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## Statistical Venice

### RAMPANT WAVE OF SPECULATION THREATENS DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CHARACTER

by Arnold Springer

Periodically the City of Los Angeles' Community Analysis Bureau publishes reports describing the status of the City and its various parts. The usual method of identification is by census tract, and thus it is possible to get some kind of picture of the evolution of the component parts of any given community within the City, for example Venice. Unfortunately, the latest publication of the Bureau - "Transition Areas-Preliminary Study" - appears to be virtually worthless as far as understanding Venice is concerned.

The only area which is identified as transitional or deteriorating is the North Beach. Although just released, the figures relate to the period 1960-1970 and are therefore already ancient history. Beyond this fact, despite the 113 pages of figures and analysis it is not clear just how the analysts reached their conclusion. Perhaps our readers can appreciate the following:

	North Beach	City Average
Percent Under 17 Years of Age	9	29
Percent Over 65 Years of Age	21	8
Percent Anglo	89	90
Percent Owner Occupied Dwellings	41	77
Percent Unrelated Co-Inhabitants	61	12
Average No. of People in Occupied Units	1.3	2.7
Environmental Quality Index	-8	-4
Population per Square Mile	13,504	7,773
Average Sixth Grade Reading Score	13	57

I suppose it's possible to prove that the North Beach is "declining" based on any or all of these comparisons. But it's also possible to describe some of the same comparisons as positive. For example, that we have not excluded our aged, that we have a huge number of people living together who are unrelated "by blood". As for environmental quality - well - we just don't know anything about the standards used here. Probably Cheviot Hills, or Marina del Rey, or even Laguna Niguel would score much better. But that proves nothing. Certainly it's not pleasant to know that the average 6th grade reading score among our young people was so shitty. But are we to conclude that the neighborhood is deteriorating because our kids get lousy reading training? Or because we are older, live together more, and because less of us live in our own homes?

No - the North Beach is threatened, and we are suffering attrition - we are not deteriorating, but we are under attack. Our neighborhood is being attacked by speculators who drive prices, rents, and taxes up, up, up - and the old, young, poverty people, welfare recipients, students, part time skilled and semi-skilled workers out, out, out. And what the ubiquitous 'they' want to achieve - a safe, clean, nice neighborhood, is really a synonym for deterioration. Because deterioration is sparked by plasticity, sterility, and homogeneity. Is North Beach less safe than the City as a whole? Facts and figures would be welcome. Is it less 'nice' than the City as a whole? And if it's less clean - isn't that because we have a higher population density than most neighborhoods, and because many outside people come here to play? And isn't it because the City fails to provide North Beach with the services it requires given these two facts? And if the City consistently fails to provide these services are 'we' deteriorating or are 'they' purposely creating a condition which they can then label as such? In short the latest report, as far as it pertains to Venice, appears to be obnoxious and irrelevant.

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### CITY REVIVING PLAN FOR VENICE FREEWAY

#### traffic dept. attacks community Plan

The expected attempt to water-down the Venice Community Plan has begun. The attack is being led by the Traffic Department of L.A. Its proposals are a serious threat to the community and must be resisted. The principal changes proposed are as follows:

- 1) Make Ocean Ave between Venice Blvd and Washington St. a secondary highway.
- 2) Construct a Marina Bypass from Lincoln Blvd to Venice Blvd. The Bypass is an extension of the Marina Freeway and would travel up Oxford and along the railroad tracks, dumping traffic onto Venice Blvd. Where will this traffic go? Based on a record of their discussions, the traffic engineers want it to go up Washington Blvd to Main St., and up Venice Way to Main St. The engineers want to designate Venice and Washington Blvds., and Main St as scenic highways, and Venice Way between Main St. and Venice Blvd as a secondary highway.

If approved what will these changes mean? First, they will flood Venice with traffic from Lincoln and the Marina. Main Street, the scene of a fatal pedestrian accident late last year, will become even more congested and dangerous. Venice Way will see a large increase of traffic as will Washington Blvd. Traffic in Venice will increase many times as motorists realize they can short-cut through Venice. Eventually the Traffic Department will inevitably propose an extension of the Marina Bypass to Main St., thus dividing the North Beach and Central Venice from Oakwood and Milwood, effectively dividing the community.

On several occasions the Community Advisory Committee was warned against just such proposals by the staff of the Los Angeles Planning Dept. David Gray and Richard Gervais told the CAC that widening streets in Venice or building and extending the Marina Bypass would only increase traffic through Venice without solving any traffic problems. Obviously the Community Planning staff was, in large measure, sympathetic to maintaining the integrity of Venice but was outvoted by the traffic people and their supporters. Sharon Kaplan of Councilwoman Russell's office protested the decision in vain.

What can be done? Protests from the community must begin immediately. Calls and letters must be sent to the following people. Frank Eberhard, Richard Gervais, Charles Montgomery of the Community Planning Section; Councilwoman Russell; Neil Clark of the Transportation Dept. All of these people can be reached at the City Hall. Remember to attend the next meeting of the CAC to voice your opposition vocally. The date of this meeting will be announced in the Beachhead as soon as it is set. You can be sure that if this proposal is adopted it will signal the end of our community. We have defeated plans similar to this in the past, and we can do so again, but there must be a strong, vocal, and determined effort from all segments of the community if that is to be accomplished

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## DESEG. DRAGS ON

by Robt. Wells, Co-Chair  
Venice Town Council  
School Desegregation Committee

A School Desegregation Committee was formed within the Venice Town Council last June, when the School Board's desegregation plan was nearing a decision in Judge Paul Egly's Superior Court. Bob Wells and Para Gaston are Co-Chairpeople. About the same time the downtown School Administration formed an Educational Planning Unit (EPU) in Venice, a committee made up of administrators, teachers, and parents from Broadway, Anchorage, and Westminster schools, to try to come up with a desegregation plan just among those three schools.

In July Judge Egly threw out the Board's plan because "it did not desegregate a single school in Los Angeles." Part of his order rejected the Board's 80-20 "integration" percentage! when the Board submitted its new plan in October the ratio was raised to 70-30. The schools in the Venice EPU have only about 22 percent Anglo children among the three of them, and thus could not have come up with an acceptable desegregation plan. Nevertheless the EPU continued meeting and planning through the summer.

#### SOME VENICE SCHOOLS CURRENTLY EXEMPT

Walgrove and Coeur d'Alene schools in Venice, and Mark Twain Junior High, are exempt from desegregation at the moment because the School District has classed them as "currently integrated." However, the integration forces in the court case have told the judge that the 70-30 ratio cannot work both ways: that in a school district that is 66 percent minority, a school which is 70 percent Anglo cannot be considered integrated.

If the judge agrees with this in his next order (early next year) Walgrove and Coeur d'Alene schools, and possibly Mark Twain, could find themselves back in the planning.

When the Board submitted its second plan to the judge in October the Venice EPU was urged by its chairman, Principal Joseph January of Westminster, to disband. But the Town Council vigorously called on the EPU to continue, since Venice people will be needing all the representation we can get to protect our interests. Mr. January resigned, but a smaller version of the EPU has kept on meeting.

#### BRENTWOOD SNUBS VENICE

From the beginning the Town Council committee urged the EPU to bring in Walgrove and/or Coeur d'Alene and/or any other westside schools (including schools in Santa Monica) it needed to obtain the right percentages for desegregation. Late in the fall the EPU did ask the School District to include Walgrove, but the Area D Administrative office suggested Brentwood Elementary School instead.

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# BEING ON THE ROAD

Telling stories, with the added dimension of live performance, is usually more my style. But I believe in fairness, and it seems to me that lately the Art of Hitchhiking has received a lot of adverse publicity - especially in reference to women on the road. To keep things balanced, here's some positive evidence in defense of hitchhiking as high adventure - a prime teacher in the School of Life, Department of Direct Experience.

I didn't always feel this way, of course. Before I turned 30 I had hitchhiked only rarely and never by myself. But despite the fear I had been conditioned with since girlhood - "if you hitchhike alone you're asking for trouble" (rape, murder, who knows what) - the spark of gypsy spirit that lives in us all and a longing for that freedom and adventure were a part of me, too. At some point the adventurous became stronger than the fearful little girl, and I decided to give hitchhiking a try.

Tentatively thumbing my nose at convention and my way around San Francisco, the fear diminished and my confidence grew. During the next few years I practiced the art through California, Hawaii, and Central America. But the fantasy that lived in my heart of hearts - ex-cheerleader, sorority president, divorced mother of two children that I am - was to hitchhike alone across the United States.

Last autumn when I was in Colorado the timing was right. Or rather I could say the feeling was right because it wasn't so much that I made a decision about it. One day I just knew it was time to go East. To make it more interesting, I had \$1.90 to my name. But as soon as I let go of the fear of not having "enough" money for the trip, I met Debbie who was moving to Wisconsin the following day. I was on my way with a ride to Madison and a loan of \$5.00.

The magic of the trip was heightened by the beauty of the people who gave me rides along the way. Like David, who was going only a few blocks when he picked me up in downtown Chicago. Our immediate connection was so positive and we got so high just being together that we laughed all the way through Illinois to the Indiana Turnpike.

And there was Bobby, a trucker on his way from the Mid-West to the East Coast. Bobby and I traveled together for two days and during that time I saw clearly how truckers are space-age cowboys riding the asphalt range and watering their rigs in long lines at the truck stops that run like neon ribbons across the length and breadth of this country. At 7:00 a.m., four days after leaving Colorado, I rode through the Lincoln Tunnel into Manhattan on the back of a motorbike. The fantasy became a reality.

One of the gifts of that cross-country trip was my perception becoming tuned to a higher frequency. Following my intuition and trusting my feelings to guide me, I learned to pay close attention to the Road Signs along the way. I experienced that perfect sense of timing which comes when daily life begins to flow in rhythms beyond our limited understanding of time and the exhilaration of living more fully, more intensely in the present moment. Now.

After all, "being on the road" shows me that ultimately it's only a state of Being - whether I'm traveling or not. This is my story, of course, and everyone's story is unique. But don't ever let fear hold you back from the fun of hitchhiking. Despite what you may hear or read to the contrary, the world is full of magical adventures and beautiful people just waiting to be discovered. What you see is what you get.

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Mary Pranques

**STAFF NOTE:** Amid the constant reporting of the dangers & disasters befalling women hitch-hikers - even as the strangler stalks - we have chosen to publish this account of one woman's positive experience. We do not mean to encourage any abandonment of reasonable caution.

## FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD

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Dear Beachhead,

Your paper is great!

We live in Wales and we've been traveling in the States for almost ten months. Now we're in Northern California and friends are sending us back copies. We then clip out articles and send them back home. So you get around!

Love to you and our dear Venice friends.

Catherine, Nick, and Aaron

Dear Beachhead,

Please send the calendar, and a years sub. And know the Venice strength will last forever. Don't doubt!

Peace, joy, and hope;  
Sally Baker  
Evergreen, Colo.

Dear Beachhead,

I'm so pleased to see the Beachhead looking so good. Your December issue was better than ever and I especially enjoyed reading about the "1000 Copy Paper Caper." I'm glad to see more short items of worldwide significance because much as we love Venice, there is a larger world out there. Keep up the good work, you are appreciated.

Linda Lucks

### RENT CONTROL BATTLE IN SANTA MONICA

Venice residents faced with gouging by greedy landlords will be interested in hearing a representative of the Santa Monica Committee for Fair Rents at the next regular meeting of the Venice Town Council on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m. at Venice City Hall, 607 Venice Blvd.

It is generally agreed by leaders of tenants organizations that a successful campaign for rent control in Santa Monica will create a favorable atmosphere for rent control in the City of Los Angeles.

Aiming for 12,000 signatures by April 1, the committee has reached the halfway mark, according to Chairperson Syd Rose. "Citizens of Santa Monica have been faced with rent gouging since the early 70's," said Rose. "Large numbers of landlords have exploited the housing shortage." Neither the City Housing Commission, of which Rose is a member, nor the City Council, has responded to the needs of the people despite a report by their own Commission exposing the desperate plight of the renter.

With no relief forthcoming from the Establishment, citizens of Santa Monica organized the Santa Monica Committee for Fair Rents, wrote their own law, which they expect to place on the June, 1978 ballot. If successful, there will be no further rent increases in Santa Monica without approval of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board and all rents will be rolled back to June 1, 1976.

