhood Conservation program; there is argument as to its effectiveness, but the basic premise is a reasonable one. In addition, some subsidized rent units of housing have been provided or earmarked for the elderly in recent or upcoming developments.



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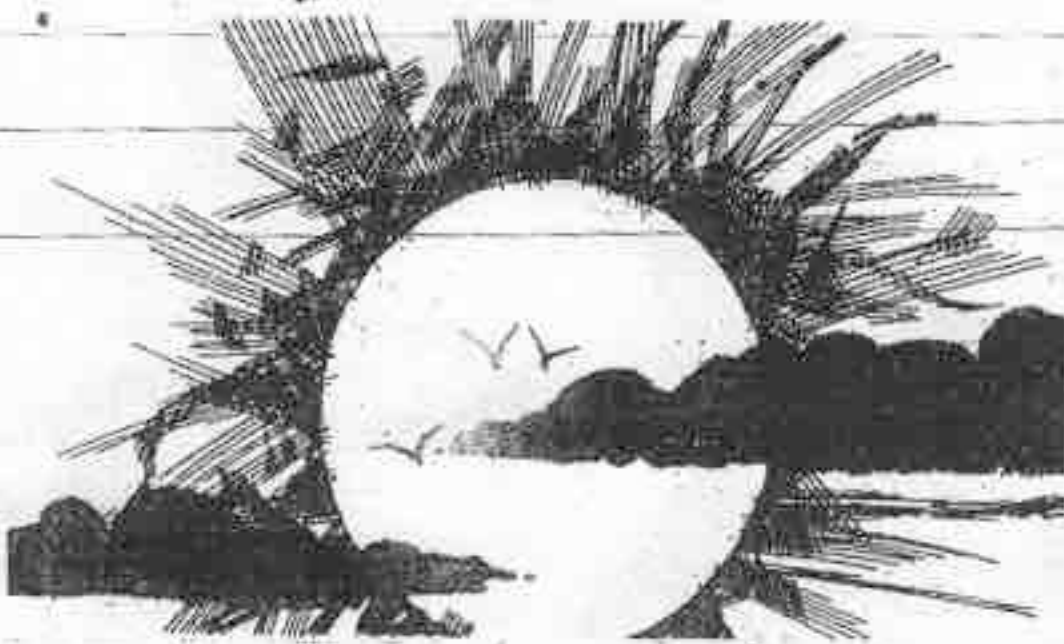
Implementation of the Venice Plan

Private Participation: It remains hard to imagine a significant number of property owners and developers submitting voluntarily to ideals which would severely limit the ability of their holdings to appreciate in value. In the current economic climate, investors are much more interested in keeping pace with inflation. Short of citizen-run Community Development Corporations which would provide low cost housing and services, private investors are not likely to be willing to fund housing at virtually no profit.

In areas other than housing, most parts of the Plan are administered by public agencies which can be lobbied in one way or another. They may also be challenged when their proposals violate the spirit or letter of the Plan.

On the positive side, citizens, civic groups and the like may initiate proposals to implement the Plan, seeking public or private funding for them. The Canal mini-park was a tumultuous example of such an action, and other recreational facilities addressed in the Plan may be good targets for continued activity if the City is slow to move.

Legislation: The Plan requires some City Council legislation for basic implementation: all zoning, tax rates, public works, sign ordinances, etc. must go through City machinery and are within striking distance of the Community. Property owners may specifically initiate zone changes by petition.



The Community and the Plan

The old line planning process, as envisioned by the City, usually involved only meetings with the community, often big assemblies, at which a plan drawn up by the City was verbally torn apart to no particular avail. In recent years, the process has improved and opened up a bit; the current Preliminary Plan was drawn up largely by a diverse community advisory committee, and it will be presented to the Community at a more intimate level and from a less pompous perspective.

