





by Jane Gordon

Overthrowing the filing fee requirement would enable many more PFP members to run. It could also upset the established candidate-selection procedures of the major parties by encouraging the poorer members to file. All those interested in being plaintiffs in the case are urged to call 392-4563 or come by the office at 1727 W. Washington Blvd. IMMEDIATELY! Venice PFP meets every Wednesday at the same address.

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we must....if part of the  
community will not then  
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Chris Shoemaker, Bea Starbird,  
Karen Thompson.

by John Haag

We want to explore what these changes mean before we accept them at face value. Capt. Sillings will take command of the Central Division-which may amount to a promotion. He was not suspended for the abuses he and his underlings have committed against the people of Venice, but for a technical violation of LAPD procedures. As for Lt. Archbold, he is off to Captaincy school.

by Jane (AGAIN)

Higher-up potatoes like Chief Planner Calvin Hamilton and Yorty's Planning Commission president John Pollen have consistently pushed this plan. The Committee couldn't be taking their word: they're into conflict of interest land deals in the Palmdale area where the huge new airport is planned. And yet Bernardi refused to allow testimony a-

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So, when you figure out where the fat cats are at, you'll know who has the Committee's, and the City Council's ear. Meanwhile, some of us lean and hungry cats are continuing to demand and work towards a plan made by and for the community's present residents. To do this we need your help, not only at hearings but also in the community. Call Rick Davidson at 392-4563 if you want to get involved.



## REBIRTH OF THE BOY'S CLUB

by Bob Farlice

The Venice Boys' Club, after one year of operation, is proud to announce openings in new areas of activities and community participation. Under the direction of Dave Mandell the club, up to this point, has been mainly a recreational facility, but within the last month additional staff has been added to put into operation all of the equipment at our disposal.

We now have new programs in arts and crafts, including ceramics, leatherwork and woodshop. The arts and shop are under the direction of Romaine Harris, formerly of Studio Watts Workshop, and John Hunter.

We are now developing and expanding new programs and desire community participation from parents as from the kids, making the Boys' Club a functional community facility.

We would also like anyone who is interested in volunteering time or ideas to call the club and talk to the staff about his interests. As I stated earlier, we are growing and need all the help we can get.

Hours of the club are from 3:00-5:30 and 6:30-8:00 Tuesday thru Friday, and Saturday from 11:00-3:00. Enrollment is \$1.00 per year, and we are located at 210 Venice Way (across from the Post Office); our phone is 392-6022.

We are looking to increased participation and involvement of the Venice Community to further solidify the future of Venice, because our future lies in our youth.

## paranoid?

Is the community 'paranoid' about the Master Plan? Councilman Braude says passing this plan won't make any difference. Rather than argue in a vacuum, let's look at street-widening, one element from the Plan scheduled to be adopted at the same time as the Plan itself and implemented immediately.

First, Pacific Ave. will be made into a major highway, which means knocking down all those multiple-unit structures built close to the street. Widening Ocean Ave., which runs through the Marina past the Canals, will wipe out lawns and bring heavy traffic from the Marina. The old shade trees which line Rialto Ave. will have to go when it becomes a secondary highway—not to get people to the beach, as stated, but to get people to the Windward Mall (the fantasy of a few local businessmen, for which the LA Planning Dept. spent 16 thousand tax dollars doing feasibility studies!).

These street-plans, (servicing non-existent projects) would bring heavy traffic and smog into Venice and sharpen the existing housing crisis, forcing rents up and pushing people out. We must continue our fight against the Master's Plan to destroy our community.

## Dear Beachhead,

On November 26, 1969, I was arrested and cited for a violation of the State Vehicle Code. Feeling that the charges were a bit out of order, and wishing to protect driving privileges and low insurance rates, I decided to obtain justice by taking the case to a jury of my peers. In the rear of the police unit at the time of the citation was a prisoner, a black brother, an obviously important witness for the defense, as, among other things, the conversation between the police officers in the car, and what could or could not be seen from that position, were facts vital to establishing guilt or innocence. At arraignment, representing myself, I made, and was granted a motion of discovery—a court order requiring the Venice police to perform the simple task of inspecting their daily log, and to furnish the name and address, or whereabouts, of the unknown man to the defense. The information needed was duly detailed and sent to Capt. Sillings at the Venice police station by certified mail on Dec. 24, where the documents were received by a Mr. E.C. Taylor, as Sillings' agent. The information forthcoming from our protectors and servers to date? Nothing. Anticipated compliance with the court order, and information forthcoming in time for trial? Nothing. Of course, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Sillings, as persons responsible for maintaining the Money-Power structure in Venice, can defy court orders as they see fit, with total impunity, thanks to their friends in High Places.