Venice Town Council meeting on January 4 will open at 7:30 with the speaker, Dennis Zane for the Santa Monica Committee for Fair Rents coming on at 8 p.m. Parking is available on Venice Blvd. Center strip.

## Letters 2

Dear Beachhead;

I have recently arrived in Venice from Mendocino County. And I was shocked to see the Building Inspector "evict" the shed artists along Ocean Front Walk because they didn't have a building permit! This is government in its truest folly! Why does free enterprise need a roof? After all, R.H. Macy, the founder of Macy's Department store, began as a pushcart vendor.

I have 6 suggestions for preserving a citizen's right to the sidewalk; (1) A civil suit. Damages should be filed in Superior Court. The city should pay reparations for wages lost by self-employed workers because their sole means of support was cut off. This class action damage suit could total several hundred thousand dollars -- for losses of wages to artists for, let's say, one year. (2) A legal-constitutional challenge in federal court. The ordinance outlawing street vendors is far beyond the scope of a democratic society. In fact, finding new means of employing residents of the city should be the government's function. The ordinance abridges the pursuit of happiness, that's for sure. (3) Civil disobedience. This was a very effective tool with Mahatma Gandhi, in dealing with tyrannical government. The anti-vendor ordinance does not prohibit the giving of free material. So there's no law against accepting an "unsolicited contribution". Let the district attorney bring the case to trial, perhaps several different, individual trials--each one costing between 5 and 7,000 dollars. Repeat this process ten times and the city might get the idea. (4) Boycott the City Council. It's amazing how smug a well-insulated councilpeople are. They guiltlessly enact their police-state ordinances as if from an ivory tower. With little compassion or guilt they unemploy working artists, craftspeople, and cooks. How would they like it if their jobs were abolished by legislation? So, why not introduce an initiative petition to abolish the City Council? Gather signatures. Not only for a recall or initiative election, but for repeal of the anti-vendors ordinance. Most folks value their independence. They are ingrained with a natural mistrust of government and believe, "the less government - the better". It's plain to see such a ballot measure would be easily approved. More government means more expense and less taxpayer freedom. (5) Withhold your taxes. How could unemployed property owners (which many street vendors are) pay their taxes? They can barely pay for their daily food. Don't send teabags--they're too valuable--send ripe compost. (6) CETA. The city has a training program, in which tax money is spent on hiring the unemployed, most of whom find places in city agencies. Perhaps a few of you street artists and vendors should apply to work in Council offices. You might even get hired as an "audience" in the Council's chambers. They need some people there--no one else shows up.

Adam Sparks

(This letter was edited and condensed with the permission of the author. The original was published in The Mendocino Grapevine Nov, 77.

Dear Beachhead;

Congratulations on the evolution of the Beachhead from a slightly esoteric, limited paper to one that maintains an interest in the community (chicano, black, etc.) but now seems to have a broader view.

Jenny Swingle  
Venice



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### VENICE TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting: January 4, 1978  
Old Venice City Hall - Venice Blvd.  
Wed. 7:30 pm

#### AGENDA

- I. Committee Reports
    - A. Coordinating Committee
    - B. Education
    - C. Finance
    - D. Community Planning
  - II. Guest Speaker from the Santa Monica Committee for Fair Rents.
  - III. Report on the Legal Clinic Planned for Venice by Nat. Lawyers Guild  
for info: 396-6876; 396-0535
- EVERYONE FROM THE COMMUNITY IS ALWAYS INVITED



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## SILVER STRAND TURNS TO GOLD

(and other coastal news)

by  
Moe Stavnezer

On Dec. 14th the Coastal Commission approved development on the Silver Strand after having denied a permit 3 times in the past. The nitty-gritty of the permit is that it will allow the construction of some 300 houses all of which, because of inflated real estate values, will sell in the \$100,000 category at minimum. The major impact of this kind of development will be to even further increase land values in Venice driving property taxes and rents up even higher. (For those who don't know, the Silver Strand is the large piece of vacant land west of the Marina & east of Pacific Ave). This development, coupled with the sale of city owned lots—there are about 50 of them on the peninsula—will virtually assure a tax reassessment next year which will effect every part of Venice, renters and owners alike.

Of course there will be other effects. 300 new homes mean lots more cars and traffic. They also mean more children to the school population, especially to Anchorage elementary school. These, along with increases in such city supplied services as street maintenance, garbage collection, police & fire protection etc. also add up to more taxes. That's true based on many studies which have shown that property taxes which normally pay for these services do not, in new developments such as this, equal the cost of the services required.

The Commission did, however, impose some conditions which mainly address the concern for protecting the ecologic viability of Ballona Lagoon—the body of water which runs parallel to and east of Pacific Ave. Ballona Lagoon is one of the very few remaining wetland areas left in all of L.A. county. To protect and restore the Lagoon the commission required that the developers (Isthmus Landowners Assoc.) dedicate as open space a 40 foot wide strip of land along the eastern boarder of the Lagoon and that they revegetate it with appropriate salt marsh vegetation (they must also build a walkway along the lagoon and maintain it and the plants). Additionally they must carry out a major restoration of the north end the the lagoon (the most productive area). Further they must offer to some governmental

agency the 58 lots (about 6 acres) at the south end of the Silver Strand. This land is to be used for parking which will at long last allow substantial public use of the peninsula beach. Part of this land can also be used as a recreational and/or open space area. Strictly in terms of ecology and public access, the commission did a fairly good job (they could have done much better by sticking to the 120 foot buffer approved by the regional commission).

What should be interesting about the 6 acres is that the Isthmus Assoc. must buy out the owners of these lots in order to offer them as a dedication. And, at this point, there's no telling how much each owner will want for a lot or how much the association will be willing to pay. The legal and financial issues involved are, it appears to me, quite complicated and could get even more messy if any of the people who own land in the 6 acre area refuse to sell. We'll just have to wait and see how its all resolved.

Elsewhere, the So. Coast Commission took a giant step backwards when it recently approved a huge development in the Santa Monica Mountains. The permit was for the subdivision of a large parcel of land into 174 lots, the preparation of each lot for home construction and building a road from Pacific Coast Highway to the site. If you think that sounds innocuous you're wrong 'cause here's what it really means. The preparation of building sites & roads will require the movement of about 3 million cubic yards of earth (1 cubic yard equals 2 tons). The earth will be used to fill, to a depth of 90 feet, an unspoiled canyon in order to construct the access road. That road will be so steep that the developer has been required to build 2 "escape" ramps near the bottom for runaway cars!

(cont. next column)

And if you miss one of the ramps you end up in the middle of Pacific Coast Hwy. Opponents of the project included every homeowner, citizen and environmental group in existence. But money talks louder than facts so now the whole mess is being appealed to the state commission.

The city of L.A. is still going ahead with its plan to take over the coastal permit process. In fact, at a recent state senate committee hearing, Councilmember Art Snyder stated that the city has already spent \$2 million on the effort. What a terrible waste of our money that could have been used to build housing or parks or parking lots or do some decent planning.

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## HOUSING, HOUSING, WHO'S GOT THE HOUSING?

Moe Stavnezer

The city has the land, the state has the money, developers would love to build and nothing is being done! Sound a little crazy? Well it is but its true.

In 1977 the voters of L.A. passed Proposition A which, pursuant to the state constitution, would allow the city to construct or acquire (using state and/or federal funds) 500 units of housing for low income people in each council district. Also in 1977, the city of L.A. (the city council, that is) approved the sale of some 100 city owned vacant lots in Venice. This at a time when land speculation was running rampant making the cost of land a major prohibitive factor in developing housing for poor people, and that, of course, hasn't changed. Councilwoman Russell supported both these happenings.

At the same time, the Calif. Housing Finance Agency announced that it had money for housing for low income families and that it was not being applied for by many cities. I've also found out that there are a number of developers who would love to get involved in such housing here in Venice.

So all the ingredients are available; the land, which the city could lease on a long term basis (even 20% of the city owned land could mean 50 units of housing), the money and eager developers. Now all we need is a little action and most of that has to come from Pat Russell who can pretty much decide what will be done with the city owned land. If Ms. Russell was serious in her support of Prop. A she can prove it by using the land already owned by the city to help meet a critical need in this community.

If you think that some of the city owned lots should be used for this purpose please let Ms. Russell know. Call her Venice office 822-2582 or drop her a line at 200 N. Spring St., L.A. 90012.

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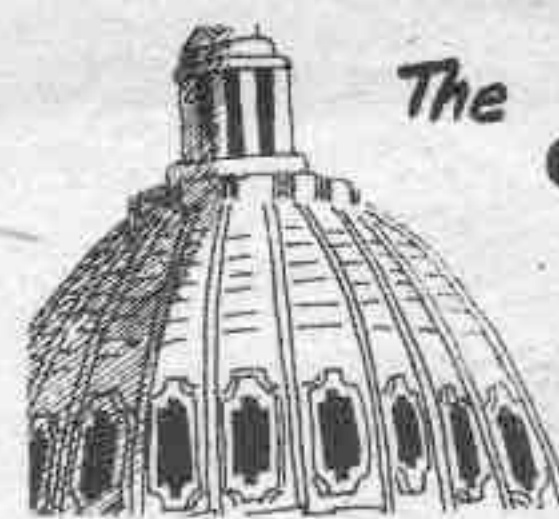


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## The GOVERNMENT as SPECULATOR

Moe Stavnezer

Three different government entities have entered the Venice land speculation scene; the City of L.A., the County of L.A. and RTD. The city, of course, owns some 100 vacant lots in Venice (most of them gotten through tax foreclosures), the County owns a couple acres of land behind Washington Square, and RTD has its bus terminal on Pacific Ave. (about 3 acres of land). And they all want to unload.

According to Pat Russell's office, the city intends to get top dollar from its land, some of which is in areas where vacant lots are selling for as much as \$60,000. The city will sell its land to the highest bidder. Imagine the impact on land values of over 100 lots at even \$30,000 each.

The county is even stranger. They want to sell to the city (for park use) but are asking a price which breaks down to about \$30,000 a lot. So we've got one government acting as a speculator in its dealings with another government.

RTD, it is rumored, is about \$18 million in the red. Selling the bus terminal is a good way to make up some of that deficit and will, of course, mean that RTD intends to get top dollar—just like every other speculator.

What all three "governments" are doing is taking advantage of and contributing to the already inflated real estate market in Venice. They as well be Coldwell-Banker as far as I'm concerned. Who knows, maybe they really are.

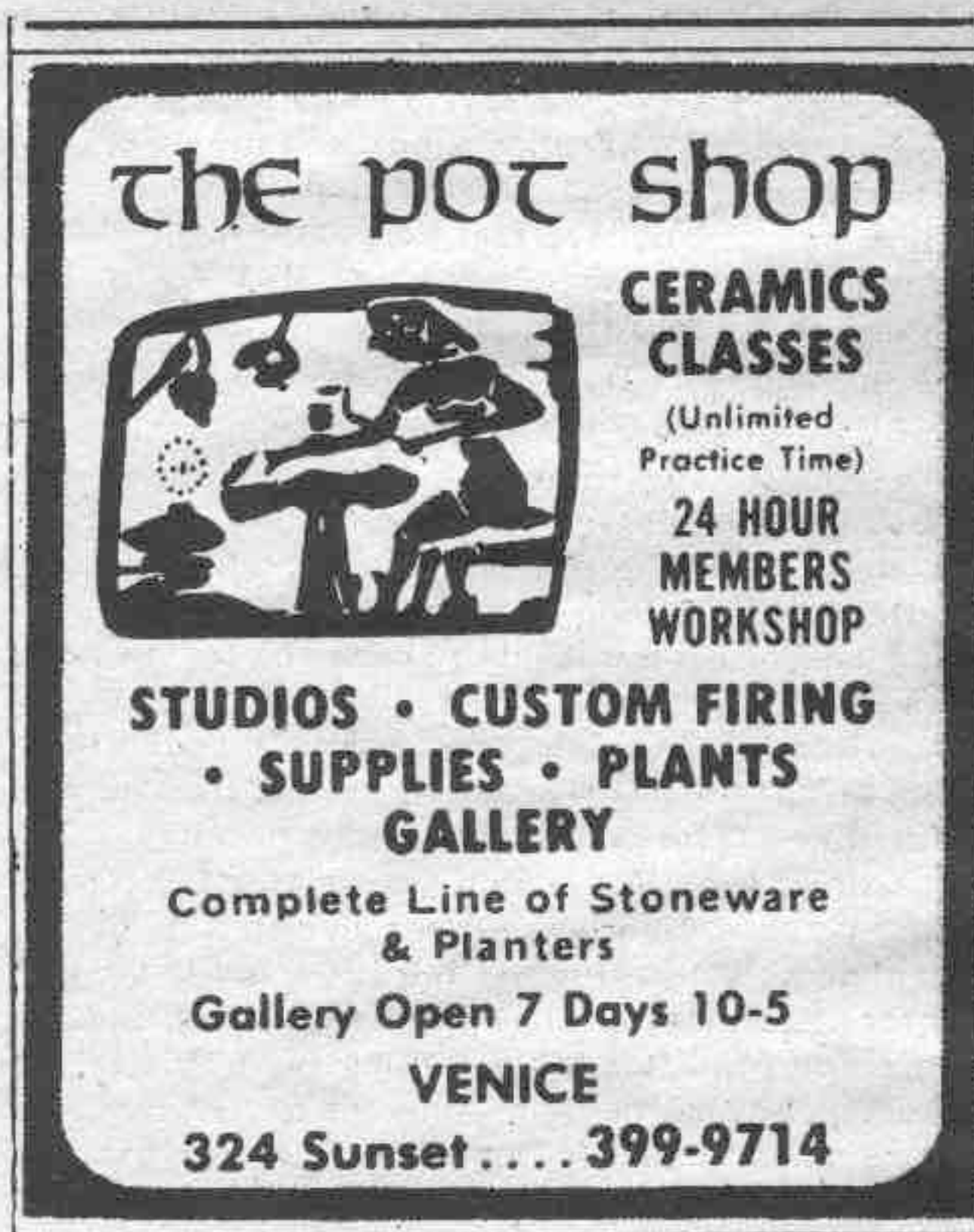
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## Bottle Battle Begins