As outlined in the Introduction, a lot of small-scale community meetings are contemplated for the purpose of gathering public reaction and input. Ultimately a big assembly, the Community Shoot-Out, will probably be held at Venice High, but only after a concerted effort has been made on a more personal level.

After this stage is over, the CAC may reconvene to assimilate the Community response (it would be advisable, anyway) before passing the Plan on to the City Planning Dept. Once the Plan reaches City Hall it will be much harder to affect changes or salvage proposals in danger of being trashed. There will be hearings at the Planning Commission, City Council Planning Committee and City Council before the Plan becomes adopted, and citizen participation is necessary at each level.

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Venice is known for its record of influencing City decisions, and this Community Plan will provide a unique opportunity for the street-level public: that of supporting something before the City Government. The essence of this Plan, despite its need for some significant modifications, is pretty good, and we're hoping the community will be ready to duke it out when the going gets tough.

The Plan and the Coastal Commission

Plan Policies: The relationship between the Community Plan and the Coastal Commission is a little confusing because four documents are involved: the Coastal Plan (adopted by the Commission late in 1975); the Coastal Act of 1976; the CAC Preliminary Venice Plan; and Local Coastal Programs (required by the Coastal Act of 1976).

The CAC Plan contains a group of policies basically derived from the old Coastal Plan of 1975. Indeed, they are direct quotes from the Coastal Plan which apply to Venice. The CAC adopted these policies prior to the State legislature's rewriting and amending the Coastal Plan into the Coastal Act of 1976.

The Act requires local governments to prepare Local Coastal Programs for the part of a City or County lying within the Coastal zone. In Venice, that is everything west of Lincoln Blvd. The Local Coastal Program must conform to the policies in the Act and be approved by the Commission.

As things currently stand, a number of Coastal Plan policies in the CAC Plan are not specifically stated in the Act, to wit:

- to protect, enhance and restore special neighborhoods that have unique cultural, historic and aesthetic qualities
- to establish local design procedures, standards and sign ordinances.
- to encourage energy-conserving and non air polluting transportation forms.
- to promote the use of shuttles from remote parking areas to the beach.

The city must prepare a Local Coastal Program and will undoubtedly use the CAC Plan as a basis for doing so.

In view of the above, it becomes important to have some idea of what the Act does put forth as policies with which the Local Coastal Program must conform. The following are from Chapter 3 of the Act:

Access: maximization of public access (consistent with protecting private property rights), accessways generally required in new developments, protection of lower cost recreation and housing, favor public recreational developments.
Recreation: protect water and land areas

suitable for public recreation, favor commercial recreation over private residential development, but not over agricultural or coastal dependent industry; encourage recreational boating.
Marine Environment: generally provides stringent mitigation measures to minimize adverse environmental impacts; covers biological productivity, diking, dredging and filling, limits the construction of breakwaters, groins, etc..
Land Resources: protection policies for sensitive habitat areas, agricultural and timber lands, archeological resources.



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Industry: attempts to limit development of new sites for industrial development; encourage multi-company use of tanker facilities, temporarily permits only one LNG facility; allows oil and gas development, new refineries, nuclear plants under certain conditions and conforming to certain criteria.

We recommend that every effort be made during the public hearing phase of the Community Plan to include Coastal Act policies as they relate to Venice. Citizens are urged to obtain a copy of the Act (not to mention the very important South Coast regional permit guidelines) to get acquainted with what is said about planning for Coastal Communities like Venice (to get copies, contact PACE at 475-3888, the Sierra Club at 387-4287 or Moe Stavnezer at 822-4725).

Another important point: Community Plans usually have no opportunity to deal with the impact of neighboring communities on the plan area. Venice, as an example, is very much affected by what happens in the Marina and Santa Monica, yet there is often outright antagonism between Venice and these communities. The Coastal Act offers the possibility that, finally, the planning processes of the three different areas will have to interrelate. We recommend that comments on the Plan include these kinds of considerations.

