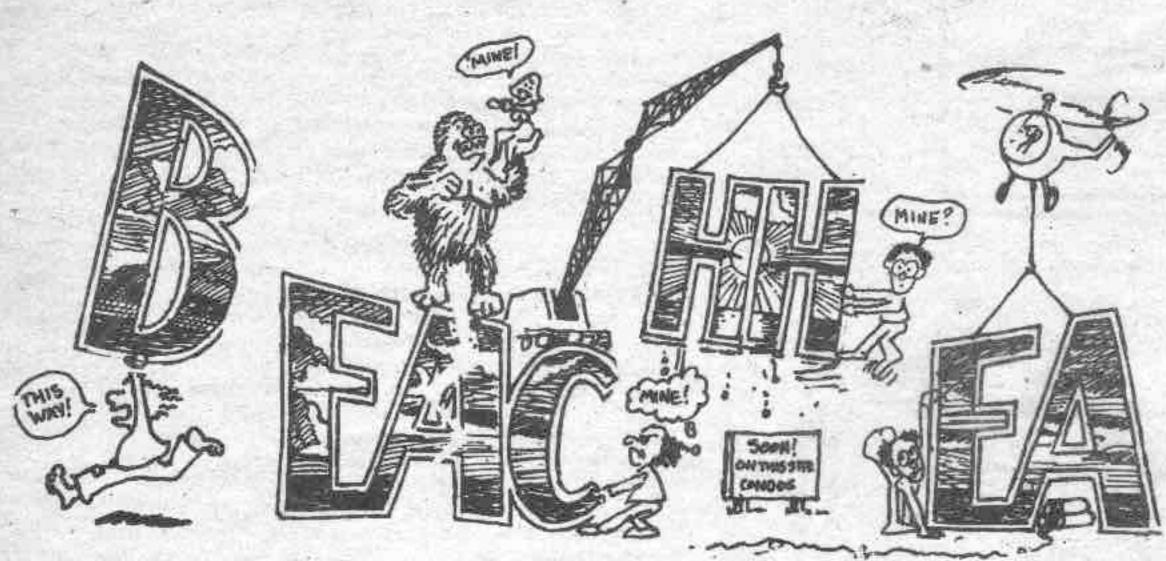


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When you feel you're indispensable, it's time to quit. For several months now, most of ds on the Beachhead staff have been pulled this way and that. Some of us because of our obligations to the Beachhead have been unable to get away and see what's going on north of Pacific Ocean Park. Some of us want to work on other things. We couldn't, because every Saturday for the past five years, we have had Beachhead meetings,

Most of the times the meetings were a joy. But lately, they've become more of an obligation. Because we want to do other things, like sleep in late on Saturdays, we have been grudging time to the Beachhead instead of giving it freely.

Finally, last month, most of us decided that for the good of the paper and our own happiness, we'd had it. We were getting stale. We told our friends and interested acquaintances. We were amazed at their reaction. "You mean the Beach-head is dying? They'd say. But you can't leave. The paper won't be able to

go on without you.

If it's any consolation, when Gail Williamson, Peter Galbraith, Jim Zane, Milton Takei, Brice Wood, Gordon Quinlan, Jane Gordon, Steve Clare, David Kasper, Maurice Le Croix, Laurie Kazan, Dawn Rouda, Danielle Le Croix, Roy Williams, and last but not least, the man who had the idea of a free community paper, John Haag left, panic set in. But as hard working and as fun to work with as these people were, we found out they were not indispensable. We hold them close to our hearts, but we got along without them, We miss them and remember the things they taught us, but the Beachhead went along just fine. And, because the Beachhead is a collective, the Beachhead changed with the people who worked on the staff, There is no hierarchy on the Beachhead. For one thing, there were never enough people to support one, For another, every meeting was a work meeting. We read articles, poems and stories that the Venetians and friends of Venice submitted. There are, were no political hard and fast rules. If there is/was any philosophical outlook to the paper, it was to preserve, promulgate the idea of community. That there is not just one thing that makes Venice unique, Or, perhaps there is on thing above all that makes Venice unique. Cheek by jowl, crammed into the neighborhoods are swing-Ing Repulicans, aesetic Marxists, failed writers, Black social workers, conga players with PhD's, and white junkies, and many more combinations of human beings multiplied to infinity. And we all appreciated this kaleidescopic collection of humanity. We cared about human beings. Som of them might push our buttons. We might dislike some of them, but we hated them as people. Speculators, slum lords, rapists and other bullies who exploit and take from people and a community without giving anything back, except traffic jams, over-priced dwelling spaces and over priced grass are exceptions, But we read all manuscripts submitted. Those who worked on the paper made the decisions as to what was to go in the paper. We



argued with each other, for and against articles, format, graphis, money, you name it, we argued about it. And LISTENED TO EACH OTHER. And we had our veto power. Any person on the staff could say no to an article, and that article would not go in. People didn't use it capriciously. They had to feelvery strongly about an article to be adamant.