In the early 1970's, two states -- Vermont and Oregon--pioneered a new kind of legislation that came to be known as a returnable container law. This legislation led to a deposit and refund system on beer and carbonated soft-drink containers. The theory was that the law would encourage everyone to return their beverage containers so that they could be refilled or recycled, thus cutting down on litter and saving valuable energy resources. The theory worked!

In Oregon, just two years after the passage of the legislation, the state's beverage trash had decreased 83%; all litter had decreased 39%. In Vermont, the highway department reported that container litter decreased 76% in one year; all litter 33%. The citizens of these two states were not only able to live in a more beautiful environment, the taxpayers also did not have to pay to have the litter removed. Considering it costs 9¢ to retrieve a discarded bottle or can the taxpayer recieved an enormous economic dividend.

For the last three years individuals in California have been attempting to pass similar legislation in Sacramento. But at every turn large scale lobbying efforts by bottlers and canners have defeated the returnable container law. As a result a new organization has been formed: Californians Against Waste, C.A.W. has only one goal: to successfully take the returnable container issue directly to the voters of California through the initiative process. The initiative would place a minimum 5¢ returnable deposit on all beer and soft drink cans and bottles sold in California. It would make it illegal for a retailer, distributor or manufacturer to refuse to redeem the container.

In order to pass the initiative the broadest possible coalition must be built as it is the only way to combat the strong bottle and can manufacturers lobby. More information concerning the proposed initiative can be obtained from the campaign director Stephen J. Smith, 1624 Pacific Avenue, Davis, California 95616 - (916)756-3096.

## FREE BOOKS

The Department of Agriculture may very well be the most bloated agency in the federal government. As the number of farmers decreases the number of employees of the Department of Agriculture increases. Unfortunately, there is no evidence that they are hiring farmers forced off the land, in part at least, by Department policies.

One of the ways the Department uses its excess labor is to publish "The Yearbook of Agriculture." Last year, 1976, they put out a beautiful photo-essay, coffee-table type book entitled "The Face of Rural America." This year's offering is "Gardening for Food and Fun." Both books are well done.

The gardening book has sections on garden sites, tools and equipment, how plants grow, pest management, and organic gardening. About a third of the book is devoted to growing vegetables of all kinds and another major section is devoted to fruits and nuts. The book closes with a fairly exhaustive treatment of home food preservation, including canning, wine making, freezing, and community canneries.

As might be expected the cultivation of marijuana gets short shrift but if you think you might like to take a fling at growing some of your own food come spring (Secretary Bob Berglund says 50 percent of US households will) then you might ask your Congressional Representative (Bob Dornan for most of us) to send you a complimentary copy.

Another interesting freebie is a 12-page illustrated booklet on using solar energy in the home. It explains basic solar applications for water and house heating. New state and federal tax credit legislation for solar installations make this source of energy more desirable than ever. A copy of "Solar Energy in Your Home Now" can be ordered from Southern California Edison Company, 1324 Fifth Street, Santa Monica, or call 393-7602. \*\*\*

## LABORING ON YOUR BEHALF?

Pat Russell (Councilperson)

Won City Council support for her motion to establish a special fund from the Sale of City owned lots in Venice. Monies to be used in Venice, to provide parking and additional open space, but probably not senior citizen or low income housing. The 105 parcels will be reviewed to decide which should be retained by the city and which should be sold. The Bureau of Right of Way and Land is drawing up a timetable for the sale of the lots. That should be finished in Feb. of next year and the sale of the first lots is scheduled for April.

Announced her opposition to any SST landings at LAX

Introduced a motion in Council seeking \$278,000 in Fourth Year Housing and Community Development funds for a proposal by the Rosasharon organization to provide emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Rosasharon is a non-profit org. specializing in women's services such as outpatient info and referral, counseling, child care and training. The funds would cover the first year of operating expenses. The motion was referred to the Board of Grants Administration, City of Los Angeles.

Alan Sieroty (State Senator)

Appointed to the Senate Select Committee on Public Transportation in Los Angeles. Committee was created to analyze alternative methods of meeting public transportation needs in LA area.

Governor Brown signed bill authored by Sieroty placing public members on the State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (SB 781). The bill expands the Commission from 10-11 members, adding two public members and one criminal justice educator. It eliminates one city and one county administrative officer from the Commission.

Announced that as of Dec. 10, 1977, low and moderate income homeowners over 62 would be permitted to defer payment of part or all of their residential property taxes. For more info you should contact the Franchise Tax Board in LA 736-3111.

Mel Levine (Assembly)

Coauthored legislation (AB 1130) which would make discrimination based on applicant's or employee's sexual preferences a violation of state law. We are talking about... basic human rights for people who are continually discriminated against by the laws of this society" he said.

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Justice Edward J. Greenfield ruled that a landlord can try "to keep out of his building intelligent persons, aware of their rights, who may give him trouble in the future," and can lawfully discriminate against prospective tenants on the basis of occupation.

In the recent case, a black woman lawyer who was denied an apartment on Manhattan's upper West Side charged she was the victim of unlawful discrimination. The landlord, however, denied the charge. He asserted that this was a case of perfectly legal discrimination, since her race and sex had nothing to do with his rejection of the prospective tenant--Judith Pierce, general counsel of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. The landlord insisted he had refused to rent to Pierce because she was a lawyer and "would be a source of trouble to me as a tenant."

In his ruling, Justice Greenfield offered the landlord a legal leg to stand on: As long as no specific laws are violated, "a landlord is free to do what he wishes with his property, and to rent or not to rent to any given person at his whim."

"The only restraint which the law has imposed upon free exercise" of the landlord's discretion, Greenfield said, "is that he may not use race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or marital criteria."

The case is said to be the first decision in the state of New York that explicitly allows a landlord to discriminate on the basis of occupation. "It's an open invitation for a landlord to take advantage of another disgusting situation that tenants are faced with," a worker for the Metropolitan Council on Housing told LNS. The ruling means, he added, that housing can legally be denied to "any tenant activist or anyone who has caused trouble" for landlords in the past.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS 5

## OLDER WOMEN'S LIBERATION GROUP

Next general meeting on Saturday, Jan 28th, from 10 am to 2 pm, at Womospace, 237 Hill St., S. M. Come help us evolve men structures and format for our organization. Bring sack lunch. Info: call Ann 451-2198

**Theatre Collective:** Women and men interested in improvisation as both art form and a means to draw out and develop material for performance. Drawing on personal and group process we can learn to share who we are with each other and with audiences - sometimes totally alone, sometimes as women together, sometimes as men together, or as a mixed group. If the idea intrigues you please come to Feminist Healing Arts Cooperative, 1301 Main St in Venice (corner Westminster) rear entrance #3, Sunday, Jan 8 and/or Sunday, Jan 15, at 2 pm. For info call: 828-4794.

## WESTSIDE WOMEN'S CLINIC

### Health Classes for Women

**Mon. Jan 9. Sterilization Abuse.** Sterilization is often used against particular Third World women as a means of control at particular times in history. Debit Freeman and Angela Coron of WWC will present a slide show on forced sterilization and talk about ways to work against it.

**Mon Jan 16. Centering and Relaxation.** Exercises for body building and general health. Backrubbing as preparation for relaxation. Centering, large muscle relaxation, and relaxation fantasy. All this to empower women with ability to heal themselves.

**Mon. Jan 23 Women and Stress.** Marilyn Barrett, therapist, will show women how to minimize stress in daily lives. Identification of stress symptoms, techniques of managing, commanding, and overcoming stress. Nutritional factors involving stress, societal pressures, and personality styles.

**Mon Jan 30. Women Health Care Workers.** A slide show introduction to the history and politics of women and health care.

Westside Women's Clinic is located at 1711 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica Ca 450-2191

## CLASS IN HISTORY OF VENICE

A class in the history of Venice California has been scheduled beginning January 21 at the Venice Library on California Ave. The history of this community will be traced through a series of films, lectures, and discussions. The course is being offered by Cal State Long Beach as part of its regularly scheduled program. Upper division credit of three units is being granted in the areas of either History or Urban Studies. Students will be expected to produce a paper or report dealing with one aspect of the history of the community. For those students wishing to do an oral history project, special instructions will be given by Professor Sherna Gluck of the Women's Studies Center of the University. Topics for papers or reports may include: problems in the following areas: women's movement, history of minorities within the community, real estate, political parties, community politics, oil, the arts, clubs, etc. Venetians who have knowledge in any of these or other areas dating from the 20's, 30's, 40's, or 50's are encouraged to contact Ms. Rossiland Goddard at the Venice Library and place their names on a list of those people who would be willing to either to speak to the class about their experiences or to be interviewed. The class will be taught by Arnold Springer, a community resident and professor of History at CSULB. The class is open to all students registered at any of the State Universities without cost. Senior citizens can also enroll through a special program at a minimal cost of \$3. The University is encouraging such enrollments. Once having been accepted for the course seniors will then be eligible to take any course for credit at the University. No entrance exams or transcripts are required for seniors in this program. Other interested students may enroll thru University Extension. The class will meet on successive Saturdays at the Venice Library through the Spring semester. For further info contact the Venice Library or Arnold Springer at 392-5975.

## DANCE CONCERT BENEFIT

For Teatro Novimiento Primavera. Fri, Jan 13, at Bace's Hall - 1524 N. Vermont Ave (at Sunset). 3 progressive rock bands (Ignaz, Chakra, Beverly Spaulding Trio). Food and drinks will be available. For info 731-1746

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## SONGMAKERS HOOTENANNY

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## DANCE CONCERT

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## BEYOND BAROQUE CENTER

Fri, Jan 6 8 pm. Open poetry with Georgia Alwan  
Sat. Jan 7 1-4 pm. Open reception. Brian Mc Kinney. Retrospective exhibition of serigraphs and sequence showing serigraphic process. Com thru Jan 28th.  
Fri. Jan 13, 8 pm. Open poetry reading Robert Peters.  
Fri. Jan 20, 8 pm. Open poetry reading with Benjamin Saltman  
Sat. Jan 21, 8 pm. New World Baroque Players recital  
Fri Jan 27, 8 pm. Open poetry reading with Peter Kreiner  
Venice Poetry Workshop every Wed 8 pm.