Finally, the Community's final fallback position may be the fact that the City must submit the Plan to the Coastal Commission for approval. For this reason, the public can demand that Coastal Act policies be reflected very strictly in the Plan. We can and should propose new types of zones which suit the distinctive nature of the Community (such as the existing RW-residential waterways zone). Bonuses for providing low cost housing, limitations on condominium conversions, retention of all walk streets at current width; these and other special needs can and should be included in the Plan. This time around the City must conform to a Higher Law, one that does not play patsy to pro-development interests, and the Community should take advantage of this to the greatest extent possible.

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Researchers at Michigan State University say cockroaches can learn some things faster after their heads have been chopped off.

Dr. Kathryn Lovell, a biophysicist, says headless roaches can live for up to a week after the beheading because of nerve cell clusters in other parts of their bodies.

Roaches with their heads removed have actually learned to avoid painful electrical shocks more quickly than have normal roaches.

If this story seems strange, there is also a report that a Russian man has successfully trained cockroaches to open tiny newspapers and to rush at his command to a miniature table where they sit in chairs and eat from tiny dishes. These Soviet roaches still have heads. (ZNS)

ALL ABOARD THE WHITE-HOUSE-IBM SHUTTLE

Carla Hill, who was Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under President Ford, has just been elected a director of International Business Machines, Inc. (IBM), replacing former IBM director Patricia Harris, who just became new HUD Secretary for the Carter administration.

Hills should not feel lonely at IBM board meetings, since, according to a report by Alexander Cockburn in the Village Voice, she is the fourth high official of Ford's administration to join the IBM board.

Patricia Harris won't be lonely in the Pentagon either, since Carter raided the IBM board for several other appointees. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown were both members of the IBM board. And Carter's science and technology adviser, Dr. Louis Branscombe, was vice president and chief of technology of IBM.

Things might have been even cosier. Carter's first choice for Treasury Secretary was reported to have been Irving Shapiro, another IBM director. And his first choice for Commerce Secretary, Jane Cahill Pfeiffer, is a former IBM vice president. (LNS)

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Chutes is the newest and probably the most bizarre development in the booming burger business. Chutes combines the principles of pneumatics with the art of fast-food cookery, according to Advertising Age magazine. Simply pull your vehicle up to the drive-in console and make your order over a microphone. Then drop your cash down a pneumatic tube and it is whisked away into the bowels of the kitchen. In minutes or less you're fired your order from another tube at 45 mph - burgers, shakes, fries and all.

"It's already been determined that the '70's is the decade of the drive-in," explains Chutes originator Avid Sifiri. "People don't have much time. They want their food." (LNS)

J.P. STEVENS BOYCOTT

The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO, is organizing a nationwide boycott of J.P. Stevens and Company, the country's second largest textile manufacturer. J.P. Stevens is a transnational (multi-national) corporation, but 63 of its 85 plants are in North and South Carolina. Stevens products are sold under a wide variety of brand names, but its major labels include Utica, Mohawk, Sintex, Tastemaker and Gulistan.

J.P. Stevens has been often cited for violations of occupational safety and health standards. The company's Dallas, N.C., plant was found to have cotton dust at almost three times the level allowed. At this level, as many as one in three of the exposed workers are likely to come down with "brown lung" disease (byssinosis). Noise levels in some departments at the Roanoke Rapids, N.C., plants are as high as 105 decibels. Scientists predict that almost one-half of those working in this noise level will have severe loss of hearing by the time they retire.

J.P. Stevens has been repeatedly found guilty of breaking the National Labor Relations Act, and has been accused of discrimination against women and Blacks. The company's wholesale defiance of the law has led the union to organize a boycott, since J.P. Stevens has closed every other avenue of democratic response. For more information, contact the ACTWU, 15 Union Square, New York, N.Y., 10003.

THE SMOKING COWBOYS

The weekly TV program "Sixty Minutes" had decided against showing a controversial British-made film that savagely attacks the image of the "Marlboro Man."