We do not cut or in any way change a person's submission, (except for your basic typo). The author would do it, or we would do it with the author, or we would do it with the person's consent and knowledge as to what was to be changed. The fear one hears most from people is "But we don't know how to make a paper!" Most of the staff didn't know how to until they joined the Beachhead,

To say we ain't the slickest paper around is an understatement. We could hire typesetters, and allow only those with a plumb eye and a knowledge of aesthetics to lay out the paper, but that begins to separate people into labor and management. Should the paid people also make decisions? What about the volunteers? And whoops, there goes the community newspaper. This is beginning to sound like the Beachhead philosophy according to Castaneda. But what we want to say is that contrary to rumors, news of the Beachheads' death is greatly exaggerated. The paper is solvent, the advertisers are loyal and they pay their bills (mostly), and the Beachhead is looked forward to by a great number of people. It is an asset to the community. However, this staff is leaving, except for Arnold Springer, our newest member. (Hit it, Arnold!)

If the Beachhead goes under, that would mean that no one cared enough to keep it alflost. It was not that necessary. No one should be indispensable. If the Beachhead is needed, other community people will take over the respon-

sibility for it. The staff will help the new people who want to continue the Beachhead. We are providing a place and time for interested people to get together; all those interested in working on the paper, and that means typing, driving to and from the printer, bookkeeping, mailing, etc.. etc. should come to:

1666% Electric (upstairs) on Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. and we'll tell you all about it.

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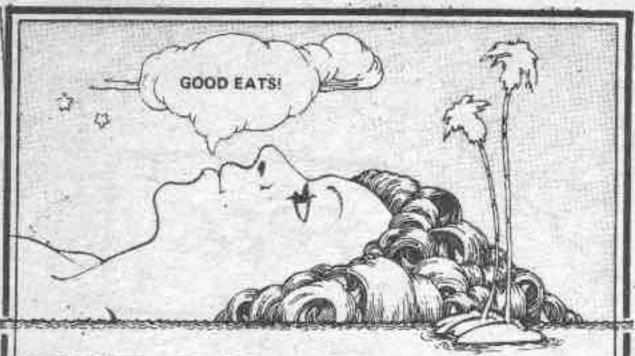
Coverage of happenings within the community is an important part of the Beachhead's function in Venice. But we need help. We need people to get the information to us. In particular, the Beachhead would like to broaden its coverage of developments in Penmar, Oakwood, Milwood, South Venice, the Canals, and the Peninsula. We would also like to have more regular reporting of Town Council activities. Anyone interested in passing on such information and/or participating in publication of the Beachhead should call us at 396-9325 or 392-5975.

BUT WILL THEY TASTE THE SAME?

Ronald McDonald of hamburger fame has come out of the closet, admitting he is gay. 31 year old Bob Brandon, who says he was the first person to play the part of the famous McDonald's clown on radio and television, states that he has decided to reveal his sexual orientation to help counteract the anti-gay drive spearheaded by Anita Bryant, Bryant has stated that gays should not be permitted to hold such jobs as teachers because of the possibility they might molest children. At a relly in Miami, Brandon said: "I feel it is important that the people of America know that Ronald McDonald, who is a symbol to children. .. is gay and is not a child molester." The McDonald's organization was not particularly enthusiastic about Brandon's confession.

ABALONE ALLIANCE

A new organization has been formed here in California, patterned after the Clamshell Alliance in New England. The new group is called the Abalone Alliance. They are planning some sort of occupation for August 6 or 7, related to the nuclear power plant in San Luie Obispo County. Their address is: P.O. Box 1598, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. Phones: Sandy Binyon or Patti Domingo, (805) 544-7148 or (408) 423-1626. (714) 222-3006 (213) 278-3476.