## GROUP AT COME-BACK INN

Singer-songwriter Carlisle will be appearing at the Come Back Inn beginning Sunday, Jan 7. With him will be his three piece back-up band. Carlisle's music is basically country rock with a bit of comic twist.  
Carlisle has performed at the Come Back Inn in the past as a single artist. He has also played at the Venice Pavilion with Spirit and with the Jonny Almond Band. For info call the Come Back in at 396-7255

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## VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER - WEST

How can immobile seniors make the simple trip to doctors and grocery stores that are necessary to their health? Senior Outreach and Escort Service in Venice is trying to help. The Service, a non-profit agency, is concerned primarily with free medical escort for seniors, although it also offers information and referral in matters of housing and finance. Two current cases involve taking individuals to their doctors every other week. To volunteer, call Voluntary Action Center West at 478-8241

## ILLEGITIMATE THEATER NEEDS LEGITIMATE VOLUNTEERS

Odyssey Theater, a non profit company in West Los Angeles and dedicated to tradition-break ing contemporary theater, needs volunteers.

Involved in spectacle, games, and environmental theater - creating an environment which the audience is part of - the experimentalism and diversity of Odyssey's projects creates a constant demand for all kinds of volunteers. (That's what they told us to say folks!) Seamstresses, set builders, prop builders, painters, clerical workers, all have places in the group. "Unskilled" volunteers are considered most valuable. With this help the group provides special shows for senior citizens, children, and the physically handicapped. Students and seniors receive discounts on admission. Anyone interested in such volunteer work call Jane Maltese at 478-8241





Existence (see Nonexistence)

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grim reality  
what's what  
actuality  
the real know  
basics  
essentials  
fundamentals  
no joke  
not a dream  
true state  
the real McCoy  
the real thing  
certainty

Let's be  
exist  
have being  
subsist  
obtain  
prevail  
be the case  
be no buts about it  
have place  
pre exist  
pass the time  
vegetate  
live  
breathe  
abide  
endure

Let's come forth  
see the light  
arise and  
be  
nothing else but  
unquestionably  
undoubtedly  
really-truly  
indeed etc.

Me

Charlotte Colorado

#### ALUMINUM LEVI'S

One Saturday night I did kick the window broke  
busting good government property with  
my motorcycle boots  
first time out in civilian clothes in a long time  
back late, drunk, kicking hallway windows  
they won't catch me  
know what I'm going to do on liberty tomorrow?  
I'm going downtown Baltimore and buy  
me a pair of aluminum levi's  
and the sun will strike and shine off them  
when I'm walking down the street.

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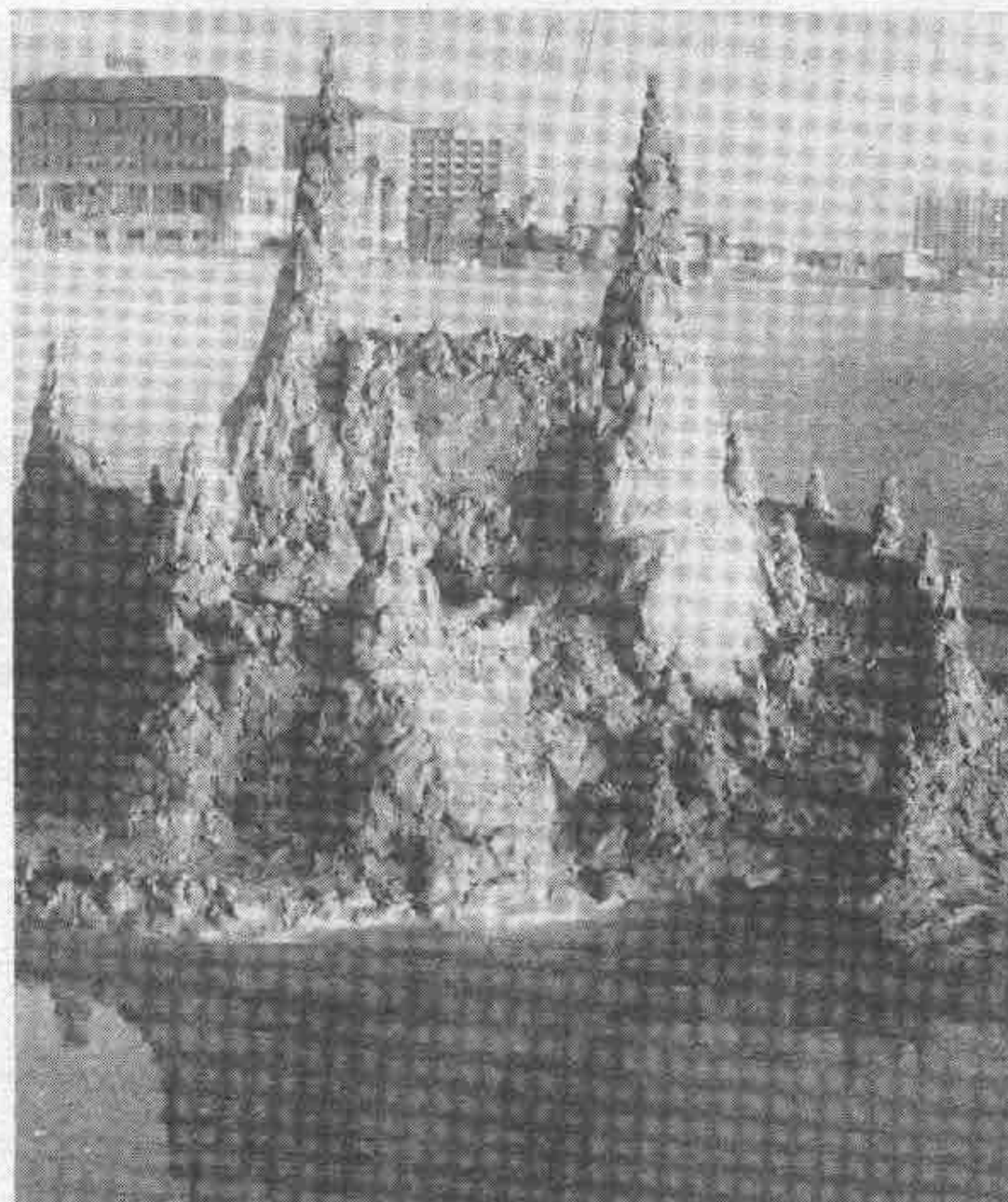
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# ARTS



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#### I Thought of You Today

I thought of you today...  
While sprawled on the sand...  
Listening to the laughter of  
the Mexican children playing  
in the water...  
Watching the wind gently  
push the waves to shore.  
Hey...  
I thought of you today...  
As the sun went down...  
And I wrote your  
name in the sand...  
with the tip of a  
gull's feather.

Richard Morano



#### A Knowledgeable Virgin

She's young, it's true,  
and the rose hasn't opened yet,  
but she calls herself a knowledgeable virgin.  
She has read twenty books  
on eroticism,  
and one look at her well-bitten lower lip  
tells you she's been had  
by some wild thoughts.  
She hangs around slightly older guys  
who flirt to stay safe (is she 15? 12?)  
She gets rides home with men  
who drive Chevrolets  
and she talks about football  
and the stock market  
to keep their hands away.  
Malleable? She's got her mind made up,  
having traveled all over the city  
and seen a hundred movies.  
Alone, with her pin-up pictures,  
she flicks her tongue across a glossy  
to taste the celluloid,  
wondering if flesh will taste the same.  
In bed, she presses the buttons  
on her anticipatory body,  
soon to take off  
if you will.

Lynne Bronstein

#### Quick Appeal

My view all wet; eyeburst unexpectedly  
memory reigning in the head  
really coming down - oh!  
quite under the weatherdly.

A storm in the head  
a salad of pseudo-action.  
Clammy, on completion is bred  
society's problem poem.

The gusto drunkard's slow  
and sprawling spiel.  
I wallow call it a mellow ideal.

Memories, poems, drunkards  
in one fit slow  
I prefer the split-second  
I like Quick Appeal.

Quick things know anything and dance  
wink buzz burst complete at glance.  
Flickering notions arise  
lightning between our eyes.

J. Sharkey

#### WHO?

Tough bitch -  
What lady could you mean?  
Not me, with my yielding ways  
and compromise.  
Not this woman with her  
soft availability  
and insecure decisions,  
her willingness to please,  
giving in against her  
warning heart.....  
what lady could you mean?

Myra D. Klassman

Each day she goes down  
Into the sea  
With her invisible net  
To capture her soul.  
Many fishes swim up to her  
Willingly, enchanted.  
She asks them their names.  
They speak to her  
Then she lets them go  
Gently.  
Sometimes she traps  
A shimmering beauty  
Only to find  
The foolsgold fish,  
Disappointment.  
Once she thought she had it  
Surely!  
But it slipped through her fingers  
And escaped into the deep,  
Leaving the feeling of hope on her hands  
Her hair grows long  
In the water  
Watching the cautious glimmerings  
Circling.  
With patience as her bait  
Her allure must be tempting.  
She knows this.  
It makes waiting  
Almost a pleasure.

Melody Brennan





ETHNIC COMPOSITION & INCOME

A far more interesting report was released last year by the same agency - "Changes in the Ethnic Composition and Median Family Income in the City of Los Angeles, 1970-1975". The report is informative because we get a comparative picture of Venice vis-a-vis other neighborhoods, and also because it enables us to trace the socio-economic transformations occurring within the various neighborhoods in Venice.

Between 1970-1975 the following significant changes in ethnic composition took place. The anglo population of Venice declined by 6% (1% less than the City average) and stood at 62% of the total Venice population. The black population was down 1% (equaling a 1% City decline) to 7%, while the Spanish surname group increased 8% (City average increase 5 1/2 %) to 28% of the total Venice population. The significant and telling figures are, however, those which describe the changes within each of the Venice neighborhoods. Town Council areas at the left are followed by component census tract.

	% Anglo 1970-1975	% Black 1970-1975	% Spanish 1970-1975
No. B.			
2734	89 80 -9	2.0 1.4 -9	7 16 +10
2735	73 65 -8	1.2 .4 -8	25 34 +9
Oakwd.			
2732	18 13 -5	48 36 -12	32 49 +17
2733	30 21 -8	37 36 -1	32 42 +9
Milwd			
2736	61 53 -8	3. 0. -3	35 47 +12
Canals			
2739	82 84 +2	1. 2. +1	15 13 -2
So. Ven			
2738	67 58 -9	0. 1. +1	33 38 +6
Penin.			
2742	96 99 +3	0. 1. +1	3. 0. -3

What is noteworthy about these figures is that they document the decimation of the black community in Venice. Blacks have been practically excluded from all internal areas save Oakwood, and even there, in one tract, they have declined a full 12%. The report does not attempt to account for this decline although the causes are rather obvious. Rising rents and taxes, propelled by speculative frenzy, are pricing black renters out of the housing market. Black homeowners are selling out to speculators who, encouraged by the banks, appear to have virtually unlimited lines of credit. Where black homeowners and renters move after leaving Venice is not known. What is certain however is that they cannot afford to remain in Venice and that our community is the loser in these transactions.

The declining black and anglo populations are being replaced by Spanish surnamed people. Although no figures are available it is probable that these are renters, not homeowners. This group of Spanish surnamed people represents the newest and weakest link in the new socio-economic status quo. The declining Spanish population in the Peninsula and Canals bodes ill for the future of chicano/mexicano people in Venice. Developments in black Oakwood represent the beginning, not the end of a process in which first poor and lower middle class minorities, and then the same categories of whites, are separated from their neighborhoods which are then seized by middle and upper middle class people, mostly white. Such a veiled struggle is now actually taking place in the Canals and North Beach. The response of the system is the same one enunciated in the 19th century by the Bourgeois King of France Louis Philippe who informed disgruntled workers that if they wanted a "piece of the pie" they should set about "enriching themselves". Since that proved to be impossible, the workers and urban poor were pushed into revolution in 1848.