The British film, produced by Thames Television, features interviews with six "cowboys" who are dying of smoking-related diseases. One of the six interviewed in the film, called Death in the West, is shown breathing from a special oxygen unit attached to his saddle to treat his emphysema.

Two of the six since died of their illnesses. (ZNS)

CALIFORNIA NOT STRAIGHT WITH GAYS

The California Court of Appeals ruled recently that gay people have no legal protection from job discrimination until the state legislature passes such a law. "The legislature has not determined that employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is contrary to the public policy of the state," said the court in mid-January. "We see no reason to establish such a rule by judicial decision." The court's decision upheld a San Francisco Superior Court decision in the case of four men who maintained they were discriminated against by Pacific Telephone Co. So far 39 communities across the country have passed legislation protecting gay people. (LNS)

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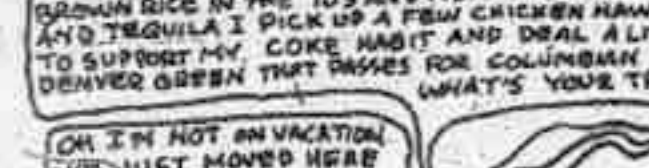
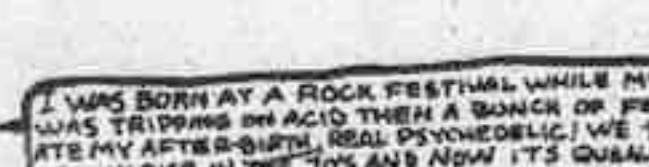


HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Assemblyman Willie Brown has proposed his own solution to the unemployment problem in California. Every man, woman and child should cultivate six marijuana plants. Is this a crime? It certainly is! Pursuant to Assemblyman Brown's newly introduced AB367, the cultivation of six or fewer marijuana plants would be punishable as a misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$100. So you see, if you need money, all you have to do is plant six marijuana plants, water and weed occasionally, and at the end of approximately six weeks, harvest the profits.

Oh, and if you are really smart, the thing you may do is plant 65 plants and harvest even more profit. Of course, when the fuzz comes by and wants to bust you for growing more than six plants, just tell him only six plants are yours and that the other 59 belong to Mommy, Daddy, Cousin Henry, Cousin Edith, Aunt Prima, and Uncle Bruno... We highly recommend that you buy some of that organic fertilizer which is so prevalent in the halls of the Capitol, and then your plants may grow as high as 9 feet.

(NOTE: The members of the criminal Justice Committee of the Assembly will vote on AB 367 April 25. If you want to voice your opinion on marijuana cultivation, write to them at: State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. The members of this committee are: Maddy, Goggin, Alatorre, Bannai, Dixon, Knox, Nestande, Frank Vicencia and newly appointed Howard Berman of W.L.A.)



HOPPIN' MAD?

(Excerpted from an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, Friday, Feb. 18, 1977)

Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis, an undeclared candidate for governor, warned here yesterday that a proposal to reduce penalties for growing small amounts of marijuana could make dope addicts out of two-year-old children.

The blunt-talking conservative told an audience of 340 Republican women in Concord that he was talking about a move in the Assembly to eliminate arrests and prison terms for growing six or fewer marijuana plants. (AB 367) Davis described the proposal as "the Willie Brown roll-your-own bill so every hophead can have a victory garden." If it passes, he warned, backyard marijuana gardens would be discovered and used by neighborhood children.

"Think about the great probability of youngsters finding these plants, figuring out what they are and ingesting marijuana-chewing it or taking it by some form-and you'll get them hooked when they're two or three years old," said Davis.

"Those people up there in Disneyland North (Sacramento) seem to be participating in a destruction derby in terms of law enforcement." Before speaking, he told reporters that he has no regrets for joking last week that homosexuals could get together with farm workers and form "the United Fruit Workers of America."

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