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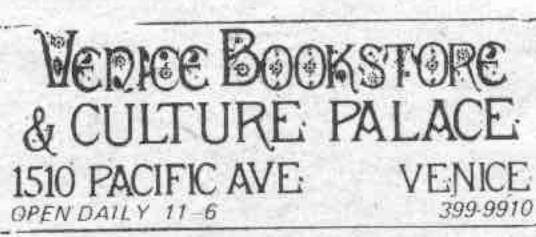
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The effects of similar centralization efforts by the U.S. Postal Service have been notorious. A recent local example was the consolidation of mail processing from Glendale to the Pasadena Post Office. The consequences of this consolidation were later mail deliveries (from four hours to a full day late), later deliveries to P. O. boxes, and a general deterioration in service to the Glendale community. The "Marina Facility" consolidation would be one of the largest in the nation, affecting the cities of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Torrance, Venice, Malibu, Compton, Downey, Palos Verdes, Pacific Palisades, Culver City, Topanga, Hawthore, Gardena, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Maywood, Lawndale, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Manhattan Beach, and South Gate. You can be sure that this consolidation will result in delays in delivery of your mail from four hours to one or more days. In addition, stations will be closed in the above cities, and service will be cut back. Local collection boxes will be fewer and farther between, and collections will be less frequent.

We cannot stress the urgency of this situation enough. We cannot overemphasize the need for immediate action to put a stop to the "Marina Mail Processing Facility" consolidation. We urge you to contact your Congressman, to express your opposition to this consolidation. The public must insist upon a Postal Service that is responsible and devoted to serving the people who pay for it. The Postal Service must not be allowed to further victimize millions of residents, businesses, and taxpayers who have already been forced to subsidize many wasteful and inefficient postal programs.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and support. For further information contact: Citizens for Better Postal Service, P. O. Box 5214, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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By Arnold Springer

ever wonder how 'radical' or 'progressive' Venice really is? An analysis of voting patterns in our community shows the following results. In general, Venice is of course Democratic, and much more liberal or progressive than Los Angeles as a whole. Within Venice itself, certain areas, particularly North Beach and in part of Oakwood, appear to set the standard for the overall political image

of the community.

Two important elections have already been held this year. In the April primary we voted for Mayor and for representatives to the Board of Education. In the mayorial race, Bradley, the Black Democratic incumbent with a liberal reputation (that is he has a good image, but does substantially nothing) went up against Allan Robbins, Howard Jarvis, and Frank Manuel, a socialist. Bradley achieved a majority of votes and thus avoided a runoff election, Robbins ran on two issues which could have been important for the community if he had been elected and had delivered on his promises. He campaigned against gargantuan city government and subtly opposed busing. He hoped to capitalize on popular dissatisfaction with a city government which is too impersonal because it is too big and too far removed from popular control. Thus he supported the San Fernando Valley secession movement. He also emphasized community based schools and thus opposed massive busing. It is doubtful however that if he had been elected he would have operated differently than Bradley, since like our mayor, he is a maching politician. Venice and L.A. voters simply did not believe Robbins' campaign appeals and he was soundly rejected. Jarvis ran on one plank - severe reduction of property taxes - an issue

closely tied to big city government but also to a reduction of important social services. His pledge to reduce social services stamped him as a reactionary candidate. Manuel was the radical candidate who, in theory, represented the only substantial political alternative to the present system. A vote for him was a protest vote against the political status quo in a progressive direction, while a vote for Jarvis represented a reactionary but also radical rejection

of 'politics as is',

	Brad.	Rob.	Jarv.	Man.
Venice	60%	29%	9%	1.5%
Los Angeles	59%	28%	10%	. 2%

With one major exception Venice voted like the rest of Los Angeles, overwhelmingly endorsing Bradley and rejecting Jarvis and Robbins. The one outstanding difference was that Manuel, the socialist candidate, received 1.5% of Venice votes, eight times as many on a percent= age basis as he did in Los Angeles,

The breakdown of voting in Venice by areas was as follows:

Area	Brad.	Rob.	Jary.	Man.	
1 (Penin)	69%	22%	9%	0%	
2 (No.B.)	71%	17%	8%	4%	
3 (Canal)	57%	33%	7%	. 3%	
4 (Oak.)	82%	13%	4%	1%	
5 (M11.)	47%	40%	10%	3%	
5 (S.Ven.)	48%	39%	13%	0%	
6 (Cent)	61%	28%	9%	2%	
7 (P.Mar)	50%	39%	16%	0%	

and the Peninsula, weakest in Milwood and South Venice. In these last two areas both Robbins and Jarvis ran well above their L.A. totals, indicating a rejection of status quo liberalism. However, the vote in Milwood and South Venice should not be interpreted as a considered progressive rejection of the political status quo but rather a conservative re= action. The 3% vote vote for Manuel in Milwood probably resulted from Spanish surname identification. South Venice, Penmar, and the Peninsula, all with negligible Latino population, gave socialist Manuel 0% of the vote,

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The Board of Education races all revolved around the issue of integration and busing. For Office #2 incumbent Miller, a moderate, held out for restricted busing, Danko, a policeman took a no-busing position, Cheseboro, a Black woman, was a strong supporter of busing, while Garga described herself as a Chicana activist on the ballot. The letter two progressive candidates were not widely known and had poor voter identification.