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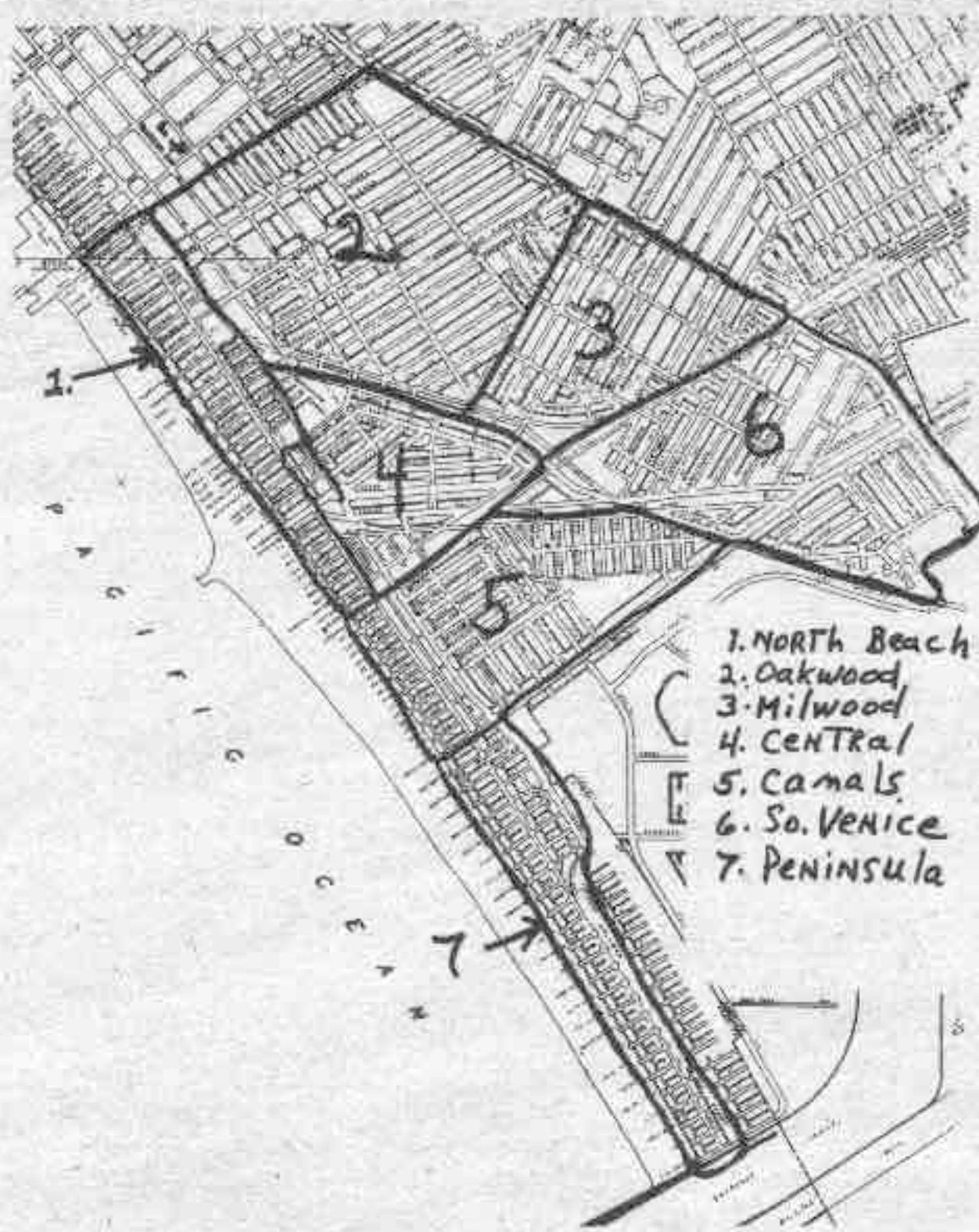
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The statistical information on Venetian income levels is, if possible, even more enlightening than the ethnic composition figures. For it tells us not only what is happening here in Venice, but helps us put Venice developments within an all-Los Angeles economic perspective. A comparison of Venice with other communities within Los Angeles shows the following results:

	Median 1970	Income 1975	% of change
Venice	\$ 8,727	12,505	43%
Watts	4,782	4,888	2%
Central	5,357	5,281	-1.4%
Avalon	4,960	5,672	14%
El Sereno (chica)	9,381	11,550	23%
Silver Lake	9,920	13,014	31%
Santa Barbara	6,528	9,995	53%
Westwood	23,950	33,942	41%
Brentwood	24,831	40,008	61%

As this sample shows, the Venice community experienced one of the highest jumps in median income in the entire city. More significantly, among the poor or working class neighborhoods, it was one of two or three which was able to keep relative pace with the exploding incomes of the 8 wealthiest sections of the City. These were: Brentwood 61% increase, Beverly Crest 51%, Bel Air 50%, Sherman Oaks 34%, Encino 35%, Del Rey Palisades 58%, Pacific Palisades 41%, Westwood 41%. These were the wealthiest neighborhoods in L.A. in 1970. And the figures show that they maintained and extended the income gap between themselves and the poor areas up to 1975. By 1975 the median income of these 8 neighborhoods had reached \$34,863 (a statistic which the Community Analysis Bureau did not bother to compute), an average increase of 46%. Thus Venice, whose median income increase was greater than most poor, working, or lower middle class areas, actually lost 3% points to the leading neighborhoods. The gap in real buying power dollars in hand increased enormously.

INCOME CHANGES IN VENICE

What follows is a breakdown of median income changes within Venice by Town Council area and census tract.

	Median Income 1970	1975	% of change
No. B.			
2734	not published		
2735	5,789	9,620	66
Oakwd			
2732	6,925	8,991	30
2733	6,568	6,251	-5
Milwd			
2736	8,352	12,635	51
Canals			
2739	8,745	12,837	47
So. Ven			
2738	9,957	14,210	43
Penins.			
2742	not published		

We can assume that the two census tracts omitted from the survey, North Beach between Navy and Westminster, and the Peninsula, experience huge increases in the median income level because of what we can see to be the socio-economic composition of these areas. The black community in Oakwood is falling further and further behind and is disintegrating under the economic pressure. The North Beach is being rapidly transformed. There is strong pressure in the Canals and a surprising transformation seems to be taking place in Milwood.

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next column)

In sum powerful forces are now at work attempting to effect a fundamental transformation of this community. What, if anything, that can be done to stop or reverse this process, has yet to materialize in the community. Perhaps our readers will have some suggestions. Perhaps its time for the authorities to declare Venice a national park or an endangered species. Isn't it time for them to declare that there will be no more hunting, lumbering, construction, swamp draining, or commercial concession granting in this community? How is it that endangered plants, animals, and ecological areas get more protection than endangered communities? How will Americans ever learn to live and work together in peace and harmony if the whims of the market and of capital are allowed to determine who is permitted to live where?

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In November representatives of the EPU committee met with a representative from Brentwood, who told them that Venice children's reading scores were too low to satisfy Brentwood parents, and that Brentwood would try to pair-up instead with a more middle-class Black school in Baldwin Hills. That's where it stands at the moment. The EPU has until January 20 to submit a plan to the Board.

#### GETTING VENICE SCHOOLS IN ONE LEAGUE

The Board's second plan, submitted to the judge in October, would desegregate only 65,000 students in 4th through 8th grades (there are nearly 600,000 students in the District). The most severely segregated minority students in South and East Los Angeles are left out of the plan altogether, as are many tens of thousands of students in all-white schools. Desegregation is limited to a corridor running from Jefferson Blvd to the near Valley, from the westside toward downtown. Within that corridor the Board has set up "leagues" of 12 to 20 schools each, that would try to come up with desegregation plans among themselves.

The October map showed Venice schools split into two leagues, one running east-west, the other running north-south. The Town Council School Desegregation Committee immediately protested to the Board, the District, and the judge, that all Venice schools should be included in the same league, so that Black, Chicano, and Anglo parents in Venice would continue to have ongoing reason to meet with each other; to do otherwise would tend to break up the growing solidarity of Venice at a time when the community is under great pressure from developers. We said that Venice children of different races didn't have to go to school in Venice, but we did insist they go to school together.

A second map released December 1st shows the Venice schools all in the same league -- Walgrove, Coeur d'Alene, and perhaps Mark Twain Junior High are still exempt, at least for the time being, but Broadway, Anchorage, and Westminster are now in league "K" along with Topanga, Marquez, Brentwood, Fairburn, Rosewood, Laurel, Braddock, Wilshire Crest, 6th Avenue, and Paseo del Rey elementary schools.

The three Venice schools can still be desegregated separately by pairing in different directions, and the Town Council School Desegregation Committee will continue to struggle to have them desegregated as a cluster, so as to maintain the growing solidarity of the different racial communities of Venice.



# diane watson

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### AT BROADWAY SCHOOL

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DIANE WATSON, Member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, will be speaking in Venice at the Broadway School Auditorium, Broadway near Lincoln Blvd., at noon on Saturday, January 7th. Ms. Watson will discuss the desegregation case now in Superior Court and answer questions from the community. The Venice Town Council School Desegregation Committee, which is sponsoring the event, will provide simultaneous translation into Spanish. There will be a potluck lunch following Ms. Watson's talk -- everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Court hearings on the order to desegregate Los Angeles schools will resume three days before Ms. Watson comes to Venice, and she will provide the best opportunity for community people to learn what is happening and how it will affect the schools and children of Venice. For potluck information: 827-1928; Town Council committee: 821-4304.

**venice town council school desegregation comm.**

#### town council meetings

The Town Council School Desegregation Committee is starting the year with several large public events, described in detail in a separate article. On Saturday, January 7, School Board member Diane Watson will be the speaker at a Town Council potluck lunch, where she will explain the Board's plan in detail and answer questions. On the first weekend in February the head of the city wide Integration Project, Jackie Goldberg, will address another potluck lunch; we're trying to arrange for another Board member to speak with her.

#### VENICE POSITIONS ON DESEGREGATION

Since early summer the Venice Town Council School Desegregation Committee has been laying out its positions in a number of resolutions. Here is a summary of what we've done:

##### On Integration

- \*\* We said the EPU committee should make a plan for Venice, but that the Board should forget that plan and use Venice children for city-wide desegregation if necessary. We asked the EPU to join us in that resolution. (July)
- \*\* We said that if the Board was going to put Venice schools in leagues they must put all Venice schools in the same league and not split us up. We asked the EPU to join us in that resolution and to take leadership in bringing all Venice schools together around this question. (Oct.) In December the Board put Broadway, Anchorage and Westminster in the same league.
- \*\* We called on the EPU to add Santa Monica and Culver City schools to its plan, particularly Washington and John Muir schools in Ocean Park. (Sept. & Oct.) The EPU urged the Board to investigate a metropolitan (i.e., countywide) plan.

##### On Bilingual Education

- \*\* Existing bilingual programs in Venice cannot be cut back. (Sept.)
- \*\* The Spanish and English languages should have coequal status: from kindergarten through 6th grade all Spanish-speaking children should get basic instruction in Spanish with required language classes in English; all English-speaking children should get basic instruction in English with required language classes in Spanish. (Sept.)
- \*\* The term "Chicano, Mexicano" should be substituted for "Mexican-American" or "Spanish-surname." (Sept.)

##### On the EPU

- \*\* We challenged the official EPU structure that said an Area D administrator had to be chairperson. (July) Mr. January, Principal at

Westminster, replaced Paul Schwartz from the Area D office, as chair. Mr. January resigned in November; the EPU is now functioning without a chair.

- \*\* We called on the EPU to have open public meetings (July) and to meet at night so working people could attend (Sept.). The EPU did both.
- \*\* We called on the EPU to take in Walgrove school (July) and a number of other area schools (Sept.). The EPU asked the Board to add Walgrove.
- \*\* We are asking the EPU to bring together all Venice schools, and the Town Council and all other community forces, to keep Venice schools from being split up. (Oct.)

##### On Quality Education

- \*\* We said children should not be advanced to their next level until they had satisfied the curriculum for their present level. (Sept.) This was included in the Board's latest plan.
- \*\* We said funding should be shifted away from administrators' salaries toward quality and bilingual training of teachers and students. (Sept.) This was NOT included in the Board's latest plan.

The Venice Town Council School Desegregation Committee is open to everyone who wants to participate, students, parents, teachers, and all others. For information call 821-4304 or 396-0462.



Italian-born sculptor Anthony Fiorillo, 77 years old and currently sculpting in his apartment-studio located in a low-income senior citizen housing project in Venice, will be on hand for the opening celebration of his work at the Public Art Station, 685 Venice Blvd., from 7 to 9 PM, January 19th.

His series of more than 24 bas-relief sculpted works will be on display in the Public Art Station Gallery from 1 to 5 PM daily through February 8th.

The exhibit is sponsored jointly by the two resident artists' groups at the Public Art Station -- the Citywide Mural Project and S.P.A.R.C. (Social and Public Arts Resource Center).