MORAL: Might makes right.

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# ВСЯ ВЛАСТЬ В НАРОД !

## ROLL ON....

City Hall decided to invade Venice on Monday, January 19. Sam Yorty, erstwhile Mayor, and his Anti-Narcotics Dope-Mobile were due to appear at the Pavilion in the early afternoon. The Dope-Mobile arrived, Sammy never did.

The Dope-Mobile is a van packed with 'information' on the evils of narcotics. Busloads of children taken from school were brought corted by over a dozen uniformed and the children were presented the official dope. By presenting spurious (Nurses claiming marijuana will produce "addiction" and "withdrawal") propaganda to children and gullible adults, the City is attempting to win a populace sympathetic to its "Narcotics Control" program.

In preparation for the Dope-Mobile's appearance, the VDC wrote and distributed a leaflet, which on one side announced the event, and on the other side described the VDC's understanding of the problem of Narcotics Control. On Monday, at the Pavilion, VDC members discussed the problem with bystanders, gathered information, took photographs of the police, logged badge numbers and names when available, and again distributed the leaflet to the children, spectators, and police. Leafleting also took place during the remainder of the Dope-Mobile's stay in Venice on Tuesday and Wednesday. The text of the VDC leaflet is as follows:

### NARCOTICS CONTROL - PROBLEM OR PRETEXT?

The people of Venice are constantly harassed, beaten, and arrested in the name of narcotics control. This 'crusade' waged by the LAPD against dope is obviously just a tactic designed to intimidate the people.

In Venice, the police are charged with the task of removing the blacks, chicanos, and poor whites so that the redevelopment bulldozers can move in and carry out the dictates of the Master Plan. Narcotics control is only a smokescreen used to justify police oppression and disguise the real issue.

Community workers are not beaten or arrested because they use dope, or even because the police feel that dope is evil, but because the activists stand in opposition to the designs of the ruling class. Poor people-black, brown, or white-are not beaten or arrested because they use dope, but because they lack the resources to defend themselves against profiteers who would eliminate them.

We will not allow Sam Yorty to cloud the issue. We will not allow the gestapo tactics of the LAPD to be justified on the shaky grounds of narcotics control. The issues are economic, not moral or medical. There is NO JUSTIFICATION for the harassment of our community or the beating of the people.

### VENICE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>						

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## .... RIGHT ON !!!

On January 11, at approximately 9:30pm, police from the Venice Division illegally entered the apartment of a Venice resident, illegally searched that apartment, and arrested the 11 persons present for possession of marijuana.

The VDC-generated activity surrounding this bust had a noticeable effect upon the police. While still in the process of illegally searching the apartment, the police were interrupted by VDC members, notified of the bust by Venice residents. Members remained to witness the bust, made certain no further police misconduct occurred, then followed the police as they drove the victims to the station. A demonstration was immediately organized by the VDC, and took place in front of the Venice Station about an hour after the bust. There was no let-up, and it visibly upset the cops.

The continuity of activity, and the speed with which a demonstration occurred threw the police off balance. The victims reported that the cops were literally running into one another. The Desk Sgt. ordered the doors locked, shotguns were broken out, guards were placed on alert at all exits. In a final act of paranoia, the police spirited all the victims to Van Nuys, a move totally unprecedented. The police feared that the morning would bring hundreds more demonstrators in an attempt to free the prisoners. ALL THIS BECAUSE OF A DEMONSTRATION BY 50 PEOPLE!!

The outcome of the case was also affected by VDC-community action. Of the 11 persons arrested, only one still faces charges.

Power is never gained quickly when the opponent is a well-organized fascist force. But power is never gained if the people do not organize themselves and struggle to take it. The conduct of the police was directly affected by the presence of community people, and, moreover, by the speed and surprise of their action. The simple actions of a few VDC members and community residents made all the difference in the world in the handling of those 11 prisoners. This seems adequate answer to those who say they understand the problem but feel powerless to affect the actions of the police. Certainly one demonstration does not solve the problem, but no community action is suicidal.

By action we do not mean petitions with the City Fathers to 'regulate' the police. We understand that the police are not separate from those who control them. The police are not the problem, but merely the direct manifestation of the problem. "Going through channels" has been attempted often enough and proven totally ineffective. The ONLY action which can solve our problem is action generated by and FOR the community. The VDC is actively engaged in proposing and carrying out such action.

VENICE DEFENSE COMMITTEE