Ches. Gar. Dan. 17% 15% 11% Venice 14% 5% Los Angeles

Venice voted to return Miller with a larger percentage than did the rest of Los Angeles, but is also voted for the progressive candidates Cheseboro and Garza, particularly the latter, whom it gave more than three times as many votes percentage wise as did Los Angeles. The area: breakdowns were as follows:

Area	Mill.	Dan.	thes.	Gar.
1	69%	15%	9%	7%
2	54%	8%	13%	25%
3	43%	22%	13%	22%
4	57%	9%	15%	19%
5 (M)	45%	21%	11%	23%
(SV)	67%	17%	5%	11%
6	55%	12:	12%	21%
7	63%	18%	10%	9%
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Both Oheseboro and Garza, the progressive candidates, did very well, particularly in North Beach, Canals, Central, and Oakwood. Milwood, with the large Latino population, also voted strongly for these two candidates. Oakwood voters appear not to have recognized Cheseboro, giving Jarza a larger percentage than the Black pro-busing candidate. This surprising vote indicates first a failure on the part of Cheseboro to reach out to these voters, and second an underdeveloped voter consciousness. Again, the most conservative areas were the Peninsula, So. Venice, and Penmar. Danko, the reactionary candidate, also did nuch better in these three areas than he did in Los Angeles as a whole. The smallest number of votes for the reaction ary candidate were delivered by North Beach and Oakwood, Voting in the Bradley ran best in Oakwood, North Beach Canals, Milwood and Central indicates a tendency towards polarization.

> In the race for Office #4, Doctor, the pro-busing incumbent, faced Fiedler, the Bus Stop anti-busing candidate, and the radical community activist Ramos.

Doctor Fied. 11% 27% Venice 36% 24% Los Angeles

Venice overwhelmingly supported probusing incumbent Doctor and gave twice as many votes to Ramos than he recieved city wide. The area breakdown was as follows:



Area	Doct.	Fied.	Ram.
1	73%	21%	6%
2	71%	19%	10%
3	54%	28%	18%
4	78%	14%	8%
5 (M)	57%	29%	14%
5 (SV)	52%	35%	13%
6	68%	24%	8%
7	46%	44%	10%

North Beach, the Peninsula, Oakwood, and Central returned top heavy majorities for Doctor. Anti-busing candidate Fiedler did very well in So. Venice, Penmar, and Milwood. Ramos did very well in every area, exceeding his LA percentages in each. On balance Penmar was the most conservative Venice area while So. Venice, Milwood, and the Canals appear the most polarized. North Beach and Oakwood voted most progressively.

	Ferr.	WELL.	WOG.
Venice	47%	37%	16%
Los Angeles	42%	25%	5%

In the race for Office #6, the antibusing incumbent Ferraro faced black pro-busing activist Rita Walters and the radical image candidate Rodriquez.

In Venice the vote for the progressive candidates Walters and Rodriques was much higher than in Los Angeles, 11% points for both. The area breakdown was as follows:

Area	Ferr.	Walt.	Rod.
1	48%	47%	5%
2	38%	42%	20%
3	44%	37%	19%
4	29%	63%	8%
5 (M)	58%	31%	11%
5(SV)	49%	21%	30%
6	46%	30%	24%
&	64%	26%	10%

The reactionary/conservative Ferrarro ran best in Penmar, Milwood, and So. Venice. He was rejected most soundly by North Beach and Oakwood, Walters was strongest in Oakwood, North Beach, and the Peninsula, weakest in So. Venice, enmar, and Central. The radical candidate Rodrequez ran best in So. Venice (here on precinct, #2390, gave him 2/3's of his entire total for the area!), Cenral, and North Beach. On balance the nost progressive voters in Oakwood returned a huge majority for Walters indicating that unlike Cheseboro her progressive program and image got through to black wiers. Rodriquez had his poorest showing in Oakwood, but nevertheless earned 3% point more there than he did city-wide.

(In the next issue an analysis of the Special Election of May 31, including races for the Board of Education, City Measures A and B (low income housing), Prop #1 (police monies) and the Levine-Yannatta race for the 44th Assembly district seat.)

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