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETS

Housing Committee of Venice Town Council will meet Thursday, January 5, 1978, 7:30 p.m. at home of Rick Davidson, 226 San Juan Avenue.

Venice residents interested in fighting for housing for low and middle income people are invited to attend.



## STERILIZATION

9.

U.S. Aid To Sterilization Programs  
from AKWESASNE Notes  
Sept. 1977

The United States plans to sterilize one-fourth of the world's women, according to Dr. R.T. Ravenholt, director of the US agency for international development's (AID) office on population control. In an interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Ravenholt said that as many as 100 million women might be sterilized if US goals are met.

AID, a branch of the US state department, justifies its interest in controlling population on the grounds that poverty and world hunger are the results of over-population.

According to Ravenholt, population control is necessary to maintain "the normal operation of US commercial interests around the world."

"Without our trying to help these countries with their economic and social development, the world would rebel against the strong US commercial presence," he said.

AID has spent more in population control programs in recent years (\$125 million in 1973) than in agriculture and rural development planning combined. Primary funding for population control in the Third World today comes from AID.

Indications are that US interests lie in restricting population increase only among certain groups. Sterilization of poor people has been particularly pronounced in Puerto Rico, Brazil, Colombia, and India. Between 1963 and 1965 more than 400,000 Colombian women were sterilized in a program funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. In Bolivia a US-imposed population control program administered by the Peace Corps, sterilized Quechua Indian women without their knowledge or consent, according to the Committee to End Sterilization Abuse (CESA). And statistics from the population studies department of Puerto Rico confirm that sterilization of poor women was practiced there as well.

In the US, the federally funded health, education and welfare (HEW) department has initiated sterilization

campaigns since 1966. Between 1969 and 1974, HEW's family planning budget increased from \$51 million to over \$250 million. HEW now funds 90% of the sterilization costs of poor people. Since 1970, female sterilization in the US have increased almost 300%, 192,000 to 548,000 performed each year.

An estimated 32% of all black women in the US are sterilized before the age of 30. High rates of female sterilization among Chicanos have also been reported.

St. Louis' Washington University Medical School houses one of the programs the United States government uses in trying to reach its sterilization goal. Called program for international education in gynecology and obstetrics (PIEGO), it is an AID-financed program which functions, by Ravenholt's own admission, to train foreign doctors in advanced "fertility management techniques," including sterilization. Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore also participates in the program.

In the six years since PIEGO was created, Ravenholt said, more than 500 doctors from 60 countries have been trained.

Last June, Washington University officials denied that the PIEGO program was basically a training program in female sterilization for foreign doctors. Both Dr. Arpad Csapo, co-director of the program, and Dr. William H. Dansforth, chancellor of the university, publicly characterized the program as a brush-up course in obstetrics and gynecology.

In private, however, Dr. Csapo told two medical students that the emphasis was on sterilization, particularly on how to perform laproscopic tubal ligations (surgical sterilizations) and that lectures focused on the importance of population control in preserving social stability in the trainee's various countries.

Because of the controversy that AID'S PIEGO program has generated in places like Washington University and in certain Third World countries, AID's emphasis on exporting sterilization is being downplayed.

In a letter to the chancellor of Washington University, who had requested clarification of PIEGO's aims, AID claimed that Ravenholt's statements were

"seriously distorted" and that sterilization training was only one of many aspects of the PIEGO program.

HOWEVER, in testimony before the House appropriations subcommittee April 6, 1976, Ravenholt stated that "F (well run) surgical clinics should be able to provide the 50,000 sterilizations needed to reach the level of the 25% among the 200,00 women of reproductive age in a general population of 1 million."

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## SKYHORSE - MOHAWK

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT TRIAL CONTINUES

(LNS)-- American Indian Movement activists Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk, who represented themselves through two and a half years of pre-trial hearings, and acted as their own co-counsel during the past five months of their California trial on murder charges, have now been denied the right to represent themselves in court.

The two men are accused of killing a taxi cab driver in Ventura County at the site of an alleged AIM hide-out, despite the fact that neither man was found anywhere near the crime and claim to have been out of state.

On November 7, Judge Floyd C. Dodson issued a ruling revoking the rights to act as one's own attorney for both men. The 32 page ruling ended their right to represent themselves in court, their access to the law library, to writing materials and typewriters, and use of the telephone.

The judge based his decision on a jail incident, an unprecedented move.

In addition, the judge heard 13 witnesses over the course of a three week hearing testify that the jail "incident" was actually an assault by sheriff's deputies in the jail. The sheriffs beat Skyhorse, Mohawk, and three other prisoners after Michael Cowans, another prisoner, was falsely accused of stealing a box of cereal and other prisoners gave him their cereal in order to avoid a conflict.

During the hearings Paul Skyhorse testified that when he was taken to the clinic after the September 27 beatings, deputies told him, "Now you can rest assured I'm going to testify against you.... We're gonna help get you convicted."

This was not the first time Skyhorse and Mohawk were beaten in jail by Ventura County deputies. In May of this year, doctors finally forced the court to hospitalize the two when they found evidence of malnutrition, eye damage from continual macings, and possible blood clottings in Mohawk's head.

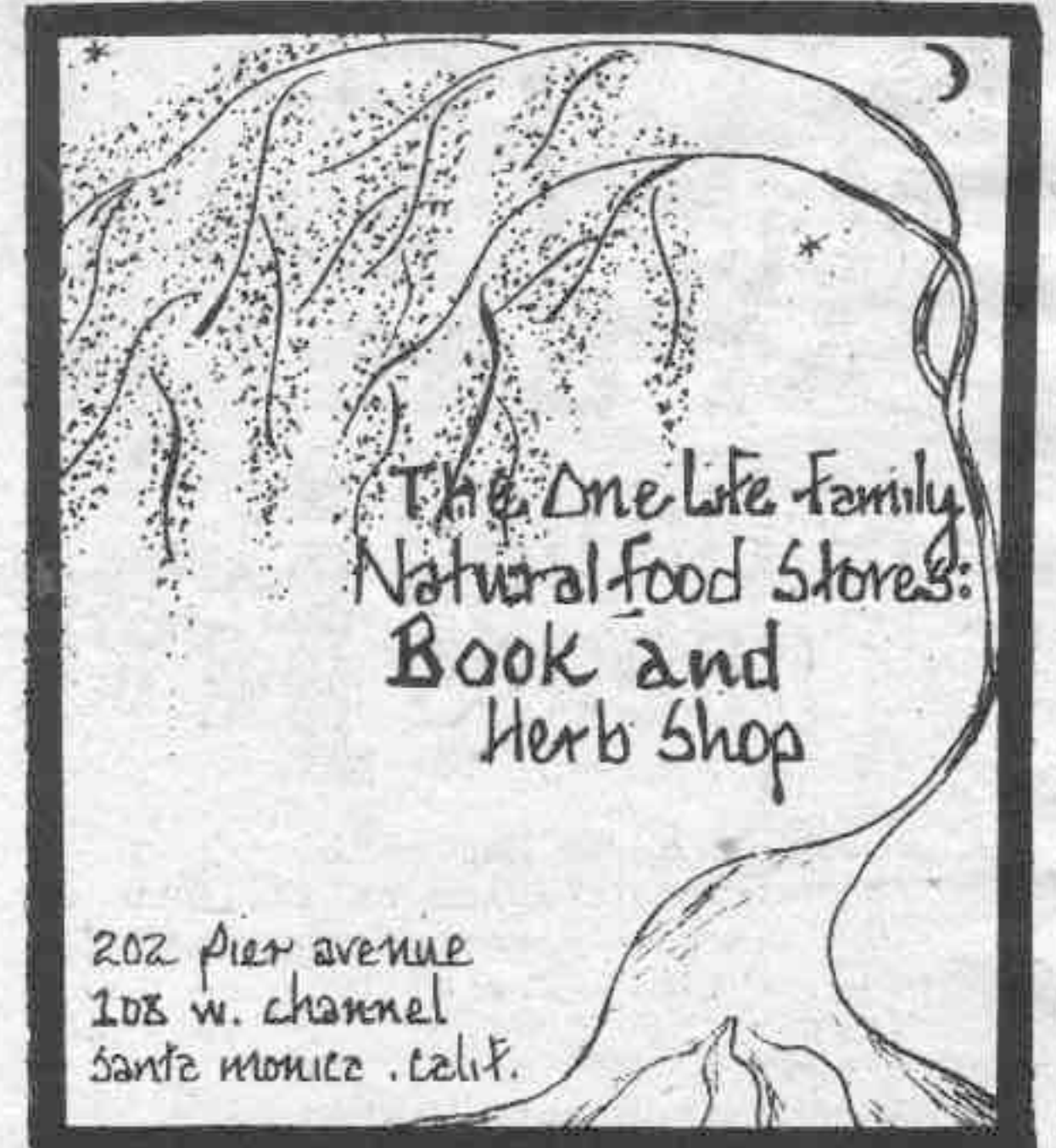
Nor is it the first time the judge has ruled against the defendants on the basis of seemingly absurd reasoning. He has uniformly denied all defense motions and at the same time suggested legal points to the prosecution.

Although even police witnesses have admitted there is no physical evidence linking Skyhorse and Mohawk to the 1974 murder of Los Angeles cab driver George Aird, their trial has been long, and they face increasing obstacles.

In Paul Skyhorse's last statement in court, October 25, he argued that when the jury returns to the courtroom and finds that the two are no longer allowed to represent themselves, it can only be prejudicial to the case.

"I hope that what I have been able to do and my brother has been able to do by standing up for ourselves in a proud manner and standing up with the spirit of 400 years of genocide and oppression upon our people, I hope that can serve as an example throughout our unborn generations... I intend to always represent myself.... and to represent myself with dignity."

A team of six National Lawyers Guild attorneys who have acted as co-counsel will appeal the judge's decision revoking the defendant's rights. The trial itself is expected to last at least another six weeks.



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## EVIL WOMEN

One thing women get more than their equal share of is prison sentences. Crime researcher Gail Armstrong says that laws in many states reflect the attitude that a woman offender should be jailed longer than a man for the same offense, because it takes an evil woman longer to shape up.

This is usually accomplished says Armstrong by giving a male a specific jail term, of say, one-to six years, but giving the woman offender what is called an "indeterminate" sentence, which ends up being whatever prison authorities think is best. Armstrong says that as a result of differing sentencing practices for men and women, women jailed even on a minor misdemeanor conviction usually wind up serving longer time than men, sometimes as long as five-year terms for a non-felony offense.

-Her Say, Majority Report, NOW(LA)

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## A pat on the back for Councilwoman Russell

Pat Russell has recently expressed strong support for two very important social issues and is to be applauded.

First is the issue of Fair Housing for Children legislation. Such a law would essentially end legal discrimination by landlords who currently and frequently refuse to rent to adults who have children. The Fair Housing for Children Coalition, a Santa Monica based group, would like to have such a law passed for the entire state. Meanwhile, Ms. Russell along with Zev Yaroslavsky has introduced such an ordinance to the L.A. City Council.

Second is the issue of providing shelter for battered women and their children. The hidden and intolerable plight of women who are, in great numbers, beaten by husbands & lovers(?) has too long been ignored, and almost never dealt with. Ms. Russell has introduced a motion to the City Council to provide funding for a shelter for at least some of these battered women.

These are not "popular" issues and you can lend some support by making a call (822-2582) or sending a letter to Pat Russell, 200 N. Spring St. L.A. 90012.

## \*Women Athletes Catching Up\*

Women athletes are rapidly closing the gap on members of the opposite sex, and one sports authority says the difference may eventually disappear altogether.

Since 1934, the gap in running and swimming records between men and women has been steadily shrinking-with women continuing to improve at an even faster rate.

In the 800 meter run for instance, the men's world record improved by just 6.3 seconds from 1934 to 1976. But over the same period, women clipped 21.9 seconds off their record pace. K.F. Dyer, an Australian scientist, says the marked improvement in women's performances indicates that biological differences between the sexes may not explain why women have always been slower than men.

He said: "If the social factors reducing female athletic performance can be removed, the true importance of the biological differences, if any, can finally be assessed."

--The Star, NOW (LA)



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING culturally speaking

By Pano Douvos

Jim Krusoe of the Beyond Baroque Center has put together a show for KCRW FM called Poetry Journal. The station is owned by Santa Monica College but is not student run. Each Sunday at 9 pm he will produce a show usually featuring one poet reading his works for about ten minutes followed by some 20 minutes of poetry talk.

The F. Scott Cabaret at the old St. Charles will have its opening around the 10th of the month

Arturo of the Lafayette Cafe gets a lot of mention in the Beachhead. Contrary to appearances he is not the secret owner of the paper. He's just a mensch. The latest on him is that he gave of his time and pocket on Thanksgiving to feed turkey and stuffing to at least 50 Westminister One regulars. They have expressed their appreciation.

The L.A. City Outdoor Mural Project is the beginning of an on-going series to be presented at the Art Station this year. Anthony Fiorillo's work will be on display through Feb 9 from 12-5.

When wealth and political clout is served at the expense of the people, you have smelly legalistic activity and a moral wasteland. I thus describe the experience of those pushed from one place to the next by a series of rent strikes.

## • PAPER CAPER UPDATE •

by Pano Douvos

Things pretty much have come to a grinding halt in the matter of the looo stolen Beachheads. The Los Angeles City Attorney's representative in West L.A., Leslie Cohen, stated that there was not sufficient grounds for a finding that a criminal offense was committed by the removal of the Beachhead - since it's distributed free. That would still hold if they all were found resting in someone's garage, presumably. Who knows?

On the question of civil rights, covering free speech and the exercise of political expression, usually that would be a case where a government body prevents a citizen from obtaining his constitutional rights. The Beachhead hasn't gotten any answers as to whether our case could fall under the denial of civil rights.

Attorneys we have sounded out offer that a way to go would be to obtain a civil suit for financial damages suffered by the Beachhead and its advertizers and naming Sheppard Wallace and Reed Monroe. This route means probably a lengthy process of as long as two years.

One official observed that it often occurs that some people skirt close to the unlawful but managed to stay clear of anything actually illegal. Their acts could be ethically reprehensible but still legal.

Many are the friends I've seen go through this trip. It seems to be my turn now - though not the result of a rent hike. My studio in Ocean Park has been declared unsafe and a public hazard. The owner considers the repair cost too high and the building may be knocked down. It's the squeeze just the same.

The good struggle will continue but under adverse conditions. The hope is that the Beachhead, the Venice Canals Homeowners Association, and everyone will step up the energy that is directed toward support of free Venice. A New Year's burst of activity would be a good sign.

### Perils of Pelican

A pelican in trouble and down in the surf off Venice came to the right place. The people of Venice sprang to the rescue and saved the bird from its perilous predicament. One could say that plucky people saved pelican from perilous predicament but who would sit still for such pater

Claire, Earl, and Bill were the plucky ones who together with the beach maintenance dude brought a happy-ending story to Venice. The pelican could eat but not fly - apparently trapped thus for days. A three-pronged fish hook had snagged the birds neck. A wing was injured.

### ENTER THE HEROES

The scenario was complete with heroes and non-heroes. While the animal control people debated whether dogs and cats but not birds were their responsibility, the people acted...two held the pelican's flopping wing and snapping beak. It soon seemed to feel that the humans had come in peace, calmed itself, and accepted the first-aid. The terrible hook was removed with a wire cutters. To the applause of on-lookers the pelican made a wobbly take-off to safety and freedom.

First there was Johnathon Seagull, now there is Wellington Pelican...soaring happily in the Venice sky - thinking, "that's a great bunch of muthas down there."



## Fortune Telling...

CRIME  
OR  
RELIGION?

Los Angeles Municipal codes 4330 and 4331 say that no one can advertize to tell fortunes, to find fortunes, or friendship, love, or lost relations; and that no one can advertize whether paid for or not for such services. At a hearing for the City Council, Wicca lawyer, Susan McCreevy, requested a change of this ordinance. "You only need to look in the phone book and on city streets to find the present law being broken!" The ordinance is discretionarily enforced by the police upon complaint for either conspicuous breakage of the law, commercial or criminal.

Z. Budapest of the Susan B. Anthony coven and Wicca, said her own trial probably costing the city over \$300,000 and which took four days. She reported that three undercover agents had been sent to her house after anonymous complaint. Why was the city harrasing psychics when there were stranglers and rapists on the streets? She called for a new relationship between psychics and the police so that they could help solve crimes together. She said that present law was drafted to protect people against roving bands of gypsies and that it now amounted to religious persecution.

A member of the council said that regardless of whether or not he believed in magic, the city law did, indeed, label people as criminals who were guilty of nothing. There is a state law which does regulate fraud in these matters and a motion was made at Council to drop the city ordinance altogether and rely on the state one which regulates obtaining money for slight of hand. The motion was stymied at a 6-4 vote (it needed two more votes to pass) and so the issue was postponed until the January 12 meeting.

The argument against the motion was that there would be a problem of enforcement. It was pointed out that the current ordinance says that one can not predict future events, like - "a house will fall on you" - but says nothing about recommending conduct, like - "be careful when you walk down the street".

It was also maintained that if this law existed to protect the gullible seeking escape from their problems, then people who go to baseball games, church, or psychiatrists are gullible as well. They just happen to be doing what they like to solve their problems and to make themselves feel better.

A police representative said that 1/4 of the work in the intelligence division is devoted to tracking fortune tellers. Another man on the Council talked about the re-surfacing of old religions and renewed acceptance of ethnic origins. He told of his grandmother going to a Father Byron across the river in New Orleans. She gave him money voluntarily - it was her belief - did it make her a criminal?? He said people are not apologetic anymore about their beliefs, because they are asserting themselves in all ways. Catholics have gone to confession and crawled on their knees to shrines and filled the coffers all over the world. And law enforcement does not determine their religion.

There have been three years of hearings on this ordinance. Because the California law is more liberal and permissive, it's better than the Los Angeles ordinance which makes all fortune tellers criminals. As the law stands now, it forces the police to decide who is being criminal and who is being religious. The law is being contested on the grounds that it amounts to religious persecution. This means it not only prohibits the practice of a way of life which is quaint, but one which is essential to the re-discovery of women's culture.

## SOVIET ATOMIC PLANT BUILT ON EARTHQUAKE FAULT

10.

The Soviet Union is bragging about building a nuclear energy plant on or near an earthquake fault in Soviet Armenia! A sign announcing it is displayed at the Soviet Trade Expo at the L. A. Convention Center! Their earthquake faults are as dangerous as ours; building atomic plants - or anything at all on them is idiocy there as it is here.

Venice women will be meeting to discuss the creation of SHELTER HOUSES AGAINST RAPE on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Israel Levin Center, 201 Ocean Front Walk. All women are invited to attend.

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## Orson Welles & City of Venice star in

### VOP CO-OP BENEFIT

Anyone who knows Venice would have recognized it. Despite the broody night lighting, the distorting camera angles, the rows of cheap shops and sleazy bars with Spanish names and cocktail glasses in neon over their doors; despite all the details impersonating the main drag of a Mexican town just south of the Texas border -- still, it was unmistakably Windward Avenue.

The two rows of columns stretched unbroken then, west and east of Pacific. How fascinating to watch a group of swarthy delinquents conferring at Windward and Speedway; behind them the SW corner of the St. Charles Hotel looms up and seems to lean backward in a typical Wellesian shot that makes the cathedral windows on each floor look about 18 feet high. Then Welles himself, at his most mountainous and grotesque, comes stomping out from under the arches and into the street.

Now the camera is following Charlton Heston and Janet Leigh in a convertible as they drive the full length of Speedway. The street looks narrower than ever, special-effects lens encouraging the buildings on either side to try to touch each other overhead.

"Hey, there's my apartment..."

"I walk past that corner every day..."

The film was "A Touch of Evil," an early 50's melodrama directed by and starring Orson Welles, entirely shot in the City of Venice. The Venice-watching it provided was the chief entertainment at a full-house film benefit for the new Venice-Ocean Park co-operative market (alias VOP CO-OP), held Saturday night, December 3rd, in a Santa Monica member's home.

The evening started off at 8 with casual conversation lubricated by a well-spread refreshment table. Then attendees settled into couches and chairs, munching popcorn, to watch the first half of the program: 3 animated shorts and 3 university made films. The best of these were local filmmaker Bob Spiegel's color documentary on the Fairfax district, and "Hey, Mama," a slice of the life in Venice's black community about a decade ago.

During a break before the main feature (after more drinks and munchies), spokesperson David Thompson supplied pertinent info about the VOP CO-OP project.

Thompson, one of the prime movers of the project, is also an active member of Co-opportunity and brings much experience to this new venture. As he outlined them, the main ways VOP CO-OP will differ from the Co-opportunity market will be:

- a reduction in the (refundable) investment amount from \$100 per household to \$50 per adult member. (This amount is paid off in \$5 monthly installments, after a \$15 payment on joining.)

- a broader selection of food types; a full line of retail groceries, ethnic specialties, inexpensive bulk foods, emphasizing low cost as well as organic or natural foods. The wishes of the members will determine what items are carried--including non-groceries.

- a requirement of about two hours volunteer labor each month per adult member. This will keep the monthly direct charge down to \$3 per adult (\$1 per child 5 or older), and assure member involvement and a more collective style operation.

- more control of the store and freedom of choice for members.

- emphasis on the co-op as a political and social focal point, as well as a food store. Plans for a newsletter are firm, and those for using the store as a place for meetings, lectures, benefits, and other social services are incubating for the future. VOP CO-OP wants to involve people from all parts of the community--hopefully with an "outreach" program to get food to elderly, handicapped, and blind members.

Thompson also discussed the financial aspects of the project. An initial amount of \$7,000 to \$10,000 is needed to open the store; currently March is the projected opening date. (Allocation has not yet been decided on, but it will be one central to the Venice-Ocean Park area and near transit lines.) The Co-op will provide food at cost to its members, saving them an average 20% over commercial markets -- or about \$1,000 per year per family of six.

The most important thing to remember about VOP CO-OP, stressed Thompson, is that it will be concerned with helping people rather than exploiting them.

(cont.)

The film benefit was a successful fundraiser and won many of the audience into the ranks of active supporters/planners. If you missed it but are interested, call the VOP CO-OP folks at 393-5194 (days) or 396-2132 (eves); or better yet, join them for their regular Thursday night meetings in the basement of the Church in Ocean Park on Second and Hill Streets at 8 PM.

AND - watch the BEACHHEAD for further news and progress reports on the VOP CO-OP, a market for people, not profit.

--Wendy Reeves

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## UNPLUG

Three young men who discovered that they had become television addicts have launched a drive to "unplug" America. They have formed a society called "Unplug America Coalition" and asked for people to join them through an ad in the magazine Rolling Stone.

One of the first to join them was a Michigan doctor who complained about the effect TV was having on his patients. He said it contributed to tension related illnesses. A woman wrote that her sister's husband had become a TV zombie and that their marriage was disintegrating. Other writers complained about friends who refused to turn the boob tube off when friends arrived for a visit. One man offered to pull down or blow up any TV antenna the coalition would point out.

The coalition is drumming its militant message on bumper stickers and tee-shirts. "Thanks for not watching television", "Get mad as hell and don't take it anymore", and "Watching television in the presence of a non-viewer may be considered an act of aggression."

The mission of the Coalition, said a spokesperson, is to get people to understand how they are being hurt thru excessive exposure to TV. The doctor wrote that the role of television is to pervert really effective communication. Many ill people suffer from anxiety, frustration, and heightened tension from the tube. "We had no idea how serious this was to other people" a co-founder of the coalition said. "We just couldn't fathom the response we got or the commitment that anti-television people felt."

excerpted from L. A. Times

The Venice Housing Skills Center has a program to provide free and low-cost home repairs for residents living in Venice. The program is designed to assist low income, senior and handicapped residents by doing minor repairs, including painting, carpentry, plumbing and electrical. The program is City funded. In order to qualify, residents must live in the Oakwood or Milwood area, live in and own the house they wish to repair, and be low income or senior citizen, or handicapped. The Center is located at 611 5th Ave., Venice.

## HELICOPTER TALES

11.

by Debra Kaufman

"I kept hearing the helicopter, circling, circling, right in the neighborhood. Then it got louder and louder - it sounded like it was right over the building. I was really curious, so I went to the window to see what was going on. When I opened the curtain to look up at the helicopter, I saw it hovering just above my apartment building. And as I stood looking, they shined their beam right on me! I couldn't believe it - the bright, paralyzing light just blinded me. And when I looked down to avoid the glare, I saw the police car. Right below my building. And then I saw the policemen. Right outside their cars, looking up, their guns in their hands. Looking up at me. Man, I tell you, I dropped that curtain fast."

Does this story sound familiar? I first heard it months ago - I don't even remember who told me the story. Then just a week ago I heard it again from a friend. It happened to her roommate. It's never happened to me - not quite like that anyway. But I have quite a story of my experience.

Everybody has a helicopter story, and for an obvious reason. The helicopters are everywhere and always there. They're part of the nature of life in Venice, helicopter in the early morning hours, flocks of them on Saturday night, a surprise visit on a Thursday afternoon.

Some of the stories are personal experiences, some happened to a friend, some happened to a friend's friend. And the more we hear and the more we tell these stories, the more they change. They are truly folk tales of Venice.

Send me your stories of helicopters - if it happened to you, to a friend, to a friend's friend. If you know it happened, if you doubt it happened, if you think it's an outrageous lie.

As I gather and compile your stories, I will write again about what is happening and what people are saying is happening with these omnipresent intruders in the sky. Our stories are our truth of life in Venice, and therefore are a strength and a resource of the community.

Please send all your stories to the Beach-head and stay tuned for a future edition of The Helicopter Story.

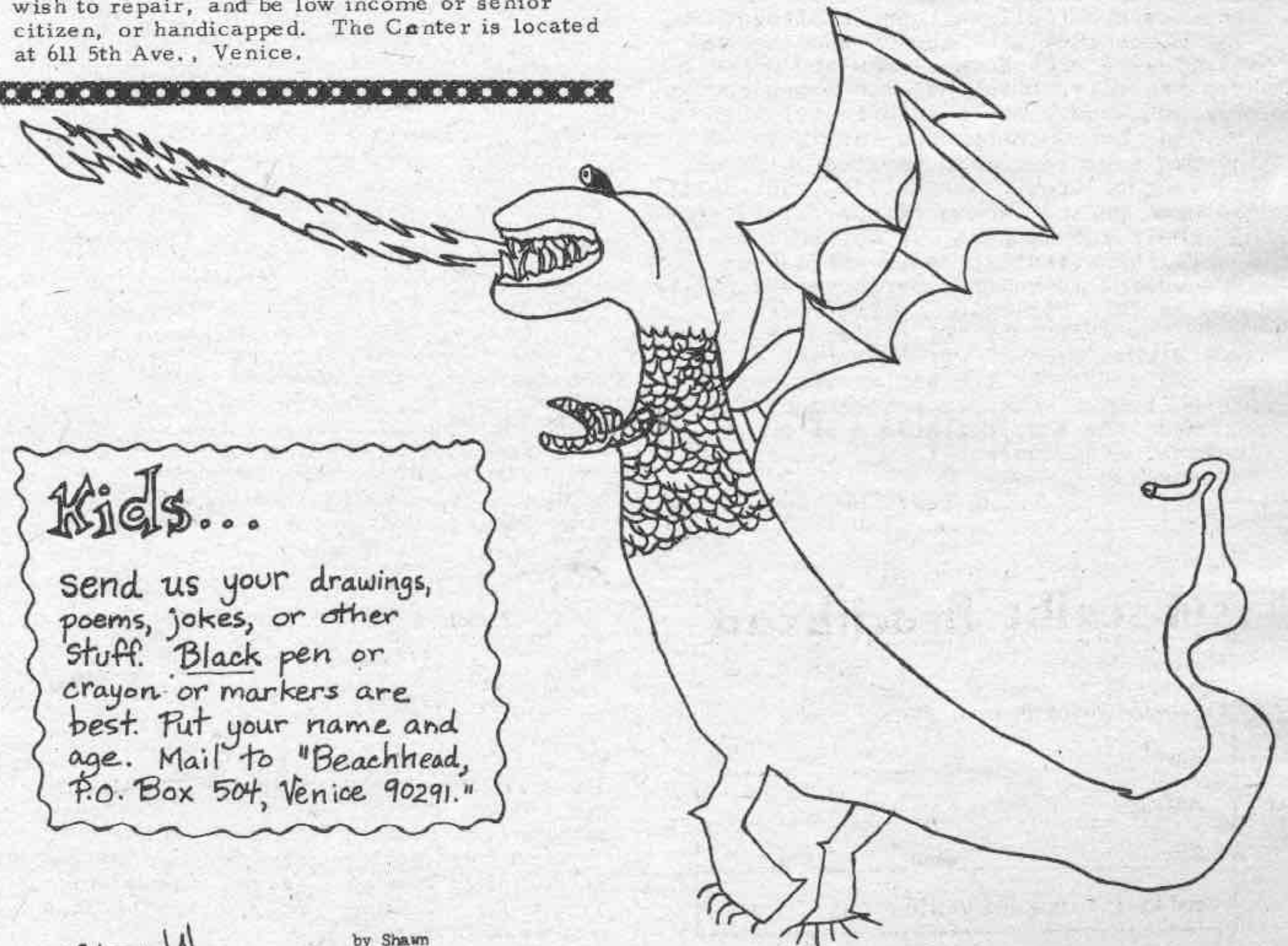
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Saint Nicholas, from whom we derive Santa Claus, is the patron saint of merchants, shoppers, and - thieves! And we complain about Christmas shoplifters while worshipping their patron saint?

## Kids...

send us your drawings, poems, jokes, or other stuff. Black pen or crayon or markers are best. Put your name and age. Mail to "Beachhead, P.O. Box 504, Venice 90291."

by Shawn  
Age 9





## Neighborhood

Ocean Park Community Center.....	399-9228
Information referral, crisis intervention, counseling, emergency food and clothing. 245 Hill St., Ocean Park.	
St. Joseph's Center.....	392-5101
Community alternative, bi-lingual education. 16 and over. Food stamps. Counseling. 9:30-4:30.	
Job Information Center.....	451-9811
Career Planning Center.....	273-6633
On the job training for low income or economically disadvantaged women 45 and over who live in West LA area. Call Eddy or Melanie.	
Welfare	
1. 11390 W. Olympic Blvd.....	478-5511
2. Welfare Rights.....	731-5095
3. NAPP.....	399-7737
Free Venice.....226 San Juan.....	396-6876
Pet Assistance.....	937-5204
Cat Care Shelter.....	
People's Transit.....	821-8322
Drivers, pilots, riders share the cost.	



## Senior Services

Israel Levin Senior Adult.....	399-9584
Center. 201 Ocean Front Walk.	
Retired Senior Program.....	394-0251
Westminster Senior Citizen Centr.....	392-5566
Jewish Home for the Aged.....	881-4411
Senior Outreach Service.....	396-5964
Bay Cities Jewish Community Center provides medical escort to seniors residing in Westside region, Mon, Wed, Fri, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Two days prior notification is requested.	
Hot Meals for Seniors.....	399-2775
Mon-Fri 1:30-3:00. 65¢.	399-4253
1530 Ocean Front Walk, Venice Pavilion, in dining room down by Bocce Ball court. Sponsored by Protestant Community Services.	
Santa Monica Bay Area Health Screening for the Elderly.....	451-1727
1250 16th St., Santa Monica.	
City of Los Angeles.....	397-1977
Senior Services and Information	

## EMERGENCY!

Police.....	392-9911
Fire.....	473-1155
Ambulance.....	473-1155
S.M. Med. Emergency Hospital.....	451-1511
Poison Center.....	451-1511
Highway Patrol (dial Operator).....	ZE-12000
Suicide Prevention Center.....	381-5111
Rape Crisis Hotline.....	677-8116
FBI.....	272-6161
Los Angeles County Lifeguards.....	394-3261

## health/therapy

Maple Center.....	274-5387
Individual, Family, and group Counseling. Drug counseling. 24 hour drug hot-line	
Neighborhood Youth Association.....	392-2873
Drug counseling, child, family counseling, juvenile diversion and referrals.	
Benjamin Rush Center.....	392-4150
Individual therapy, family and child counseling, span. language counseling.	392-4159
Crisis intervention hot line.....	390-8896
L.A. Free Clinic.....	653-1990
8405 Beverly Blvd. Psychological and legal counseling, dental work, job placement service, V.D. treatment.	
Venice Drug Coalition.....	399-9374
Narcotics Anonymous.....	372-9666
Alcoholism Service Center.....	396-5940
Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous.....	396-6551
Radical Therapy Change Collective....	393-3779
Radical therapy means change, not adjustment. The common enemy of all liberation struggles is the unwillingness to change. Info. on problem solving groups, contact raps, workshops and classes.	
Call Sharon Shapiro.	392-1859
Youth Clinic & Medical Help.....	821-3484
905 Venice Blvd., Venice. Pregnancy tests, infections, abortion counseling, birth control. By appoint., Mon thru Fri.	
Family Planning Center.....	392-4147
1501 Pacific (at Market)	
Tuum Est.....	392-3070
503 Ocean Front Walk, Venice. Non profit corp. for the rehabilitation of drug abusers.	870-6095
Synanon.....	399-9241
drug re-habilitation.	
L.A. Sex Info Hot Line.....	653-1123
Mon-Fri 6-9 PM	
Abortion Referral.....	936-6293
Venice Family Free Clinic.....	392-2488
Basic medical care, pediatrics, adult clinic. 322 Lincoln Blvd.	
Fat Underground.....	821-6557
Support for fat women not into dieting but political action. Alt. health info.	475-3427
L.A. Men's Collective.....	396-3391
Open potluck and rap group 7 pm. every 1st and 3rd Sun. of each month. 1301 Main St., Venice. Read door. Welcoming nongay and gay men to share food and feelings.	
Casa De Hermandad.....	477-8272
Work experience programs and classes in job search techniques for low income and unemployed of S.M., Venice, and West L.A. area	

CONTACT RAP.....  
Radical Therapy mode-support group held each Friday at the Unitarian Community Church, 1260 18th Street, Santa Monica at 8:00 P.M. Donation \$2.00. For more information call 399-7823

## CULTURAL

Beyond Baroque Center.....	392-5763
Poetry and creative writing workshops, printing, exhibits, small journals belle lettre library. 1639 W. Wash. Blvd, Venice.	

## Self-Help

Mens Gay Rap Group.....	-----
Each Wed., 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Society, 3744 So. Barrington (near Venice Blvd.) in Mar Vista.	
Women's Center.....	826-0318
Women's Building.....	225-1724
Options for Battered Women.....	399-9200
Westside Women's Health Care.....	450-2191
1711 Ocean Park Blvd.	
Women's Substance Abuse.....	399-3295
Resource Center.	

## LEGAL

Venice Legal Aid.....	392-4177
Centro Legal de Santa Monica.....	392-4188
235 Hill St., S.M. Free legal and paralegal services to any low income family or individual. UCLA Chicano Law students group.	
Free Legal Counseling for Women.....	450-2191
Each Tues evening, 7:30-9:30 at Westside Women's Clinic. Conducted by feminist attorney Marge Buckley.	

## CO-OPS

Venice-Ocean Park Co-Op .....	396-2132
	393-5194
Fennar Co-Op.....	399-2072
1st Mon of each month, 7:30, S.M. Alternative school, 1447 Euclid, S.M.	
Co-Opportunity.....	395-5692
1530 Bdway, Santa Monica	
CO-OP West.....	477-9949
11556 Santa Monica Blvd. W.L.A.	

## PLAYGROUPS

Little Playgroup.....	392-5935
children ages 3-4. Mon-Fri, 9:30-1pm, 132 Park Ave., call Melinda.	
Venice Community Playgroup	
Meets at old Venice City Hall.	823-5693
	396-9972
Ocean Park Playgroup.....	392-6185
small enrollment, ages 1 1/2-2. Mon-Wed, 10-12; call Sheila.	

## CITY SERVICES

Street Cleaning.....	392-9931
Large Par. Trash Pick-Up.....	272-6376
call 1 day in advance.	ext. 392
Lot Cleaning.....	485-3465
fire hazard, health or building and safety hazard. Owner gets billed for clearance.	
Emergency Clearance of Streets.....	485-3702
Street Lights.....	485-5922
Beach Weather Report.....	451-8761
Air Pollution Count.....	629-4711
Calif. Coastal Commission.....	590-5071
Councilwoman Pat Russell.....	822-2582
Bureau of Consumer Affairs....	974-7861